

**BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA**

Ballroom, Moyer Student Union
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Thursday-Friday, October 21-22, 1999

Members Present:

Dr. Jill Derby, Chair
Mr. Mark Alden
Mrs. Thalia Dondero
Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher
Mr. Douglas Roman Hill
Dr. Tom Kirkpatrick
Mr. David Phillips
Mr. Howard Rosenberg
Mr. Doug Seastrand
Mr. Steve Sisolak
Mr. Tom Wiesner

Others Present:

Interim Chancellor Tom Anderes
Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols
Associate Vice Chancellor Jim Randolph
General Counsel Tom Ray
President Richard Moore, CCSN
President Stephen Wells, DRI
President Ronald Remington, GBC
President John Richardson, TMCC
President Carol Lucey, WNCC
President Carol Harter, UNLV
President Joseph Crowley, UNR
Interim Secretary Suzanne Ernst

Also present were Faculty Senate Chairs Dr. Candace Kant, CCSN; Dr. Glenn Wilson, DRI; Mr. Eric Bateman, GBC; Mr. Bill Newhall, TMCC; Ms. Susan Bunyan, UCCSN; Dr. Kathleen Robins, UNLV; Dr. Jannet Vreeland, UNR; and Mr. Ron Martin, WNCC. Student government leaders present were Mr. Dave Abramson, CCSN; Ms. Liza Micheli, GBC; Mr. Ben Hann, TMCC; Ms. Jen Peck, UNLV; Ms. Cheryl Radeloff, GSA-UNLV; Mr. Trenton Johnson, UNR; Ms. Ginger Davidson, GSA-UNR; and Ms. Damita Jo Halcromb, WNCC.

Chair Derby called the meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 1999, in the Ballroom of Moyer Student Union at UNLV with all members present except Regent Alden.

1. Introductions - Dr. Harter introduced the new dean of the Graduate College, Dr. Paul Ferguson. Dr. Crowley introduced Dr. Jerry May and Dr. Cheryl Hug-English from the School of Medicine.

2. Chair's Report - Chair Jill Derby expressed her thanks to System Administration staff for creating the System's

first telephone directory. Dr. Derby invited Regents Kirkpatrick, Phillips and Rosenberg to describe their experiences at a recent Annual Conference of the Association of Community College Trustees meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Regent Rosenberg included a brief presentation to the Board on the value of teamwork and cooperation.

Dr. Derby asked General Counsel Tom Ray to report on the outcome of the October 20 meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting. Mr. Ray reported that Nevada's projected population for the year 2000 was slightly over 2 million, with 68 percent residing in Clark County. Mr. Ray stated that U.S. Census results should be reported to Nevada by April 2001. This information will affect the Board of Regents' districts, but it is not known what method the Legislature will use when redistricting. Mr. Ray will provide additional information when it is made available.

Dr. Derby appointed Regents Douglas Roman Hill and Tom Kirkpatrick to serve on the ad hoc Committee on Estate Tax, which will convene in Spring 2000, and includes representation from presidents, faculty and students.

Dr. Derby introduced Executive Director of System Computing Services DaVan Weddle, who presented a video on the partnership between the UCCSN, Nevada Department of Transportation, Department of Information Technology and Williams Communications. Mr. Weddle stated that the partnership, which took two years to finalize, enhances the telecommunications capacity of the Nevada Net and will allow Nevada's institutions to join the national research network. Dr. Derby commended Mr. Weddle, Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols, Asst. General Counsel Brooke Nielsen, and Deputy to the SCS Executive Director Becky Seibert for their efforts.

3. Chancellor's Report - Interim Chancellor Tom Anderes reported on the activities of the advisory committee studying the feasibility of locating a 4-yr. state college in Henderson. Dr. Anderes reported that committee recommendations would be presented at the December Board meeting. Dr. Anderes assured the Board they would have opportunity to make suggestions in what is submitted to the Governor as the UCCSN budget.

President John Richardson, TMCC - President Richardson reported on the college's efforts to recruit and maintain minority students in order to enhance campus diversity. Some of the activities included the Multicultural Festival and the establishment of a computer center in a primarily Hispanic neighborhood. Dr. Richardson added that TMCC's Student Services department has adopted Traner Middle School, located in a primarily African-American neighborhood, to provide a one-on-one mentoring program.

President Carol Lucey, WNCC - President Lucey reported that the Reynolds Center recently opened. She also noted that 26 of the college's students were inducted in the Phi Theta Kappa society. Dr. Lucey announced that WNCC's Marketing Services department recently earned three medals at the District VI Medallion Awards sponsored by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. Dr. Lucey stated that all of WNCC's nursing graduates passed their licensing exam and that the Fallon campus was cooperating with a Millennium poster contest for children in grades 1-8 with pictures available on the WNCC website.

President Ron Remington, GBC - President Remington reported the college recently featured the play 'Twelfth Night' at the Elko campus and expressed his gratitude to Regents Gallagher and Rosenberg for participating in the new library dedication and groundbreaking ceremony for the Reynolds project. Dr. Remington reported a 21% increase in full-time students over the previous year and that preliminary enrollments appear to be above 10% over last Fall's enrollment. Dr. Remington thanked Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Sherwin Iverson for visiting Elko and presenting information on the Millennium Scholarship program. Dr. Remington related that the college is working on strengthening relations and communications with high school counselors and that GBC will be starting a separate Foundation drive in Winnemucca. Mrs. Gallagher added that GBC's nursing class all passed their exams as well.

President Stephen Wells, DRI - President Wells announced the grand opening of the Northern Nevada Science Center, expressing thanks to Dr. Derby, Senator Bill Raggio, Representatives Jim Gibbons and Shelley Berkley, and representatives from Senator Bryan's office for attending the event. Dr. Wells mentioned a recent editorial in the Reno Gazette-Journal that covered the Science Center opening and related that, for the first time, all of DRI's scientists in northern Nevada are under one roof and expressed his gratitude to the Regents for supporting DRI with the new building. DRI and the Department of Energy are cooperating to build a facility at DRI's Las Vegas site to house documents and artifacts from the Nevada Test Site as well as items from the Smithsonian Institute.

President Richard Moore, CCSN - Dr. Bob Silverman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced that CCSN has received a \$490,314 U.S. Department of Education Community Technology Center grant. The grant will be used to establish and operate a neighborhood center with an open access computer lab at the A.D. Guy Center and enables Nevada Partners to open a learning lab at the Elias V. Ghanem Education Center in North Las Vegas. Dr. Silverman acknowledged Regent David Phillips for his help with the project. President Moore related that CCSN is working with Andre Agassi to partner with a second school. Dr. Moore stated that the town of Mesquite has expressed an interest in a CCSN expansion to provide distance education and teacher education in Mesquite. Regent Doug Seastrand mentioned that the group had been very supportive and in total agreement of petitioning the Board to locate a facility in Mesquite. Mr. Seastrand stated that Mesquite is the fastest growing small town in America. Dr. Moore reported that the town of Pahrump has invited CCSN to expand there as well. Dr. Moore reported that CCSN's preliminary Fall enrollment increased by 15% over the past year.

President Joe Crowley, UNR - President Joe Crowley reported that the College of Human & Community Sciences is celebrating its 10th anniversary, crediting Dean Jean Perry with the growth in the number of students. The college houses the departments of Nursing, Social Work, Health Ecology, the Wellness Center, Nutrition, Human Development and Family Services, and childcare facilities with an academic focus. Dr. Crowley related the college has had success with the Head Start Learning Centers and the Sanford Center on Aging, as well as research projects involving the use of vitamin supplements to combat the affects of second-hand smoke and the health benefits of red wine in treating breast cancer.

