

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballroom A
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 5, 2019

Members Present: Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chair
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Vice Chair
Mr. Sam Lieberman
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
Mr. Rick Trachok

Members Absent: Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present: Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff & Special Counsel to the Board
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel
Mr. Zelalem Bogale, Deputy General Counsel, System Administration
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
Dr. Marta Meana, President, UNLV
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Brian Frost, UNR, was in attendance.

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

Chair Kevin J. Page called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Moran.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2019, meeting (*Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Trachok moved approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2019, meeting. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Moran was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Kevin J. Page acknowledged the generous donation of more than \$155 million to pay for construction of a medical education building that will serve as the permanent campus for the UNLV School of Medicine.
4. Information Only-UNR School of Medicine Report – Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks which included information relating to programs, funding and financial status (*Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board Office*).

Dean Schwenk's report included: updates on recruitment of the Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and the Associate Dean for Biomedical Research; the Practice Plan, outlining strategic planning and organizational development; medical education; clinical network development and local partnerships with the business community; research funding and research programs; and the University Health Logo and branding.

Chair Page asked if the University Health Logo branding work was done internally, or if an outside firm was hired for the job. Dean Schwenk said UNR Med staff worked on the branding project and created the logo based on information gathered by surveys across the community.

Chair Page asked for clarification on the Practice Plan deficit. Dean Schwenk said the deficit is in the amount of \$500,000 and is due to the transition costs of separating from Renown Health and having to move offices which resulted in a temporary loss of productivity.

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – Dr. John Fildes, Interim Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and offered general remarks which included information relating to programs, funding and financial status (*Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office*).

Interim Dean Fildes' report included: data on the undergraduate medical education admissions, class of 2024; faculty affairs; research; community partnerships regarding the Las Vegas Medical District; and recruitment of a Director of Development.

Chair Page asked if the Director of Development is from Nevada, or elsewhere. Interim Dean Fildes answered that the individual is from outside the community; however, they have worked in several metropolitan areas and have a great deal of relevant experience.

Dr. Michael Gardner, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, UNLV SOM, provided an update on clinical affairs and finance which highlighted corrective actions being taken to address the financial shortfalls of departments within the UNLV SOM, as

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – (continued)

well as contributions to the UNLV SOM from interns in the Master of Healthcare Administration program. He also thanked Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel, NSHE, and Ms. Elda Sidhu, General Counsel, UNLV, for their assistance with the drafting and establishment of the UNLV SOM's bylaws.

6. Information Only-Nevada Mental Health Workforce and Education – Dr. Sara Hunt, Assistant Dean of Behavioral Health Sciences, UNLV, presented information on the mental health workforce shortages in Nevada and a proposal for creating a statewide network of partners dedicated to increasing the number of health professionals in Nevada (Refs. HSS-6a, HSS-6b and HSS-6c on file in the Board Office).

Dr. Hunt's report included: mental health workforce shortages and primary care workforce shortages in Nevada; the average number of mental health professionals needed; the state of mental health in Nevada; mental health, education and workforce development; University of Nebraska's Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN); and a Nevada Mental Health Workforce Education Network proposal.

Chairman Page asked which states were in the top ten for meeting mental health needs and accessibility to care. Dr. Hunt answered that overall, the east coast and midwestern regions rank well in meeting mental health needs.

Regent McAdoo mentioned the Community Health Workers program in Nevada and its involvement in mental health training and workforce development. She also commented that the state of Nevada funds 12 coalitions that serve all 17 counties which is a large component of the Community Health Workers.

Chair Page asked how many UNLV mental health program students graduate annually. Dr. Hunt said it depends on the training program and offered an example: for the UNLV psychology doctoral program, 7-10 students are enrolled each cohort which typically means that about that same number of students graduate from that program each year.

7. Approved-UNLV School of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and Operating Agreement – The Committee recommended approval of the UNLV School of Medicine's revised Faculty Practice Plan Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Operating Agreement (Refs. HSS-7a, HSS-7b, HSS-7c, HSS-7d, HSS-7e, HSS-7f and HSS-7g on file in the Board Office).

Dr. Marta Meana, President, UNLV, presented the revisions.

7. Approved-UNLV School of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and Operating Agreement – *(continued)*

Regent Trachok moved approval of the UNLV School of Medicine's revised Faculty Practice Plan Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Operating Agreement. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Moran was absent.

8. Information Only-New Business – None.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its March 5-6, 2020, meeting.