

**BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building
Desert Research Institute
Third Floor Rotunda
755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Friday, March 6, 2015

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Others Present: Mr. Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director Nevada College Collaborative
Dr. Steven Zink, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
Mr. Chet Burton, President, WNC
Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
Dr. Len Jessup, President, UNLV
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
Dr. Michael D. Richards, President, CSN
Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC

Also present were faculty senate chairs Professor Jodie Mandel, CSN; Dr. Joe Grzymiski, DRI; Mr. Steve Theriault, GBC; Mr. Eric March, NSHE; Mr. Chuck Price, UNR; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; Dr. Joanna Shearer, NSC; and Ms. Susan Priest, WNC. Student government leaders present included, Mr. William McCurdy II, ASCSN President, CSN; Mr. David Cortez, NSSA President, NSC; UNLV; Ms. Sharon Young, AFS President, UNLV; UNR; Ms. Stephanie Prevost, SGA President, TMCC; and Mr. Timothy Hoover, ASWN President, WNC.

Chairman Kevin J. Page called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all members present and introduced the UNLV Police Honor Guard for the presentation of colors.

Regent Wixom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Page

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2. Information Only- Introductions and Campus Updates--continued

President Len Jessup, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), announced UNLV's School of Nursing 50th anniversary and its online program just ranked sixth nationally; Dr. Brian Villmoare, Associate Anthropology Professor, UNLV, helped discover a 2.8 million year old fossil in Ethiopia; UNLV accounting students recently won the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants national competition; and provided a brief update on the ongoing effort to achieve the Carnegie Foundation's classification as a Research University (very high research activity) (RU/VH)

Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), announced enrollment is up and baseball is under way; the work of Dr. Zeb Hogan, Research Assistant Professor, UNR, is being displayed in Washington, D.C.; three engineering students competed in the Walt Disney Imaginations design competition; UNR has offered summer internships at Disney; UNR neuroscientists are working with Renown Health to bring new magnetic resonance imaging research capabilities to northern Nevada.

The meeting recessed at 9:17 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015, for Committee meetings and reconvened at 11:01 a.m. the same day with all members present.

Ms. Ellen Oppenheim, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Operations Officer, Desert Research Institute (DRI), announced Dr. Lynn Fenstermaker, DRI, has been selected as the NASA EPSCoR and NASA Space Grant Consortium Project Director for the GreenPower Program supporting Nevada's prekindergarten through twelfth grade educators in science based environmental education, had the highest participation since its inception in 2008; DRI's Global Water Knowledge Campaign held its first fundraising event; and DRI.edu website has recently been modernized.

3. Information Only- Institutional Student and Faculty Presentations (Agenda Item #3) – Ms. Ellen Oppenheim introduced Dr. Scott D. Hamilton, Division of Earth and Ecosystem Science, DRI, Las Vegas, and Dr. Adam C. Watts, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, DRI, Reno.

4. Information Only -Regents' Welcome and Introductions (Agenda Item #4) – Members of the Board provided acknowledgements to DRI for hosting the Board meeting and thanked the NSHE staff for their work during the legislative session.

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9. Information Only- Regents' Reports (*Agenda Item #9*) – Regent Leavitt said he would

11. Approved - Consent Items (Agenda Item #11) – continued

- 11a. Approved - Minutes – The Board approved the following minutes:
October 22, 2014, Special Board of Regents' Meeting [TJ /TT2 1 Tf 21.57

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D. Kenneth Cole, College of Education, UNR, to the WestEd Board of Directors for an additional 3-year term (June 1, 2015, to May 31, 2018).

WestEd is a nonprofit research, development and service agency that enhances and increases education and human development within school, families and communities. The Board of Regents appoints the members to the WestEd Board to represent the Nevada System of Higher Education. (See Ref. BOR-11d on file in the Board office).

