

**BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Others Present:

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Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR

Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Ms. Tracy Sherman, CSN (*Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Chairs*); Mr. Patrick Villa (*incoming CSN Chair*); Dr. Brittany Kruger, DRI; Mr. David Sexton, GBC; Dr. Molly Appel, NSC; Mr. Ed Boog, SA; Dr. Amy Cavanaugh, TMCC; Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; Dr. Peter S. Reed (*incoming UNR Chair*); and Ms. Rachelle Bassen, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Pio Rejas, ASCSN President, CSN; Mr. Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSSA President, NSC; Ms. Alexia Rivera Perez (*NSSA Vice President*); Mr. Brayson Gomez, SGA President, TMCC; Ms. Makayla Franklin, CSUN President, UNLV; Ms. Morgan Dunbar (*CSUN Vice President*); Ms. Teresa Marie, GPSA Treasurer, UNLV (*sitting in for Nicole Thomas*); Ms. Alicia Carr, GPSA Secretary, UNLV (*sitting in for Nicole Thomas*); Mr. Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN President, UNR; Mr. Matthew Hawn, GSA President, UNR; Ms. Suzanna Stankute, ASWN President, WNC (*Chair, Nevada Student Alliance*); Ms. Alyssa Butler, (*ASWN Vice President*) and Mr. Benny Buchanan, (*ASWN Treasurer*). Classified council chair in attendance was Ms. Natasha Anderson, WNC.

Deputy Attorney General Greg D. Ott was also in attendance.

Land Acknowledgment

Before beginning, we take a moment to recognize that here in Nevada we stand on the land of the Wa She Shu – Washoe; Numu – Northern Paiute; Nuwe – Western Shoshone; and Nuwu – Southern Paiute. We take a moment to recognize and honor their stewardship that continues into today.

1. Information Only – Introductions and Campus Updates – *(Continued)*

(DRI Continued)

analyze and visualize complex satellite and climate data, helping users understand Earth's landscape changes over time. DRI's Nevada Robotics is holding Summer Robotics Academy of Nevada Educator training in Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko for K-12 teachers

1. Information Only – Introductions and Campus Updates – (Continued)

(UNLV Continued)

policy. UNLV started the President's Innovation Challenge, an event that brings interdisciplinary groups of undergraduate and graduate students together to highlight innovative solutions to big challenges. An industry panel judges them, and the winners receive a \$25,000 prize package to help develop their concept. The challenge was centered around sustainability within entrepreneurship and the winning team, Lutum Potentia, brought a groundbreakingly new take on composting. They won the competition and secured an additional gift of \$5,000. UNLV continues to advance its growing reputation as a leader in the study of brain health. Dr. Jeffrey Cummings released a pipeline report that tracks the status of every clinical drug trial related to Alzheimer's and dementia. The report showed that there have never been more clinical trials in the works. Faculty and students in the Nevada Institute for Personalized Medicine published a study in *Nature Scientific Reports* identifying specific bacteria in the digestive system that can help or hinder a person's chances of developing dementia. This tie between the health of the belly and the brain is an ongoing theory, and this team's work unlocks new understanding in this critical area. President Whitfield stated he was also proud of UNLV's Military and Veteran Services team. UNLV was ranked among the nation's top 10 Military Friendly campuses by *G.I. Jobs Magazine*. More than 1,800 schools nationwide were evaluated for annual

2. Information Only – Institutional Student and Faculty Presentations – UNR President Sandoval introduced Elizabeth Everest, student presenter, and Dr. Douglas Boyle, faculty presenter.

