

BOARD OF REGENTS

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Fitness Center
Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway, Elko
Thursday-Friday, August 17-18, 2006

Members Present: Mr. Bret Whipple, Chair

Mr. Mark Alden

Dr. Jill Derby

Mrs. Thalia M. Dondero

Dr. Jason Geddes

Mr. James Dean Leavitt

Mr. Howard Rosenberg

Dr. Jack Lund Schofield

Mr. Steve Sisolak

Mr. Michael B. Wixom

Members Absent: Dr. Stavros S. Anthony

Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher

Mrs. Linda C. Howard

Others Present: Chancellor James E. Rogers

Executive Vice Chancellor Daniel Klaich

Vice Chancellor & Chief Operating Officer, HSC, Thom Reilly

Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs, Jane Nichols

Vice Chancellor, Finance, Mike Reed

Associate Vice Chancellor, Technology, Kenneth McCollum

Chief Counsel Bart Patterson

Special Counsel Brooke Nielsen

President Richard Carpenter, CCSN

President Stephen G. Wells, DRI

President Paul T. Killpatrick, GBC

President Fred Maryanski, NSC

President Philip M. Ringle, TMCC

President David B. Ashley, UNLV

President Milton D. Glick, UNRT

President Carol Lucey, WNCC

Secretary of the Board Scott Wasserman

Also present were faculty senate chairs Mr. Alok Pandey, CCSN Dr. Hampden Kuhns, DRI Dr. Linda Uhlenkott, GBC Dr. Jean Lindley, NSC Mr. Kurt Hall, TMCC Dr. William Robinson, UNLV Dr. Guy Hoelzer, UNR Dr. Michelle Rousselle, WNCC and Ms. Annie Macias, System Administration. Student government leaders present included Ms. Carrie Rowley, GBC Mr. Lee Massey, TMCC Mr. Jeff Panchavinin, UNLV Mr. Frederick Krauss, UNLV-GPS> , UN¥

Mr. Douglas Roman Hill of

Chair Whipple recognized former Regent, Mr. Douglas Roman Hill, who recently resigned from the Board of Regents. Chair Whipple thanked Mr. Hill for his service to the NSHE. He then presented Mr. Hill with a framed copy of Chair Whipple's favorite poem, *Evictus*.

Chair Whipple thanked President Killpatrick for hosting the meeting and for the personalized pens provided to each Regent.

4. Chancellor's Report - Chancellor James E. Rogers discussed current NSHE events, the Health Sciences Center, and his other projects as Chancellor.

Chancellor Rogers reported that he was considering the job description for the Vice Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center. The Chancellor's office is reviewing the curriculum of all eight institutions to determine existing pockets of excellence relating to the health sciences that can be integrated with the rest of the System. Efforts have begun to focus upon more specific plans for the expansion of the health science project. Chancellor Rogers met with the mayor regarding the Lou Ruvo Alzheimer's Center, which is located on 61 acres in downtown Las Vegas, previously inaccessible to the System. This acreage includes approximately 8 acres that would be used for medical facilities including the 2½ acres for the Alzheimer's project. The Chancellor plans to begin the basic design for a building to be located adjacent to the Alzheimer's project that will address all medical issues related to aging problems. Chancellor Rogers has spoken with President Glick and Dean John McDonald regarding plans involving UNR, since this project will involve a major increase in the number of medical students produced (from 52 to 100 students per year). This major project will require support from the private sector. Chancellor Rogers hopes to raise between \$300-\$400 million from the

4. Chancellor's Report – (Cont'd.)

private sector for this purpose. He views this as the most important project not only for the education system but for the people of the State of Nevada. He hopes to improve Nevada's ability to respond to the medical needs of its communities. The key to success is the strength of the individuals involved. He praised the quality of Dr. Thom Reilly, who will serve as the Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer for the University of Nevada Health Science Center.

