

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

System Administration, Las Vegas  
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room  
Friday, June 11, 2021

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room

Members Present:

Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Members Absent:

Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present:

Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Board Chair  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present:

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
and Community Colleges  
Mr. Caleb Cage, Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and  
Chief Innovation Officer  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Ms. Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Deputy General Counsel  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President  
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, NSC President  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President  
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President  
Mr. Vincent R. Solis, WNC President

Faculty Senate Chairs in attendance were: Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN; Mr. Brian Zeiszler, GBC; Dr. Laura Naumann, NSC; Ms. YeVonne Allen, TMCC; Ms. Shannon Sumpter, UNLV; Dr. Amy Pason, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Austin Brown, UNR-ASUN; and Mr. Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA.

Chair Cathy McAdoo called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Moran and Regent Tarkanian.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Ed Gonzalez offered comments regarding school-based health clinics in the Clark County School District, and specifically the potential re-opening of the Bailey Middle School Health Clinic.

Regent Tarkanian entered the meeting.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2021, meeting (*Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice Chair Carvalho moved approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2021, meeting. Regent Brooks seconded. Motion carried. Regent Moran was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Cathy McAdoo thanked Chief General Counsel Joe Reynolds for being Committee counsel. She and Board Vice Chair Del Carlo had the opportunity to tour the UNLV School of Dental Medicine this week and highly recommended the experience to others. Chair McAdoo shared her great appreciation of the work being done at the dental school.
4. Information Only-COVID-19 Update – Cheryl Hug-English, M.D., Director, UNR Student Health; Amber Donnelly, 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.

The update included an observation that it has been 15 months since the first Nevada case was diagnosed and that case numbers have been greatly decreasing in northern Nevada; information on the widely available testing and the three safe and effective vaccines; vaccination rates in Washoe County are among the highest in the state; daily free testing and vaccinations offered at UNR; the 20-29 age group continues to be the highest group contracting COVID-19; continuing physical and mental health issues facing students, staff and faculty as a result of the pandemic; contact tracing conducted by GBC's Health Department and grants recently received which will assist in those efforts; the increase in number of cases in children under 18; COVID-19 testing and vaccinations in southern Nevada, along with a significant decrease in cases since the last update in March 2021; the winding down of COVID-19 operations, while vaccinations continue to

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

be offered at the UNLV Health Center and other providers within the county; the continuation of tracing management into the fall semester; and thanks were given to the Chancellor, presidents, and others for all of their assistance in ensuring efforts were successful.

Chair McAdoo and Vice Chair Carvalho expressed their sincere gratitude to Dr. Hug-English, Dr. Donnelly, Director Garcia, Dr. Gardner, and everyone else involved in the efforts for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations throughout the state of Nevada.

5. Information Only-UNLV Kirk Kerkorian Medical Education Building Construction – David Frommer, Associate Vice President of UNLV Planning, Construction, Real Estate and University Architecture, presented an update on construction progress by the Nevada Health and Bioscience Asset Corporation on the UNLV Kirk Kerkorian Medical Education Building.

Mr. Frommer provided a report which included a general background and process overview, project design information and recent construction progress.

Board Chair Doubrava thanked Mr. Frommer for his presentation and offered some historical perspective on the construction of the Medical Education Building.

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor, asked for additional information on the student learning spaces in the Medical Education Building. Mr. Frommer answered that there was a very deliberate planning process and the spaces were designed around the different size cohorts that learn in different settings for different topics. Every room is technology enabled and all the classrooms are tied into the first-floor anatomy clinical simulation skills lab. The building also has a focus on student wellness and wellbeing and providing indoor and outdoor spaces, which will allow the students to restore themselves between learning exercises. Dr. Marc J. Kahn, Dean, UNLV Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, added that in medical education there is much less traditional lecture and more team-based learning where students prepare for their courses at home, but work in teams when in-class. The building is very adaptable to and designed for team-based learning.

Regent Arrascada asked whether any over-runs or potential savings are anticipated considering the ever-increasing cost of construction. Mr. Frommer answered that the way the project is structured is that the Nevada Health and Bioscience Corporation (NHBC) has full responsibility for funding and delivery of the building, and the NHBC is the financial and development manager of the project. NSHE and UNLV do not have funding participation in the project. The funding is primarily comprised of donor contributions, along with the recent approval of the \$25 million in state funds. Mr. Frommer shared that NHBC entered into a guaranteed maximum price with their contractor.

5. Information Only-UNLV Kirk Kerkorian Medical Education Building Construction – *(continued)*

Board Chair Doubrava shared his sincere thanks to the Governor and the Legislature for the \$25 million in state funds that have been allocated to the Medical Education Building project.

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 which included information relating to programs, funding, and financial status (*Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board Office*).

Dean Schwenk provided a report which included general topics involving a COVID-19 update, awards and highlights – USNWR rankings, department chair transitions and the Renown Health integration, Undergraduate Medical Education, Graduate Medical Education, clinical network development, research and partnership opportunities specifically related to Veterans Affairs.

7. Information Only-UNLV Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Report – Dr. Marc J. Kahn, Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks which included information relating to accreditation, programs, funding and financial status (*Ref. HSS-7 on file in the Board Office*).

Dean Kahn provided a report which included announcements involving the naming of the UNLV Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, awarding of the Alpha Omega Alpha Chapter (National Medical Honor Society), first match – 100 percent and 36 percent are staying in-state, and the first commencement ceremony; academic affairs; admissions report; Graduate Medical Education; faculty affairs; research; diversity and inclusion; and developments including the first Endowed Chair, the Optum Tony and Renee Marlon Endowed Chair in Orthopedics at \$2.5 million, the first Doctor's Day campaign, and a reception held for donors and recipients of the charter class scholarships.

Dr. Michael Gardner, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, provided a report on clinical affairs and finance which included over 100,000 COVID-19 vaccinations were administered at UNLV and CSN; \$4,456,339 YTD in uncompensated care provided to UMC during FY21; transition of the Ackerman Center to Grant a Gift Foundation will be complete as of June 30, 2021; Top Tier awards for UNLV Medicine recipients; consolidated financials as of February 2021; and the UNLV Medicine self pay – bad debt.

Board Chair Doubrava offered his congratulations to both medical schools on their matches and thanked the medical school deans for their reports.

8. Information Only-New Business – None.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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**Approved by the Board of Regents at its September 9-10, 2021, meeting.**