11. Approved - Consent Items (Agenda Item #11) – continued

11e Approved -Allocation of Grants-In-Aid, 2015-2016 – The Board approved the recommended allocations for academic year 2016. Nevada Revised Statutes 396.540 provides for tuition waivers for students from other states and foreign countries based on three percent of each institution's fall headcount enrollment. Board policy provides an equal number of grants aid for Nevada students and requires that the total number of grants aid allocated to each NSHE institution be approved annually by the Board. In all cases, funding is not sufficient to support the maximum allowable number of grants aid:

	<u>IN-STATE</u>	<u>OUT-OF-STATE</u>
UNR	597	597
UNLV	833	833
NSC	106	6T401612 100 BT/PC 100.6830364.0 486.0239.004

11. Approved - Consent Items (Agenda Item #11) – continued

An agreement between the University and Switch SUPERNAP will result in significant financial support for the Innovation Center. The investment of Switch SUPERNAP in the interior design and furnishings of the building will be approximately \$500,000. In addition, the agreement provides that members of Switch SUPERNAP's Innevation Center in Las Vegas will enjoy access to the University's Innevation Center and members of the University's Innevation Center will have access to Switch SUPERNAP's Innevation Center in Las Vegas. (Ref: BOR-11i)

Vice Chairman Trachok thanked Switch, and clarified the spelling of the name is correct, as the "nev" will be highlighted and the artwork makes this much more apparent.

- 11j. Approved -Handbook Revision, Standing Committees UNR– The Board approved a proposed amendment to Handbook Title 1, Article VI, Section 3 to establish the Community College Committee as a standing committee of the Board. Additionally, the Board considered a corresponding amendment to Section 3 to combine the Academic and Student Affairs and the Workforce, Research and Economic Development standing committees into the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee to conform the provisions relating to the standing committees to reflect the new standing committee charge. This is the second reading of a proposed Bylaw revision; the first reading occurred at the December 4-5, 2014, meeting of the Board. (See Ref. BOR-11j on file in the Board office)

- 11k. Approved -Board Meeting Dates– The Board approved meeting dates and venues for the Board of Regents' meetings to be held in calendar year 2016. Meeting dates and venues are as follows:

March 34, 2016	NSC
June 910, 2016	TMCC
September 9, 2016	UNR
December 12, 2016	UNLV

Tentative special meeting date if necessary: January 22, 2016

Tentative special meeting date if necessary: April 22, 2016

Special meeting date: August 26, 2016 (2015-17 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Request)

Tentative special meeting date if necessary: October 21, 2016

Note: The primary location for all special meetings will be the Board Room, System Administration, Las Vegas.

11. Approved - Consent Items (Agenda Item #11) – continued

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- 11h. Approved - Redfield health Science Center Gift of Water Rights, TMCC- The Board approved the acceptance of the Water Rights gift in kind award from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation for the purpose and conditions set forth in the Foundation Grant Agreement Letter with the change regarding reduced water rights from 1.38 to 1.05 acre feet as noted (cf. BOR-11h)

Chairman Page invited TMCC to address a recent change to item 11h.

Mr. Fred Egenberger, Director Budget and Planning, TMCC explained TMCC was recently informed by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority that the Redfield addition will require 1.05 acre feet of water rather than the 1.38 acre feet of water noted in the briefing paper.

12. Approved - Regents Awards (Agenda Item #12) – continued

B. Regents' Scholars Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 15 and Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 8, Section 2(5): (Ref. BOR-12i and Ref. BOR-12j)

Mr. Kevin O. Tandonfar, Undergraduate UNLV
Mr. Andrew D. Nordin, Graduate UNLV
Ms. Ivon PadillaRodriguez, Undergraduate UNR
Mr. Augustus Merwin, Graduate UNR
Ms. Kristina MehaffeyNSC
Ms. Trehixi Galvan, CSN
Ms. Norah Lusk, GBC
Mr. Ryan Gerchman, TMCC
Ms. Robyn OpenshawWNC

Regent Geddes moved approval of the Regents Awards for Regents' Scholars as listed. Regent Trachok seconded. Motion carried.

13. Approved – Honorary Degrees (Agenda Item #13) – The Board approved the 2015 Honorary Degree recipients (Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14, and Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 8, Section 1.2): (Ref. BOR-13a)

- A. Honorary Doctorate Degree:
Ms. Diana BennettUNLV (Ref. BOR-13b)
- B. Honorary Baccalaureate Degree:
Dr. Hugh S. Collett, GBC(Ref. BOR-13c)
- C. Honorary Associate Degree:
Mr. Dennis Birr, CSN (Ref. BOR-13d)
- D. Honorary Doctorate Degr

15. Approved - Community College Committee Reports (Agenda Item #14) – continued

Each community college president and IAC Chair provided a verbal report on the discussions and actions taken at their first IAC meeting. Regent Wixom placed his official thanks for their service on the record, and all other Regents present concurred.

