

introduced WNCC Director of Nursing, Ms. Mickey Wade, MS, RN and WNCC Faculty Senate Chair, Ms. Winnie Kortemeier. President Chairsell introduced NSC Chief Financial Officer, Ms. DeDe Nakajima.

- Chair Dondero welcomed the System's two newest presidents to their first Board meeting: Dr. Paul Killpatrick, President, GBC and Dr. Philip Ringle, President, TMCC. She noted the many improvements to the GBC campus. She thanked her Board colleagues for their work as committee chairs and committee participants, adding that tremendous work had been accomplished. She then thanked the institution presidents, faculty senate chairs, and student body representatives for their good work. She conveyed a special thanks to System staff for their support and efforts during her term as chair. She related that Chancellor Nichols was remarkable. Chair Dondero stated that she was proud and honored by her experience as Board Chair, and cited several accomplishments during her term: William S. Boyd School of Law's first graduates, the establishment of a new dental school and a new state college, the reopening of the Fire Science Academy, completion of a nursing report to allow UCCSN institutions to help solve the critical community need, the start of a Millennium Plan

Resources in GBC Career Center, and Involvement with the High Tech Center.

Northeastern Nevada Professional Development Program - Collaboration with service area school districts provides instruction to teachers new academic standards measurement of student achievement analysis and interpretation of testing results delivery methods for teaching basic skills and Elementary Education Program Advisory Group.

Unique College Partnerships

- Great Basin Writing Project - Improving the teaching of writing and improved learning through its professional development model. The Writing Project is part of a nationwide network, which recognizes the primary importance of teacher knowledge, expertise, and leadership. There are 3 Writing Project sites in Nevada, and GBC is the only community college host.
- Mark H. Dawson Child and Family Center - Awarded \$260,000 for literacy-based programs, the Center is a partnership with the Elko County School District and the Family Resource Center. The Center was also the recipient of the Regents' Award Program.
- Manpower Training Cooperative (MTC) - Involves mining partnerships that have trained over 650 students. The mines have donated over \$5 million to the center.

Ms. Begley stated that she and Dr. Johnson were confident that the plan met the goals set forth in the UCCSN Master Plan, the Chancellor's requests, and the legislative mandate. She related that the plan was the right thing to do for the nursing profession, the nursing students and the people of Nevada.

Regent Seastrand moved acceptance of the report. Regent Kirkpatrick seconded.

Regent Derby asked about legislative funding for the legislative mandate. Ms. Begley replied that she felt the legislature would not have mandated the report without an intent to consider their financial involvement. She encouraged Board support and commitment for the plan. Chancellor Nichols stated that the legislature had requested a fundable plan during the last session. She said the task force worked diligently to provide a reasonably priced plan that would provide the startup money to double the enrollments. She related that the formula funding would cover the cost of this once the enrollment was in place (after a period of 4-6 years).

Regent Alden asked whether the plan included adequate support levels to address need-based scholarship funds. Ms. Begley replied that she felt there was, adding that \$250,000 was included for that purpose in each biennium. She noted that the plan identified the needs. Regent Alden asked whether sufficient partnerships would be developed for internships. Dr. Johnson replied that the nursing task force had developed a close working relationship with the various clinical agencies throughout Nevada, adding that they were extremely supportive of this plan. Those agencies have committed to making spaces available to accommodate students. Regent Alden asked whether the plan encompassed 2- and 4-year programs. Ms. Begley replied that it did. Dr. Johnson replied there were 4 programs from the community colleges and 3 programs from UNLV, UNR, and NSC. Chancellor Nichols noted that a critical part of the plan included seeking Board approval of a 4-year nursing degree at GBC. She recalled that the request had not been funded in the previous session, but that funds had been included for that purpose in the plan.

Regent Seastrand expressed his appreciation to those who collaborated on the plan, adding that it was long overdue. He hoped the legislature would fund it. He felt it was an important thing to do for Nevada, adding that he had an experience with his mother at the hospital entailing a 7-hour wait. She passed away shortly after being admitted. He again expressed his hope for legislative funding.

