BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Videoconference/Teleconference
Friday, September 11, 2020

Members Present:	Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chair Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair Ms. Amy J. Carvalho Ms. Lisa C. Levine Mr. John T. Moran
Other Regents Present:	Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Board Chair Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair Dr. Jason Geddes Mr. Trevor Hayes Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr. Ms. Laura E. Perkins Mr. Rick Trachok
Others Present:	Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor 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 Ms. Theresa Semmens, Chief Information Security Officer Mr. Joseph Sunbury, Chief Internal Auditor Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN; Mr. Theo Meek, System Administration; Ms. YeVonne Allen, TMCC; Dr. Vicki Rosser, UNLV; and Dr. Amy Pason, UNR. Ms. Karli McFarling-Kelly, ASCSN Student Body President, was also in attendance.

Chair Kevin J. Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Regent Moran.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2020, meeting *(Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office).*

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2020, meeting. Vice Chair McAdoo seconded. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chair Page, Vice Chair McAdoo, Regent Carvalho and Regent Levine voted yes. Regent Moran was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Kevin J. Page thanked all the campuses for their leadership and continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Information Only-COVID-19 Update – Dr. Cheryl Hug-English, Director, UNR Student Health; Amber Donnelli, Ph.D., RN, CNE, Dean, Health Science Human Services, GBC; and Adam Garcia, Director, University Police Services, Southern Command, each gave an update on recent COVID-19 developments and responses involving NSHE campuses and communities in Washoe, Elko and Clark Counties.

Dr. Hug-English provided updates on the Washoe County and UNR community which included: the high number of COVID-19 cases in Washoe County and its yellow zone status; the continuing impact of COVID-19 and the leveling-off of cases in certain areas of the county, the decrease of hospitalizations due to the pandemic, an increase in numbers of recovered cases and testing being more widely available to residents; the highest number of cases occurring in the 20-29 age range; preparation planning for testing for COVID-19 and the flu this coming fall from the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory; daily COVID-19 testing at the UNR Student Health Center for students, faculty and staff, and since July, over 1,300 individuals have been tested; all positive cases discovered on campus are posted on the UNR website and updated daily, without identifying data to protect individuals' privacy; great efforts from administration, faculty and staff leadership to develop policies and protocol to promote health and safety on campus; and 4 percent of classes at UNR are currently in-person only, 77 percent of classes are fully remote and the rest of the courses are a hybrid of virtual and in-person instruction.

Dr. Donnelli provided updates on Elko and GBC which included: the GBC COVID-19 tracing team that covers Elko, Lander and Eureka counties, with 877 cases being traced thus far; the GBC COVID-19 tracing team will soon transition to a more advanced tracing system; strong partnership with the state of Nevada regarding tracing; Elko, Lander and Eureka counties have a red zone status that could in part be related to the shortage of testing that is currently common in the smaller counties; like Washoe County, the highest number of cases are occurring in the 20-29 age range; and most students have made the transition to online learning, with the exception of health sciences and

4. Information Only-COVID-19 Update – *(continued)*

CTE courses being a hybrid of online and in-person instruction.

With regard to the 20-29 age range with the highest rate of COVID-19 cases, Vice Chair McAdoo asked if that is in reference to campus population, or within the county. Dr. Donnelli and Dr. Hug-English confirmed that the data is referring to the general population in the counties. Dr. Donnelli added the next age bracket with a high number of positive cases is between ages 30-39.

Director Garcia provided updates on Clark County and southern NSHE campuses which included: all southern NSHE campuses reported 140 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of September 4, 2020; UNLV's support in testing throughout the valley and over 92,000 tests have been conducted; CSN and NSC created and donated thousands of various PPE to frontline workers in the community; DRI research teams launched two public surveys to gather information about how Nevadans were experiencing COVID-19 with over 17,000 responses; and the Clark County Response Plan.