Director Woodbeck reported on the potential for application by some or all of the colleges for an Apprenticeship Grant offered by the Department of Labor. The application due date is April 24, and the Director will report back to the Committee on the outcome at the June meeting. Regent Wixom suggested that each participating college solicit the input of their IAC in the process.

Chancellor Klaich and Executive Director Woodbeck provided an overview of legislative activity as it relates to the community colleges, and the February 24 testimony provided by Presidents Burton and Curtis to the joint Senate and Assembly Committee on Finance regarding bridge funding needs.

Under New Business:

Regent Melcher suggested an IAC report from the Chair or Vice Chair at each meeting on council activities; an inquiry to each IAC on items that NSHE Regents can assist them with, and to obtain feedback from the IAC on how the Regents can interact with them; and for the IACs to find ways

15. Approved - Community College Committee Reports (Agenda Item #14) – continued

Regent Wkom said the IAG should be invited to bring regular reports forward to the Board

Vice Chairman Trachok

16. Action taken- CSN Campus Names (Agenda Item #15) – The Board referred the naming of the CSN campuses

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19. Information Only- Nevada State College, Performance Metrics, CSN (Agenda Item #17) – continued

Vice Chairman Trachok said he has asked the Chancellor's office to review the information provided by each of the institutions and come back to the Board with a suggestion of the metrics that will be used for measuring future presidential performance.

Regent Doubrava suggested top administrative positions and salaries be compared over a ten-year period of time in order to determine if the institutions are becoming top heavy.

20. Information Only Knowledge Fund Project BRI, UNR AND UNLV (Agenda Item #18) –
Dr. Alan Gertler updated the Board on the Applied Innovation Center for Advanced Analytics funded by a \$3 million grant from the State of Nevada through the BRI participation in the Nevada Knowledge Fund. He provided information on the impact the Knowledge Fund has had on the institution's pursuit to increase research efforts

The Nevada Knowledge Fund was created in 2011 under Assembly Bill Chapter 507, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*). The measure established a program for the development and commercialization of research and technology at UNR, UNM, and DRI (see Ref. BOR-18 on file in the Board office).

Chairman Page noted discussion of this item would resume the following day.

The meeting recessed at 3:28 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015, for committee meetings and reconvened at 9:39 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015, with all members present except Regent Stephens

21. Information Only Public Comment (Agenda Item #19) – Dr. Camille Naaktgeboren, Faculty Senate Chair, CSN, Dr. Charles Milne, CSN, Mr. Jim Matovina, CSN, Dr. Vartouhi Asherain, CSN, and MRon Yates, CSN spoke in support of President Richard and thanked him for his accessibility and his supportive leadership.

Ms. Susan Pest, Faculty Senate Chair, WNC, requested when considering budgetary issues, the Board consider all faculty and staff angles of budget cuts, furloughs and lack of merit or cost of living increases. She stated the System's most valued resources its employees are being recruited by other institutions. She asked the Board, if the Legislature does not fully fund the requested budget, to consider professional merit and other measures to retain the System's employees

22. Information Only Knowledge Fund Projects DRI, UNR AND UNL\continued*Agenda Item #18) –*

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22. Information Only- Knowledge Fund Projects DRI, UNR AND UNLV (Agenda Item #18) – continued

Regent Wom and Regent Doubrava said the community at large and the high schools need to be educated and made aware of high performance computing capacity at UNLV.

23. No Action Taken 2015-2017 NSHE Biennial Budget Update (Agenda Item #22) - Chancellor Klaich reported to the Board regarding the 2017 NSHE Biennial Budget Request that was submitted to the Governor, the Executive Budget and new developments from the 2015 legislative session. provided an update on the financial status of the state and the corresponding impact on budgets (Ref. BOR-22 on file in the Board office).

Chancellor Klaich referred to the summary of Board's recommendation and the Governor's recommendation. The NSHE had its first budget hearing at the Legislature last week and reviewed each of the budget items in detail. Each of the campuses experts spoke on the relevant budget items. Nevada State Assemblyman Hickey chaired the hearing and NSHE's information seemed to be extremely well received. Many of the issues will have future separate hearings.

Regent Hayes said the System should better explain the need for pay for professional staff, including an explanation of the national market place and the cost of hiring.

