

Friday, February 3, 2023

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  
and  
Great Basin College, Elko  
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Byron Brooks, Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mrs. Susan Brager  
Ms. Heather Brown  
Mrs. Michele Cruz-Crawford  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs  
Ms. Stephanie Goodman  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Members Absent: Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho

Others Present: Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Renee Davis, Interim Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs  
Mr. James J. Martines, Chief General Counsel  
Ms. Keri Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN  
Dr. Vic Etyemezian (*sitting in for Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI*)  
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, NSC  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR  
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, Interim President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Ed Boog, SA; Dr. Amy Cavanaugh, TMCC; and Dr.

2. Information Only – System Policy Regarding Legislative Session – Acting Chancellor Dale A.R. Erquiaga reviewed existing Board policy regarding the role of the Board and Chancellor at the upcoming Legislative Session, including a discussion of how the institutions and Chancellor’s Office will represent the SystSe



4. Action Taken – Proposed Legislation – (Continued)

In response to a question from Regent Boylan asking whether this will be open to the public or just students, Acting Chancellor Erquiaga stated it is a workforce development program creating professionals in the field, not a direct service to students. Chair Brooks added this is to build a pipeline for professionals in behavioral health.

Chair Brooks asked if there were Regents not in favor, and with no response, he stated the Board was in consensus with its support.

Student Fee Waivers

Chair Brooks asked for clarification that this does not affect any current fee waivers. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga responded there are proposals to amend existing fee waivers and create new fee waivers.

In response to a question from Regent Brager asking for an estimated cost of fee waivers, Acting Chancellor Erquiaga responded that in the last financial report prepared for the Board, it was \$3.6 million across all fee waivers.

Regent Perkins asked what the expectation of the cost of fee waivers over the next two years is. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga provided an example of the Native American Fee waiver and said the institutions all have varying ways to recruit the Indigenous population. The more NSHE or the tribes publicize the waiver, the more the cost will increase.

Regent Cruz-Crawford stated as a member of the National Guard, the waiver is used as a recruitment tool. She shared the positive impact this waiver has.

In response to a question from Regent Boylan related to the GI Bill, Chair Brooks stated there is a distinction between a National Guard member and those who have served their military contract and are no longer in military service.

Regent Boylan asked if the legislature funds fee waivers. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga responded that the institution absorbs the costs of a fee waiver. However, he added that he heard from the Board that access is essential to sustainability and that establishing a pool of funds to offset costs is preferred.

Regent Downs asked if fee waivers disproportionately impact some institutions. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga stated it does vary by institution and how the institution resources its funds.

Regent Brager asked for the criteria for fee waivers and who approves the waivers.

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4. Action Taken – Proposed Legislation – (Continued)

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Renee Davis stated on the March Academic, Research and Student Affairs agenda that there would be a follow-up fee waiver presentation with initial performance metrics on students receiving fee waivers and eligibility requirements.

Chair Brooks asked if taking action in March would be too late. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga responded that he believed he had enough of a sense from the Board to have initial conversations.

Regent McMichael clarified that the GI Bill benefits both active duty and retirees.

Regent Cruz-Crawford believed it was important to distinguish that the National Guard is a state entity, while active duty and reserves are typically federal. Therefore, National Guard members are not eligible for the GI Bill.

Senate Joint Resolution 7

Regent Boylan stated he was not in favor.

Chair Brooks offered that the Board does not support any measures to remove the Board of Regents from the Nevada Constitution.

Regent Goodman stated she ran for office to make a difference. The Board is effective, with capable staff.

Possible legislation to reduce the number of Regents and/or shorten the term of office

Regent Perkins stated there had been no proof that an appointed board does better work than an elected board. This Board is representative of Gterems.







The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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***Approved by the Board of Regents at its April 21, 2023, meeting.***