

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room

Friday, January 18, 2019

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chairman
Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
Mr. Trevor Hayes
Mr. Sam Lieberman
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Ms. Laura E. Perkins
Mr. Rick Trachok

Members Absent:

Mr. John T. Moran

Others Present:

Dr. Thom Reilly, Chancellor
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board
Mr. Nate Mackinnon, Vice Chancellor, Community Colleges
Mr. Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN
Dr. Kristen Averyt, President, DRI
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Marta Meana, President, UNLV
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Darin Dockstader, CSN; Dr. Abby Peters, NSC; Mr. Mike Holmes, TMCC; and Mr. Douglas Unger, UNLV. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Andrew Sierra, ASCSN President, CSN; and Ms. Stephanie Molina, GPSA President, UNLV.

Chairman Page called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Regent Moran.

1. Information Only – Public Comment – None.
2. Approved – Resolution to Aid Higher Education Students Impacted by Federal Shutdown – The Board approved a Resolution directing the Presidents of NSHE institutions to temporarily defer the payment of fees and/or tuition and permanently waive any late penalty for those higher education students who are currently enrolled at an NSHE institution for the Spring 2019 semester and who are experiencing financial hardship due to the federal government shutdown. *(Refs. BOR-2a and BOR-2b on file in the Board Office.)*

Chairman Page welcomed State of Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak to the meeting.

Governor Sisolak stated Nevada's federal employees are facing a crisis. He stated he recently visited Transportation Security Administration workers in Reno and Las Vegas, who continue to show up for work, that are facing real-world problems. He stated his administration sent a letter to the Chancellor and Chairman requesting that NSHE consider deferring tuition and any penalties that may arise for those affected by the federal government shutdown. He stated he is concerned that students may be forced to miss a semester and break the continuity of their education.

Chancellor Thom Reilly stated all the Presidents enthusiastically endorsed this and are proactively reaching out to students that may be impacted.

In response to a question from Regent Perkins, Chancellor Reilly responded NSHE is unsure how many students are affected but that he asked all the institutions to proactively reach out to students.

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, stated the University does not keep records as to who is a federal employee or dependent of a federal employee, but UNR has sent an email/letter to all students indicating steps to be taken if they are impacted by the federal government shutdown.

Regent Hayes asked if NSHE has determined how to do this mechanically within the registration system. UNLV President Marta Meana stated UNLV is ready. NSC President Bart J. Patterson stated NSC has student repayment plans. CSN President Federico Zaragoza stated CSN is ready.

Regent Del Carlo stated she had seen a copy of UNR's very caring and compassionate letter that laid out all the steps to take if a student is impacted.

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Regent Doubrava requested a report back as to how many students are affected.

Regent Doubrava moved approval of a Resolution directing the Presidents of NSHE institutions to temporarily defer the payment of fees and/or tuition and permanently waive any late penalty for those higher education students who are currently enrolled at an NSHE institution for the Spring 2019 semester and who are experiencing financial hardship due to the federal government shutdown. Regent Hayes seconded. Motion carried via a roll call vote. Chairman Page, Vice Chairman Geddes, and Regents Carter, Carvalho, Del Carlo, Doubrava, Hayes, Lieberman, McAdoo, McMichael, Perkins and Trachok voted yes. Regent Moran was absent.

Governor Sisolak thanked the Board of Regents. He stated this will make a huge difference and he looks forward to representing and working with NSHE.

3. Information Only – New Business – None.
4. Information Only – Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

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Chief of Staff and Special Counsel
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Approved by the Board of Regents at its April 12, 2019, meeting.