Regent Sisolak asked about UNLV's and CCSN's ability to admit qualified applicants. Ms. Rosemary Witt replied that UNLV would be admitting 56 students out of 119 qualified applicants. Dean Fran Brown stated that CCSN had selected 64 students for the Fall semester and 20 for the following Spring semester. Because CCSN was admitting so far in advance, they had not turned away any qualified applicants. Regent Sisolak asked whether there was more demand than capacity at CCSN. Dean Brown replied that the 20 students scheduled for the Fall semester had been turned away for the current semester.

Regent Gallagher asked whether the hospital association had discussed creating a friendly attitude in the workplace for nurses with the hospitals. She felt that administrators and doctors should be educated about the importance of nurses. Ms. Begley agreed. She said the nursing shortage affected hospitals more critically. Work is being done to improve conditions in all hospitals, which is not an easy task. She said that every hospital in Nevada was thoroughly reviewing this issue to make hospitals the employer of choice.

Regent Rosenberg observed that it was difficult to attract nurses to the profession because of: 10-12-hour shifts, less than adequate pay, and doctors' attitudes. Ms. Begley replied that the problem was threefold: attracting people to nursing, establishing professional development or an educational base, and retention. She related that the plan specifically addressed the educational portion of the trilogy.

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other functions, holidays, holy days, and other notable dates. Regent Howard observed that she had heard other Regents express dissatisfaction with the meeting days. She related that Thursday-Friday was better for her. Regent Rosenberg agreed, adding that Thursday-Friday was much better for him.

Regent Kirkpatrick noted that some Board members had requested the change to Wednesday-Thursday meetings.

Regent Derby stated that she liked the alternating schedule. She found travel on Fridays to be difficult because flights were often delayed and Friday meeting dates often interfered with weekend plans.

Regent Gallagher noted that the Board had discussed the difficulty of getting out of Las Vegas on Friday nights, yet all of the southern meetings had been scheduled on Thursday-Friday. She had no meeting schedule preference.

Regent Seastrand related that he had supported the alternating schedule because it meant less time away from work and allowed him one business day to catch up on work that had accumulated during his absence.

Dr. Joan McGee related that the faculty senate chairs agreed that Thursday-Friday meetings worked better for them. She encouraged a Board decision so as to enable the institutions to set their calendars.

Regent Howard asked whether the proposed meeting dates alternated. Ms. Ernst replied that they did.

Ms. Alicia Lerud reported that students also preferred Thursday-Friday meetings because they missed less class time.

Regent Rosenberg stated that Thursday-Friday meetings were better for faculty.

Regent Hill suggested expediting the process with a poll of the Board. Chair Dondero replied that a motion had been made.

Regent Howard asked that the days of the week be identified. She thought there were more Wednesday-Thursday meetings scheduled than Thursday-Friday. Ms. Ernst reviewed the days and dates:

January 30-31, 2003 - Thursday-Friday
March 19-20, 2003 - Wednesday-Thursday
May 8-9, 2003 - Thursday-Friday
June 18-19, 2003 - Wednesday-Thursday
August 14-15, 2003 - Thursday-Friday
October 8-9, 2003 - Wednesday-Thursday
December 11-12, 2003 - Thursday-Friday

Regent Derby preferred that Wednesday-Thursday meetings be held outside of the school year. She asked that Thursday-Friday meetings not conflict with Fall and Spring semesters.

Regent Alden stated that leaving Las Vegas and/or Reno on a Friday was not pleasant. He asked that Friday meetings be adjourned by 1:00 p.m. or to hold only Wednesday-Thursday meetings.

Regent Howard stated that it was difficult and expensive to fly into certain sites where direct flights were not provided, adding that she would likely miss future dates in Elko.

Regent Alden stated that he would not support any Friday meeting dates.

Upon a roll call vote the motion carried. Regents Derby, Dondero, Gallagher, Hill, Hobbs, Kirkpatrick, Rosenberg, Seastrand, and Sisolak voted yes. Regents Alden and Howard voted no.

