

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Aspen Building, Carson Nugget Hall
Western Nevada College
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City
Friday, September 6, 2019

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:

Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Chair
Mr. Sam Lieberman, Vice Chair
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chairman
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Mr. Kevin J. Page
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Advisory Members

Present:

Ms. BJ North, TMCC IAC Chair

Advisory Members

Absent:

Dr. Nancy Brune, CSN IAC Chair
Mr. Rob Hooper, WNC IAC Chair

Others Present:

Dr. Thom Reilly, Chancellor
Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff & Special Counsel to the Board
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Nate Mackinnon, Vice Chancellor, Community Colleges
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel
Mr. Zelalem Bogale, Deputy General Counsel
Mr. Caleb Cage, Assistant Vice Chancellor,
Workforce Development & Community Colleges
Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and
Director of Student Affairs
Dr. Anne Milkovich, Chief Information Officer
Mr. Joseph Sunbury, Chief Internal Auditor
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN

Others Present: Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty Senate Chairs in attendance were: Dr. Arnold Bell, CSN; Mr. George Kleebe, GBC; Ms. Brigitte Glynn, System Administration; Ms. Anne Flesher, TMCC; and Mr. Robert Morin, WNC.

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

Chair Carol Del Carlo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all Regents' Committee members present except Regent Moran.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2019, meeting (*Ref. CC-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2019, meeting. Vice Chair Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Regent Moran was absent.

3. Information Only-Vice Chancellor's Report – Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Nate Mackinnon reported to the Committee on continuing efforts by the four community colleges to work collaboratively on common challenges that will ultimately lead to increased student access.

Vice Chancellor Mackinnon introduced and welcomed the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges, Mr. Caleb Cage. He also congratulated and welcomed Ms. BJ North to her role as chair of the TMCC Institutional Advisory Council.

Vice Chancellor Mackinnon reported that the community college presidents participated in a summer workshop in order to collaborate and prioritize work for the year ahead including continuing to grow enrollment, enhancing online education, developing common marketing and messaging, and collaborating on shared services among the four community colleges.

Chair Del Carlo thanked Vice Chancellor Mackinnon for his report. She noted that she is glad to see the community colleges working together on shared services. She also mentioned that she is currently working on a presentation about shared governance with Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC, for the upcoming 2019 ACCT Leadership Congress in October.

Chair Del Carlo asked if the position for the GBC IAC Chair will be filled soon. Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC, answered yes and that the GBC IAC

3. Information Only-Vice Chancellor's Report – (continued)

members will discuss filling the position at its next meeting.

4. Approved-Handbook Revision, Nevada Promise Policy – The Nevada Promise Scholarship Program (NPS) was created by the Legislature in 2017. In the 2019 Legislative Session, SB350 was passed and amended large parts of the program. Among other things, SB350 requires the Board of Regents to establish specific policies to effectively implement the program. The Committee recommended approval of additions to the *Handbook (Title 4, Chapter 18, new Section 11)* for the NPS at the four community colleges (Ref. CC-4 on file in the Board Office).

Vice Chancellor Mackinnon provided the history on the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program (NPS) which was signed into law during the 2017 Legislative Session. He stated there were challenges in the implementation of the program for the first year and that SB350 addressed many of those issues.

Vice Chancellor Mackinnon provided an overview of the policy revisions (*Title 4, Chapter 18, new Section 11*) including: eligible institutions; eligibility requirements for students; students with disabilities; appeals; leave of absence; transferability; community service; awarding of scholarships; definitions; reporting; procedures and guidelines; and the disclaimer for the program.

Regent Carvalho requested that the community college presidents weigh in on the policy revisions and provide feedback, if any.

President Hilgersom believed the NPS Policy is outstanding and commended Vice Chancellor Mackinnon for his collaboration with the community colleges on the policy. She shared her appreciation of the NPS as it helps a wide variety of students and she believes it will lead to excellent student success and completion outcomes.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN, added that the NPS Program provides amazing mentorship opportunities from the community to the students. The NPS strengthens the pipeline between K-12 and higher education in Nevada, as it provides information about college opportunities to K-12 students early on. President Zaragoza said Vice Chancellor Mackinnon has done an excellent job of engaging individuals at a campus-level throughout the NPS Program process and that will serve the community colleges well as they move forward into the next phase of the program.

Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC, shared his support for the NPS Program and the policy revisions. The program allows anyone who has a desire, but may not have the resources, to attend college. The NPS Program is a great commitment from the state as it provides students access to higher education by offering the opportunity to attend an NSHE community college. President Solis

4. Approved-Handbook Revision, Nevada Promise Policy – (continued)

thanked Vice Chancellor Mackinnon for being a strong advocate for the NPS Program, along with the state and the Regents for their support of the program.

Vice Chair Lieberman commented that not only are the System and community college presidents in support of the NPS Program, there is also legislative support.

Chair Del Carlo shared her support for the NPS Program. She asked for information about funding for the program. Vice Chancellor Mackinnon answered that the program initially received \$3.5 million which was not all utilized, and the leftover money will be carried forward to the current biennium to add to the \$4 million received. He is hopeful that there is enough funding for students in the program.

Chair Del Carlo asked if there have been any student appeals under the NPS Program. Vice Chancellor Mackinnon said there have been some appeals; however, there was no reporting requirement in the initial policy. The revised policy will now require the reporting of appeals on a System level.

President Zaragoza said that some of the appeals have already been addressed. A handful of the appeals involved the community service requirements and deadlines. Procedurally, the bill has been enhanced and the provision of the formal appeals process will help students.

Chair Del Carlo asked if the graduation rates of the NPS students are being tracked. Vice Chancellor Mackinnon answered that graduation rates will be tracked once there is a cohort. The first year of NPS students are currently entering their second year of college.

President Zaragoza added that CSN is monitoring persistence. At CSN, the persistence rate is higher for the NPS group than it is for the general population.

Chair Del Carlo encouraged members of the Committee and NSHE/institutional staff to become mentors if possible. She thanked Vice Chancellor Mackinnon for his efforts.

Vice Chancellor Mackinnon agreed with Chair Del Carlo about staff being involved in the mentorship aspect of the NPS Program. He thanked Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Affairs, and Mr. Zelalem Bogale, Deputy General Counsel, for their help on the NPS Program Policy.

Regent Carvalho commented that affordability is a barrier to college entry for many Nevada students. She commended Vice Chancellor Mackinnon and his team for their work on the NPS Program. She added that access is one of the NSHE strategic goals and the NPS Program aligns very well with that goal.

4. Approved-Handbook Revision, Nevada Promise Policy – (continued)

Regent Moran left the meeting.

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the policy revisions for the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Moran was absent.

5. Information Only-New Business – Regent McMichael requested a discussion on coordination among the community colleges for assisting students in emergency situations by organizing food banks, providing student grants and so forth.

Vice Chair Lieberman added that it would be important to include the student body presidents in the discussion that Regent McMichael proposed for a future meeting.

Chair Del Carlo commented that before she became a Regent, she was not aware of a lot of personal hardships that students endured, such as a lack of food and housing.

6. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

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