

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

Videoconference/Teleconference

Friday, March 5, 2021

Members Present: Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Members Absent: Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present: Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Board Chair  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Dr. Patrick R. Carter  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
Mr. Nate Mackinnon, Vice Chancellor, Community Colleges  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Mr. Joseph Sunbury, Chief Internal Auditor  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President  
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, NSC President  
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President  
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, WNC President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN; Dr. Eric Wilcox, DRI; Mr. Brian Zeiszler, GBC; Mr. Glenn Heath, 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; Ms. Alyssa Fromelius, TMCC; and Mr. Will Carrasco, UNR-GSA.

Chair Cathy McAdoo called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Moran.



5. 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 offered general remarks which included information relating to programs, research and partnerships (*Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office*).

Dean Schwenk provided a report which included: a COVID-19 update; awards and highlights; Renown Health integration; undergraduate medical education; Graduate Medical Education; clinical network development; research; and partnership opportunities including a Veterans Affairs update.

Board Chair Doubrava asked for more information on the GME state funding and how UNR Med has benefitted from it. Dean Schwenk said the GME state funding is set up as start-up funding on a competitive grant basis for expanding programs and/or creating new programs. UNR Med benefitted from the state funding both in family medicine as well as in establishing a new primary care internal medicine track and the psychiatry program. There has been discussion to utilize future state funds, if granted, to create a pediatrics program which would be in partnership with Renown Health.

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

Board Chair Doubrava congratulated Dean Kahn and team on obtaining full accreditation for the UNLVSOM. He asked for more information on the Practice Plan with respect to the original loan that was borrowed for it. Dr. Gardner answered that the UNLVSOM started with \$7 million and a credit card which was unprecedented in starting a medical school. A line of credit of \$19 million was taken out to assist with the start-up of the school. There is a current agreement to pay the line of credit off over the course of ten years. No extra debts have been taken since the medical school opened.

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