5. Public Comment – Regent Geddes noted that his father and brother are both employed by UNR. Upon appointment, he requested a legal opinion for how this relationship would impact his duties as Regent. He read a statement into the record establishing that he would participate in the discussion of and vote upon matters that come before the Board since there is no personal benefit to him, his relatives at UNR, or his employer, EDawn and any resulting benefit or detriment would not be greater than that occurring to any other member of the general business, profession, occupation or group, and his judgment on such matters was not materially affected by these relationships. He said he would notify the Board if he felt

(3) Accepted-Annual Reports of Tenure Granted to Academic Faculty Upon Hire – The Board accepted the annual reports to the Board of Regents from the Presidents of each institution naming any individual to whom tenure upon hire was granted pursuant to the provisions of Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.1(b2) (Ref. C-3 on

Regent Sisolak moved approval of reconsidering approval of the Consent Agenda. Regent W

different amounts of money. CCSN has never had wireless, but will by December. Part of these fees help pay for that. Regent Wixom expressed concern for spending such fees for capital improvements (e.g., sufficient electrical outlets, wireless access), rather than for software, computer labs and services that immediately benefit the students.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich stated that when the business officers initially devised this definition, the capital question was specifically addressed. There was a difference of opinion from the campuses on this subject. When crafting the definition, staff intended to exclude capital expenditures, however there are differences of opinion regarding what does or does not comprise a capital expenditure. The intent of the definition was for students to be able to see services coming back for money going in. Staff did not want this to become something that would not provide benefits for students for many years. The budget includes a \$15 million request for equipment and technology across the System. He said they would make it clear to the Legislature that the students have borne their share of the burden and that the System is requesting a fair share of state support. He noted that student voices carry a lot of weight with the Legislature and their assistance during the upcoming session would be greatly appreciated.

Chair Whipple directed that additional questions regarding this matter be addressed by the Budget & Finance Committee.

Regent Sisolak observed there are times when money can be leveraged in different ways, which was not done with this money. The state reduced their amount of funding. He hoped the state would share in this expense. He was troubled that the burden was shifted from the state to the students.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY:

(6) Approved-Handbook Revision, Use of Technology Fee – (Cont'd.)

Regent Wixom did not want this to become a precedent for funding capital improvements. He felt it was not appropriate for students to fund capital improvements. He felt the technology fee should be used in such a manner that students see immediate benefit and that it not be used as a long-term source of revenue.

Chair Whipple directed Regent Alden to confer with Regents Sisolak and Wixom to determine whether the item should be returned for Committee consideration.

Regent Sisolak moved approval of the Handbook revision concerning use of the technology fee. Regent Wixom seconded. Motion carried. Regent Rosenberg abstained. Regents Anthony, Gallagher and Howard were absent.

(5) Approved-Handbook Revision, Residency for Tuition Purposes – The Board approved Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols' request for a revision to the Handbook provisions governing residency for tuition purposes (Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 4). The proposed revisions align Board policy with current practice to provide that a student who graduates from a Nevada high school will be considered a resident for tuition purposes (Ref. C-5 on file in the Board office).

Regent Wixom requested an explanation. Vice Chancellor Nichols clarified that all graduates from a Nevada high school qualify to attend a NSHE institution without paying out-of-state, non-resident fees. Only out-of-state students pay tuition. The revision ensures that a graduate of a Nevada high school is considered a resident.

Regent Wixom moved approval of the Handbook revision concerning residency for tuition purposes. Regent Derby seconded. Motion carried. Regent Rosenberg abstained. Regents Anthony, Gallagher and Howard were absent.

7. Approved-Multi-Year Employment Contract, Women's Head Basketball Coach, UNR – The Board approved UNR President Milton D. Glick's request for a multi-year employment contract for the University of Nevada, Reno's women's head basketball coach, Kim Gervasoni (Ref. A on file in the Board office).

President Glick stated that both the women's basketball and volleyball coaches had excellent years. Their previous contracts expire annually. It was now felt that they deserve a three-year contract, consistent with many

legislative mandate for doubling the nursing output. That committee still intends to address this issue. UNLV previously submitted an agenda item to change the salary schedule for nursing at UNLV, which was withdrawn so staff could address it on a more global basis. In order to fill key faculty positions, this request was necessitated. He said that staff was supportive of such requests on an ad hoc basis as long as the ability is retained to review System-wide nursing salaries, nursing programs, articulation and curricula.

Regent Rosenberg observed that several institutions had nursing programs. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich said the committee included representation from every campus. Chancellor Rogers related that the impact of doubling the nursing output for CCSN was devastating. He promised that the other institutions would also be addressed.

