

BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA
Elizabeth Sturm Library
Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno
Thursday-Friday, August 15-16, 2002

Members Present:

Mr. Douglas Seastrand, Chair
Mr. Mark Alden
Dr. Jill Derby
Mrs. Thalia Dondero
Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher
Mr. Douglas Roman Hill
Mrs. Laura Hobbs
Dr. Tom Kirkpatrick
Mr. Howard Rosenberg
Mr. Steve Sisolak

Members Absent:

Mrs. Linda Howard

Others present:

Chancellor Jane Nichols
Vice Chancellor, Finance & Administration Dan Miles
Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs Richard Curry
General Counsel Tom Ray
President Ron Remington, CCSN
President Stephen Wells, DRI
President Paul Killpatrick, GBC
Interim President Chris Chairsell, NSCH
President Philip Ringle, TMCC
President Carol Harter, UNLV
President John Lilley, UNR
President Carol Lucey, WNCC
Chief Administrative Officer Suzanne Ernst

Also present were faculty senate chairs Dr. Joan McGee, CCSN Dr. Alan Gertler, DRI Mr. Pete Bagley, GBC Mr. John Tully, System Administration Dr. Eun-Woo Chang, TMCC Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV Ms. Bourne Morris, UNR and Ms. Winnie Kortemeier, WNCC. Student government leaders present included Ms. Kerri Hamrick, CCSN Mr. Steve Houk, GBC Mr. Kiyoshi "Teddy" Noda, TMCC Ms. Monica Moradkhan, UNLV Ms. Jocelina Santos, UNLV-GSA Ms. Alicia Lerud, UNR Ms. Marilou Woolm, UNR-GSA, and Mr. Leoney Berg, WNCC.

Chair Douglas Seastrand called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on August 15, 2002 with all members present except Regent Howard.

1. Information Only-Personnel Sessions – The Board held a closed personnel session.

1.1 Approved-Closed 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 Gallagher seconded. Motion carried. Regent Howard was absent.

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all members present except Regent Howard.

1.2 Information Only-Return to Open Session – The Board returned to open session.

2. Introductions – President Lucey introduced WNCC’s new student body president, Mr. Leoney Berg. President Ringle introduced the chair elect of the TMCC faculty senate, Ms. Bridgett Boulton. President Wells introduced DRI’s faculty senate vice chair, Dr. Alan Gertler. Regent Alden introduced Dr. Chris Chairsell, Interim President, NSC, and expressed his gratitude for her service to the college.

3. Chair’s Report – Chair Seastrand thanked those present for making time to attend the meeting. He expressed his gratitude to President Ringle and his staff for hosting the meeting. Chair Seastrand noted the passing of former Regent Tom Wiesner, adding that his influence would remain with the Board. He expressed his appreciation for the work of past Chair Thalia Dondero and past Vice Chair Howard Rosenberg. He then presented Regent Dondero with a beautiful pen in appreciation from the Board and Chancellor. Chair Seastrand then suggested ideas to help the Board operate more efficiently and better serve their constituents. He applauded Regent Kirkpatrick for reminding Board members to take the time to work on important issues. Chair Seastrand observed that Regent Wiesner easily recognized when the point had been made and when it was time to move on for action. Chair Seastrand noted that “information” items had been moved to the end of the agenda, adding that he would like to set aside time to address major issues affecting the future of higher education. He related that, whenever possible, agenda items having substantial ramifications would be presented once for information and at a subsequent meeting for action, thereby providing time for the presidents and System staff to respond. He related that the first day of the Board meeting would be used to address “action” items. He observed that extended discussion sometimes indicated that an item was not ready for action, adding that he would encourage Board members to remain focused on the item before them. He recommended that committee reports be moved to the beginning of the first day. In an attempt to be more streamlined and to reduce the burden on the Board, he recommended that the Board meet on the first day of the month.