- The Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of item #3 (Appointment With Tenure, UNLV). Ms. Ernst noted an error in the April 18-19, 2002 minutes. Item 7, page 223, the motion should have read, "Regent Hill moved to gratefully accept the report and to refer it to the Chancellor and presidents for concrete recommendations on implementation. Regent Sisolak seconded." Chancellor Nichols clarified that the reference for item #13 (Distribution of Registration Fee Revenues) had been mailed separately.

(1) Approved-Minutes - The Board approved the minutes from the regular meeting held April 18-19, (as modified) and the special meeting held May 9, 2002.

(2) Approved-Leave of Absence, UNLV - The Board approved a request for James Cardle, Associate Professor of Civil and Environment Engineering, to be given a 3-year leave of absence (September 2002 through June 2005) without pay to attend law school at Notre Dame. His request for a 3-year leave of absence has the support of his chair, David James, and his dean, Dr. Darrell Pepper. According to Dean Pepper, Professor Cardle's interest in the areas of patent law and intellectual property fits ideally with the long-term goals and needs of the College of Engineering. Support is given for a 3-year leave of

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Employees Retirement System. A process by which the campuses may make such requests was developed by the Chancellor's office in November 2001. Great Basin College submitted two requests and UNLV submitted one request for the Board's consideration, which were reviewed by the UCCSN Director of Human Resources and the Chancellor. (Ref. B on file in the Board office.)

Regent Hill moved approval of the hire of P.E.R.S. retirees for GBC and UNLV. Regent Seastrand seconded.

General Counsel Ray asked that

Motion carried.

- The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Patty

from non-state sources if someone other than Dr. Chairsell had accepted the position. She related there would always be occasions to use System resources to help individual campuses. She did not object to asking

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- Adjusted Base Budget:
 - Automatic adjustments for professional/classified merit, rent/lease/contractual agreements, and DRI's weather modification program.
- Maintenance/Growth:
 - Caseload Changes (enrollment growth).

He reported that the numbers presented were preliminary and the campuses would review the figures in great detail to ensure the accuracy of the base budget. The base budget is adjusted to include professional merit salary increases. UCCSN is allowed to request a pool of merit money in each account equaling 2½% of the professional salaries (for positions below the level of dean). The state does not participate in the cost of merit increases for higher-level administrators. Classified employees move on a salary schedule established by the state. He reported that System Administration was attempting to include DRI's weather modification program into the base budget rather than request funding separately from a contingency fund. Maintenance/Growth is addressed by taking the last 3 years of actual enrollment (weighted) to determine future enrollment growth requests. UCCSN will be asking for substantial new money to cover enrollment growth over the next two years. System staff is also attempting to increase the percentage funding to a level sufficient to move all campuses out of hold harmless conditions (approximately 86.5%). Approximately \$7.53 million is anticipated in operation and maintenance of plant-new space for the biennium. Growth driven costs in System Computing Services total \$10.67 million. Business Centers (north and south), long neglected areas, will request \$2.18 million in support costs. They have sustained no increases in staffing for a number of years. Library acquisitions totaling \$2.01 million will be requested for the UNLV law school (an accreditation issue) and to establish an initial library function for NSC. State law requires that cooperative extension services be provided to any county when requested. A \$160,000 request is included to extend cooperative extension services to Mineral County. An estimated \$5.77 million will be requested (Inflation /Mandates/Occupational Studies) to meet additional energy costs at each of the campuses. The budget office will adjust the figures for inflation. The State Department of Personnel is also interested in conducting an occupational study for police officers. The base budget and maintenance request totals \$1.26 billion over the biennium. The base budget recommendation is 23.1% higher than the FY01-03 biennium.

Cost Of Living Adjustment

Vice Chancellor Miles reported that UCCSN was seeking a 3% COLA for FY04 and 4% for FY05 (an additional \$40.6 million for the biennium) or at least the same amount as that of other state employees. The COLA request is forwarded separately from the System biennial budget.

Estate Tax Funding

Replacement of Estate Tax funding is not reflected in the budget total because it affects the revenue side of the budget, not the expenditure side.

