

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
SECURITY COMMITTEE
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Videoconference/Teleconference
Friday, September 11, 2020

Members Present: Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chair
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr., Vice Chair
Dr. Jason Geddes
Mr. Trevor Hayes
Ms. Lisa C. Levine

Members Absent: Mr. Rick Trachok

Other Regents Present: Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present: Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor
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; Ms. YeVonne Allen, TMCC; Dr. Vicki Rosser, UNLV; and Dr. Amy Pason, UNR.

Chair Kevin J. Page called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Trachok.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2020, meeting (*Ref. SEC-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Geddes moved approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2020, meeting. Vice Chair McMichael seconded. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chair Page, Vice Chair McMichael, Regent Geddes, Regent Hayes and Regent Levine voted yes. Regent Trachok was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair’s Report – Chair Page said it is the 19th anniversary of 9/11 and offered comments in remembrance of the tragedy.
4. Information Only-NSHE Northern Command – Todd Renwick, Director, NSHE Northern Command, presented an update on the Northern Command’s security activities, including impacts of recent legislation and responses to COVID-19 (*Ref. SEC-4 on file in the Board Office*).

Director Renwick provided the Northern Command report which included: diversity training for the University Police Services; #8Can’tWait Campaign – reform for police policies in response to the death of Mr. George Floyd; ICAT: Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics; School of Social Work – “A Perfect Relationship”; advisory and citizen review boards; Body Cameras – An Officer Supported Initiative; traffic citations by race; arrests by race/student status; and department employee demographics including education level.

Chair Page inquired about the #8Can’tWait Campaign and asked which two out of the eight policies did the Northern Command not already have implemented and/or needed revision. Director Renwick said those were the “ban chokeholds and strangleholds,” the carotid technique was removed from policy; and the “require use of force continuum” policy language was changed to be more appropriate.

Regent Levine asked what the breakdown is of the regional and metropolitan areas in Reno that the Northern Command serves and the data for students/non-students categorized by race. Director Renwick said he did not currently have that information available; however, he could send it to the Committee after the meeting. Regent Levine requested that the data be included in the presentation at the next Security Committee.

Regent Perkins asked how often diversity training is available to the Northern Command and if they are Category I or II POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified. Director Renwick answered depending on the type of training, it can occur monthly to about every six months, and they are Category I POST certified. In response to a follow-up question from Regent Perkins, Director Renwick said officers can seek out additional training; however, there

4. Information Only-NSHE Northern Command – (continued)

are topics that the Northern Command leadership identifies and deems as mandatory training for all employees.

5. Information Only-NSHE Southern Command – Adam Garcia, Director, NSHE Southern Command, presented an update on the Southern Command's security activities, including impacts of recent legislation and responses to COVID-19 (*Ref. SEC-5 on file in the Board Office*).

Director Garcia provided the Southern Command report which included: review of policies in direct response to the death of Mr. George Floyd including prohibiting chokeholds and similar uses of force, strengthening the policy of employees intervening when other employees fail to follow conduct and/or act unethically, and establishment of an Early Warning System (EWS); self-sufficiency and inter-local agreements; diversion advocates; community engagement; the Citizen Review Board; and the Police Advisory Board.

Chair Page asked about training revisions directly related to the Mr. George Floyd tragedy. Director Garcia said the Southern Command is very selective with the hiring process. They are also working on policies to hold employees accountable, along with changes to the training protocol.

Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC, asked for more information on training and policing related to mental health issues. Director Garcia answered that officers attend mandatory training pertaining to mental health issues, along with additional training that officers can opt to attend. Also, the Southern Command leadership has been continuously researching different training protocols for the purpose of expanding employees' knowledge and experience, and mental health issues have been a focus regarding the trainings.

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – Theresa Semmens, NSHE Chief Information Security Officer, provided an update and overview of cybersecurity matters, including efforts to protect the integrity of data and issues raised by greater reliance on technology due to COVID-19.

Ms. Semmens provided an overview which included: effects of the pandemic on the NSHE teaching/working remotely, remote access and cybersecurity matters; services provided to faculty, staff and students; technical equipment issued to all institutional groups; the creation of remote guidelines; training provided by SCS on remote access; policies related to working from home/remotely; virtualizing applications; issues surrounding reliable internet service in rural areas; and the NSHE network itself being robust with good coverage within the institution areas.

Chair Page asked if it was optional that the NSHE campuses use the SCS cybersecurity services and if so, which institutions utilized them and which did not. Ms. Semmens said it varies. For the most part, the community colleges use shared services including vulnerability scanning, threat management and training.

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – *(continued)*

As for the universities (dependent on what is needed), UNR has an internal IT force which is heavily relied on, while SCS provides more support to UNLV.

Chair Page asked for more information on data ransom incidents. Ms. Semmens answered that the NSHE as a system has not had any recent data ransom incidents that she is aware of. She is currently working on securing a 1-day training program on ransomware for employees.

7. Information Only-New Business – None.

8. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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