BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, September 10, 2020
Friday, September 11, 2020

This meeting was held via videoconference and teleconference only pursuant to Section 1 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006"), and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026 and 029,

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7. Information Only – Chair of the Faculty Senate Chairs Report – Chair of the Council of Faculty Senate Chairs and NSC Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Laura Naumann welcomed faculty, staff, students, Presidents, campus leaderships, Regents and Chancellor to the first quarterly meeting of the 20/21 academic year. The two recently awarded HSI grants to NSC and CSN are to be celebrated. Dr. Naumann welcomed Chancellor Rose to NSHE and thanked her for sharing her vision to (i)-2Ceai (or)3 (s)-huma fea-2 (a)4 (tI6a)4 (uu'1 (i)-2 (v

11. Approved – Appointment of Dr. Kumud Acharya as Permanent President of DRI and New Employment Contract – The Board approved the appointment of Interim President Dr. Kumud Acharya as the permanent President of DRI, and the employment agreement and contract terms for Dr. Kumud Acharya. *(Refs. BOR-11a and BOR-11b on file in the Board Office.)*

Senior Advisor to the Chancellor Thom Reilly reported Dr. Acharya was appointed Interim President by the Board of Regents on September 5, 2019. NSHE Code requires an Interim President to serve in that capacity for at least one year before an appointment recommendation as President may be made. On July 28, 2020, Senior Advisor Reilly, Chair Doubrava and Vice Chair Del Carlo held public forums in Reno and Las Vegas to solicit input on Dr. Acharya's performance. After consultation with Chair Doubrava and s

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In response to a question from Regent Carter related to why the salary was so much higher than the community college presidents, Senior Advisor Reilly responded historically it has always been higher, and the recommendation is the same as in the past year and comparable to the predecessor.

Regent Levine congratulated the President on the incredible work DRI is doing. She asked for clarification on the car and housing allowance. Senior Advisor Reilly stated the DRI President must have a residence in both Reno and Las Vegas. Dr. Acharya has confirmed he has an apartment in Reno and a house in Las Vegas.

Motion carried via a roll call vote. Chair Doubrava, Vice Chair Del Carlo, and Regents Carter, Carvalho, Geddes, Hayes, Levine, McAdoo, McMichael, Page, Perkins, and Trachok voted yes. Regent Moran was absent.

The meeting recessed at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

12. Approved – Amended Employment Contract, President Joyce M. Helens, GBC – *(Continued)*

Regent McAdoo moved approval of an amended employment contract for GBC President Joyce M. Helens, adding one year to the current contract so that it is a four-year term of employment and consistent with other NSHE community college president contracts. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded.

Regent Carter disclosed he is currently taking a class at GBC for recertification of his teaching license. He disclosed under NHt0 b.tagis c4 (e)4 ((e)4 (d un)0 Td( )Tjig)-2 (r)3 (a/e (e)4 (10 (C)-7 ((Ht0 b.te)4

13. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, WNC –President Solis presented a PowerPoint that included data and metrics on WNC's progress in achieving the strategic goals adopted by the Board. The metrics included those identified by the Board designed to compare the performance of NSHE and its institutions to other states or respective peers in five key areas: 1) Access; 2) Success; 3) Closing the Achievement Gap; 4) Workforce; and 5) Research.

17. Information Only – Workday Alignment Project – *(Continued)*

TMCC Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services Jim New agreed with his colleagues.

President Hilgersom stated TMCC struggled with clear and accurate reports and asked for The Gunter Group to comment on what they had learned about this. Ms. Eckert reported it is a major challenge area for all institutions. There are opportunities to leverage resources across institutions to ensure when a new report is created it can be used by all institutions and to use their knowledge and expertise to reconcile discrepancies in some of the reports.

Chief Financial Officer Clinger stated another piece associated with reports is the inconsistency in how the institutions apply the accounting rules, creating challenges when generating reports.

WNC Provost and Vice President of Finance Kyle Dalpe echoed the comments of his colleagues, and he looked forward to the fine-tuning of the Project.

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17. Information Only – Workday Alignment Project – *(Continued)*

Regent Geddes clarified the reserve discussed at the August meeting is associated with the operating account, and Workday was paid for out of the investment account.

Chair Doubrava stated Chief Financial Officer Clinger has direction, and the item will be included on a future agenda.

18. Information Only – System Computing Services Assessment – Representatives of Huron Consulting Group presented a PowerPoint that included the results of the assessment of System Computing Services. *(Ref. BOR-18 on file in the Board Office.)*

Chancellor Rose appreciated the item coming forward.

Chief Information Officer Anne Milkovich thanked the Board for the opportunity to share the shared digital services SCS provides to the institutions and the State of Nevada. She offered the mission and a context of what SCS does within NSHE.

In response to a question from Regent Carter related to whether each of the conferencing entities had a service level agreement contract, Chief Information Officer Milkovich stated SCS does have servicing agreements with many of the video conferencing customers.

Mr. Matt Jones and Mr. Matt Tryniecki, Huron Consulting Group, presented an overview and the outcomes of the SCS assessment

System Administration Faculty Senate Chair Theo Meek showed support and appreciation for the Workday Alignment Project and the SCS Assessment that were presented. In his conversations, there appears to be a knowledge gap regarding SCS activities, which leads some to believe that the Department contributes to administrative bloat. This assessment has shown how critical SCS is to NSHE and the State of Nevada.

Regent Carter asked if there were any problems or limitations discovered during the study. Mr. Jones stated they had access to the individuals needed to gather information, and there was great interaction and collaboration.

Regent Levine thanked the Huron Consulting Group for the presentation. Regent Levine stated it is incredibly challenging for anyone outside the organization to understand wTJ-0.00(he)4 (pr)3

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The Board meeting recessed at 5:44 p.m. and reconvened on Friday, September 11, 2020, at 10:13 a.m., following the Security and Health Sciences System Committees with all Regents present except Regents Moran and Trachok.