10. Approved-Authorization to Hire Above the Maximum Salary Schedule for Nursing.

UNLV – (Cont'd.)

Regent Sisolak recalled that representations were made that nursing faculty are in such short supply it is driving up the price of faculty. Executive Vice Chancellor Reilly believed that representation was made. Regent Sisolak expressed concern for allowing one institution to pay more than another and the impact it would have on hiring for the other institutions. President Carpenter agreed it was an issue. He said that Vice Chancellor Nichols had agreed to convene the southern Nevada Presidents to discuss this issue. There is currently a \$30,000/year difference in what CCSN can pay nursing faculty versus what UNLV can pay. The largest nursing program in the state is forced to pay the lowest nursing salaries. CCSN turned away more students than were accepted because they could not hire sufficient faculty. The salary range is not in the market. He thought they would return with a proposal that provides a little more flexibility. He said they were trying to avoid internal competition by constantly increasing salaries. This specific request is intended to address a specific hiring instance at UNLV. The Presidents hope to arrive at a System-wide solution.

Chancellor Rogers said the Legislature has mandated the System double the nursing output. System staff intends to notify the Legislature that the mandate will not be met without sufficient funding from the state. He felt the arguments being made were pertinent and they would be conveyed.

Regent Sisolak said he did not want one institution bidding against another and that the Legislature should be aware of the additional costs.

Regent Wixom observed that the budget request does not include funds for aligning faculty salaries with gf.

efficiency.

Vice Chancellor Reed acknowledged office staff for being so supportive during his brief time with the System. He clarified the request entailed adoption of a policy mandating green activity for buildings and the development of detailed guidelines and procedures concerning green building, energy and water conservation and alternative methods of transportation. He proposed the following change to the language submitted: “2. The procedures and guidelines developed under subsection 1 must be approved by the Board of Regents.”

Additionally, Vice Chancellor Reed requested that the business officers begin to develop guidelines and metrics that would take specific stances to building a series of measurable benchmarks.

Regent Alden and Derby accepted the modifications.

Regent Geddes said he was very supportive of this item. He noted the campuses are facing increasing energy costs and this policy addresses the energy savings that could be achieved with certain designs. He noted that energy and water upgrades and solid waste handling had a direct impact on efforts to enhance operational efficiencies. He encouraged the business officers and Vice Chancellor Reed to consider metrics that are not as quantifiable (e.g., employee absenteeism, employee satisfaction and improved test scores in the buildings under consideration) .

Regent Dondero felt the matter should be addressed by the Investment Committee, which also handles properties. Chair Whipple said there was only benefit from additional review. He directed Regent Geddes to speak with Regent Derby and to have the Investment Committee review the matter prior to full Board consideration.

12. Approved-Handbook Revision, Energy and Sustainability Policy –(Cont’d.)

Regent Derby expressed appreciation for the background material concerning campus accomplishments. She was pleased that performance metrics were being developed so the Board could see any progress. She asked how the LEED standards were being incorporated. Vice Chancellor Reed replied there are several levels of ratings (basic certification, silver, gold and platinum) , which become goals as well as cost concerns. The data must be reviewed to determine what makes the most sense for the System in developing the metrics. He said the metrics would be presented to the Board.

Vice Chancellor Reed also requested a modification to subsection 1a following the words, “equivalent standard”:

“adopted by the Director of the Office of Energy ”

Amendments accepted by Regents Alden and Derby. Motion carried. Regents Anthony, Gallagher, Howard and Sisolak were absent.

13. Approved-Handbook Revision, Reduced Fees for High School Students– The Board approved Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols’ request for an amendment to A approved ice

campuses provide testing for remedial courses in the high schools so students could discover in their junior year

remain on the campuses. In the interim, the Nevada Hospital Association will assist by offering classroom space. The NSC nursing building has a very high priority. A priority is also expressed in the CIP list for the renovation of a building at Shadow Lane for the UNLV nursing program. He related that all space needs may not have been anticipated, but they had given it a valiant effort.

Regent Leavitt noted the Regents and the System's legislative team would need to make a compelling and persuasive argument. He applauded the efforts thus far.