President Carol Harter, UNLV - President Carol Harter reported that six construction projects are currently underway: the Bennett Professional Development Center is approximately 70% complete; the Beam Music Building broke ground in September; the UNLV Foundation Building is scheduled for completion by Spring; the Stan Fulton Building is approximately 40% complete; the Lied Library is approximately 80% complete, with scheduled completion by December; and equipment is being moved into the new Campus Services Facilities ('Bubba') Building, an 80,000-sq. ft. facility that will release centrally located space for research and education pursuits.

4. Approved Bank Loan, WNCC - The Board approved President Lucey's request to seek a bank loan of \$75,000 for the purpose of financing the purchase of new vehicles for Western Nevada Community College.

Mr. Rosenberg moved approval of a bank loan for WNCC. Mrs. Gallagher seconded.

Dr. Kirkpatrick asked for details on a donated Rolls Royce. Dr. Lucey clarified that the vehicle had been donated by a community member in expression of her pride in the nursing program, and that it would help provide scholarship opportunities for the college.

Motion carried.

5. Approved Bank Loan, TMCC - The Board approved President Richardson's request for authority to seek a bank loan of \$1.4 million. It will be used to acquire approximately two acres of property adjacent to the Edison Campus from the Washoe County School District for a site to construct the technology center approved by the 1999 Legislative Assembly and to complete renovations of its existing Technical Institute on the Edison Campus. TMCC has existing capacity in its student capital fee income to service the proposed debt.

Mr. Wiesner moved approval of a bank loan for TMCC. Mrs. Dondero seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approved Standing Committees Handbook Language - The Board approved the second reading of Handbook language describing the duties of three new standing committees, requiring additions to the Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 3 (Ref. A on file in the Board office).

Dr. Kirkpatrick moved approval of the Handbook change, Title 1, Article VI, Section 3. Mrs. Dondero seconded. Motion carried.

7. Approved Handbook Addition, Millennium Scholarships - Handbook language to implement the Millennium Scholarships in Fall 2000 was adopted. Issues raised in the public forums were discussed prior to the passage of the final language.

Mr. Sisolak commended Drs. Nichols and Iverson for their appearances at the forums held and for answering countless questions posed by the public.

Dr. Nichols related that policy changes were reflected in Section 17.1. Dr. Nichols reported that all math and science courses would count towards the requirements for Nevada high school graduates. Mr. Phillips requested a definition of weighted vs. un-weighted GPA. Dr. Nichols explained that each school district that uses weighted GPA's handles them differently, and that there are four school districts not offering weighted courses. Dr. Nichols related that honors courses were considered tougher courses and that the grade typically counted for more. Dr. Nichols allowed that the methodology varies widely and that the System would need to develop a standard method.

Mr. Sisolak stressed the importance of having the policy encourage participation in honors courses. Dr. Kirkpatrick suggested revisiting community college GPA requirements in 2-3 years to determine whether they were excluding potential students. Dr. Nichols acknowledged it was a good suggestion and that the data would be reviewed annually. Dr. Nichols stated they were working with the school districts to determine why 3.0 GPA high school graduates might be unable to pass the high school proficiency examination, but wanted to stress that the test is important and to be taken seriously. Dr. Nichols related that a merit-based scholarship was intended to make high school students take their education seriously.

Mr. Hill questioned the residency requirements. Dr. Nichols explained that should a student move to Nevada, it is the legal responsibility of the school system to provide service to them and that there was no definition of weeks or months. The proposed definition clarifies they must have at least two years of high school within the state. Mr. Hill requested a change in some of the Handbook language, with Dr. Nichols agreeing to do so.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that students will now know that, if they keep their grades up, they will be able to go to college and observed that other scholarships forced students to maintain higher grades. Mr. Sisolak expressed the need to do a better job of getting information to the households and encouraged working with high school counselors and the media. Mr. Sisolak established that the Millennium Scholarship did not replace pre-paid tuition.

Dr. Nichols continued with her review of changes for eligibility for students who are not high school graduates. Students must pass the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination; all students will have the opportunity to test at no cost. The Handbook language defines the basis for maintaining eligibility. The lifetime limits serve as encouragement to students to enroll quickly. The student's right is preserved to go out-of-state and return to enroll in a Nevada school. A change was made so there are no limits on the number of credits taken for summer school. Students must be advised and enrolled in a curriculum that leads to a degree or certificate. Students may co-enroll at institutions if they meet all of the conditions specified. A change was made so that the scholarships may be used for costs not covered by other grants or scholarships. An appeals board will review case-by-case appeals of initial eligibility. Dr. Nichols noted that Mr. Brian Krolicki and Mr. Scott Scherer had been very supportive. Students will need to complete 6 and/or 12 credits. Two conditions exist where a student would have to re-pay: dropping out or receiving less than a 2.0. Dr. Nichols reported that the money goes back to the State Treasurer's office and that a student could regain eligibility. Dr. Nichols related that the decision of the institution would be final. Section 17.18 addresses the transfer of funds in a timely manner from the State Treasurer's office. Each campus will develop a list of eligible students for each semester and summer term.

Dr. Nichols stated that difficult residency requirements had been discussed in the forums and that the System would be tracking issues and reviewing residency requirements. A commitment has been made to send a letter to high school counselors regarding the scholarships and that information would also be posted on the UCCSN website.

Dr. Kirkpatrick moved approval of the Handbook addition, Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 17 with the incorporation of Mr. Hill's suggested changes in language. Mr. Rosenberg seconded.

Mr. Hill questioned the ability to meet the number of graduating students taking advantage of the benefit. Dr. Nichols said there were too many variables to project. The class of 99-00 has 6000 students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (60%=3,691 possible students in the first class). Mr. Rosenberg asked whether the scholarship would work like others (i.e. with a minimum number of credits required). Dr. Nichols stated that the simplest model was being used: 12 credits (universities) and 6 credits (community colleges) per semester. Mrs. Gallagher asked how many students were expected the first year, with Dr. Nichols responding approximately 3,691 students were expected on Millennium Scholarship system-wide.

Mr. Brian Krolicki thanked Drs. Nichols and Iverson and the Regents for their involvement in this project. He added that it was a daunting task, but one he found personally challenging and satisfying. Mr. Krolicki mentioned that the Millennium Scholarship and the pre-paid tuition program work hand-in-hand, and urged families to consider both options. Dr. Derby acknowledged Mr. Krolicki's efforts.

Mr. Scott Scherer stated that some people desired the scholarships be limited to just tuition and fees, but the group fought hard to expand the allowable expenses. The Millennium Scholarships may also be used for living expenses related to education. Mr. Scherer cautioned parents to consider using both the Millennium Scholarship and the pre-paid tuition program and expressed his thanks to the committee for the Handbook language draft.

Dr. Harter commended Drs. Nichols and Iverson for their efforts and observed that the focus had been on the students and making policies flexible enough to benefit the largest number of students. Dr. Kirkpatrick asked about part-time students taking less than 12 credits. Dr. Harter responded that the hope was that the scholarships would allow students to work less and take more credits. Mr. Sisolak expressed his thanks to the students and parents attending the forums, adding that many emphasized they would not have to work as many hours and would be able to finish their education earlier. Dr. Moore expressed his gratitude to Dr. Nichols for her leadership with this program, adding that CCSN has hired a full-time Millennium Scholarship person to take to every high school applicant through

the process.

Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m. with all members present except Regents Alden and Phillips.