19. Information Only – Public Comment – None.

20. Approved – Letter of Intent with Renown Health, UNR School of Medicine – The Board approved a Letter of Intent negotiated with Renown Health that describes a process for exploring a high-level integration of clinical, clinical testing, and clinical research components of UNR Med with Renown Health, leading to a possible Definitive Agreement. Any Definitive Agreement will be brought back to the Board in the future for further discussion and approval. *(Ref. BOR-20 on file in the Board Office.)*

Chair Doubrava disclosed that in his role as a physician in private practice in Las Vegas, a small amount of his practice consists of patients insured by Hometown Health, a health insurance product owned by Renown Health. His medical practice see.

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to advance the class size, including the pipeline of doctors coming into the community and investing in new programming focused on specialty graduate medical education. This partnership provides the opportunity to put assets together to build up a work-class research infrastructure.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

In response to a question from Regent Perkins related to the collaboration leading to new funding sources, Dean Schwenk stated it refers to the opportunity to develop significant research grant funding for clinical research. The two institutions coming together provides a unique platform for clinical research that neither entity can manage alone. The other funding source would the high-end subspecialty care programs that will generate substantial new clinical care of a high reimbursement nature.

Dr. Slonim added that research could bring new funding opportunities from the federal government into the state.

Regent Geddes moved approval of a Letter of Intent negotiated with Renown Health that describes a process for exploring a [illegible]

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24. Approved – ad hoc UNLV President Search Committee Report *(Agenda Item 23)* – *(Continued)*

The Regents' Committee and advisory members discussed the final interview questions.
Wheless Search Consultants Michael Ballew and Scott Watson reported on the campus visits/forums, survey results, curriculum vitae, and

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25. Approved – Community College Committee Report *(Agenda Item 24)* – *(Continued)*

representatives from the community colleges on a grant proposal for submission, which would provide up to $5 million over the next four years

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25. Approved – Community College Committee Report *(Agenda Item 24)* – *(Continued)*

percent decrease. Staff is working with students on payment plans, and a late fall term is anticipated. Accelerated programs for first responders have increased due to occupational demand. Medical lab students assembled and donated over 50,000 COVID-19 test kits as part of community service efforts. The CSN Foundation has developed an essay competition that results in a $2,500 scholarship in the name of Mr. George Floyd.

GBC President Helens stated at the January meeting GBC was coming out of a record enrollment semester, returning funding to the GBC foundation, and ensuring maintenance, success, and sustainability. Now with an increased effort to keep people safe, including faculty, staff, and students, and a migration to additional online courses, they continue to focus on helping each other through the pandemic. GBC was the first college to finish CTE students who had lab courses paused back in March and has facilitated contact tracing for multiple counties in rural Nevada.

TMCC President Hilgersom stated TMCC had emphasized COVID-19 planning and necessary budget reductions. Faculty have returned from summer break, and classes begin on Monday, August 24, with 70 percent being held virtually, while 30 percent are hybrid. They are striving to avoid layoffs and are exploring raising private funds through the Foundation. President Hilgersom praised Foundation Director Gretchen Sawyer on successfully obtaining a TRIO grant through the U.S. Department of Education, which will provide services for up to 140 students per year for five years.

WNC President Solis thanked the team at WNC for their work on the necessary transitions due to COVID-19 and acknowledged Dr. Robert Morin and Dr. Jim Strange along with classified and student leaders for their support and level of involvement. Campuses have reopened for the fall semester, and courses are a combination of face-to-face instruction and online. President Solis thanked student ambassadors who focused on issues such as social distancing and masks on campus. Enrollment is down 3.5 percent while summer enrollment was slightly increased, and dual enrollment is up 24 percent. The prison education program now utilizes wireless units, which allows for internet access for those

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Motion carried via a roll call vote. Chair Doubrava, Vice Chair Del Carlo, and Regents Carter, Carvalho, Geddes, Hayes, Levine, McAdoo, McMichael, Moran, Page, Perkins, and Trachok voted yes.

30. Approved – Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Report *(Agenda Item 25)* – The Board accepted the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee report and approved the Committee recommendations. *(Committee report on file in the Board Office.)*

The Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee met on September 10, 2020, and heard the following:

Information items

NSHE Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis presented highlights from the 2018-2019 NSHE Financial Aid Report including total financial aid disbursed by the institution, category (loans, student employment, grants, scholarships, etc.), and source (federal, state, etc.); Pell Grant disbursements; and data on student loans. She also provided information on financial aid concepts, including Cost of Attendance (COA) and Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), as well as sample financial aid offers. *(Refs. ARSA-8a and ARSA-8b on file in the Board Office.)*

Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR Marcie Jackson presented highlights from the 2018-19 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report, including information on sponsored program awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. *(Refs. ARSA-11a and ARSA-11b on file in the Board Office.)*

New business items

None.

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee:

The minutes from the June 11, 2020, meeting of the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee. *(Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office.)*

The elimination of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Urban and Regional Planning at UNLV due to no enrollment in the program. *(Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office.)*

The program change to consolidate UNLV's Bachelor of Arts in French, German, and Roman Languages by establishing an overarching Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in World Languages and Cultures with separate tracks for the specific languages. *(Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board Office.)*

22. Approved – Information Technology Operations Contract Award – Synoptek, CSN *(Agenda Item 30)* – *(Continued)*

Regent Carter moved approval of a five-year IT services contract with Synoptek awarded under RFP No. 20-0736 on May 12, 2020. Regent McMichael seconded.

Regent Levine commended CSN on the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its December 3-4, 2020, meeting.