

BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
Videoconference/Teleconference  
Friday, December 4, 2020

Members Present

Mr. Kevin J. Page Chair  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
Ms. Lisa C. Levine  
Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present:

Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Board Chair  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair  
Dr. Patrick R. Carter  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present:

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Michael Flores, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor  
Mr. Nate Mackinnon, Vice Chancellor, Community Colleges  
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Mr. Zelalem Bogale, Deputy 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. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR  
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty Senate Chairs in attendance were: Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN; Dr. Laura Naumann, NSC; Dr. Theo Meek, System Administration; Ms. YeVonne Allen, TMCC; Dr. Vicki Rosser, UNLV; Dr. Amy Pason, UNR; and Dr. Bob Morin, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Katie Dempsey, GBC; and Ms. Alyssa Fromelius, TMCC.

Chair Kevin J. Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only Public Comment – None.

2. Approved Minutes– The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2020, meeting. (*HSS-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice Chair McAdoo moved approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2020, meeting. Reger Carvalho seconded.  
Motion carried.

3. Information Only Chair's Report– Chair Kevin J. Page noted that this is his final Chair's report, and thanked System, institutions and Board staff for all of their hard work.

4. Information Only COVID-19 Update– Dr. Cheryl Hug-English, Director, UNR Student Health; Amber Donnell Ph.D., RN, CNE, Dean, Health Science Human Services, GBC and Adam Garcia, Director, University Police Services, Southern Command, each gave an update on recent COVID-19 developments and responses involving NSHE campuses and communities in Washoe, Elko and Clark Counties.

Dr. Hug-English provided an update on recent COVID-19 developments and responses involving NSHE campuses, communities, and counties. It was noted that there is a continuing surge in cases and labs have been under pressure to process tests. The highest cases continue to be in the 20-29 age group. Decisions have been made to put mitigation strategies in place, including remote instruction after Thanksgiving and having spring semester start later. Dr. Hug-English shared that after every holiday there is a spike in COVID-19 cases in the community and on campus and stressed the importance of how critical it is to follow the Governor's and state guidance for gatherings and travel.

Dr. Donnell provided an update regarding rural areas, the contact tracing teams and tracing efforts. Specifically noted was the age group most affected in all the northern counties is still 20-29. Dr. Donnell also noted challenges with resource allocation regarding testing and spiking cases in all groups in the communities and that second year nursing students are stepping in to help. She also discussed the mental health and burnout concerns with increased cases and contact tracing efforts.

Director Garcia gave an update on COVID-19 for the Southern Nevada institutions, including COVID-19 mitigation practices in classes and on campuses. UNLV continues to support Clark County with testing and efforts to keep the community safe during the pandemic. Director Garcia also spoke about DRI developing a rapid response tool kit to assist Native American communities and provided an update on coordinating with the Southern Nevada Health District to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

4. Information Only COVID-19 Update *(continued)*

In response to a question from Board Chair Doubrava

6. Information Only UNLV School of Medicine Report *(continued)*

Board Chair Doubrava commended both medical school deans and their teams for their efforts in healthcare delivery during ~~the~~ challenging times.

7. Information Only UNLV School of Dental Medicine Report Dr.

Lily T. Garcia, Dean, UNLV School of Dental Medicine, ~~provide~~ report and offered general remarks on activities involving the Dental School, including activities that have occurred under new leadership, best practices, mission alignment within UNLV and ~~is~~ *mission moving forward* (Ref. HSS-7 on file in the Board Office).

Dean Garcia provided a report which included: COVID response and impact; student success and faculty recruitment. She noted how critical it is in keeping operations ongoing for the students and patients, and specifically the safety protocols for operations. Dean Garcia also expressed her gratitude for diversity and leadership in the School of Dental Medicine.

8. Information Only New Business - None.

9. Information Only Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at ~~10~~ 11: a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its March 4 -5, 2021, meeting.