Ms. Swirczek reported that WNCC likes to include the community in as many cultural activities as possible. Two former students formed the WNCC Writer's Group in 1991. Members range in age from 14-89 years. Some members have never set foot on a college campus while others hold advanced degrees. The group meets every other week, coming from as far away as Coleville, Bishop, Susanville, and San Francisco. Most members are from the WNCC service area and the Reno-Tahoe area. The group sponsors special events, holds book signings, and regularly invites guest speakers. The group has networked with other groups in the area. The Chamber of Commerce refers newcomers to the writer's group and the college. The group's name has been changed to the Lone Mountain Writers and the group has grown so much they have split into two groups (beginners and advanced). The group has served as a catalyst and feeder for regular college courses. Six new courses are now regularly offered, all well attended, as a result of requests from members of the writer's group. Many students retake the same course and people who would ordinarily not come back to college do so because they are writing. Ms. Swirczek observed that writers also take other courses to help them write their books. She related that many participants had realized public success with the publishing of their stories, books, and articles. She concluded by saying that Lone Mountain Writers was a valuable resource for the college as well as the community.

5. Public Comment – None.

6. Academic Research & Student Affairs Committee Report – Committee Chair Jill Derby reported the Academic Research & Student Affairs Committee met August 15, 2002 and heard reports on the National Science Foundation PSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement grant and on the DRI/UNR Atmospheric Sciences Program. Regularly scheduled meetings of the committee will continue to be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

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10% of expenditures or \$50,000 when the budget exceeds \$500,000 to be reported to the Committee. These revisions occur when projected revenues or expenditures are significantly higher or lower than planned. Revisions totaling a

fiscal impact unless a UCCSN institution uses the facilities at a time when there is no custodial support, such as during summer and winter breaks. In such instances, the UCCSN institution would reimburse the CCSD for custodial services. (Ref. C-12 on file in the Board office.)

(13) Approved-Rehire of P.E.R.S. Retiree, GBC – The Board approved the rehire of a P.E.R.S. retiree from GBC. Under Assembly Bill 555, passed during the 2001 Legislature, the Board of Regents must approve requests made by System institutions to hire persons who have retired under the Public Employees Retirement System. Due to the finding of a critical labor shortage in a particular job position, GBC sought approval to rehire Mr. Stan Aiazzi on a part-time basis to develop and implement the Wildhorse Program and the Western Guild. Mr. Aiazzi originally began this project and is the only person qualified to complete it.

Regent Alden moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of item (6) (Handbook Revision, ASB Constitution, GBC), which was withdrawn. Regent Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Regent Rosenberg abstained. Regent Howard was absent.

12. Approved-Appointment, Vice Presidents, DRR ts, iion of item 6. Dded. Motion casenberg ord. M Wildhor

research and grants and to bring in soft money. He noted that President Lilley had provided a listing of universit

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students' share to 19.93%. The "other" category has been decreased to 2.84%, primarily due to the conversion of Estate Tax funds into state funds.

Regent Gallagher asked about UCCSN's chances for successfully replacing Estate Tax funds with state dollars. Mr. Miles replied that there was a Task Force on Äith

research chairs (\$15 million) in the enhancement budget. The senator felt there was an interest for this in the senate and that it should be included with the budget request.

Regent Hill offered a friendly amendment to include that particular item in the overall proposal. Regent Gallagher accepted the friendly amendment.

Chair Seastrand explained that, at the previous meeting, the Board had asked System staff to reduce the list of items for special consideration to a total of \$55 million. Subsequently, the senator told Chair Seastrand that he wished the Board had not removed that item since the senator would have supported the incentive grants.