Regent Howard asked what items were included under "other" (\$4.26 million) in the adjusted base/maintenance budget. Vice Chancellor Miles replied that the largest expense was for the School of Medicine. The Boyd School of Law and all statewide programs at UNLV and UNR are also included in that category. Regent Howard requested a breakdown of the expenses. Vice Chancellor Miles agreed to provide one.

Vice Chancellor Miles continued with his presentation. Replacement of Estate Tax funding remains a major issue for the UCCSN. \$75 million was spent during the current biennium. The Board adopted the Estate Tax Committee recommendation that Estate Tax expenditures be limited to \$2.5 million/year in FY03-05. If the funding level were increased (86.5%), some Estate Tax expenditures could be eliminated (i.e. hold harmless=\$13.69 million).

Financial Aid

Additional need-based aid will be provided from new student fees and will not be included in the state budget request. The projected amount of additional need-based financial aid generated in the upcoming biennium is \$2,243,590 (FY04) and \$2,243,590 (FY05). The amount of need-based aid provided will be \$1.5 million in FY04 and \$1.5 million in FY05. The amount of need-based aid provided will be \$1.5 million in FY04 and \$1.5 million in FY05.

Regent Hill observed that the System would be lucky to achieve a 6% increase in aid. The amount of need-based aid provided will be \$1.5 million in FY04 and \$1.5 million in FY05.

what they have done to realize cost savings. The Master Plan requires that students share in the cost

enhancements at this point. She asked whether the Chancellor felt that UCCSN would receive such an extensive list of enhancements. Chancellor Nichols replied that there were many variables. It is unknown what the legislature will do with new revenue available to the state. The basic reason for spending those funds would be to accommodate growth. She acknowledged that money was not currently available to provide those services. Regent Gallagher asked whether the cost of some of the items could be reduced (excluding EPSCoR). Chancellor Nichols replied that they could, but all of the figures presented were much lower than what was actually needed. She explained that the part-time faculty salary adjustment could be reduced by phasing it in over four years. UCCSN could delay funding those items for future years. Regent Gallagher asked whether it was better to request the essential enhancements to continue current programs as presented or to reduce the request and implement over a period of 2-4 years. She felt that UCCSN would never receive such a large request. Chancellor Nichols replied that the list had already been reduced in order to submit a modest request, adding that the Board could reduce it further if they desired. She stated that the items most likely to be funded were those that produce a clear result for the state. She related that it was difficult to get equipment and technology funding, but it was absolutely essential to operation.

General Counsel Ray stated that a motion had been made and seconded. He recommended amending the motion if there was interest in changing dollar amounts or priority order.

Regent Derby asked that the Board not take action until the entire list had been reviewed. She felt there were important items (P-16 Council) not included in Option 1, adding that much could be accomplished with a small amount of money.

President Harter observed that the governor's letter indicated a lack of funds, adding that UCCSN's request should be responsive to that. It will not be known if additional funds are available to fund enhancements until November 15th. UCCSN must have a reason for the business community to support more money for higher education. He related that the campuses had serious issues that could be addressed by the enhancements. In order to endow the Estate Tax fund, those enhancements are required. He suggested that the business community must have a reason to be involved.

Chancellor Nichols stated that items funded by the Estate Tax were part of the base budget and would continue to be funded, but by a different revenue source.

President Harter stated that one of the messages the enhancement list sends is that we believe that higher education is key to economic development and diversification. She recalled the major investments made to higher education in Georgia that included endowed chairs at the

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Option 3 - Certification \$28,990,000

In addition to the state and respond to requests for providing strong research capability for
tech businesses, the following items were requested:

- Faculty - \$7,130,000.
- Assistant Enhancements - \$3,150,000.
- Research Chairs-matching - \$15,000,000.
- Workforce Centers-matching - \$3,000,000.
- Sponsored Research-System Administration - \$710,000.

Chancellor Nichols stated that these programs could make a tremendous difference for Nevada and have a proven track
record across the country.