Regent Rosenberg expressed his support for the proposal. He urged the Board to remember that nursing and pre-med students would also need a basic education. UNR currently offers 29 sections of English 102, with no openings. Between 130 to over 1,000 students have not been able to get in. He urged the Chancellor not to forget the undergraduate programs. Chancellor Rogers assured him they would not. He said they

15. Information Only-Plan to Increase Nursing Enrollments – (Cont'd.)

were trying to consider the entire spectrum. At the moment, this mandate has consumed all of his efforts.

Mr. Alok Pandey, Faculty Senate Chair-CCSN, said he was happy to hear about the new referendum to fund nursing faculty at 100%. He noted that CCSN will still be funded at the 60/40 ratio for the prerequisite classes required by nursing students. He affirmed that CCSN has doubled its nursing graduates, adding they would have a difficult time finding adjunct faculty to support those prerequisite classes. He asked that faculty salaries for the prerequisite classes also be fully funded. Chancellor Rogers said he had spoken with Mr. Pandey, the problem

U.S. News and World Report America's Best Colleges – Public – It is very difficult to move from the third tier into the ranked second tier.

UNR is in the third tier with University of New Mexico, New Mexico State, Arizona State and University of Montana.

UNLV is in the fourth tier.

University of Arizona is in the first tier, ranked 45th.

University of Utah is in first tier, ranked 59th.

Lombardi: The Top American Research Universities - Comprised of nine categories:

Total research expenditures.

Federal research expenditures.

Endowment assets.

Annual giving.

National Academy members.

Faculty awards.

Doctorates awarded.

Postdoctoral appointees.

Median SAT scores.

National Rank and Control Rank:

National Rank is position within both public and private institutions.

Control Rank is position within public research institutions.

2004 National Science Foundation R & D Expenditures:

University of Arizona national rank 21 \$478.7 million.

UNR national rank 131 \$83.5 million.

UNLV national rank 165 \$45.4 million.

DRI national rank 182 \$34.8 million.

R & D Expenditures in Environmental Sciences:

DRI is ranked 27th.

UNLV is ranked 38th.

UNR is ranked 72nd.

R & D Expenditures in Agricultural Sciences:

UNR is ranked 46th.

R & D Expenditures in Physics:

UNR is ranked 57th.

R & D Expenditures financed by the Department of Energy:

UNR is ranked 16th.

DRI is ranked 27th.

New development: A change in the Carnegie classifications for all higher education institutions:

Research Universities:

Research with very high research.

Research with high research.

16. Information Only-Report on Postsecondary Ranking Methodologies –(Cont'd.)

Doctoral research.

No extensive vs. intensive research.

The old system was the basis for the U.S. News & World Report rankings.

Carnegie Classifications Categories:

Undergraduate instructional program.
Graduate instructional program.
Enrollment profile.
Undergraduate profile.
Size and setting.

Vice Chancellor Nichols reported that the new Carnegie classifications will provide far greater complexity in reporting. Community colleges are broken out by those offering some four-year degrees. Both UNR and UNLV are in the high research activity category. Voluntary elective classifications are expected to follow (e.g., community involvement) .

How can Ranking levels be improved?

Regent Sisolak asked whether the research dollars for the universities were dollars received that are not outsourced. Vice Chancellor Nichols replied there are two categories: research expenditures and grants and contracts received. The expenditure line is only for funds actually expended at the institution. Regent Sisolak asked about the Carnegie ratings relative to community colleges, how that was handled in Wisconsin and whether they pay attention to Carnegie classifications for community colleges. President Carpenter replied they do not. Regent Sisolak asked whether this was something new. President Carpenter replied that while community colleges are part of the Carnegie classifications they are not ranked like universities. Regent Sisolak asked whether community colleges offering four-year degrees were ranked. Vice Chancellor Nichols replied that the new Carnegie classifications had identified more than a couple of community colleges across the country that offer four-year degrees and have broken them out into a separate category. Their characteristics can be

on undergraduate education. She felt that the proposed standardized testing could be dangerous and urged

3½ years old. As more current data becomes available, it will be included in the request.

was approximately \$100,000-\$150,000. Chair Whipple was concerned about financial constraints and non-uniform needs across the state.