Regent Doubrava expressed concern over the discrepancy between what was requested for the School of Medicine and what was recommended by the Gov

Chancellor Klaich and Chairman Page said the Governor has been provided clarification and additional detail regarding the need for full funding of the Medical School items. Chancellor Klaich said he believes there has been some movement towards full funding

Regent Geddes stated the NSHE has submitted a realistic, carefully scrutinized budget and the NSHE needs to continue to advocate for every item on the proposed budget.

Regent Leavitt said he thanked Assemblyman Hickey and explained there is no

24. *No Action Taken-Legislative Report (Agenda Item #21)*

25. Information Only- University of Nevada, Reno, Performance Metrics (Agenda Item #20) – continued

Regent Wixom said state funding is not sufficient to achieve the level of RU/VH. This effort will require creative and innovative community engagement in order to move forward and achieve RUH.

Vice Chairman Trachok asked for five to seven metrics to best measure the annual review of UNR. President Johnson offered graduation rates, research expenses, growth in the number of faculty, retention rates and four-year graduation rate.

26. Approved Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda Item #23) – Committee Vice Chair Sam Lieberman reported the Academic and Student Affairs met on March 5, 2015, and

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26. Approved-Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda Item #23) – continued

A new Center for Professional and Leadership Studies at UNLV, as provided for in the Las Vegas Sands gift to the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration for an international hospitality and gaming professional ~~educ~~ and research center. (Ref. ASA-10 on file in the Board office).

A revision to Board policy to provide an ~~state~~ tuition waiver for veterans and their family members. (Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3). This revision complies with Section 702 of the federal Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (H.R. 3230, "Choice Act"). (Ref. ASA-11 on file in the Board office).

A revision to Board policy concerning high school graduates identified as Career and Technical Education program completers. (Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 8). Specifically, the revised policy provides that these graduates may be give-2 (h)2a18.9 (

26. Approved-Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda Item #23) – continued

Regent Doubrava asked to receive a copy of the proposals regarding the University of Nevada Press submitted by UNR and UNLV. Vice Chancellor Abba indicated the Chancellor sent a memo to the Board in October 2014 outlining the discussions between UNR and UNLV. She provided a brief view of the history of the University of Nevada Press on the UNR campus, its absorption into System Administration approximately 15 years ago and the proposal to move it back to UNR under the Office of the Provost. She stated that following discussions between UNR Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman and UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost John White it was determined that because the Press is already located on the UNR campus, it made sense for it to continue to reside there.

Regent Doubrava thanked Vice Chancellor Abba for the information. He restated his request to receive a copy of the proposals.

Motion carried.

27. Approved – Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee (Agenda Item #24) – Committee Vice Chair Sam Lieberman reported the Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee met on March 5, 2015, and heard the following:

Dr. Chris Fritsen, Vice President Academic and Faculty Affairs, reported on DRI's efforts to add value to NSHE graduate education and ways DRI, UNLV and UNR are partnering to achieve the universities' goal of Research University/Very High Research Activity (RU/VH) status under the classifications established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Action Items

Board action was requested to approve the following recommendations of the Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee:

Approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2014, meeting (WRED-2 on file in the Board office).

The nomination of the following individuals for 2015 Regents' awards (WRED-4 on file in the Board office).

- a. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award
Dr. Kwang J. Kim, UNLV
- b. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award
Dr. Lynn Comella, UNLV
Dr. Eelke Folmer, UNR
Dr. Amanda KeerZebert, DRI

Committee Vice Chair Lieberman moved acceptance of the report and approval of the Committee recommendations. Regent Geddes seconded. Motion carried.

- 28. Approved-Business and Finance Committee Agenda Item #25 – Committee Vice Chair Kevin C. Melcher reported the Business and Finance Committee met on March 5, 2015, and heard the following:

NSHE fiscal exceptions of Self-Supporting Budgets and the status of state appropriations for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015; NSHE quarterly All Funds Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015; Budget transfers between functions for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 of State Supported or Self-Supporting Operating Budget funds. Discussion of current reports presented to the Committee.

Vice Chairman Trachok left the meeting.

Action Items

Board action was requested to approve the following recommendations of the Business and Finance Committee:

Approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2014, meeting (BF-2a on file in the Board office).