Chair Page inquired about recent issues with student gatherings and if a resolution was reached. Dr. Hug-English answered the activities students engage in off-campus are harder to control. There have been strong messages sent by the UNR President's Office about the serious consequences students would face from involvement in off-campus parties and gatherings. Also, UNR has partnered with the Reno Police Department to increase patrol around campus apartments.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Dental Medicine Report – Dr. Lily T. Garcia, Dean, UNLV School of Dental Medicine, provided a report and offered general remarks on activities involving the Dental School, including activities that have occurred under new leadership, best practices, mission alignment within UNLV and vision moving forward *(Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office).*

Dean Garcia provided a brief overview of her professional background and the Dental School report which included: an invitation to the Board to tour the Dental School; the undergoing of comprehensive reviews involving intensive assessments of roles/responsibilities, review of the strategic plan, the possibility of moving to a multi-year financial model for the purpose of sustainability, the Dental School's operation during COVID-19, a systematic review of HR practices; remote learning and patient care; community engagement; the class of 2024 – 59 percent of the students are Nevada residents; and moving forward with plans for the future.

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

Vice Chair McAdoo welcomed Dean Garcia and shared her experience as a dental/orthodontic assistant.

6. 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 *(Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board Office).*

Dean Schwenk provided the UNR Med report which included: general issues related to COVID-19 – NSPHL performance and Project ECHO, research labs, faculty/staff mental health well-being and return to the workplace planning, Sierra Nevada VA Partnership, recruitment plans for Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, recruitment of Senior Associate Dean for Administration and Finance, Northern Nevada Healthcare Hero awards and the Patient Protection Commission; undergraduate medical education; Graduate Medical Education; clinical network development; research; and integration and partnership opportunities.

7. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – Dr. Marc J. Kahn, Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks *(Ref. HSS-7 on file in the Board Office).*

Dean Kahn provided the UNLVSOM report which included: announcements related to the strategic planning process, Saturday "free clinic" with Southern Nevada Health District's federally qualified Health Center, the October accreditation visit, work on the development of combined MD programs (BS/MD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA), scholarship in medical education working group, new interim Assistant Dean for Research; academic affairs; undergraduate medical education; Graduate Medical Education; faculty affairs; research; and the development of various projects/initiatives including the first endowed scholarship ($200,000), the White Coat Campaign, fundraised $560,000, over the past six months, the Dean's Advisory Committee and the establishment of funding ranges for endowed chairs, departments, professors and naming rights for the UNLVSOM.

Board Chair Doubrava asked for more information on the reduction of GME at the UMC. Dean Kahn answered that residency programs by and large are funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). UMC has been overcapped, meaning that the hospital has been paying for more residents than it is compensated for by CMS. Due to the current fiscal crisis, UNLVSOM has been asked to decrease its number of graduate students sent to UMC to assist with being closer to UMC's cap number of GME spots.

In response to a question from Regent Levine, Dean Kahn said that UMC has asked UNLVSOM to reduce incoming residents by five beginning next year and continuing over subsequent years. Dr. Michael Gardner, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, added that this issue is becoming a national crisis as certain states may not have residency spots open/available training, which means the state can lose graduates every year as they leave to places where practice opportunities are available.

7. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – *(continued*

Regent Levine asked if it would mean over the next few years southern Nevada could potentially lose 15 doctors for the community. Dean Kahn and Dr. Gardner confirmed.

Dr. Gardner provided a report on clinical affairs and finance as of May 2020 which included: total clinical revenue; total salary and fringe; total expenses; total clinical operating margin; total administrative expenses; and net income/loss.

Chair Page thanked Dean Kahn and Dr. Gardener for the report. He complimented the UNLVSOM team for their hard work on decreasing the deficit.

8. Information Only-New Business – None.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – Chair Page shared that his father is a retired NYC firefighter and, in remembrance of 9/11, expressed his gratitude for all firefighters and frontline workers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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