Elizabeth Everest was born and raised in Carson City, Nevada. She began her journey at UNR as a Freshman in 2015 after spending a year abroad in Thailand, where she discovered her passion for conservation and biology. As part of the Women in Science and Engineering Living Learning Community and the Honors Program, she built a community at the University that has shaped her career path today. She was enthusiastic about finding research opportunities that took her from the estuaries of California and remote streams of Northern Nevada to the tropical rivers of Cambodia. After graduating in 2019 with her BS in Biology, she continued to work for the University as a research specialist investigating invasive species in Lake Tahoe. In 2021, she accepted a Fulbright award to Cambodia, where she worked with scientists from around the world to understand and conserve the incredible biodiversity of the Mekong River. She returned to UNR in the Fall of 2022 as a master's student in the Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Program to continue her work in Cambodia in collaboration with the Wonders of the Mekong Project. Most recently, with her mentors Dr. Zeb Hogan and Dr. Sudeep Chandra, she won a Boren Fellowship to fund eight more months of research and intensive language learning in Cambodia starting in June. She is eager to take on this next adventure and return to UNR next spring to complete her graduate studies. Ms. Everest presented a PowerPoint entitled "The end of the beginning..." and spoke of her deep appreciation for the opportunities provided to her from the incredible support she has received through her education at UNR.

Dr. Douglas Boyle is the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Creative Activities at the University of Nevada Reno (UNR). Dr. Boyle is responsible for building research and creative opportunities for faculty and students at the new UNR campus in Incline Village, NV. He supports and manages faculty, staff, and students in their effort to communicate their work, find and secure external funding, partner with collaborators, and broaden their impact. He works with individuals and interdisciplinary teams to develop and expand the relevance of their research and creative activities to and connections with state and federal governments, industry, foundations, and non-profit organizations. Dr. Boyle is a professor and former Chair of the Geography Department at UNR. He is also the former Nevada State Climatologist and the former Director of the Nevada Water Resources Research Institute. Dr. Boyle earned a BS in Aerospace Engineering in 1989 from the University of Southern California, an MS in Hydrology and Hydrogeology in 1996 from the University of Nevada.

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Danny Sierra (*Sierra.Danny0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Erin Stiles (*Stiles.Erin0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Cameron Strang (*Strang.Cameron0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Paul Sumbly (*Sumbly.Paul0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Mark Taormino (*Taormino.Mark0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Gerald Turner (*Turner.Gerald0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Douglas A. Unger (*Unger.DouglasA0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Carolyn Warner (*Warner.Carolyn0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Norman Whittaker (*Whittaker.Norman0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Carla Wright (*Wright.Carla0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Kent Ervin and the Nevada Faculty Alliance provided a

4. Information Only – Regents’ Welcome, Introductions and Reports – (Continued)

Directors in San Antonio, Texas. She thanked all who provided Public Comment in support of COLA.

Regent Perkins acknowledged past Regent Kevin Melcher, nominated as Alumnus of the Year from the UNR Alumni Association, and Mr. Scott Anderson, Internal Audit Officer in Charge, retiring from NSHE in August.

Regent Carvalho thanked UNLV, NSC, and WNC for the outstanding commencement ceremonies that she attended. She also participated in the Northern Nevada Correctional Center commencement ceremony. It was impactful, and she was proud to be a part of a system that offers education for all. Regent Carvalho attended the DRI inaugural Science at the Springs event, and she participated in the UNR College of Engineering strategic planning process. She enjoyed attending NSC’s Roaring 20s Celebration. She was privileged to be a Voices in Voting Summit panelist at the Springs Preserve. In April at UNLV, she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna from the Department of Anthropology. She thanked the College of Liberal Arts for recognizing her. She thanked Vice Chair Arrascada and Regents Brown and Del Carlo for attending and supporting her.

Regent Downs attended awards ceremonies at TMCC, WNC, and UNR. He enjoyed celebrating students, family, and staff at several commencement ceremonies. Regent Downs believed it was important for the Board to come together and show the voters why they still need a Board of Regents that they can elect. D tie t she votdr3tuonore te4 (/)4 ()-10Ae0cNf (d

4. Information Only – Regents’ Welcome, Introductions and Reports – *(Continued)*

WNC

5. Information Only – Chair of the Nevada Student Alliance Report – (Continued)

NSC NSSA – (Continued)

- Through awareness campaigns and policy advocacy, NSSA advocates for inclusive support and equal opportunities for undocumented and DACAmented students.
- NSSA wants to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- NSSA's commitment reflects its aim to enhance student lives and foster an inclusive academic community.