Regent Kirkpatrick observed that the legislature would not approve the entire list of items for special consideration. He asked how the legislature might prioritize those items. Vice Chancellor Miles replied that it would be difficult to predict, adding that, historically, higher education had never gotten everything it requested, nor had any other state agency. The dynamic has changed due to significant financial problems and an ongoing comprehensive study program outside of the legislature and governor. Regent Kirkpatrick asked whether the enhancement list represented the Board's priorities. Vice Chancellor Miles replied that it did. Chair Seastrand stated that one of the state budget officers told him that the System had no chance of receiving funding for items that were not submitted. Regent Kirkpatrick stated that the Millennium Bound Outreach Center was somewhat of a duplication of what the campuses were currently doing. He said that he would prefer that the Center was not as high on the priority list.

Regent Sisolak said that he knew a senator that advocated for the law school. He suggested reinstalling the law school clinic request as well.

Regent Sisolak offered a friendly amendment to include the law school clinic as well. Regent Hill accepted. Regent Gallagher did not accept the friendly amendment.

Regent Derby recalled the Board's lengthy discussion to limit the list to \$55 million. She observed that the Board was now willing to accommodate a senator's suggestion. She said that she too could find support for other programs not included, adding that she was uneasy with the process.

Regent Hobbs said that she knew of someone on the governor's Task Force that would like to see the soccer team get more money. She noted that the legislature would not necessarily observe the Board's priorities or fund items in the order requested. Vice Chancellor Miles stated that, if a list was provided and the governor and legislature were able to accommodate the entire list, they would. It's when they can't fund everything that they pick and choose. He related that, if nothing changed, the System would not receive any enhancements.

Regent Alden stated that the campuses understand they have to outreach to students. He agreed that the Millennium Bound Center should not be on the list.

Regent Hill requested input from the presidents, adding that his motion would entail having a group of institutions somehow get in bed with each other and figure out how to run the Center if it were funded. He asked which presidents were interested. There was no response from the presidents. General Counsel Ray stated that the agenda item was to approve the budget and dollar amounts, while the proposal being discussed related to the organization of a particular item of the budget and was not within the scope of the agenda item. He felt it would be in violation of the Open Meeting Law to take action on that proposal, adding that they would need to discuss the organization of the Center at a separate meeting. Regent Hill asked whether the Board's options included either voting the item out of the budget or approving the budget as proposed. General Counsel Ray indicated that was correct.

Chancellor Nichols reminded the Board that the Millennium Bound Outreach Center was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting. Chair Seastrand clarified that the Board needed to take action on approving the numbers in the budget. Regent Hill asked whether the Center could be restructured at a later time. Chair Seastrand replied that it could.

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

Regent Derby moved approval of the budget as presented. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion carried. Regents Derby, Gallagher, Hobbs, Kirkpatrick, Rosenberg, Seastrand, and Sisolak voted yes. Regents Alden and Hill voted no. Regents Dondero and Howard were absent.

The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2002 with all members present except Regents Dondero and Howard.

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Regent Rosenberg moved approval of moving to a closed personnel session. Regent Gallagher seconded. Motion carried. Regents Derby, Dondero, Howard, and Sisolak were absent.

1.2 Information Only-Return to Open Session – The Board returned to open session.

The meeting recessed at 8:04 a.m. and reconvened at 9:40 a.m. with all members present except Regent Howard.

22. Approved-Presidential Contracts, DRI & WNCC - The Board made a decision regarding the approval of

Chair Seastrand proposed a friendly amend to include two non-voting student representatives. Regents Kirkpatrick and Rosenberg agreed. Motion as amended carried. Regent Howard was absent.

3. Chair's Report – (Cont'd.)

Chair Seastrand stated that, because the Chair and Vice Chair were both in the south, he had considered appointing a Board ambassador for ceremonial duties, particularly in the north, to represent the Board. He appointed Regent Howard Rosenberg to fulfill those duties.

24. Approved-Naming of Reading Room, DRI – The Board approved President Stephen G. Wells' request to name the public reading room in its Southern Nevada Science Center Phase II in honor of Nevada State Senator Dr. Dina Titus. (Ref. N on file in the Board office.)