Option 4 - Initiatives to Address State Needs \$25,030,000

- Millennium Bound Center - \$680,000 (operating costs for 1 Center in the first year and 2 in the second year).
- Nursing Capacity - \$11,990,000 (legislative mandate would phase out in 4 years as enrollment grew to support the
cost of the program).
- Law School Clinic - \$490,000 (essential to accreditation).
- Non-Formula Initiatives - \$11,090,000 (funds a variety of statewide programs meeting state needs including funding
for program development in key areas).
- Veterinary State Laboratory

Regent Alden said that he was trying to suggest acceptance of the Chancellor's and presidents' list of priorities. He again suggested submitting the entire list of enhancements (totaling \$104,890,000) in its existing order, adding that the Board should respect the wisdom of presidents and Chancellor Nichols.

Regent Howard stated for the record that she was unsure whether the Millennium Bound Outreach Center should be considered a special project or an enhancement. She agreed that presidential input was izu ~~RM~~

Regent Hill noted that the legislature and governor would select from the Board's recommendation. He suggested showing the legislature the actual amount required.

Regent Gallagher clarified that the new list would be prioritized.

- (Cont'd.) The Board held a closed personnel session

- In compliance with NRS 241.030, closed sessions were held for purposes of discussion of the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of certain executive employees of the UCCSN.

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of moving to a closed personnel session. Regent Hobbs seconded. Motion carried. Regent Kirkpatrick was absent.

Dr. Bill Robinson noted that the Board had not prioritized items in the base budget. Chair Dondero replied that it would be addressed in August.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:08 p.m. with all members present except Regent Kirkpatrick. Regent Sisolak participated by telephone.

- The Board returned to open session.

- The Board approved amendments to the Handbook (Title IV, Chapter 15, Sections 3 and 4) that clearly establish in-state residency for tuition purposes for all Nevada high school graduates. (Ref. Q on file in the Board office.)

Regent Alden moved approval of the residency regulations for Nevada high school graduates. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried. Regent Kirkpatrick was absent.

- The Board approved the purchase of the Heritage Center property located at 701 Walnut Street, Elko, Nevada. (Ref. S & Bound Report on file in the Board office.)

Mr. Carl Diekhans, Vice President, Administrative Services-GBC, reported that the college had previously purchased the Group West apartments for conversion into dormitories, adding that the Heritage Center was a second property for the same purpose. GBC has obtained a \$3 million bank loan. They drew \$1.35 million to buy the apartments and an additional \$1 million to purchase the Heritage Center. The purchase price increased slightly to \$1,082,200.56. Closing costs are estimated between \$10-15,000. He related that GBC used Mr. Jim Jeffers (Business Center North) to assist with the negotiations and paperwork. Since Mr. Jeffers was recently injured, Mr. Diekhans has been forwarding the material to General Counsel Ray to ensure its appropriateness. He assured the Board that GBC has the ability to pay for the Center. Asbestos abatement will likely prevent students from occupying the facility in the Fall. GBC plans to use the borrowed money to close on the property. GBC also received a gift (\$2.5 million) from the Griswold estate. Half of that money is to be used for a scholarship endowment, while the other half is to be used for the building fund. The money should be available in September, and \$1.2 million will be used for housing. The Foundation has started a major campaign with a \$2.3 million goal to repay the note, renovate the cafeteria, and to assist with relocating a computer study center and laundry facilities on the Heritage property.

General Counsel Ray reported that a finalized purchase agreement was not available. The original proposal entailed a stock purchase agreement, which he felt was not in the Board's best interest. The draft purchase agreement was just received, but a few changes are necessary. He suggested the Board approve the purchase agreement contingent upon a finalized agreement that is acceptable to both President Killpatrick and General Counsel.

Regent Gallagher moved approval of the property purchase for GBC contingent upon reaching a finalized agreement that is acceptable to both President Killpatrick and General Counsel Ray. Regent Howard seconded.

Regent Rosenberg asked about the number of expected residents. Mr. Diekhans replied that they had 50% occupancy during the semester. GBC anticipates a minimum 75% occupancy for next Fall. He noted that, while rural enrollments had declined, Elko's had remained relatively stable.