8. Approved Technology Fee - The Board approved a technology fee of \$4 per credit be instituted at all campuses. The Interim Chancellor and institution presidents recommended the implementation of a new student fee to fund technology needs on the campuses. The presidents recommended a fee of \$4 per credit at all campuses to take effect Spring semester 2000 and all subsequent semesters (including summer session). This item was first brought before the Board at the June 1999 meeting with action postponed pending student representative input. Dr. Anderes related that the request had merit and was badly needed. Mrs. Dondero asked how much the fee would generate, with Dr. Anderes responding it would generate \$8.3 million this year (1/2 year) and \$16 million annually.

Dr. Harter stated that UNLV was in desperate need of the funds in order to continue providing access to technological equipment. Dr. Harter related the money would be used for: Student Computer Replacement Program, Area-based Technician, Instructional Technology Enhancements, New Computer-Based Teaching Facilities, Lab Coordinators and Assistants (student employment), Student Multi-media Development Lab, User Services Desk (student employment), College Lab Support, and Residence Hall Lab Enhancements, including a 24-hour lab.

Dr. Crowley advised that both universities belong to the National Association of Land Grant Colleges. The association recently performed a survey with 100 respondents: 71% had a student technology fee with students sharing the burden of the cost; 2/3 had state funding designated for technology initiatives; fees generated an average of \$83 per semester per student; some campuses devoted 5% of their operating budget to technology efforts. Dr. Crowley stated there was a demonstrated need and that students paying more for their education could prompt the state to increase their allotments. Dr. Crowley felt a formula should be developed for technology support and incorporated into the UCCSN budget. Dr. Crowley assured the Board that the matter had been discussed with student leadership. The fees would be used to expand hours for the help desk, expand staffing, library support, ADA computer access, equipment for student loan, and 3-year replacement of hardware in labs.

Dr. Moore stated that the hallmark of college is providing access to computers, adding they are a great resource. Dr. Moore related that CCSN has 4,000 PC's in need of constant upgrading. Dr. Moore felt that a conservative estimate of 5-year replacement meant that 800 computers per year were in need of upgrade at CCSN. Dr. Moore related that the money would be used to upgrade and/or replace computers.

Dr. Remington reported that one of the observations from the Northwest Accreditation Association visit was that GBC has no way to acquire and replace equipment. GBC spent \$360,000 in the last biennium on technology-related costs. Dr. Remington stated that with the current appropriation of \$62,000 for two years the college would have a difficult time keeping up with technological advancements even with the additional \$4/credit fee.

Dr. Lucey related that WNCC has more needs than just equipment. In order to ensure students leave the institution with exposure to the latest software innovations, there is a need to update equipment and develop a technology plan that can be accredited.

Dr. Richardson reported that TMCC has technology and equipment plans, and total needs exceed what the \$91,000/year provided. TMCC is currently serving 11,000 students. Dr. Richardson acknowledged that no college

wanted to impose the burden on the students, but without additional sources, the only alternative would be to cut back services.

UNLV Student Body President Jen Peck & UNLV GSA President Cheryl Radeloff reported on their survey of UNLV students. They reported that most students support the fee, while a smaller portion felt neutral. 55% of those surveyed were satisfied with existing lab hours, hardware, and software (not considering the neutral responses). The student representatives indicated that instructors were increasing the workload requiring computers. Over 50% of the students are using technology for presentations and thesis work and technology is necessary to meet the requirements for graduating. Ms. Peck expressed her feeling that technology is part of a premier education.

CCSN Student Body President Dave Abramson surveyed the West Charleston campus with an equal number of students expressing support for and against the increased fee until labs were considered. Mr. Abramson reported that most labs were falling behind in technology and the students supported the reasoning for a fee increase.

GBC Student Body President Liza Micheli stated that GBC students agree that a technology fee is required and necessary for their educations. She acknowledged that while the students did not relish the idea of additional fees, they felt it necessary.

TMCC Student Body President Ben Hann reported on his survey: 618 students surveyed; 376 students supported the fee and 242 students opposed it. Mr. Hann indicated that the majority of the students supported the fee and urged Board support as well.

UNR-GSA President Ginger Davidson related that the graduate student association had created a 'wish list' for use of the fees and had worked with Dr. Zink and President Crowley to ensure the funds generated from graduate fees would go directly back to graduate students in the form of requested hardware and software.

UNR Student Body President Trenton Johnson announced that UNR staff had gone to great lengths to explain the issue and survey student feelings. Mr. Johnson expressed thanks to Dr. Crowley and his administration for providing vital information to the students about their educations. Mr. Johnson related that the student senate voted 20-1 in favor of the fee. Mr. Sisolak asked whether the students had voted, with Mr. Johnson replying that information had been provided to the students, feedback had been received and the student elected representatives had voted.

WNCC Student Body President Damita Jo Halcromb stated that students need to be prepared for the 21st century and that they were behind in technology. Ms. Halcromb indicated that students want to be competitive in world markets. She reported that the automotive area was using 1993 software and the nursing department required a fourth computer and software for all four. Ms. Halcromb stated that students don't want an increase in fees and felt the state should participate more, adding that the students who supported the fee were students who want up-to-date technology and to be prepared to compete in the job market. Ms. Halcromb acknowledged that students must share in the burden of a technology fee.

UNLV student Brian Alvarez reported that he received a call from Regent Kirkpatrick requesting student feedback. Mr. Alvarez stated that most students felt the need for the fee really existed. Mr. Alvarez highlighted the importance for students to be on the cutting edge of technology and recommended phasing the fee in slowly so students could afford it (i.e. implemented over 4-5 semesters or a one-time fee like the health fee).

UNLV student Norma Grimes expressed her agreement for phasing in the \$4 fee. She felt that UNLV resources were adequate and that CCSN resources were semi-adequate. Ms. Grimes stated she felt that smaller colleges were in a worse position. Ms. Grimes related that she learned more from labs and using the Internet than from computers used

in class.

UNLV student Eric Nystrom expressed his feeling that technology was required in order to become a premier university, adding that some students felt the existing technology was adequate. Mr. Nystrom indicated that pre-schools were currently charging fees in excess of the proposed \$4/credit fee. Ms. Peck added that UNLV had committed to adjusting financial aid packages to accommodate the increased fees.

Mr. Rosenberg moved approval of a technology fee of \$4.00 per credit. Mrs. Gallagher seconded.

Mr. Rosenberg asked about a sunset clause, with Dr. Anderes responding the Regents would need to make it a part of their action.

Dr. Kirkpatrick moved to amend the motion with the addition of a sunset clause for the end of this biennium. Mr. Sisolak seconded.

Mrs. Gallagher stated that she supported the sunset amendment but felt the end of the biennium was too fast. Mr. Hill suggested making it 2 years. Dr. Kirkpatrick indicated he wanted the next budget to reflect the need for additional technology funds. Dr. Kirkpatrick acknowledged that while Nevada has very low tuition when compared with other states, he was reluctant to raise fees after promising not to do so.

Mr. Hill suggested a friendly amendment for 2 years. Dr. Kirkpatrick agreed, but Mr. Sisolak did not.

Mrs. Dondero expressed her appreciation for the student input and requested presidential feedback. Dr. Harter related that a sunset clause with no additional legislative funding would make it difficult to hire the necessary technicians. Dr. Crowley observed that the money generated by a \$4 increase did not resolve the problem and that other institutions devoted as much as 5% of their budgets on technology. Dr. Crowley indicated that the fee increase would not even be close to that figure. Mrs. Gallagher agreed that the state should fund equipment needs, but felt that adding a sunset clause could cause a loss of credibility with the Legislature. She commended the students for their cooperative attitude. Mr. Sisolak asked Ms. Davidson about the money generated by the graduate students going back to the students. Ms. Davidson indicated that a portion of the money would be used for hardware, software, and staff support. Mr. Sisolak referred to a letter from a student claiming she already has lab fees and indicated that he was troubled by increasing fees after promising not to. Mr. Sisolak stated that he was in favor of technology but not the fee.