Regent Alden moved approval of naming the new reading room in honor of Nevada State Senator Dr. Dina Titus. Regent Gallagher seconded.

President Wells observed that Senator Dina Titus had been instrumental in supporting funding for the building. Additionally, she is a scholar who studies Nevada Test Site history. The reading room will provide access to over 400,000 Cold War documents. He felt it fitting to recognize her for her efforts.

Chair Seastrand noted that, at the groundbreaking, a time capsule was installed that included a book written by Senator Titus titled Bombs in the Backyard. He agreed that it was a fitting tribute to her. He acknowledged that the naming was contrary to existing Board policy, adding that the policy provided for exceptions for sitting politicians.

Regent Howard moved approval of naming the new reading room in honor of Nevada State Senator Dr. Dina Titus. Regent Alden seconded. Regent Howard observed that Senator Titus had been instrumental in supporting funding for the building. Additionally, she is a scholar who studies Nevada Test Site history. The reading room will provide access to over 400,000 Cold War documents. He felt it fitting to recognize her for her efforts. He commended the recommendation.

Motion carried. Regent Howard was absent.

25. Approved-Request for Bank Loan & Use of CIP Funds, WNCC – The Board approved a request for a bank loan of \$450,000 to be used for the purpose of financing the renovation of the J. Edgar Hoover Building on the campus of Western Nevada Community College. The Board also approved the use of up to \$300,000 of Capital Improvement Fee funds to repay the bank loan.

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WNCC Foundation pledges will also be used to repay the bank loan. Regent Alden moved approval of the request. Regent Gallagher seconded. Regent Alden observed that the renovation of the J. Edgar Hoover Building on the campus of Western Nevada Community College is a significant project and that the bank loan is a necessary part of the financing plan. He commended the recommendation.

The second request involved the recently purchased Shadow Lane Campus with three buildings. One building will house the dental school. Laboratory spaces are being built in half of the second building, largely funded by federal grants. UNLV is trying to encourage other biotechnology related activities to potentially lease space in the remaining half of the building in order to expand ongoing biotechnology/biomedical research. The Public Health Laboratory has expressed interest in establishing a southern presence and could be one of the potential tenants.

The third request involved an attempt to move the EPA's trailer from the spot where UNLV wants to build a new building (Child Development Center) with private money. The EPA wants their trailer to remain on UNLV property. Dr. Harter related that the EPA may want to rent space in the old Paradise School when the law school moves out or some other piece of property that could be exchanged for the currently occupied trailer. That action would fall under the larger comprehensive lease with the EPA.

The fourth request involved the renegotiation of a lease to install, operate, and maintain the antennae for the radio station. UNLV is actually behind with this request and was hoping the Chancellor could help expedite it.

President Harter promised to report the results of all of the negotiations to the Board at a future date.

Regent Alden asked whether General Counsel Ray was involved with lease review for Board protection. General Counsel Ray explained that UNLV did not have a lease yet for items 1, 3, and 4, so he had not reviewed any. He related that Dr. Harter was requesting, in lieu of Board approval, that once a final lease was available the authority be delegated to the Chancellor to execute the lease. Regent Alden established that General Counsel Ray would review the leases prior to Chancellor execution.

Regent Alden asked whether the Master Plan Academic Plan and mission statement UNLV-FMCH had been reviewed and approved by the Board. Mr. Tony Flores, President, Finance-UNLV, replied that a thorough review had been conducted. Regent Alden asked whether the four leases (if executed) were in agreement with the Master Plan Academic Plan and mission statement UNLV-FMCH. He replied that they were.

Regent Alden asked whether the four mentioned lease agreements and allowed the Chancellor to approve or disapprove. Regent Alden asked whether the Chancellor would be permitted to the Chancellor's Regent's Board. Regent Alden asked whether the Chancellor would be permitted to the Chancellor's Regent's Board.