19. Information Only-Blueprint for the Future for the Nevada System of Higher Education –

(Cont'd.)

Regent Derby noted that, since that time, the System has improved Nevada's college-going rate with the introduction of the Millennium Scholarship. Previously, Nevada ranked last in that area as well. The studies performed provided the Board with very good information and a recommendation for establishing a state college-level to educate students more affordably at the baccalaureate level. It often comes down to achieving funding support for what is recommended. The rest of the state, the business community, the Legislature, the Governor and state leaders must all realize the importance of higher education as the economic engine to Nevada's development. She felt it was important to convince state officials and the business leaders in the state that supporting higher education equated to supporting the future of Nevada.

Regent Wixom observed that the rankings process works to the disadvantage of growing institutions. Each of the factors included in the rankings evaluation works against institutions with increased student populations. He felt they did not reflect the level of success that the System has achieved. He said the rankings favor established institutions with a stable population base, stable alumni and stable giving. Before a consultant is hired, he felt the Board should determine its priorities and concerns. The consultant could then suggest the appropriate next steps. He said the Board should discuss with the consultant how the Board interfaces with the State Board of Education and how to help the local school districts achieve what they desire to achieve. The consultant could also be helpful in identifying what the System can do to facilitate the transfer of students from high school to higher education institutions and cooperation between the community colleges and the universities. He felt the Board should collect its thoughts about its priorities so members can more effectively promote the System as a whole and retain advice for how to get there.

Regent Alden noted they were discussing a public system of higher education. He felt there needs to be an effort made by the Governor and economic development to establish zones of free enterprise and encourage private institutions to participate in this effort. He said it could not be done alone.

Chair Whipple agreed that the Board should prioritize its concerns and aspirations in order to determine an appropriate direction.

President Maryanski asked whether the data presented indicated a need for both associate and bachelor's degrees in the younger workforce. Vice Chancellor Nichols replied that it did. Chair Whipple observed that Nevada ranks last in attainment of those degrees for members of the younger workforce (25-34 year olds) .

Regent Geddes did not foresee large funding increases coming to the System at any time in the future. Higher education must compete for funding with K-12, prisons and healthcare. He agreed the Board needs to prioritize its desires and ascertain what can be provided prior to hiring a consultant. He said the Board would need to make tough decisions and choices in order to respond to state needs. He felt the focus on health sciences was a great means for moving forward. He felt the Board should review all of the System's programs to ensure a similar responsiveness to the state's needs.

19. Information Only-Blueprint for the Future for the Nevada System of Higher Education –

(Cont'd.)

Regent Leavitt said he would like the Board to be engaged in something that is systematic, annual and performance measurable. He recommended the Board establish a protocol that is valuable and systematic in nature. He requested a future agenda item that would highlight some of the work in which Vice Chancellor Nichols is already engaged.

Chancellor Rogers provided observations on the System institutions' current rankings and what they can expect

in the near future. T

20. Approved-2007 Board Meeting Locations – The Board approved meeting locations for the Board of Regents’ meetings in 2007.

January 25-26 – CCSN Henderson Campus

March 15-16 – WNCC-Carson City

August 16-17 – UNR

October 11-12 – DRI-Las Vegas

Regents requested approval of the 2007 Board meeting locations. Regent ROSENBERG seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony, Gallagher, Howard and Leavitt were absent.

21. Approved-Bank Loan, Computational Research and Visualization Building (CRVB) , DRI – The Board approved DRI President Stephen G. Wells’ request to seek a \$1.5 million bank loan for fn WNqLe

Board in 2004. The project was included, but not funded, in the capital request for 2005-07 and was included again in the capital request for 2007-09. Washoe County's population is expected to grow significantly by 2015. Spanish Springs is the fastest growing area in Washoe County from where 24.6% of TMCC's current enrolled students originate. The facility will serve the north valleys, Sparks and two Paiute Indian reservations in Washoe County. The facility master plan reported a significant deficit of classroom, lab and office space at TMCC. When the study was

23. Approved-Spanish Springs Higher Education Center, TMCC – (Cont'd.)

conducted, TMCC was approximately 137-sq. ft. short of space, which was projected to grow to 287,000-sq. ft. by 2015. The community has been very involved in this project. Recognizing there is no higher education facility in the area, Hawco donated land for the project. The site chosen is located in close proximity to a childcare center, a middle school and high school.