Mr. Rosenberg proposed no sunset clause until the Legislature accepted the responsibility of technology fees. Dr. Kirkpatrick indicated his willingness to withdraw his motion if Mr. Sisolak agreed. Mr. Sisolak was unwilling to withdraw his second. Mr. Phillips suggested the Board take action on the original motion in support of the student representative reports.

Upon a role call vote the motion for a sunset clause failed. Regents Kirkpatrick, Rosenberg, Seastrand, and Sisolak voted yes. Regents Derby, Dondero, Gallagher, Hill, Phillips, and Wiesner voted no. Regent Alden was absent.

Dr. Crowley indicated that the purpose for the fee was not duplicative of course-specific fees. Dr. Moore related the fee would be used for technology expenses and that they were barely meeting half of the direct costs now. Mr. Seastrand suggested finding a more effective use of existing fees. He related that the universities were currently using \$8/credit hour in student fees and asked who was responsible for the \$8 fee. Dr. Crowley stated that student government fees generated money for student government priorities, which were reviewed for appropriate use and that another portion was allocated to areas that have budgeted their expenses based on the expectation of receiving

those funds. Dr. Crowley indicated that most of the funds generated by student government go to student government programs. Mr. Seastrand requested a breakdown of the fee usage from UNR and UNLV and asked the students whether they would prefer a \$2 technology fee with the remainder coming from: UNR-Athletics, Grants-in-Aid, Property Acquisition, Dormitory Maintenance; UNLV-police, and/or intramural sports. Mr. Seastrand indicated he was interested in the money used for items other than student government

Mr. Phillips called for the question. Mr. Hill seconded. Upon a role call vote the motion failed. Regents Dondero, Gallagher, Hill, Phillips, and Wiesner voted yes. Regents Derby, Kirkpatrick, Rosenberg, Seastrand, and Sisolak voted no. Regent Alden was absent.

Mr. Hill observed that the Board had heard from the presidents and that the students were mostly in favor of the fee and urged the Board to vote. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that the faculty should also be assessed and that he would vote in favor of the increase if faculty was assessed as well. Mr. Hill observed it would be a violation of the Open Meeting Law due to lack of opportunity for faculty to adequately respond. General Counsel Ray agreed. Mr. Phillips questioned why everyone was in favor of the increase except the Board. Mr. Rosenberg stated that not all faculty and students were in favor of the increase and expressed concern for placing the burden on the students. Mr. Seastrand again suggested obtaining the funds from student government fees and requested revisiting the issue in the future to determine the feasibility of obtaining the funds from there instead. Dr. Derby proposed revisiting the issue again in 2 years and agreed with the idea of a contribution from administration and faculty. Mr. Sisolak stated that a majority of the students were not in favor of increased fees. Ms. Davidson asked why Regent Sisolak was unwilling to listen to the student elected representatives. Mr. Sisolak indicated that it represented a lot of money for some students who were not present at the meeting. Mrs. Dondero stated that the Board should listen to what the students were saying.

Original motion for technology fee carried. Regent Sisolak voted no. Regent Alden was absent.

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m. October 22, 1999 with all members present. Mr. Alden stated he would have voted no with Regent Sisolak on the Technology Fee issue had he been present.

9. Information Only-Foundation Reports - The Board reviewed presentations from UNLV, CCSN and WNCC Foundations Friday morning from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

10. Approved Resolution, Student, WNCC - The Board approved President Lucey's request for a Resolution in honor of WNCC student Jon Copeland for his academic success and accomplishments, (Ref. C on file in the Board office).

Mr. Alden moved approval of the resolution. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried.

11. Information Only-Proposed New Handbook Policy, Letters of Appointment for Part-Time Faculty Members - This was the first reading of a proposed new policy regarding Letters of Appointment (LOA) for part-time faculty members. Dr. Jim Randolph reported that current Board policy did not provide institutions direction in the administration of letters of appointment for part-time faculty. Over the past six-months, institution personnel staff members, academic officers and business officers have worked to develop a comprehensive policy to address the many issues that revolve around the benefits provided to part-time faculty (Ref. B on file in the Board office).

Mr. Seastrand asked about the financial impact. Dr. Randolph replied there was no financial impact, but the institutions would share in the cost of benefits. Mr. Seastrand asked whether there were a number of exceptions, with Dr. Randolph replying there were a few; TMCC has a number with UNR and WNCC and the UCCSN is also vulnerable in that area. Dr. Randolph related they were attempting to track the number of hours worked at each institution, but that some employees were not using the form properly. Mr. Hill observed that the Handbook language was difficult to read and understand as drafted and offered to assist with rewording the policy. Dr. Kirkpatrick noted that rewriting would require two more appearances. General Counsel Ray stated that if the changes did not alter the substance, it would not require another appearance before the Board. Mrs. Dondero stated that she thought it could be handled with a simple letter. Dr. Randolph reported that there were no contracts with an LOA, that the signed agreement indicated a specific number of teaching hours, and that they were attempting to address the application of benefits for those employees. Dr. Derby noted that California passed progressive policies regarding part-time faculty benefits. Dr. Randolph was aware of that, adding that lawsuits were taking place in Washington. Dr. Randolph stated that compensation, benefits and work conditions were a big issue with community colleges now.

12. Approved Planning for Research & Graduate/Professional Education - Interim Chancellor Anderes related that UNR, DRI, and UNLV would offer presentations on the status of research and graduate/professional education. Dr. Anderes refreshed Board members on decisions made in prior workshops related to increasing participation and retention rates, adding that a decision on facilities growth through 2010 had been tabled. Dr. Anderes reported that these were the next steps of the strategic planning process, which involved planning for research and graduate/professional education needs. Dr. Anderes stated that the Board would use the information provided in a productive way, and anticipated putting the goals into the February budget planning efforts. Dr. Anderes stated that the March and April sessions would allow debate of biennial budget priorities. Dr. Anderes related that the institutions would emphasize future intentions of expansion in order to compete in the global marketplace and that the strategic action plans would be offered for Board consideration.

The meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 with all members present. Chair Derby welcomed former first lady Mrs. Sandy Miller.

Desert Research Institute - Dr. Wells reported on 10 years of vision, adding that DRI felt the impossible was possible when arriving at a vision for 2010. Dr. Wells outlined a future for science and technology in 2010 resulting in an improved quality of life, better security and health care. Dr. Wells noted that DRI is slightly different from UNLV and UNR as well as other research institutions across the U.S. Dr. Wells noted that growth in science and technology can promote growth for the state by improving the quality of life. Dr. Wells suggested that DRI's unique attributes and role within the UCCSN resulted in quality research from air quality in Cairo to the fate of TWA 800. Currently, DRI has 120 professional research faculty, none of whom are tenured. Dr. Wells noted that for every dollar invested in DRI, \$8 was returned to the state, and that DRI served as an incubator for state programs.

Dr. James Coleman reported on several DRI benchmarks:

- DRI was ranked 26th in the nation (FY97) out of 261 stand-alone research institutions.
- Economic activity brought into the state as a result of research activity was \$21.1 million in research expenditures.
- The National Science Foundation funded \$2.4 million DRI research.
- 2.29 peer-reviewed articles per research FTE (FY98).
- DRI has many productive programs, including arid lands hydrogeology, air pollution science, cultural resources, and global change biology.
- DRI has a wide range of highly competitive research programs that are significant to Nevada, the United States, and the world.