Regent Sisolak asked about the size of the Executive West complex. Dr. Harter related that the Executive West complex is approximately 1.5 million square feet.

monthly basis. He asked about the experts on the Shadow Lane Campus. President Harter replied that they had struggled with that issue. She related that Mr. Bill Wood woráo

explained that the revenue stream associated with the meal plan was an important component to amortizing the cost of the dining commons. Regent Sisolak asked whether the increase was necessary to identify a sufficient revenue stream to sell the bonds. Mr. Zurek replied that there is a reserve account in the student services fund. Over a period of time the increase would be necessary to service the bonds. Regent Sisolak established that there would not be a sufficient revenue stream to service the bonds without increasing the food cost by 9%. Mr. Zurek again referenced the reserve account, adding that the increase was central to the amortization of the bonds. Regent Sisolak said that he had an issue with requiring freshmen to eat in the dining commons. Regent Rosenberg stated that there are a number of meal plans they can buy, including one very inexpensive one with only one meal per day. The reason behind this is due to a concern for malnutrition among freshmen. Regent Sisolak asked whether UNLV mandated that freshman eat in the dorm. He felt it was unfair to force freshmen to eat in the dining commons and then to increase the food rates. He noted that one meal equated to \$10/day. Dr. Fain spoke on behalf of Vice President Mills who was not present. UNLV does have a requirement for students living in the residence hall. Meals are purchased through the dining commons. Regent Sisolak asked how many meals they would purchase for freshmen. Regent Sisolak said that the cost. Dr. Fain did not know the answer. UNLV Student Body President, Ms. Monica Moradkhan reported that meals cost \$4/meal. During the first two weeks of school, the students can decide how many meals to purchase. Some students are unhappy with the arrangement, while others are not. Regent Sisolak asked how that compared with UNR. UNR Student Body President, Ms. Alicia Lerud, replied that she believed they were a council that decided meals to purchase. Regent Sisolak asked the students to

Chair Seastrand asked whether a real need for the dorms existed. Dr. Ellis replied that there was a definite need, adding that they could fill that residence hall now. Approximately 80% of UNR's new students from southern Nevada live in that residence hall now. Adding this space will cater to the out-of-area population that wants and needs to live in those residence halls, especially their first year. She said they have limited the number of returning students in order to accommodate incoming freshmen. Regent Howard also approved the project.

Regent Sisolak asked whether only freshmen would be required to take the meal plan. Dr. Ellis replied in the affirmative, adding that it had always been the case. There are no cooking facilities in those halls. Canada Hall has cooking facilities but houses only non-freshman. They are not required to buy the meal plan. Regent Sisolak asked why all dormitory and food rates had to be increased to service the bond. Dr. Ellis replied that UNR has always had to raise all housing rates for every building they have built. She explained that it was not unusual and also spread the burden of the growth across more people to keep the rate down. She said that UNR's Residence Housing Association was very much involved in the development of the project and he also approved it. Regent Howard.

Regent Dondero noted that it would be more expensive to do with higher interest rates, adding that the students really needed the dorms. Regent Howard also approved the project.

Regent Kirkpatrick stated that the dining commons at UNLV had a good selection of food that was well prepared for a reasonable price. He noted that students at the commons take an average of 10 meals per week. He agreed that malnutrition was a real issue for students. He said that he had heard students complain, but he felt the food was good. Dr. Ellis related that students have meal plan options at both institutions.

Regent Howard was absent.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. with all members present except Regent Howard.

30. Information Only-Millennium Bound Outreach Center Update - The Board heard an update on planning for the Millennium Bound Outreach Center, including potential community partnerships and need for student housing.

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The data has been updated from the material provided in May. The data is now consistent across all campuses. Corrections have been made in GBC, WNCC, and UNLV data. By national standards, institutions space utilization is good except at WNCC. Patterns of use raise serious questions about whether space is being utilized optimally:be%g e