Acceptance of the 2014 Self-Supporting Summer School and Calendar Year Budgets, Budget to Actual Comparison Report, for the NSHE (BF-2b(1) & Ref. BF-2b(2) on file in Tj/VT/9.9.6a-)

(Ref. A2b on file in the Board office)

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(Ref. A2g on file in the Board

(Ref. A7 on file in the Board office)

30. Approved- Investment and Facilities Committee (Agenda Item #27) – continued

The Committee considered a revision to *Handbook Title Article VI, Section 2* (Appointment) addressing the composition of standing committees. Specifically, the revision would direct the Board Chair to appoint two to four nonvoting ex officio advisory members to the Investment and Facilities Committee. These ex officio members must have expertise in investment or financial services. This item will be discussed at a future meeting and no action was taken.

Action Items

31. Approved- Cultural Diversity Committee (Agenda Item #28) – continued

Action Item

Board action was requested to approve the following recommendation of the Cultural Diversity Committee:

Approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2014, meeting (CD-2 on file in the Board office).

Committee Chair Crear moved acceptance of the report and approval of the Committee recommendation. Regent Geddes seconded. Motion carried. Regent Hayes was absent.

32. Approved-Health Sciences System Committee (Agenda Item #29) – Committee Vice Chair Mark W. Doubrava reported the Health Sciences System Committee met on March 6, 2015, and heard the following:

Chair James Dean Leavitt discussed the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine (UNLV School of Medicine) and the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM), including the funding request made of the Legislature.

Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Planning Dean of the UNLV School of Medicine, provided an update on the planning for the UNLV School of Medicine, including:

Introducing her Chief of Staff, Ms. Maureen Schafer, and listing the names of her other new staff members, including the new associate dean for student affairs and student admissions and the vice dean of education.

Starting the committees for completing the study which is required for accreditation.

Spending time with President Jessup in the Governor's office and with the Legislature to underscore the rationale for starting the first class of the UNLV School of Medicine in 2017.

Working on the development plan and requesting funding support from the community.

Bringing in a consulting group, made up of former deans from prestigious universities, to work on the practice plan and the research plan development.

Completing the Las Vegas Medical District master plan which includes an economic impact study. It was concluded that in 14 years, the related economic impact is projected to be \$3.6 billion and 24,000 new jobs.

The Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce included an article in their March issue outlining the need for a medical school in Las Vegas.

32. Approved- Health Sciences System Committee (Agenda Item #29) – continued

Dean Schwenk, UNSOM, provided an overview of UNSOM activities and initiatives, including:

They continue to have strong clinical programs and GME presence in Las Vegas.

The success of the Henderson Clinic.

The University Medical Center (UMC) developed a robotics surgical program which is quite successful.

Mountain View is becoming an academic partner, and there will be a launch of several new primary care and specialty residency programs.

Third and fourth year curriculum overhaul.

The rural family medicine program and a new child and adolescent fellowship program launched last year.

Renown partnership is developing well toward the goal of an academic medical center.

The St. Mary's residency program is developing well.

The newborn screening plan is going extremely well, and Dean Schwenk suggested a presentation to the HSS Committee in the future on this program.

Dean Schwenk discussed the UNSOM leases with locations in Southern Nevada. The vast majority of these leases cycle out of southern Nevada by 2019, which seems to be in keeping with the Board's goals.

Dr. Melissa Piasecki covered the post-baccalaureate Program at UNSOM which began in 2012 and has steadily grown. It is a very diverse program which complements other UNSOM pipeline programs. The goal is to prepare students to be solid applicants for medical school.

Dean Schwenk covered dual and joint appointment of the two schools of medicine's clinical faculty. There are no prohibitions that exist in NSHE policy that would prevent such appointments. Deans Schwenk and Atkinson are in the process of identifying how best to proceed with joint appointments.

Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences, provided an update on NSHE Health Sciences System. She discussed the development of the Health Sciences System and the role of the Health Sciences System in the future. She also discussed the role of the Health Sciences System in the future.

33. Approved- Personnel Session, President Michael D. Richards, CSN (Agenda Item #30) – continued

Vice Chancellor Nielsen stated the OML is a very difficult area and is in place so the public can be involved. To protect the Board from possible violat2 (ol)-i-u2t3(a)4ui-otlBc

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34. Approved- Presidential Contract, CSN (Agenda Item #31) – continued

Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.