- DRI has played a significant role in graduate science education with DRI faculty helping to earn UNR's Hydro geological Sciences Program its current ranking of 8th in nation.
- DRI scientists have taught up to 30 courses per year at UNR and UNLV, and provided nearly \$1 million for student employment and tuition.

Dr. Wells reported that DRI's selected goals included recruiting and retaining the highest quality faculty, promoting research and technology for economic development, increasing research expenditures to \$50 million annually, increasing the comparable ranking among 'stand-alone' research institutes to the top 10, and attaining an average 1:10 ratio of state support for research expenditures by using the Georgia model as a template for attracting senior scientists.

Programmatic goals included two new centers: the Center for Arid Lands Environmental Management-Southern Nevada Science Park and the Center for Watershed and Environmental Sustainability.

Future goals included developing a Cold Environment Center and a Biogenic-Atmospheric Systems Interaction Center. Goals supporting the Nevada economy included the creation of a Division of Environmental Technologies, increasing partnerships with industry, and increasing DRI's role as a 'hands-on' training and hiring center for the Nevada workforce. DRI is developing a mixed-use incubator in the Dandini Research Park and hopes to work with colleagues at UNR and UNLV to include an undergraduate curriculum and increase the number of graduate students and post doctoral researchers at DRI. DRI's action plan includes the support of new divisions and centers, support of a scholar mentoring initiative (25% FTE support to Rank IV DRI faculty), and the creation of an interdisciplinary sciences graduate program.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Dr. Harter reported on research efforts at UNLV adding that the institution intends to position itself to benefit from federal funding of research projects. Dr. Harter related that UNLV has on-going collaborative projects with UNR, DRI, and business & industry. Dr. Harter stated there were exciting opportunities for UNLV to be part of the economic diversification of Nevada, adding that UNLV's goal to continue to increase externally funded research, (with thanks to Provost Douglas Ferraro and Dr. Steven Rice) had been successful (FY96-\$19 million, FY 97-\$18 million, FY 98-\$17 million, FY 99-\$28 million).

Dr. Harter reported that the Harry Reid Center has no state support, yet remains very productive and receives federal grants. Dr. Harter mentioned that UNLV was striving for a Carnegie classification of Research II status by 2005 and Research I by 2010, adding that they were on a pace to do so. Dr. Harter related that the Estate Tax-supported Applied Research Initiative provided seed money to form partnerships with 44 organizations, adding that by leveraging UNLV's share (\$1.8 million) into \$3.75 million in research dollars yielded an \$8 million economic impact to Nevada, adding that UNLV activity included:

- Addressing health concerns
- Developing laser-like instruments to excise brain tumors Learning more about diseases
- Study on genes that regulate cell development
- UNLV's Cancer Institute pursuing studies of cell migration and tumor growth
- Understanding environmental issues
- Leading the development of UNLV's Lake Mead/Lake Mojave water quality studies
- Improving road safety
- Consulting with other cities
- Solving air quality problems
- Developing processes for biodegradation of perchlorates and other pollutants
- High Pressure Science and Engineering founded last year (\$350,000 Foundation grant)

- Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies studying groundwater flows from the Nevada Test Site to track radio nuclides
- Proposed linking to DOE's Energy Science Network \$1.5 million received for the Southern Nevada Community Research Center.

Dr. Harter continued with future goals that included achieving parity in funding with national peers, assessing policies and procedures to ensure promotion of research and scholarship activities, recovering indirect costs, state funding of doctoral degrees, and sponsored funding. Dr. Harter noted that in order to reach Research II in 2005 \$15 million was required in specific research efforts.

Dr. Harter remarked on the UNLV graduate profile at UNLV: enrollment=4,550; 47% Master's students; 45% non-degree/certificate students; 5% doctoral students; 3% law students (Fall 1998). Dr. Harter stated that graduate student funding had not kept pace with growth and was lower at UNLV than other comparable Research II urban universities. UNLV currently has 96, 000-sq. feet of science and engineering research space as compared with 216,667 provided at other Research II institutions surveyed. Dr. Harter concluded that the Capital construction budget and the need to increase space were important concerns.

University of Nevada, Reno - Dr. Crowley reported that the Clarkson Company depended heavily on research efforts at UNR for their slurry valves and that the accreditation evaluation committee commended UNR on its success in meeting goals for scholarships expressed in the Academic Master Plan. Dr. Crowley noted that the culture of UNR had changed with a marked increases in external funding. Dr. Crowley mentioned that UNR aspires to Research I standing in the Carnegie ratings by 2005 and that it would require \$100 million in sponsored research funding. Dr. Crowley agreed with Dr. Harter's assessment that it would be ideal for the state to return 100% recovery of indirect costs (currently at 75%). Dr. Crowley reported that UNR's goals included supporting the graduate student population and tripling the Applied Research matching grants program from its current \$1.35 million biennially to \$4 million, thereby leveraging over \$14 million in industrial R&D support to the university.

Dr. Ken Hunter, Jr. provided a presentation on research and graduate education in the 90's. Dr. Hunter reported that UNR had tripled its research and other sponsored projects from 88-99, with a total of \$80.7 million in awards for FY99. Dr. Hunter observed that the vast majority of the money comes from the federal government, with \$9.9 million in private industry funds. Dr. Hunter related that UNR had doubled the number of doctorate degrees issued and that more faculty would help more students. Dr. Hunter stated that UNR awarded over 450 master's degrees and had surpassed the Carnegie requirement for doctoral degrees issued in each of the last 6 years. Dr. Hunter elaborated on a few 'hot' research areas including Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, the Nevada Terawatt Facility, Smooth Muscle Research, Lake Tahoe Environmental Research, and Behavior Analysis/Autism Research:

- Seismology Lab is one of the finest in the world; Earthquake engineering lab helps with building retrofit; buying an additional shake table making UNR the largest in the world. Will bring in \$10 million plus in research funds. #1 earthquake engineer in the world on UNR faculty.
- Nevada Terawatt Facility-pulse power facility high-energy high-density physics. Technology used to examine conditions prior to a nuclear blast.
- Lake Tahoe Field Research Station and Tahoe Basin Environmental; Research - property to be preserved, allow public tours, provide conference facility, provide arena for joint research.
- Smooth Muscle Research-funded by individual grants over the years. Researches investigating blood pressure control and gastrointestinal research.
- Behavior Analysis/Autism Research-faculty has developed a behavioral research program totally self-funded. Has resulted in normal life style for some children.

Dr. Hunter reported that there were still many challenges to be met including hiring the very best faculty, providing research facilities/maintenance, improvement of and new acquisitions, providing research equipment-acquisition, and replacement/maintenance of existing equipment and facilities. Dr. Hunter related that UNR goals including the provision of technical support positions, sponsored projects administration, library support for scholarship via electronic means, student support, developing networks and Internet access, and interdisciplinary organization and collaboration with other UCCSN institutions (i.e. the FACE Facility at the Nevada Test Site).

Dr. Hunter discussed the Biodiversity Initiative, a collaboration with federal and state agencies, Technology Transfer and University/Industry Partnerships, the Applied Research Initiative (CEROX Technology making water out of hazardous liquid waste), as well as economic diversification and development. Dr. Hunter reported that \$80 million in awards would generate \$176 million to the state and 2560 jobs. Dr. Hunter observed that over the last 10 years UNR had \$638 million in expenditures, which translated to 20,416 jobs and \$1.4 billion economic impact.

