

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Union, Ballrooms B & C
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

Friday, October 18, 2013

Also present were faculty senate chairs Dr. Darin Dockstader, CSN; Ms. Dani Chandler, NSHE; Dr. Paul Werth, UNLV; Dr. Swatee Naik, UNR; and Ms. Holly O'Toole, WNC. Student government leaders present included Mr. Alex Porter, SGA President, GBC; Mr. Mark Ciavola, CSUN President, UNLV; Mr. Michael Gordon, GPSA President, UNLV, Mr. Ziad Rashdan, ASUN President, UNR; Ms. RJ Boyajian, GSA President, UNR and Ms. Alejandra Leon, ASWN President, WNC. Dr. Shannon Sumpter filled in for Dr. Paul Werth during the morning session.

For others present please see the attendance roster on file in the Board Office.

Chairman Page called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with all members present except Regents Blakely, Crear, Schofield, and Stephens.

1. Information Only – Public Comment (Agenda Item #1) – None.
2. Approved – Minutes (Agenda Item #2)

3. Approved - Student Fitness Center Building Project Request, UNR (Agenda Item #3) –

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5. Approved - Graduate and Family Student Housing Lease Amendments, UNR (Agenda Item #5) – (Continued)

Regent Stephens referred to Article 9, Section 9.01 (d). Regent Stephens was curious as to where the threshold came from. Ms. Nielsen stated the threshold was in the original lease but could not say whether that was an industry standard. With a project of this size there is a certain level when the tenant should be able to go ineln (ld)2 (b)2 (e)5.9 ()-9.9 (u)2 (ld)27o ()

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research activities, providing greater institutional and program sustainability at our community colleges, and support existing shared services and academic and research collaborations between NSHE institutions.

People have asked why Great Basin College (*GBC*) does not serve all of rural Nevada and whether it should possibly be a state c

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Regent Melcher offered the following decision points:

1. The System has two quality Universities - University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Reno. He suspected they could quickly decide that two universities are good for Nevada and no decision is needed.
2. The System has one State College

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Regent Melcher noted other items of interest were the February 2006 “Cooperative Agreement and Collaborative Partnership between The Community College of Southern Nevada and Great Basin College” and the February 2006 “Cooperative Agreement and Collaborative Partnership between The Community College of Southern Nevada and Great Basin College.” Both are valuable documents and should be reviewed, updated and utilized during the process.

Regent Knecht pointed out he is happy to have any discussions others may want and he does not object to discussing anything Regent Melcher has brought forward. He asked for an honest agenda item, something that complies with the spirit of the Open Meeting Law (*OML*) that informs people, by just be reading it, what the item is about and gives them reasonable notice as to the discussion.

Chief of Staff Wasserman reiterated he knew it was possible shared services could come up in the discussion. This item does not allow for the delay of the president search. There can be discussion of the policies and if the Board wanted to give direction to the Chancellor or his staff to look at those policies to determine whether it would be useful to address this issue, the Board could do that.

8. Information Only – New Business (Agenda Item #12) – Chief of Staff Wasserman provided the following:

Pursuant to the Board's policy, upon the creation of the vacancy by Dr. Lucey's retirement, the institution's officer in charge exercises the powers of the president until an acting or interim president is appointed by the Board. An institution's officer in charge is the person who has been designated by the president of each institution to be the officer in charge in the temporary absence or vacancy in the office of president. At WNC, Dr. Lucy had designated Vice President Chester ("Chet") Burton to be the officer in charge under these circumstances.

The Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, is now charged with recommending to the Board the appointment of an acting president. Prior to making the recommendation of an acting president, the Chancellor and Chair of the Board first meet with major constituencies of WNC to receive their suggestions and input for the appointment of an acting president. Meetings with students, faculty, administrators, classified employees, Foundation Board members and community leaders and an open forum are being scheduled for October 31.

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Mr. Chet Burton, WNC, reported WNC has a mid-

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Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA President, stated this is a discussion of great importance and deserves in-depth conversations. The programs NSHE institutions offer are unique and are set to serve all of Nevada. There are many more discussions and decisions to be made, so moving forward he asked for efforts to be made to include potential students, along with current students being served by the existing institutions.

Regent Knecht believed all ideas mentioned are worth considering and discussing. When someone says the Board should consider making GBC a state college, this raises the obvious question whether WNC is to be excluded from that discussion. Regent Melcher reiterated he had heard this comment from people across the state. He is not opposed to the idea of making GBC a state college, but if they were to look at the idea there would have to be a study. Regent Melcher added he did not know if it was the best model.

Regent Melcher noted that several times today, Regent Knecht has implied he does not support WNC. Regent Melcher stated he tries his hardest to be neutral in his comments and do what is right for the people of Nevada. Regent Melcher clarified that he thought the state college model ne (o)2d eaomme 1C 0 T noed he dd not know if 10 (n()Tj [(w)2 (a)4 (s)-1 (t)-

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9. Approved - Distinguished Nevadan Award (Agenda Item #6) - The Board of Regents approved Mr. Gregory Wright Ferraro as a 2013 recipient of the Distinguished Nevadan award (*Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 and Procedures and Guidelines Manual Chapter 8, Section 1*) (*Refs. BOR-6a and BOR-6b on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Trachok moved approval of Mr. Gregory

10. Approved - Formula Budget Implementation Report, WNC (Agenda Item #8) – (Continued)

WNC is also actively working with the manufacturing sector in Carson, Lyon and Douglas counties. There is a strong desire to partner with companies to develop custom training programs for their employees, as well as degree and certification programs to develop skills required to grow their companies.

Regent Anderson complimented WNC on its plan and on its national award for Career Pathways. Regent Anderson asked Mr. Burton to explain what they meant by moving site positions to General Improvement Fund (GIP) funding. Mr. Burton explained there are funding pools at the college funded through student fees and the GIP is non-state funds. There are several positions they use to support the satellite facilities and those positions will transition to non-state funding.

Regent Knecht stated this was a good response to the requests of the Board from the last meeting. Regent Knecht referred to the non-resident tuition on page two of six of the reference material and asked for comment on how they came to those numbers and the likelihood of meeting them. Mr. Burton reported that, as the budget is built, there is a template for all the components, including non-state. In the case of non-state tuition, the template showed high numbers based on the history used.

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11. Approved - President Emeritus, Dr. Carol A. Lucey, WNC (*Agenda Item #9*)

12. Approved - System Administration Office Building, Las Vegas (Agenda Item #11) – (Continued)

Regent Schofield remembered when he joined the Board it was shocking to him that the Board did not have its own building. He is excited to see this happening.

Regent Wixom noted that in his work experience he has seen a larger contingency worked into the loans than was with this loan. He did think the requests were well within standard industry range for contingency.

Regent Stephens believed the request seemed reasonable. It is important the Board has a building of its own to have meetings and adequate workspace. Regent Stephens

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at the January 24, 2014, meeting.