President Killpatrick reported that the location of the Heritage Center was strategic to GBC's expansion, adding that other parties were also interested in the property. One of his mandates is to increase FTE, so he plans to fill the units soon.

Regent Alden asked about the availability of non-state funding to open the Heritage Center as dormitories. Mr. Diekhans replied that GBC had \$1.2 million (Griswold gift) in addition to the Foundation's goal for raising \$2.3 million. To date, \$396,000 has been raised in cash and pledges. Regent Alden asked about the cost of preparing the Center for occupancy. Mr. Diekhans replied that the immediate cost was approximately \$200,000. Regent Alden asked whether the property could be

sold in the future to recover the purchase price. Mr. Diekhans replied that a commercial appraiser had appraised the property at a low of \$970,000 and a high of \$1.4 million.

Regent Seastrand asked how many students could be accommodated in the two facilities. Mr. Diekhans replied that, with single occupancy, 144 students could reside in the apartments. A few 2-bedroom units have been rented to married students, which would reduce the total occupancy. The Heritage Center was a 91-bed assisted care facility, but some student offices will be added. GBC hopes to have a minimum of 60 rooms for a total of 204 potential occupants. Regent Seastrand asked when the Heritage Center would be ready for occupancy. Mr. Diekhans replied that the soonest would be next Spring semester. He reported that GBC plans to recruit in rural areas (Oregon and Idaho) as well as internationally. Regent Seastrand asked about the number of occupants required to break even. Mr. Diekhans replied that the building would be paid with the Griswold gift in September. To break even, only 50% occupancy of the apartments is required to pay off the \$1.5 million loan. Regent Seastrand asked about operating costs. Mr. Diekhans replied that a Buildings & Grounds person and a part-time clerical employee would be required. Regent Seastrand asked when GBC would break even. Mr. Diekhans replied that, with 50% occupancy, they had reached that point. The rent received last Spring was sufficient to make the payment on the apartments. He estimated that sufficient revenue would be generated to cover operating expenses by the following Spring.

Regent Howard asked why enrollments had decreased. Mr. Diekhans replied that overall enrollments at GBC had declined 8%, but Elko had remained stable. Heavy losses were sustained in Winnemucca, Ely, Eureka, and Battle Mountain due to the mining decline. Elko was able to maintain enrollments while some locations encountered a 40% decline in FTE. He explained that people were leaving those areas because no jobs were available.

Motion carried. Regent Kirkpatrick was absent.

- The Board approved the use

of \$800,000 in capital improvement fee funds to pay for the remodel of the 5270 Neil Road building for an opening date of January 1, 2003. (Ref. T on file in the Board office.)

President Ringle explained that Board approval would allow TMCC to develop the classrooms, labs, and offices necessary to open the Neil Road facility for the Spring 2003 semester. He related that the college knew it would have to expend Capital Improvement funds to remodel regardless of the location.

Regent Alden moved approval of the use of capital improvement fee funds for TMCC. Regent Derby seconded. Motion carried. Regent Kirkpatrick was absent.

- The Board approved the establishment of an intercollegiate rodeo

team at Western Nevada Community College, based at its Fallon campus. (Ref. U on file in the Board office.)

~~Regent Alden moved approval of the use of Capital Improvement funds for the intercollegiate rodeo team at WNCI-Fallon Campus. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried.~~

President Lucey reported that the Millennium Scholarship contributed to a 49% increase in the college continuation rate. Students attending intercollegiate sports programs.

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President Lucey stated that WNCC has a goal to achieve an articulation agreement with UNLV.

Regent Seastrand asked whether the program would be financed entirely with donated funds or money raised outside of state funding. Mr. Scharmann replied that it would, adding that the college had already initiated fundraising efforts. A number of corporations are eager to contribute once Board approval has been received. Regent Seastrand asked what would happen if the college were unable to raise sufficient funds to perpetuate the sport. President Lucey replied that, as long as the state of Nevada was committed to private support for community college athletics, WNCC would not advance beyond Phase I of their budget plan. Regent Seastrand asked about liability. Mr. Scharmann replied that WNCC was aligning with the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Each student athlete would become a member and purchase accident insurance through the American Specialty Risk Management Corporation. This would cover students from the time they leave home until they return. If WNCC sponsored a rodeo, they would add specialty insurance to cover the participants as well as the spectators. Discussions are being held with the Churchill County fairgrounds to provide a practice location. Regent Seastrand asked whether students would pay that cost. Mr. Scharmann replied that they would. In order to participate, students would pay \$180 \$100 would cover the accident insurance. Insurance for sponsored events would be covered by the proceeds from the event.