Mr. Alden asked how much of the \$80 million was related to the UNR School of Medicine and what it generated. Dr. Hunter replied that it represented 27-30% of the total.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with all members present except Regents Gallagher, Hill, Phillips, Seastrand, and Wiesner.

Mr. Alden requested a cost analysis of combining DRI with the two universities.

Regents Gallagher & Seastrand entered the meeting.

Dr. Anderes asked the Board to consider approving the proposed action plans for each of the institutions.

Mrs. Dondero moved approval of plans for research and graduate/professional education for the three institutions. Mr. Rosenberg seconded.

Mrs. Gallagher asked whether the goals were part of each institution's Academic Master Plan, with Dr. Harter responding that UNLV's did not contain as many specifics. Mrs. Gallagher asked whether the plans would be added to the budget plan, with Dr. Anderes replying that they would. Mr. Alden requested the institutions work collaboratively with each other so as not to interfere with nor duplicate research efforts. Dr. Wells observed that all three institutions could work together with the model presented by DRI and that is was his sincere intent to do so because he felt the institutions worked better as a whole than individually. Dr. Crowley agreed with Dr. Wells, adding they had made good progress with collaborative efforts. Dr. Crowley agreed to find ways to enhance working relationships, share faculty and facilities. Dr. Harter echoed Dr. Crowley's remarks, adding that they looked forward to conversations for working collectively to achieve goals. Mr. Seastrand established that these were the action plans and goals to achieve by 2010. Mr. Sisolak commended the goals and aspirations of future planning, adding that he felt it was a huge fiscal impact and there were not enough state dollars to support them. Dr. Kirkpatrick urged the need to think big in order to achieve large goals that hold great importance to the state.

Motion carried.

13. Approved Research Foundation, UNLV - The Board approved President Harter's request to proceed with the creation of a UNLV Research Foundation. Dr. Harter related that in the years ahead, UNLV would seek, process, manage, and report on a much larger number of research grants, from both public and private clients, all of which would generate more research funding and related activity. In addition, the university would work with the private sector to develop research parks and business incubators and would engage in for-profit activities in selected areas

that do not compete with private-sector business, such as in high-performance computing. In order to conduct this business effectively, the university wishes to establish the UNLV Research Foundation, which would allow a more flexible means of funding business/commercial research efforts. Dr. Harter related that the Regents would remain in control of acceptance of all gifts and buildings, with the foundation solving matters involving patents, intellectual property, and private liability. The UNLV Foundation would administer the Research Foundation.

Mr. Alden moved approval of the establishment of a UNLV Research Foundation. Dr. Kirkpatrick seconded.

Regents Hill and Wiesner entered the meeting.

Dr. Kirkpatrick asked whether the Research Foundation would manage funds, with Dr. Harter relating they would under the auspices of the UNLV Foundation and would need to pay the Foundation for administrative services rendered. Dr. Kirkpatrick asked whether the Research Foundation would be controlled by the Board, with Dr. Harter indicating it would. Mr. Seastrand asked whether any business partners had already been identified. Dr. Harter stated that Dr. Steven Rice, Associate Provost for Research, had been working with Nevada Development Corporation (a 301C corporation) that would be jointly run with UNLV. Dr. Harter indicated that should any relationship produce awkward results, it would benefit UNLV to be protected from immediate liability. Mr. Seastrand asked about competition with the private sector, with Dr. Harter stating that they hoped this would draw new business to help diversify the economy and that they would attempt not to duplicate existing efforts. Mrs. Gallagher suggested she would like a legal opinion prior to Board approval. General Counsel indicated that he was aware of the discussions and that it was a common practice among research institutions. Dr. Harter clarified she was requesting Board approval of the concept prior to developing firm plans.

Motion carried.

14. Accepted Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Report - Chair Steve Sisolak reported the committee met October 21, 1999 to discuss the School of Medicine admissions policies. After review of the data, the committee discussed possible future steps to address the problems.

Mr. Sisolak moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Rosenberg seconded.

Mr. Alden indicated he expected a follow-up report on the School of Medicine admissions policy, with Dr. Crowley stating that the new dean would be provided the opportunity to hear ideas conveyed at the meeting (i.e. Mrs. Barbara Robinson's idea to follow black students who elect to attend predominantly black institutions). Dr. Crowley suggested allowing time for the dean to arrive and appear before committee with his plan. Mr. Alden indicated that he had voiced concerns that Assemblymen and Senators be provided the opportunity to meet with Dean Miller to hear their concerns. Dr. Crowley stated that the new dean would be interested in a set of meetings to acquaint him with individuals and issues.

Motion carried.

14.1 Approved Transfer Policy - The committee reviewed a policy to establish a uniform numbering system for all baccalaureate degree courses and recommended approval.

Mr. Sisolak moved approval of a uniform numbering system policy. Mrs. Dondero seconded. Motion carried.

14.2 Tabled Tenure on Hire Policy - The committee tabled recommendations from institutional presidents and faculty senate chairs regarding changes required to current Code language and campus bylaws related to the tenure

on hire policy. General Counsel Tom Ray will draft language for presentation at the next meeting.

14.3 Approved New Organizational Units - The committee reviewed the following new organizational units and recommended approval:

College of Extended Studies, UNR (Ref. D on file in the Board office)

Institute for Business & Industry, CCSN (Ref. E on file in the Board office)

Mr. Sisolak moved approval of the new organizational units. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried.

15. Accepted Audit Committee Report - Regent Tom Wiesner reported the committee met October 21, 1999 and received follow-up reports for UCCSN System Computing Services Computer Operations, CCSN Admissions & Records, UNR Child & Family Research Center, UNR Special Course Fees, UNLV Graduate Student Association, TMCC Special Course Fees, CCSN Special Course Fees Charged, CCSN Scholarship Office and the Disposition of Funds from the Increase in Student Fees and Estate Tax for the Financial Aid Department, and WNCC Special Course Fees. Director of Internal Audit Ms. Sandi Cardinal reported the institution bank reconciliations were up to date.

Mr. Wiesner moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Alden seconded. Motion carried.

15.1 Approved Internal Audits - The committee reviewed the following Internal Audit reports and recommended approval (Ref. F on file in the Board office).

- Universities Studies Abroad Consortium, UNR
- Workers' Compensation Department, BCN
- Grants-in-Aid, CCSN

Mr. Wiesner moved approval of the Internal Audits. Mr. Hill seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Alden agreed with Regent Gallagher's suggestion that the committee should be expanded to avoid quorum issues. Dr. Derby agreed and requested volunteers.

16. Accepted Campus Environment Committee Report - Regent Howard Rosenberg reported the committee met October 21, 1999 with discussion of two information items. General Counsel Tom Ray provided a report on AB 311. Nevada Revised Statutes contain prohibitions against discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin. The Nevada Legislature passed AB 311 in 1999 amending the Statutes by adding a prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. No changes are required in current System policies. The committee engaged in a discussion of various issues relating to the development of a policy on partner support in hiring. Background information was provided and there was a general discussion of the elements a policy should address. The committee requested System and campus staff continue working on this topic and that they prepare a draft policy for the committee to consider.

Mr. Rosenberg moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Alden seconded. Motion carried.

16.1 Approved Building Naming Policy - The committee reviewed a report on policies concerning the naming of buildings by Regents and recommended approval.

Mr. Rosenberg moved approval of a policy concerning the naming of UCCSN buildings. Dr. Kirkpatrick seconded.

