

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
Friday, February 3, 2017

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Rick Trachok, Chairman
 Ms. Allison Stephens, Vice Chair
 Dr. Andrea Anderson
 Dr. Patrick R. Carter
 Mr. Cedric Crear
 Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
 Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
 Dr. Jason Geddes
 Mr. Trevor Hayes
 Mr. Sam Lieberman
 Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
 Mr. John T. Moran
 Mr. Kevin J. Page

Others Present: Mr. John V. White, Chancellor
 Mr. Nicholas Vaskov, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
 Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board
 Dr. Robert Gagosian, President, DRI
 Dr. Len Jessup, President, UNLV
 Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

For others present please see the attendance roster on file in the Board Office.

Dr. Fred Harris, University of Nevada, Reno Faculty Senate Chair, was in attendance.

Chairman Trachok called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Regents Hayes and Page. Regent McAdoo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

Regent Hayes entered the meeting.

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Faculty Senate Chair Fred Harris, UNR, stated the UNR professional employees expressed appreciation for Governor Sandoval's budget and the Nevada System of Higher Education (*NSHE*) funding, however, there are strong concerns. He urged the Board of Regents, on behalf of the faculty, to advocate that NSHE professional employees are treated equally as other state employees by maintaining the current cost of living allowance and by adding back the 2.5 percent professional merit pool.

Regent Page entered the meeting.

2. Approved – Appointment, President, DRI – The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Kristen Averyt as President of the Desert Research Institute (*DRI*) and the salary and contract terms as presented. (*Ref. BOR-2a and supplemental material on file in the Board Office.*)

Chair Geddes stated it was a successful search with the help of Search Consultant Brian Bloomfield, Chancellor John V. White and President Robert Gagossian.

Regent Geddes moved approval of the appointment of Dr. Kristen Averyt as President of the Desert Research Institute (*DRI*) and the salary and contract terms as presented. Regent Crear seconded.

Chancellor John V. White added it was an engaged process that drew a lot of interest because of DRI's success.

Vice Chancellor Nicholas Vaskov, Legal Affairs, presented the employment agreement and proposed terms of the contract.

Motion carried.

Regent Doubrava left the meeting.

3. Information Only – New Business – Dr. Kristen Averyt stated DRI is a tremendous institution and she is impressed with what she has learned during this process. She looks forward to working with the faculty and staff to bolster the core capacities and capabilities and then expand on those strengths to develop new opportunities. She thanked all those involved during the search process.

4. Information Only – Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its June 8 & 9, 2017, meeting.