Regent Hill asked about the institution's liability if a rodeo instructor was negligent or if the institution was sued. President Lucey replied that the college was covered by the State of Nevada Indemnification Act. Students participating in construction tech, welding, and automotive programs risk similar injury. The System pays into a tort fund that covers such concerns. The \$374/event NIRA coverage would be specific to events sponsored by WNCC. Regent Hill asked whether practice sessions would also be covered. Mr. Scharmann replied that it would cover participants in practice and competition. Regent Hill clarified that private funds would be used and not soft money (i.e. vending machines). Mr. Scharmann replied that the money raised thus far came from private donations. Casinos and other businesses have expressed interest in contributing pending Board approval of the program. Regent Hill felt that the proposal should stipulate no expenditure of soft money. President Lucey replied that there was no soft money at this point. Mr. Scharmann replied that WNCC was not planning to finance the program with soft money. Regent Hill asked whether that was a condition of the proposal. President Lucey replied that it could be. Regent Hill felt that the program should be funded with private donations only and that the program should be discontinued if contributions could not sustain the program. President Lucey mentioned a General Improvement Fee fund that WNCC uses to fund student activities. She did not plan to use that fund for this purpose. Regent Hill was not opposed to the students donating funds for the program, but insisted that the institution's budget not be used.

Regent Hill proposed a friendly amendment that all funding come from private donations and non-state sources, adding that the student government could also elect to support the program. Regent Alden accepted the friendly amendment.

Chancellor Nichols stated that athletic program funding was heavily dependent upon income generated from athletic events.

Regent Hill proposed that funds received from activities associated with athletic events could also be used.

President Lucey clarified that no discretionary funds could be used except for those directly received from rodeo events or a student club. Regent Hill stated that he did not object to the use of private donations, student body funds, or money generated from the events. He did not want other college funds used to support the program (i.e. bookstore, vending machines). President Lucey clarified that the activity should be self-supporting and should not become a drain on resources the college could use for other student activities.

Regent Alden accepted the amendment to the motion to clarify the source of funds (no soft money, other than those related directly to the rodeo program, and no state money). Regent Rosenberg reluctantly accepted the amendment.

Regent Derby noted that other UCCSN athletic programs did not have those restrictions and asked whether President Lucey was comfortable with them. President Lucey replied that she was making the assumption it would work.

Regent Rosenberg removed his acceptance of the friendly amendment.

Regent Rosenberg stated that he could support a motion for no use of state funds, but he felt that each president should decide how vending machine money, etc. was used.

Regent Alden proposed a friendly amendment for no use of state funds. Regent Rosenberg accepted the amendment.

Regent Howard asked whether other funds could be used. Chair Dondero replied that it would be self-supporting. Chancellor Nichols stated that the current motion would allow the institution to call upon other institutional funds to support the program. Regent Alden clarified the motion:

Regent Alden moved approval of the establishment of an intercollegiate rodeo team at WNCC-Fallon Campus contingent upon no use of state funds. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried. Regent Hill voted no. Regent Kirkpatrick was absent.

devote the time, effort, and energy necessary to the job and would be willing to set aside regional partisanship in his/her leadership. He decided to set aside the traditional alternation for this term.

A. Chair -

Regent Rosenberg nominated Regent Seastrand as Chair. Regent Alden seconded.

Regent Rosenberg stated that Regent Seastrand had assured Board members that he now has the time to devote to this task. Regent Rosenberg thanked the Chair and his colleagues for allowing him to serve as Vice Chair for the past two years. No other nominations were made.

Motion carried. Regent Kirkpatrick was absent.

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