Mr. Sisolak suggested the development of a policy for removing names from buildings. Dr. Derby requested staff to research and address Mr. Sisolak's suggestion at the next Campus Environment Committee meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the naming of buildings after politicians, with Dr. Nichols explaining that the recommendation had been not to leave out particular categories of individuals, as all naming requests were brought before the Board for approval. Mr. Alden established that a building was typically named for a person acknowledging contribution to the institution or System and that collaboration was required prior to assigning names within the community. Dr. Crowley observed that UNLV has the Harry Reid Center and that UNR has two buildings named after Senator Laxalt to acknowledge his work to gain \$15 million in federal contributions. Dr. Nichols stated that the policy intended the responsibility to include community consultation prior to requesting Board approval. Mr. Hill expressed his pleasure with the policy as presented, adding that he felt it important to allow presidential acknowledgement of institution support. Concern was expressed for not having a policy in place with future buildings scheduled to be named. It was recommended to vote on the policy as presented with development of the necessary addendum prior to naming any future buildings.

Motion carried. Mr. Sisolak voted no.

Public comment included concerns from students at UNLV regarding police behavior. President Harter stated that she has met with the students and would pursue resolution of their concerns.

17. Accepted Finance & Planning Committee Report - Chair Doug Hill reported the committee met October 21, 1999 and discussed reasons why the UCCSN payroll system should not become part of the State's payroll consolidation plan. Reports were presented on the State budget to actual comparison for FY99, the Fiscal Exception Report for fourth quarter FY99 (no exceptions), the All-Funds Report for first quarter FY00, and a 10-year history of operating budgets, self-supporting budgets and grants & contracts. An update was provided on Governor Guinn's new biennial budget request process and his intent to perform operational audits on some agencies, as well as an update on the status of the legislative authorized 'Study of Funding Higher Education'. Dr. Anderes raised concern with the committee that investments were not receiving returns originally expected, adding that a report was forthcoming since only 3 months of activity was currently available.

Mr. Hill moved acceptance of the report. Dr. Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

17.1 Approved Hiring Risk Manager, UCCSN - The committee reviewed a request to hire a Risk Manager for workers' compensation, insurance, safety and health-related issues within UCCSN and recommended approval. An organizational chart will be reported at a future date.

Mr. Hill moved approval of allowing the Interim Vice Chancellor to proceed with the hiring of a Risk Manager for the System, with the stipulation that the position be housed in the Las Vegas office. Mr. Alden seconded.

Dr. Kirkpatrick noted that the need for hiring a Risk Manager had also been discussed in the Health Care Education Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

17.2 Approved Accountability Report, FY99 - The committee reviewed the accountability report showing budget to actual expenditures for the end-of-year (1998-99) State budget and recommended approval.

Mr. Hill moved approval of the Accountability Report. Dr. Kirkpatrick seconded.

Motion carried.

17.3 Approved Operational Audits, UCCSN - The Finance & Planning Committee and the Audit Committee met in joint session to discuss operational audits to be conducted within the UCCSN and recommended approval.

Mr. Hill moved approval for developing a plan to conduct operational audits. Mr. Seastrand seconded.

Mr. Alden expressed gratitude for addressing the issue already raised by the governor.

Motion carried.

18. Accepted ad hoc Equity Space Study Committee Report - Chair Thalia Dondero reported the committee met October 19, 1999 with the MGT consulting team led by Mr. Denis Curry. The committee reviewed a number of key decisions that will have to be made prior to completing its work in December and January. Mr. Curry informed committee members about progress he is making with standards for space inventory, utilization reporting, and a new process to address funding repairs and renovation. Mr. Curry led a workshop for the facility officers and others regarding the reporting of utilization of space and collecting contact hour per FTE by campus.

Mrs. Dondero moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Alden seconded.

Motion carried.

19. Accepted Health Care Education Committee Report - Chair Doug Seastrand reported the committee met October 22, 1999 and heard a report on progress made by the School of Medicine in extending access to electronic journals at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas. The committee also discussed hiring a part-time Health Education Coordinator and liability issues for adjunct and clinical faculty associated with clinical practices.

Mrs. Dondero moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Alden seconded.

Motion carried.

19.1 Approved Hiring Health Education Coordinator - The committee reviewed a plan to hire a Health Education Coordinator for the UCCSN and recommended approval. The new position, at .5 FTE System funded and .5 FTE tenure track, will be partially funded by either UNLV, UNR, or CCSN.

Mr. Seastrand moved approval of hiring a Health Education Coordinator. Dr. Kirkpatrick seconded.

Mrs. Gallagher requested clarification of the funding, with Mr. Seastrand explaining that the position would be partially funded by System Administration and partially funded by either CCSN, UNLV, or UNR. Dr. Nichols added that the position would be .5 FTE funded by System Administration and located in Las Vegas with the other .5 FTE also in Las Vegas. Dr. Nichols explained that UCCSN would review which institutions were interested in hiring an individual at this level in this field and that the position would serve all institutions. Dr. Nichols stated that making the position .5 FTE would allow continuation of tenure track funds. Mr. Sisolak asked about the intended salary, with Dr. Anderes replying the position would pay up to \$120,000 per year, with \$60,000 coming from a campus faculty position. Dr. Anderes related they were using salary savings from the vacant Deputy to the Chancellor position.

Motion carried.

19.2 Tabled Liability Issues for Clinical Practices - The item was tabled until the next meeting.

20. Accepted Investment Committee Report - Chair Dorothy Gallagher reported the committee met October 14, 1999. Mr. Lindsay Van Voorhis of Cambridge Associates reviewed investment performance for the pooled endowment and operating funds for the year ending June 30, 1999. Endowment investments earned 10.5% and pooled operating funds earned 4.4%. Director of Banking & Investments Mr. Tim Ortez reviewed the costs associated with the pooled investments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999. Director Ortez compared the fees the UCCSN paid to its external investment managers and securities custodian to information published in an annual study of such costs conducted by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). The comparison reflected that, on average, the UCCSN pays .25% less than other institutions of similar size, representing an annual savings of approximately \$559,000. Director Ortez briefly updated the committee on year-to-date Estate Tax receipts, which were \$2.4 million below revenue projections for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999. \$15.7 million had been received from the State during the first quarter of FY00.

Mrs. Gallagher moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Alden seconded.

Motion carried.

20.1 Approved Acceptance of Gifts - The committee reviewed new gifts and additions to the pooled endowment funds for the quarters ended June 30, and September 30, 1999 and recommended approval.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval of new gifts and additions to the pooled endowment funds. Mr. Alden seconded.

Motion carried.

20.2 Tabled Gifts Policy - The item was tabled until the next meeting.

20.3 Tabled Operating Fund Reserve - The item was tabled until the next meeting.

21. Approved ad hoc Regents' Initiative for Teacher Education Task Force Report - Chair Thalia Dondero reported the task force met October 19, 1999 and reviewed the status of the Teacher Education Initiative. President Carol Harter gave an update on the number of UNLV teacher education graduates in 1998-99 and the number projected for 1999-2000. The original target of 600 new teachers had been met for 1998-99. Projections for this year are for 708 new teachers, a considerable increase, but short of the 800-teacher goal, due primarily to the lack of new resources for this initiative from the 1999 legislature. The committee discussed future steps to solve the need to get more teachers for Clark County. Representatives from UNLV, CCSN, and Clark County School District (CCSD) decided that a package of proposed new programs to support teacher education should go to the 2001 legislature. The committee will work on developing these proposals with the presidents and CCSD. Committee members reviewed the new Regional

Professional Development Centers created by the 1999 legislature. The centers will place new demands on UCCSN institutions to meet professional development needs.

Mrs. Dondero moved acceptance of the report. Mrs. Gallagher seconded.

Motion carried.

22. Approved Consent Agenda - The Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of item #5 (Loan Authorization, Cox Pavilion, UNLV), which was withdrawn.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of item #5. Dr. Kirkpatrick seconded.

