

# SPECIAL MEETING

## REBOARDING OF THE BOARD

### Members Present:

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Dr. Jason Geddes, Chairman  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Patrick R. Carter  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Mr. Trevor Hayes  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Mr. John T. Moran  
Mr. Kevin J. Page  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins  
Mr. Rick Trachok

Others Present:

Dr. Thom Reilly, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Michael Flores, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor  
Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board  
Mr. Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC  
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
Dr. Marta Meana, President, UNLV  
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR  
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Arnold Bell, CSN; Dr. Amanda Keen-Zebert, DRI; Mr. George Kleeb, GBC; Dr. Serge Ballif, NSC; Ms. Brigitte Glynn, SA; Dr. Janis McKay, UNLV; and Dr. Brian Frost, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Daniel Gutierrez, ASCSN President, CSN; Ms. Alexandra Patri, SGA President, TMCC; Ms. Hannah Patenaude, CSUN President, UNLV; Ms. Tamara Guinn, GSA President, UNR; and Ms.





5. Approved – Handbook Revision, NSHE Grading Policy – (Continued)

Vice Chancellor Abba stated the current policy has a parenthetical that dictates a letter grade that would be necessary for a satisfactory or unsatisfactory grade. That provision is not consistent with the predominant grading practice whereby a D- or better may be a degree requirement. There are other degree requirements of a C or better. Therefore, it is recommended that students have an opportunity to petition for an S or U grade. The student will be advised of the ramifications of requesting and receiving an S or U grade.

UNLV President Marta Meana, TMCC President Karin M. Hilgersom, NSC President Bart J. Patterson, and UNR President Marc A. Johnson all support the students having the option to choose.

Regent Carvalho clarified whether the S and U grades would only go into effect after a regular letter grade has been issued. Vice Chancellor Abba stated the student would see a letter grade first and then have the option to petition for an S or U grade.

Regent Perkins moved approval of a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 37) deleting reference to the prescribed letter grade for assignment of a “s0eore (c)4 (t)-6 (2 (e)4 ( 4, C)-3 (ha))-4 (r)-11 (an



7. Approved – Amendment to Employment Contract, President Marta Meana, UNLV –

9. Approved – Emergency Resolution to Implement Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Agenda Item 9) The Board approved an Emergency Resolution to implement the Families First Coronavirus Response Act authorizing the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, and upon the recommendation of the NSHE Ch

10. Information Only – FY 2020 and FY 2021 NSHE Operating Budget Impact Due to Covid-19 (Agenda Item 10) (Continued)

Chancellor Reilly reported he sent the correspondence NSHE received from the Governor's Finance Office to the Regents. There is a short turn around period for this request, which is why Chairman Geddes has scheduled another meeting on April 10, 2020. NSHE began working over the weekend on the request. Chief Financial Officer Clinger has had conversations with the Governor's Budget Director and Chancellor Reilly with the Governor's Chief of Staff. The level of detail being requested will be challenging. NSHE has asked to be allowed to provide a general narrative that is specific enough to make decisions. The Governor's Office has indicated that they have asked for the increments from all entities but that this will not be an across the board cut. The request is for a 4 percent budget reduction proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 20, amounting to \$27.4 million, which translates to a 16 percent budget reduction because it is the last quarter. For FY 21, the Governor's Office has requested three scenarios of 6 percent followed by a 4 percent and then another 4 percent, amounting to approximately \$97 million for a total budget reduction proposal of roughly \$125 million. NSHE has reviewed stimulus dollars, but since it is unclear when the dollars will be received, the institutions are looking at applying those dollars in FY 21. Financial exigency is not being considered at this time because of its ramifications on the bond rating and accreditation. There is a consensus that NSHE does not want to lay employees off, but instead implement professional staff

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elimination of equipment and one-time purchases are also being reviewed. NSHE can use excess registration fees as a reversion to help offset the shortfall. Institutions are looking at a redistribution of student fees and a potential student fee surcharge.

Chairman Geddes acknowledged that Board Leadership is in constant communication with NSHE Leadership and the Governor's Office and federal delegation.

Regent Hayes stated NSHE has made great strides since the last recession. He requested that budget scenarios include as much detail as possible, including outcomes so that the Regents can make informed decisions.

Regent Del Carlo felt it was essential to know the dialogue behind the numbers and what the impact will be on the institutions.

In response to a question from Regent Carvalho, Chief Financial Officer Clinger clarified that the FY 20 request was a 4 percent budget reduction to the total appropriation, but because it is already the third quarter, that number ends up effeget rt number w w w6TJ0 Tc-0.004 Tc c0

11. Information Only – New Business (Agenda Item 11) Chairman Geddes noted that commencements would be addressed at an upcoming meeting.
12. Information Only – Public Comment (Agenda Item 12) Public Comment from NSHE Classified Council President Julia Bledsoe was read into the record related to the Council's willingness to work positively and constructively with NSHE Administration and respective institutions. (Ref. Bledsoe.Julia4.7.20 on file in the Board Office.)

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its July 23, 2020, meeting.