UNLV GPSA

- The GPSA will focus on improving mental health quality for graduate and professional students.
- The GPSA will foster community through social and service activities for graduate and professional students.
- The GPSA will update the governing structure and documents for GPSA.
- The GPSA will create and maintain a new pipeline for students coming into grad school and graduating into the workforce.
- The GPSA will increase awareness of GPSA and its resources.

WNC ASWN

- ASWN held elections, and she is excited to have the opportunity to serve WNC's student body for another year.
- ASWN attended WNC's Day at the Legislature and advocated for its student's needs.
- ASWN is working on a resolution to support students' mental health needs.
- ASWN hosted Awards and Appreciation, an event that highlighted the best

7. Information Only – Chair of the Faculty Senate Chairs Report – (Continued)

obtaining a much-needed COLA increase for employees, helping them feel valued and appreciated. Faculty leaders would like to be included in the ongoing dialog about how the remaining necessary funds to complete the COLA process are found and would like the opportunity to work collaboratively with leadership to identify the most sustainable and equitable path forward.

Academic freedom is always necessary for faculty to continue delivering high-quality education to NSHE learners. Per the Code, academic freedom is tantamount to our First Amendment right to Freedom of Speech. Protecting faculty working and teaching conditions means protecting and enhancing student learning conditions. The Board's continued support of faculty rights enhances each campus environment which is necessary for its continuous effort to keep Nevada institutions some of the best in the nation.

Chair Sherman, speaking on behalf of some faculty, but not all, said there is concern that specific Board policies, particularly those relating to employee relations, are being mishandled. These should be clarified to keep administrators from abusing Board policy due to loopholes. This holds the real potential to have repercussions throughout the entire system. Policies should be utilized as the Board of Regents intended.

The Senate Chairs thank the Board for engaging Governor Lombardo regarding institutional remote work policies. Some institutions are concerned that remote work policies might exclude student workers, who contribute significantly to institutional welfare, retention, and success.

Faculty feel encouraged by the Board's dedication to shared governance by including faculty voices in the search for the new Chancellor. Everyone knows the importance of this position. The faculty look forward to meeting the finalists and offering opinions about the future of our system.

Finally, the outgoing Faculty Senate Chairs thank the Board

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11. Information Only – 2023-25 Biennial Budget Update – *(Continued)*

Regent Perkins agreed with Acting Chancellor Erquiaga that the System needed to work together and not compete against one another. There needs to be one single message that benefits the System.

12. Information Only – 2023 Legislative Session Update – Acting Chancellor Dale A.R. Erquiaga and Director of Government Relations Alejandro Rodriguez provided an update on the 82

14. Information Only – Student Success Programs and Activities – *(Continued)*

TMCC President Hilgersom shared how TMCC serves TMCC Student Veterans within the Veterans Resource Center and the Veterans Upward Bound Program, supported by a federal grant for 34 years. The mission of the Veterans Resource Center is to assist student veterans in their successful transition from military service to the academic environment and to assist military-connected students with any benefit questions. TMCC President Hilgersom announced that TMCC was awarded \$300,000 from the Nevada Military Support Alliance to help renovate the Veterans Resource Center. TMCC President Hilgersom highlighted TMCC's student success initiatives.

Regent Carvalho entered the meeting.

CSN President Zaragoza shared that CSN is a part of the national Complete College America Guided Pathway group of colle

15. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, GBC – (Continued)

Universities. She noted she has an item for New Business because she thinks the System must do better and ask for information that tells the whole story.