1. **Approved Minutes** - The Board approved the September 9-10, 1999 minutes
2. **Approved Leave of Absence, CCSN** - The Board approved Vic Taucer, Professor of Casino Management, to continue his leave of absence (without pay) from his teaching duties for Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 semesters.
3. **Approved Capital Improvement Fees, TMCC** - The Board approved the use of \$35,000 in Capital Improvement Fees for the development of planned and future facility expansions and master planning. As the TMCC Dandini campus has developed and expanded over the years, there has been no comprehensive study, analysis, and diagramming of the electrical system. The campus has been plagued in recent years by electrical outages resulting from line and equipment failures.
4. **Approved Capital Improvement Fees, CCSN** - The Board approved the use of \$580,000 in Capital Improvement Fees to complete the following projects to enhance campus instructional spaces and site work.
 - o Additional remodeling of Henderson A & B buildings and Charleston A & B buildings for faculty and instructional space.\$160,000
 - o Landscaping for Charleston and Henderson campuses to enhance security lighting and complete landscaping.\$160,000
 - o Reroute College Drive at the Henderson campus to enhance safety for ingress/egress of motor vehicles.\$65,000
 - o Remodel old culinary area for instructional Slot Repair Laboratory and administrative support space to faculty officials.\$105,000
 - o Build an addition to the Art Complex for a Drawing and Painting Lab, Charleston Campus.\$90,000
 - o TOTAL:\$580,000
5. **Approved Transfer Reports, FY99** - In response to the LCB audit of a few years ago, the Board approved a number of financial policies. One policy was to require institutions to report to System Administration all transfers of expenses from non-state to state budgets that occurred after May 1st of each fiscal year. A report of those transfers was presented to the Board (Ref. C-6 on file in the Board office). A second policy requiring institutions to report budget transfers between functions of more than \$25,000 of state appropriated budget funds for the 1999 fiscal year was also presented (Ref. C-7A on file in the Board office).
6. **Approved Budget Revisions Annual Report, FY99** - Another financial policy coming out of the LCB audit was the requirement that institutions report revisions of self-supporting budgets exceeding 10% of expenditures for budgets up to \$500,000 or \$50,000 or greater for budgets exceeding \$500,000. A report of these revisions for the 1999 fiscal year was be presented to the Board (Ref. C-7A & C-7B on file in the Board office).
7. **Approved Regional Professional Development Program Committee Appointments** - The Board approved the appointment of UCCSN representatives to the Regional Professional Development Program Committees, as required under SB 555:
 - o Clark County School District Center Committee
Dr. Teresa Jordan, UNLV
 - o Elko County School District Center Committee
Dr. Ron Remington, GBC
 - o Washoe County School District Center Committee

Dr. Bill Cathey and Dr. Bill Sparkman, UNR

8. **Approved Agreements-** The Board approved the following agreements:

- o A. Parties: Board of Regents/UNR and Sierra Pacific Power Company.
Effective: Upon approval, permanently.
\$\$: \$10.00 to Board of Regents.
Purpose: Transfer water rights for the following construction projects at UNR: Judicial College, Mackay Stadium Locker Rooms and Legacy Hall.
- o B. Parties: Board of Regents/DRI and MAC Partners LLC & JR Investments LLC.
Effective: Upon approval, permanently.
\$\$: None.
Purpose: Blanket utility easement to install and maintain utility service facilities; consists of approximately 65 feet of right-of-way.
- o C. Parties: Board of Regents/CCSN and the City of Henderson.
Effective: Upon approval, for a period of five years, with renewal for an additional five years upon mutual agreement of the parties.
\$\$: \$150,000 to CCSN.
Purpose: Baseball field construction funding.

Mr. Alden expressed concern with reference C-7A (page 9 of 14), and asked about the cause for the augmentation. Dr. Crowley related that it was primarily due to practice plan applications. Dr. Anderes reported there was a correction made to the original opening account balance from July. Mr. Alden asked whether the change (page 13 of 14) was also a revision to the opening account balance, with Mr. George Scaduto assuring him that it was.

Motion carried with the omission of item #5.

23. Approved Board Calendar Change - The Board approved a date change for the June 2000 Board meeting originally scheduled in Elko, Nevada. Dr. Derby reported that the ACCT Western Regional Seminar was scheduled June 14-17 in San Antonio, Texas and that Elko was hosting a mining convention that same week and hotel rooms were scarce. The proposed new meeting date is June 22-23, 2000. The Board approved an additional change to the December meeting to accommodate Regent attendance at the 'Meeting State Needs' conference scheduled for December 3-4 in San Francisco. The December Board meeting will be held December 1-2.

Mr. Alden expressed opposition to meeting in Elko due to the expense and proposed the Board meet there no more than once every three years. Mrs. Dondero felt it important for Regents to visit each of the campuses and Mr. Rosenberg agreed. Dr. Derby reminded members that they are the Board for all of the campuses and that it was important for them to hold meetings at each of the campuses.

Mrs. Dondero moved approval of the June Board Calendar change. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Alden voted no.

Dr. Derby suggested the December meeting be held Wednesday-Thursday (December 1-2).

Mr. Alden moved approval of the December Board meeting schedule change. Mr. Rosenberg seconded.

President Harter stated she would be unable to attend the meeting.

Motion carried.

24. Approved Honorary Doctorate, UNR - The Board approved President Crowley's recommendation of granting an honorary doctorate to Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta, the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize winner long active in the movement to secure independence for East Timor. Mr. Ramos-Horta has long been in exile from his homeland and will appear in Reno on November 18th as the second speaker in the Wiegand Millennium Series on the theme of reconciliation.

Mr. Alden moved approval of an honorary doctorate for UNR. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried.

25. Approved Mesquite Planning Money, UCCSN - The Board approved the UCCSN request to use \$75,000 in state planning monies in order to proceed with the planning of a college facility in the City of Mesquite. The UCCSN will report its findings to the Board at a future meeting. A preliminary meeting has been held with City, System and CCSN representatives. Dr. Jim Randolph will be working with CCSN's Mr. Orlando Sandoval.

Mr. Alden asked whether the UCCSN was currently delivering educational product there, with President Moore responding that CCSN was. Dr. Derby asked whether it would be a community college, with Dr. Moore responding that it would.

Mr. Seastrand moved approval of the use of planning monies for UCCSN. Mr. Wiesner seconded.

Mr. Seastrand related that the city of Mesquite is very excited about the prospect and expressed gratitude to Mr. Sandoval and Dr. Moore for their efforts.

Motion carried.

26. Information Only-Conference Center Addition, University Inn, UNR - President Crowley discussed a conference center addition at the University Inn, adding that the President of the National Judicial College and President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges supported this project. Background information providing background information on the project, a history of the University Inn, customer demand for the addition, and the facility plan for the conference center addition was provided (Ref. I on file in the Board office). The addition will provide 125 additional guestrooms and 30,000-sq. ft. of conference rooms.

Mr. Alden asked whether the construction would utilize the design-build concept, with Dr. Crowley responding that it would likely, as it was not a bonded or Public Works Board project.

27. Public Comment - UNLV student Joey Cohn spoke against campus police conduct and expressed a desire to work with the UNLV administration to resolve the problem. Mr. Sisolak stated that he appreciated the concerns expressed by students and was optimistic that a compromise would be reached with the UNLV administration.

28. New Business - Dr. Kirkpatrick requested that a salary increase for faculty and staff be included in the next biennial budget request. Dr. Derby stated that a salary report would be made at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Suzanne Ernst