

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
Videoconference/Teleconference

3. Information Only-Chair’s Report – (continued)

his appreciation for the leadership. He also welcomed Dr. Marc Kahn to Nevada as the new Dean of the UNLV School of Medicine.

Vice Chair Carvalho expressed her pride and gratitude for all members of the Schools of Medicine and health care providers working within the NSHE and said she considers them heroes.

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, financial status and matters pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic (Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board Office).

Dean Schwenk welcomed Dr. Marc Kahn to UNLV and provided his report which included: general issues involving the Coronavirus Crisis Action Team (C-CAT), new faculty hires and introductions, updates on faculty/staff wellness and support, and an update on the VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System partnership; undergraduate medical education; Graduate Medical Education; University Health Clinical Network development; and research.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

Chairman Geddes asked what the timeline is for expanding the Physician Assistant (PA) program. Dean Schwenk answered that currently the PA program is accredited for 24 students for five years

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – Dr. Marc J. Kahn, Dean of

6. Information Only-NSHE Nursing Programs during the COVID-19 Pandemic – (continued)

undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (*Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board Office*).

Dean Donnelly presented her report which highlighted the COVID-19 response from the NSC, TMCC, UNR and GBC nursing programs including: efforts in community outreach and partnerships; volunteer activities; nursing students being fast-tracked to graduation in their final semester utilizing tools such as virtual simulation and Telemedicine; PPE donations to local hospitals; and nursing faculty working extra hours in hospitals.

Regent Moran left the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m. with all members present except Regent Moran.

During this Information Only agenda item, technical difficulties occurred and the connection to BlueJeans participants was briefly lost; however, the video connection between System Administration Las Vegas and Reno was retained. Connection to BlueJeans participants thereafter resumed.

Due to the technical difficulties, Dean Donnelly was unable to complete her presentation. The agenda item will be brought back at a future meeting of the Committee.

7. Information Only-New Business – None.

8. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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