

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ad hoc FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Videoconference/Teleconference
Thursday, May 27, 2021

Members Present:

Regents' Committee

Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Chair

Ms. Amy J. Carvalho

Mrs. Cathy McAdoo

Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present:

Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair

Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada

Mr. Patrick J. Boylan

Dr. Jason Geddes

Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Members Present:

Advisory Members

Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President

Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President

Dr. Vincent R. Solis, WNC President

Ms. Mary Kaye Bailey, CSN VP for Finance & Administration
(Designee for CSN President Zaragoza)

Ms. Jean Vock, UNLV Chief Financial Officer
(Designee for UNLV President Whitfield)

Mr. Vic Redding, UNR VP for Administration & Finance
(Designee for UNR President Sandoval)

Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN Faculty Senate Chair

Dr. Laura Naumann, NSC Faculty Senate Chair

Dr. Vicki Rosser, UNLV Faculty Senate Chair

Dr. Robert Morin, WNC Faculty Senate Chair

Ms. Julia Bledsoe, NSHE Classified Council, Ex officio

Ms. Marilyn Jentzen, NSC Foundation

Mr. John Tierney, GBC IAC Chair

Members Absent:

Advisory Members

Mr. Joshua Padilla, UNLV-CSUN President

Ms. Gabrielle Clark, WNC-ASWN President/NSA Chair

Ms. Stacey L. Purcell, UNLV Alumni Association

Members Absent:

Advisory Members

Mr. Mike Benjamin, DRI Foundation
Mr. Randy Robison, CSN IAC Chair
Ms. BJ North, TMCC IAC Chair
Mr. Rob Hooper, WNC IAC Chair

Others Present:

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board
Mr. Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel
Mr. Joseph Sunbury, Chief Internal Auditor

Chair Patrick R. Carter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Special Assistant and Coordinator Winter Lipson read into the record public comment submitted by Charlotte Stewart regarding her concerns about the NSHE mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for students. Ms. Lipson also read into the record public comment submitted by Luis Ortega, CSN-NFA; and Adrian Havas, CSN, regarding the NSHE libraries.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the March 18, 2021, meeting minutes (*Ref. FS-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2021, meeting.
Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried.
3. Information Only-Chair’s Report – Chair Patrick R. Carter provided general remarks including a summary of presentations the Committee has received and the various areas it has considered. He noted that after today’s meeting, the Committee will need to determine what areas may require a deeper look for potential referral back to the Board of Regents.
4. Information Only-Distance Education, NSHE – Ed Huffman, Director, Teaching and Learning Technology, UNR, led a discussion providing background and overview of NSHE distance and online education, including collaborative support efforts and opportunities (*Ref. FS-4 on file in the Board Office*).

The report included: introductions of the NSHE Distance and Online Education Directors; background information; online enrollment data: Fall 2019 (pre-COVID) for CSN, GBC, NSC, TMCC, UNLV, UNR and WNC; institution uniqueness – how distance learning/online education is conducted at the different NSHE institutions; NSHE opportunities for collaboration and coordination; NSHE Online Learning/Distance Education Committee; accessibility; centralized faculty development opportunities; course modality definitions; student identity verification; and areas for possible future consideration.

The Committee, Chancellor and advisory members discussed the presentation, and Mr. Huffman along with other NSHE Distance and Online Education

4. Information Only-Distance Education, NSHE – *(continued)*

Directors addressed topics and questions regarding: future planning with the Chancellor and the NSHE presidents for online learning, in addition to an upcoming trip to ASU to explore new ideas regarding distance education; support of the development of a taskforce for distance education with a dedicated staff person in the System Office; measures that each NSHE campus has in place to manage quality control with online learning; overview of Quality Matters (QM); distance education cost and expansion of online programs; an overview of the reporting structures at each institution for the distance education departments; online education for in-state versus out-of-state students; and the demand for online course offerings before the pandemic and how that demand may increase/decrease as students begin to return to the campuses.

Regent Perkins exited the meeting.

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