

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
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NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Rogers Student Center, Innovation Commons RSC-236  
Nevada State College  
1300 Nevada State Drive #300, Henderson  
Thursday, February 28, 2019

Members Present:           Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair  
                                  Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair  
                                  Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
                                  Mr. John T. Moran

4. Information Only-UNR School of Medicine Report – Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks which included information relating to accreditation, programs, funding and financial status. *(Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board office.)*

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

Dean Schwenk provided his report highlighting UNR Med's most recent activities and updates which included: 1) General Issues: Strategic Planning and Organizational Development Town Hall; Curricular Review; Match Day on March 15, 2019; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on March 16, 2019; AAMC – WGEA/WOSR meeting on March 28-31, 2019; Hooding/Commencement Ceremony on May 17, 2019; LCME Report on April 1, 2019; Upcoming academic presentations; 2) Clinical Practice Developments: Clinical Network Executive Committee; New and active partnerships; Reno medical care landscape; Moana Building update; Practice Plan performance; 3) Graduate Medication Education: Elko Family Medicine Residency launch; Pediatrics Residency Program update; and 4) Research: Grant successes; Senior Associate Dean for Research recruitment; Associate Dean for Clinical Research recruitment (VA affiliation); Clinical Research Center development.

Chair Doubrava asked for an update on the Physician Assistant (PA) Program. Dean Schwenk said the program is thriving and the first class is doing well. The average age of PA Program participants is 29 and most are already in the healthcare workforce. There were 1,400 applicants in the first year and for the second year there are 1,800 applicants competing for 24 positions.

In response to Chair Doubrava's request for an update on UNR Med philanthropy, Dean Schwenk shared that all funds generated by the upcoming UNR Med Golden Gala will go to support scholarships. Generally, philanthropy is going well for UNR Med.

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Founding Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School, and offered general remarks which included information relating to accreditation, programs, funding and financial status. *(Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board office.)*

Founding Dean Atkinson provided her report highlighting UNLV SOM's most recent activities and updates which included: 1) Class of 2023: 1,946 total applicants; 274 Nevada applicants; 320 total scheduled interviews; 175 Nevada interviews; 180 interviews have been conducted as of January 7, 2019; 2) the Master Affiliation Agreement: Weekly meetings with leadership group; Term sheet provides working document; Strategic Plan finalized; 3) Accreditation Update: The LCME site visit occurred on February 23-27, 2019; ACGME –

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – (continued)

continued accreditation granted as of January 14, 2019; 4) UNLVSOM Accomplishments: Completed mandatory compliance training; Launched contact center centralizing patient appointment scheduling and pre-registration; Launched UNLVSOM website; Obtained vanity number: 702-660-UNLV; Initiated DUO: Dual Factor Authentication for E-prescribing; Implemented Patient Archival Solution to transition from Centricity Business (old billing system); Initiated patient satisfaction surveys and customer services training; and 4) Rural Medical Education in Winnemucca.

Vice Chair McAdoo thanked Founding Dean Atkinson for the update on rural medicine in Winnemucca. She shared that she visited Winnemucca recently and toured the town's hospital. Vice Chair McAdoo also thanked both medical schools for their contributions to healthcare in rural Nevada.

Chair Doubrava asked what the length is of the ACGME accreditation. Founding Dean Atkinson believed that the ACGME accreditation length for the entire institution is between 5-8 years.

Chair Doubrava asked for a philanthropy update for UNLVSOM. Founding Dean Atkinson said the search is still active for a UNLVSOM Development Officer [for philanthropy].

At the request of Chair Doubrava, Dr. Michael Gardner, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, UNLVSOM, provided some information on the UNLVSOM finances and the efforts being done to increase patient visits.

Regent Moran complimented the collaboration between the NSHE medical schools over the past couple of years.

Vice Dean Gardner thanked Mr. Jeremy Alltop, Senior Associate Dean, Administrative and Finance, UNR Med, and his team for their ongoing assistance and cooperation with the UNLVSOM team.

Chair Doubrava and Regent Carvalho shared their appreciation for all the work that has been done by the medical schools and acknowledged the challenges that are faced with establishing quality healthcare in Nevada.

Chair Doubrava added he is looking forward to the Match Days at UNR Med and UNLVSOM.

6. Information Only-UNLV Project F.O.C.U.S. – Dr. Joshua Baker, Associate Professor in Special Education in the Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Director of Project F.O.C.U.S., provided an overview of Project F.O.C.U.S. (Forming Occupational and Community Understanding for Success) and the post-secondary education and training the program provides to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. *(Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board office.)*

Dr. Baker presented background information on UNLV Project F.O.C.U.S. which included: The need for postsecondary education options for students with intellectual disabilities and autism; post-secondary education across the US; community/cultural barriers; and federally recognized programs. Dr. Baker shared his experience at Marshall University with the program for autism. The reason for these types of programs is to assist individuals with disabilities to receive schooling/training and/or to become gainfully employed. When this population is employed, they are typically underpaid.

Dr. Baker emphasized that national accreditation is needed for these programs. Across the nation, there are approximately 265 recognized programs. He stressed that awareness must be built for this population. Often, these programs can be financially expensive. Although there are federally recognized programs, only 75 of those are comprehensive programs. He stated that Nevada has two of these types of programs – one is at UNR and the other is UNLV, and this allows Nevada to receive funds and financial aid. If awareness can be established, there are a number of workforce development and grant opportunities available.

Regent Carvalho commented she did not realize that the pay structure for this specific population is not included in mandatory minimum wage. She asked how many students are in the programs at UNLV and UNR. She also wanted to know if a partnership has been established with Opportunity Village. Dr. Baker responded that the US Department of Labor, Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, provides a list of providers and paystub data. UNLV's program has 25 students with a wait list of 25 and the program at UNR has approximately 20-25 students.

Dr. John Rhodes, a graduate of UNR Med and physician, spoke about his son being born with Down Syndrome, and not knowing what the future would hold. Dr. Rhodes did not want his son's diagnosis and the societal limits to negatively impact his future. Dr. Rhodes' son was one of the first students in the UNLV Project F.O.C.U.S program and has been very successful in his student career at UNLV. He will graduate in May 2019.

Chair Doubrava thanked Dr. Rhodes for sharing his story. He also thanked Dr. Baker for the presentation.

7. Information Only-New Business – Vice Chairman Geddes said he, Chairman Page and Chancellor Reilly recently attended a meeting at Apple in San Jose to