The community advisory board, Washoe County Planning Commission and the TMCC Foundation have all

Regent Alden moved approval of the CIP revision for the UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs. Regent Derby seconded.

President Ashley reported that a more accurate cost estimate was now available. Part of the \$23.3 million shortfall is for a \$1.7 million photovoltaic array, which is part of the LEED certification for the building. The Greenspun family has agreed to fund this upfront and allow UNLV to use the energy cost savings to repay them. The remaining \$21.6 million amounts to cost overruns from the original estimate. The Greenspuns are very enthusiastic about every aspect of the building project and have encouraged UNLV to proceed with the full scope of the project. In doing so they agreed to increase their contribution to the project. UNLV is requesting permission to amend its top priority from \$4 million to \$10.8 million.

Regent Geddes asked how the original estimates were first derived expressing concern for building and FF&E creep. Mr. Gerry Bomotti, Vice President, Finance-UNLV, replied it was a State Public Works Board (SPWB)

Regent Sisolak clarified that UNLV was requesting an extra \$6.8 million in FF&E and transferring the \$10.8 million to construction and inquired whether more would be requested for FF&E. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich replied they were requesting an increase and a re-characterization of a portion of the FF&E. The request entails devoting some of the FF&E money to construction. UNLV's request for FF&E will be moved to the next biennium, realizing there is no guarantee for that additional money. Regent Sisolak requested clarification, noting that more money would be required for FF&E in the following biennium. Vice President Bomotti explained it was a two-phase process. The Interim Finance Committee (IFC) must take action to transfer money from FF&E to the construction budget in order to start the project. An additional request for FF&E will be made in the next legislative session. Vice President Bomotti clarified the request entailed \$10.8 million from the state. The Greenspun contribution will go toward construction. The current FF&E budget of \$13.7 million will be reduced by \$10.8 million and transferred to construction. Regent Sisolak felt the request was not worded properly. Vice President Bomotti clarified that the Board was asked to approve a CIP increase from \$4 million to \$10.8 million and IFC action to transfer \$10.8 million from FF&E to construction.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich stated that the current 2007-09 CIP list includes a UNLV request for \$4 million to be added to the project for FF&E. It has been determined that amount is insufficient, thus prompting the request for an increase to \$10.8 million (a \$6.8 million increase). Construction cannot begin until \$10.8 million is transferred from the 2005-07 FF&E budget to construction. Regent Sisolak said he understood but felt the request was worded incorrectly. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to recognize the contribution.

Nevada State Health Lab, UNR (Ref. A-4 on file in the Board office) .

Regent Sisolak moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report. Regent Rosenberg seconded.

Regent Alden objected to paying the auditors more money for the change in scope.

Motion carried. Regent Alden voted no. Regents Anthony, Gallagher and Howard were absent.

Regent Sisolak left the meeting.

28. Approved-Budget & Finance Committee Recommendations - Chair Mark Alden reported the Budget & Finance Committee met August 17, 2006 and heard the following reports:

Self-supporting budget revisions for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005-06.

State supported operating budget transfers for fiscal year 2005-06.

Institutional resource reassignment/allocation between institutions and units of the NSHE for fiscal year 2005-06.

28. Approved-Budget & Finance Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

The report regarding institutional operational efficiencies implemented by the NSHE campuses through fiscal year 2005-06 to increase productivity and thereby reduce waste and cost was tabled to a subsequent meeting.

Regent Alden requested Board action on the following Committee recommendations:

Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2006 Committee meeting (Ref. BF-1 on file in the Board office) .

Fiscal Year 2006-07 NSHE Self-Supporting Budget – The Committee recommended approval of the fiscal year 2006-07 NSHE Self-Supporting Budget (Bound Report on file in the Board office) .

Fiscal Year 2006-07 State Accountability Report, Reconciling Legislative Approved Budget to Board of Regents' Approved Budget – The Committee recommended approval of the fiscal year 2006-07 State Accountability Report reconciling the NSHE legislative approved operating budget to the Board of Regents approved operating budget (Bound Report on file in the Board office) .