16. Motion Failed – Chief Internal Auditor Search (Agenda Item 24) – The motion failed to commence a search for the Chief Internal Auditor without the assistance of a search firm, to be conducted be conduconduconduconduconduconducs OR (c)4 76(s)ch

16. Motion Failed – Chief Internal Auditor Search (Agenda Item 24) – (Continued)

Regent Brager asked if there was a policy in place. Chair Brooks stated the policies are attached to the agenda item as reference material. His thought was that a search should begin now, and if the search does not yield the results that would benefit the Board, then it could come back so the Board for further discussion.

Regent Brager noted she had read the policy, which is laid out exactly as Chair Brooks stated. She asked if he was asking for a motion. Chair Brooks said he was looking for a recommendation on a specific type of search, whether that includes a search firm, Human Resources, or an internal search committee.

Regent Brager believed policies should be laid out for such instances, so the Board does not have to discuss each time.

Regent Brager moved to appoint an interim Chief Internal Auditor, initiate a search, and determine whether an outside search firm will be utilized. Regent Tarkanian seconded.

Regent Tarkanian agreed that a lot of time is wasted reviewing policy and procedures.

Chair Brooks clarified the motion to move forward with a search but use an outside search firm for the hiring. Regent Brager stated that if hiring an outside search firm is economically sound, she would agree.

Chair Brooks stated that Interim Chief of Staff Keri Nikolajewski suggested that a search commence and then allow the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee to designate what that search looks like.

Regent Perkins stated the Board has already set a precedent on interim appointments, and she is asking the Board to follow that precedent and hire an interim Chief Internal Auditor.

Deputy Attorney General Ott reiterated that the agenda language does not include an interim appointment. The discussion around an interim is relevant, but a temporary appointment must be made at a future meeting.

Regent Brager withdrew her motion.

Regent Perkins asked that the item be moved to a future agenda to discuss available options robustly.

Chair Brooks was concerned with the timeline and stated the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee could at least move forward with formulating a search process.

16. Motion Failed – Chief Internal Auditor Search (Agenda Item 24) – (Continued)

In response to a question from Regent Perkins related to the process, Interim Chief of Staff Nikolajewski suggested the following Friday as a potential meeting date, but added that since the Board Chair is a part of the decision-making process, it would be a

17. Approved –

20. Approved – Handbook Revision, NSHE Police and Security Forces (Agenda Item 19) – (Continued)

Vice President of Public Safety Services, University Police Services Southern Command Adam Garcia presented a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 12) requiring that annual security reports to the Board include information regarding incidents targeting individuals based on their race, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender n, or national origin.

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22. Approved – Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Student Health Insurance Fees (Agenda Item 21) – (Continued)

Regent McMichael moved approval of a revision to the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Section 11) concerning student health insurance rates for academic year 2023-2024 for UNR, UNLV, and NSC international students. Regent Downs seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

23. Approved – Code Revision, Rules and Disciplinary Procedures for Faculty Except DRI, and Degree Revocations (Agenda Item 22) – The Board approved a revision to the Code (Title 2, Chapter 6) that aligns the disciplinary procedures for professional staff with existing NSHE policy and procedures and federal Title IX regulations and serves to remove inapplicable references and update certain terms. (Ref. BOR-22 on file in the Board Office.)

Associate General Counsel Lynda King presented a revision to the Code that aligns the disciplinary procedures for professional staff with existing NSHE policy and procedures and federal Title IX regulations. Further, the revision serves to remove inapplicable references and update certain terms. Pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.3.3(a), the proposed revision was circulated by the Acting Chancellor

24. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, DRI (Agenda Item 23) – (Continued)

Regent Carvalho added that DRI is also an excellent community partner. Regent Carvalho asked if DRI has any ongoing research funding in industry. DRI President Acharya stated that in 2022, approximately 76 percent of DRI's funding came from the Federal

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28. Approved – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee Report (*Agenda Item 29*)
– The Board accepted the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee report and approved the Committee recommendation. (*Committee report on file in the Board Office.*)

The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee met on May 17, 2023, and heard

