

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Julian Smit, CSN; Dr. Dave Rhode, DRI; Dr. Samantha Jewell, NSC; Mr. Glenn Heath, System Administration; Dr. Virginia Irintcheva, TMCC; Ms. Shannon Sumpter, UNR; Dr. Amy Pason, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Lauren Porter, NSC; Ms. Darian Richards, TMCC; Mr. Austin Brown, UNR

3. Information Only UNLV Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Report (Agenda Item 4) – (continued)

Vice Chair Carvalho offered her compliments regarding the current admissions report and asked what the career prospects are for students who complete the Master of Science in Medical Science (MSMS) program. Dean Kahn answered that it is recognized that there are a number of people who have aspirations to become physicians; however, because of factors such as personal circumstances

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5. Information Only UNR School of Medicine Report Dr. Melissa Piasecki Acting Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, provided a report and offered general remarks to the Medical School Board (Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office).

Dean Emeritus Schwenk thanked the Health Sciences System Committee for the support and good working relationship over the past ten years, and introduced Dr. Melissa Piasecki Acting Dean of the UNR Med.

Acting Dean Piasecki provided a report which included general topics regarding COVID-19 updates, awards and highlights, department chair recruitment plans and Renown Health integration issues; Undergraduate Medical Education; GME; clinical network development; research; and partnership opportunities including a VA update.

Vice Chair Carvalho; Regent Del Carlo; Regent Geddes; Melody Rose, Chancellor; and Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President, thanked Dean Emeritus Schwenk for his many years of leadership at the UNR Med and congratulated him on his retirement.

6. Information Only Chair's Report (Agenda Item 3) Chair Doubrava mentioned that there were two very important items for the Chair's Report. One is an update on the NSHE and the COVID-19 response which will be provided in Agenda Item 7. The other important item is the recognition of the retirement of Dr. Schwenk. Chair Doubrava publicly expressed gratitude for Dr. Schwenk's ten years of service to the State of Nevada. She also thanked Dr. Schwenk for his dedication and hard work to improve medical education and healthcare in Nevada. Chair Doubrava concluded that all of Nevada, not just UNR, benefitted from Dr. Schwenk's wisdom, leadership, and professionalism.
7. Information Only NSHE COVID-19 Guidance Overview and Information Update – NSHE COVID-19 Task Force Co-Chair Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel and Co-Chair Caleb Cage, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Chief Innovation Officer, provided an overview of COVID-19 directives guidance and pending issues applicable to NSHE. Additionally, Cheryl Hug-English, M.D., Director, UNR Student Health; Sonja Sibert, Vice President for Business Affairs, 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.

Regent Moran exited the meeting.

Chief General Counsel Reynolds stated he would focus on three things: the timeline overview; a by-the-numbers update on current statistics and also the overall state of play. There have been 50 emergency directives by Governor Sisolak; NSHE transitioned to remote instruction for all eight institutions and to remote work, which was a remarkable feat. He also discussed the emergency

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implementations and measures taken by the Board of Regents. Further information was provided related to graduations, new ideas regarding virtual formats, COVID19 capacity restrictions, testing and the resurgence of the Delta variant. Chief General Counsel Reynolds also provided data by the numbers, self reporting, COVID19 Task Force meetings and working with the State on the Web ID program and integration.

Dr. Cheryl HugEnglish, Director, UNR Student Health, gave an update on recent COVID-19 developments and responses involving NSHE campuses, communities, and counties. In the 18 months after the first COVID case, the virus continues to challenge and frustrate the global community. Since the update last June, there has been many changes with the Delta variant, surges numbers, hospitalizations, deaths, daily cases at 30 percent were seen following Labor Day compared to last year's numbers, and the daily deaths are twice as high as last year. Washoe County continues to be in a high-risk category. Dr. Hug-English noted that on a positive note vaccination numbers are increasing and that UNR makes every effort to mitigate the spread of the virus with daily vaccinations and PPE. The "Vax the Pack" campaign is one of the many efforts to

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the vaccination numbers overall were an improvement and the numbers at UNR increased to 64.2 percent for all employees.

Chancellor Ross thanked the experts who presented the COVID update and commended the professionalism, commitment and care across the NSHE regarding the efforts to fight COVID-19.

Chief General Counsel Reynolds discussed topics and addressed questions from Board Vice Chair Carter, Regent Brooks and Regent Del Carlo regarding NSHE employee vaccination data, vaccination exemption procedures including updating the forms through the State Board of Health, accessibility to the forms and financial responsibility for weekly COVID-19 testing for the exempt population. He also discussed the potential impact on the NSHE community of vaccination mandates and liability in relation to adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccines.

8. Information Only New Business- None.

9. Information Only Public Comment- Kent Ervin, UNR/ Nevada Faculty Alliance, thanked everyone for the information presented and expressed his appreciation for the communication.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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