IFC Approval to Redirect Appropriated State Funds – The Committee recommended approval for the NSHE to seek Interim Finance Committee authorization to reallocate funds appropriated to the School of Medicine in support of postgraduate medical education (Ref. BF-9 on file in the Board office) .

Regent Alden moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony, Gallagher, Howard and Sisolak were absent.

29. Approved-Cultural Diversity and Security Committee Recommendations– Regent Derby reported the Cultural Diversity and Security Committee met August 17, 2006. Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols presented recent national data that had been given to the Nevada P-16 Council by Ms. Kati Haycock of the Education Trust. The Committee also received a presentation on the Nevada MESA program that prepares middle and high school students to achieve in math, engineering and science before they enter college. Mrs. Sharon Wurm, Director of Financial Aid-System Administration, updated the Committee on two new federal scholarship programs, the Academic Competitiveness Grant and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART)Grant.

Regent Derby requested that copies of these reports be provided to all members of the Board.

Regent Derby requested Board action on the following Committee recommendation:

Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2006 Committee meeting (Ref. CDS-1 on file in the Board office) .

29. Approved-Cultural Diversity and Security Committee Recommendations– (Cont'd.)

Regent Derby moved approval of the Committee recommendation and acceptance of the report. Regent Alden seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony, Gallagher, Howard and Sisolak were absent.

30. Approved-Student and Academic Affairs Committee Recommendations - Chair James Dean Leavitt reported the Student and Academic Affairs Committee met August 17, 2006 and requested Board action on the following Committee recommendations:

Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2006 Committee meeting (Ref. SAA-1 on file in the Board office) .

Handbook Revision, Remedial Coursework – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy (T

forward briefly and then were put on hold while the basis for the original RFP was discussed. The terms of the initial RFP indicate the responses were good for one year. Those two responses are still viable and frozen for one year. Within that time the Board and Committee may determine that it wishes to renew consideration and comparison of the two responses. The Committee continued discussion on the process that resulted in the finalization of the second RFP. The Committee discussed the specifics of RFP 7540 and discussed how the evaluation process will proceed using an NSHE steering committee with functional experts from the campuses and an independent consultant. The Committee further considered a report on responses to RFP #7552 to contract with a consultant to evaluate the responses to the initial RFP (#7499) and the second RFP (#7540). The Committee

33. Approved-Technology Committee Recommendations – (Continued)

recognized the conditions of the RFP that responders remain independent and have no connection with vendors bidding on the iNtegrate project. Moran Technology Consulting was the sole respondent. Review of all aspects indicated the responder is a viable choice. It was noted the consultant will report to the Committee and on a day-to-day basis work with Dr. Kenneth McCollum and the project steering committee.

growth plans.

The Committee recommended approval of the creation of the UNHSC Foundation.

The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2007-09 legislative funding request, with a request for additional information on facilities planning to be provided to the Committee prior to the Legislative Session.

Regent Leavitt moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report. Regent Wixom seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony, Gallagher and Howard were absent.

35. Approved-Future Structure and Functioning of the Board - The Board considered the future structure and functioning of the Board in its governance of the NSHE and approved referring the matter to the Board Development Committee (Ref. O on file in the Board office) .

Regent Leavitt moved approval of referring the matter to the Board Development Committee. Regent Sisolak seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony, Gallagher and Howard were absent.

36. New Business – Dr. William Robinson, UNLV Faculty Senate Chair, stated that the iNtegrate project is 20% technology, 20% RFPs and 80% human factor and policy. None of the campuses have the staff necessary to implement the project without additional resources. He urged the Board to create the policy necessary to require specific data from the new system. He urged the Board to allow the Technology Committee to consider other matters than just the RFPs, to include the issues of policy and resources and to ensure the eight campuses are unified. He said it was important that the resulting policies and RFP match the data needs and student needs.

Regent Wixom observed that no mistakes had been made yet. Instead they have been collecting valuable data and are in an excellent position. He was grateful the System had not spent a lot of money that would later be regretted.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich stated the Committee was considering best business practices. The campuses are highly energized in working with this Committee. While the RFPs are being considered it is important to remember that a lot of work remains to determine the proper data points, business practices and implementation procedures.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Scott G. Wasserman
Secretary of the Board