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30. Approved – Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee Report (Agenda Item 32) – (Continued)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee:

The minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting. (*Ref. A-2a on file in the Board Office.*)

The following Internal Audit follow-up reports:

- Change In Leadership, WNC (*Ref. A-2b on file in the Board Office.*)
- Recharge Centers, DRI (*Ref. A-2c on file in the Board Office.*)

32. Approved – Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (*Agenda Item 31*) –

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Action items – (Continued)

Communications License Agreement with Nexstar Media Inc., for Use of a Telecommunications Facility by KUNV – UNLV – The Committee recommended approval to enter into a ten-year Communications License Agreement with Nexstar Media Inc. required to support KUNV broadcasting needs. The Committee also recommended approval granting authority to the Chancellor to execute the License and any ancillary documents needed to implement the terms of the License. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel’s request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize the License Agreement. *(Ref. BFF-9 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)*

Request for Authorization to Sell Real Property Located at Silver Springs, Lyon County, Nevada – UNLV – The Committee recommended approval to sell Parcel 1 and Parcel 2, bearing Lyon County Assessor Parcel Numbers 015-111-05 and 015-111-06. The Committee also recommended approval authorizing the Chancellor to finalize, approve, and execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and any other ancillary agreements required to implement the sale of the Property including, but not limited to, conveyances, easements, and right of ways. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel’s request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize sale of the Property. *(Ref. BFF-10 on file in the Board Office.)*

Long-Term Lease Agreement with Leumi B, LLC. on behalf of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV for Use of Space at 2724 N. Tenaya Way – UNLV – The Committee recommended approval of a long-term Lease Agreement with Leumi B, LLC. on behalf of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV at 2724 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, Nevada, bearing Clark County Assessor Parcel Number 138-15-710-011. The Chancellor also recommended approval granting authority to the Chancellor to execute the Lease Agreement, any amendments, and any other ancillary agreements required to implement the Lease Agreement. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel’s request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize the Lease Agreement. *(Ref. BFF-11 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)*

32. Approved – Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (Agenda Item 31) – (Continued)

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Tarkanian abstained from BFF Agenda Item 8 (Request to Submit Vacation Application for Land and Improvements Owned by Clark County – Vacate East Harmon Avenue and Public and Traffic Facility Easements – UNLV). Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

33. Approved – ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee Report (Agenda Item 27) – The Board accepted the ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee report and approved the Committee recommendation. (Committee report on file in the Board Office.)

34. Information Only – New Business – *(Continued)*

Regent Del Carlo requested that the Board vote to take a position on SJR7 so Regents can advocate; that a doodle poll of Regents be taken to determine their availability for upcoming special meeting dates; and that the metrics be configured for community colleges.

Regent Del Carlo thanked Vic Redding, Chief Financial Officer Clinger, and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga for their service.

Regent Tarkanian requested staff look into what can be done for citizens that come to the Board with concerns during Public Comment.

35. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individuals provided written public comment in support of full implementation and funding of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA):

Claudia Melendrez (*Melendrez.Claudia0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Glynda White (*White.Glynda0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

The following individual provided concerns related to classified employees and work/life balance issues, including remote work policies:

Susan Gearling (*Gearling.Susan0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Bill Robinson requested to speak with the Board to discuss problems with the Climate Survey. He provided historical background on the last open search held at the Board level for a President and how it ended.

Rachelle Bassen, incoming WNC faculty senate chair, thanked the Board for approval of the WNC Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Vice Chair Arrascada provided the meeting thanks.

UNR President Sandoval thanked his team for their outstanding service and welcomed the Board of Regents to the UNR campus. He thanked Acting Chancellor Erquiaga for his service to the state and read a proclamation from Nevada Governor Lombardo.

Acting Chancellor Erquiaga stated he is a product of public education and the NSHE. He believes everyone should be able to achieve what he has achieved in life.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Submitted for approval by: