REVISED AGENDA
(Item #32 added)
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Aspen Building, Sarah Winnemucca Hall
Western Nevada Community College
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City
8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007
8:00 a.m., Friday, March 16, 2007

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Bret Whipple, Chair ____
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield, Vice Chair ____
Mr. Mark Alden ____
Dr. Stavros S. Anthony ____
Mr. Cedric Crear ____
Dr. Thalia M. Dondero ____
Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher ____
Dr. Jason Geddes ____
Mr. Ron Knecht ____
Mr. James Dean Leavitt ____
Mr. Howard Rosenberg ____
Mr. Steve Sisolak ____
Mr. Michael B. Wixom ____

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the chair. In accordance with the Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Audit, Student & Academic Affairs, Budget and Finance, and Cultural Diversity and Security Committees. The Board’s Audit, Student & Academic Affairs, Budget and Finance, and Cultural Diversity and Security Committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those Committees. Regents who are not members of the Committees may attend the Committee meetings and participate in the discussion of Committee agenda items. However, action items will only be voted on by the members of each Committee, unless a Regent is temporarily made a member of that Committee under Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 6. The full Board of Regents will consider Committee action items in accordance with the Board of Regents’ agenda published for the current or for a subsequent meeting.

In accordance with the Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 13, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents’ Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the mailing of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available as follows: 1.) Copies of any such supplemental support materials are available at the Board of Regents’ Office Reno, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling (775) 784-4958, and 2.) Copies of any such supplemental support materials will be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.
CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bret Whipple, as part of the Chair’s report, requests that the President of each hosting institution introduce one student and one faculty member to discuss a topic of the hosting President’s choosing to help provide Board members with a focus on the reasons they serve as Board members. He will also discuss current NSHE events and his current activities as Chair.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Audit Committee, 8:30 a.m.
Student & Academic Affairs, 8:30 a.m.
Budget and Finance, 10:30 a.m.
Cultural Diversity & Security, 10:30 a.m.

3. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor James E. Rogers will discuss the future of funding sources for the Nevada System of Higher Education, including federal, state, private and student sources. As part of this discussion, the Chancellor will also outline the obligations of the Nevada System of Higher Education Presidents, Provosts, Deans, Athletic Directors and Department Chairs to engage in developing funding sources for the Nevada System of Higher Education.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair of the Board of Regents may place reasonable limitations as to the amount of time individuals may address the Board. The Chair may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Request is made for approval of the Consent Agenda. (Consent Agenda).

6. **PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR JIM GIBBONS REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE GOVERNOR'S ADMINISTRATION**

*Date & Time Approximate: March 15, 2007, 1:30 p.m.*

Governor Jim Gibbons will address issues affecting higher education under consideration by the Governor's Administration, including issues affecting higher education presented for consideration by the 2007 Legislature.

7. **FACULTY HIRE ABOVE SALARY SCHEDULE, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, UNLV**

UNLV President David B. Ashley requests approval to extend an employment offer to Dr. William F. Messier, UNLV College of Business, as a full professor at a 9-month base salary of $210,000 per year with an additional annual Knauss Chair stipend of $60,000, effective for the 2007-08 academic year (Ref. A).

*FISCAL IMPACT:* Current faculty salary budgets are sufficient to support this offer. No funds are required.

8. **FACULTY HIRE ABOVE SALARY SCHEDULE, NURSING, NSC**

NSC President Fred Maryanski requests ratification of the hiring of nursing faculty above the salary range. During the recruiting process it has been difficult to attract more than a handful of quality applicants. The need to stay competitive with the market for master’s qualified nurses drove the salaries above the prescribed range (Ref. B).
9. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT, JOHN L. HARVEY INFORMATION/ACTION
BASEBALL STADIUM, WNCC

WNCC President Carol A. Lucey requests approval of the request by the WNCC Foundation to accept the gift to the NSHE Board of Regents of the John L. Harvey Baseball Stadium (Ref. C).

10. FOUNDATION POLICIES, LEGAL STATUS INFORMATION AND REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL

Chief Counsel Bart Patterson will present information regarding policies and laws applicable to foundations and the legal status of and the provision of legal services to foundations. The information and discussion may include, but is not limited to, state/federal laws and Board policies governing foundations, as well as the implications of representation of NSHE foundations by System or independent legal counsel (Ref. D). Based on the discussion, new policies or amendments to existing policies related to oversight of foundations may be brought to the Board for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

11. PRESENTATION BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BONNIE INFORMATION PARNELL REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE 2007 LEGISLATURE

Date & Time Approximate: March 15, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell will address issues affecting higher education under consideration by the 2007 Legislature.

AWARDS

12. REGENTS’ AWARDS INFORMATION/ACTION

The Board will render a decision on the 2007 Distinguished Nevadan, Honorary Degree, and Regent Scholar recipients:

A. Distinguished Nevadans - Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 (Ref. E):
   - Dr. Nazir and Dr. Mary Ansari, Reno.
   - Dr. Frank Curry Stokes, Incline Village.
   - Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Sara Denton, Boulder City.
   - Mr. Philip Kohn, Las Vegas.
   - Mr. Paul C. Page, Las Vegas.
   - Mr. Dale Porter, Elko.
12. REGENTS’ AWARDS  (Cont’d.)

B. Honorary Doctorate Degrees – Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 (Ref. F):
    Mr. Cole C. Campbell, UNR (posthumous).
    Ms. Debbie Reynolds, UNR.

C. Honorary Masters Degree - Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 (Ref. G):
    Ms. Charlotte Danielson, NSC.

D. Honorary Baccalaureate Degrees – Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 (Ref. H):
    Mr. Mike Marfisi, GBC.
    Ms. Amanda Howard, NSC (posthumous).

E. Honorary Associate Degrees – Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 (Ref. I):
    Mr. Domingo Cambeiro, CCSN
    Mr. Jim Breslin, TMCC.
    Mr. Manny Martinez, TMCC.
    Dr. Jill Talbot Derby, WNCC.
    Mr. Harvey Whitemore, WNCC.

F. Regents’ Scholars – Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 15 (Ref. J):
    Ms. Vacheral Carter, CCSN.
    Ms. Heather Steel, GBC.
    Ms. Kimberly Jacovino, NSC.
    Mr. Christopher Robison, TMCC.
    Ms. Kristal Sauer, UNLV Undergraduate.
    Ms. Amy Lykins, UNLV Graduate.
    Ms. Christine Harms, UNR Undergraduate.
    Ms. Janet Frost, UNR Graduate.
    Mr. Samuel Lossing, WNCC.

POLICY & PROCEDURES

13. HANDBOOK REVISION, SABBATICAL INFORMATION/ACTION LEAVE AND RETIREMENT ACCRUAL

Executive Vice Chancellor Dan Klaich requests approval of clarification language concerning sabbatical leave and retirement accrual (Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 11.6) (Ref. K).
14. **HANDBOOK REVISION, NSHE POLICY INFORMATION/ACTION ON RESTRICTED ACCESS RESEARCH**

In response to the August 4, 2006 request of the Board of Regents, Presidents David B. Ashley, Milton D. Glick and Stephen G. Wells seek approval of a proposed policy on classified and proprietary research. The proposal includes applicable definitions for restricted access research (*Title 2, Chapter 9, Section 1*), protocols for the inspection of research-related records by Regents (*Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 4*), regular reporting of the status and outcome of research endeavors, and provisions for appropriate oversight of restricted access research projects (*Title 4, Chapter 12, Sections 9 and 10*). A portion of this proposal (*Title 2, Chapter 9, Section 1*) requires a Code change. The proposal was presented to the Research and Economic Development Committee at its January 18, 2007 meeting. This is the second reading of the proposal (*Ref. L*).

15. **PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL, INFORMATION/ACTION DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC FACULTY SALARY SCHEDULES ADJUSTMENT, FY 2007-08, UNLV & UNR**

UNLV President David B. Ashley and UNR President Milton D. Glick request approval of annual market-based adjustments to discipline-specific faculty salary schedules for the Colleges and Schools of Business, Dental Medicine, Engineering, Law and Medicine effective July 1, 2007. The Board of Regents approved discipline-specific faculty salary schedules for these disciplines in March 2006, subject to the provision that discipline-specific faculty salary schedules would be adjusted to market value each year and would not be increased by the state cost of living adjustment. The design and frequency of updating discipline-specific salary schedules are subject to the System-wide review of the general faculty salary schedule during 2007-08 (*Ref. M*).

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No. While some current faculty in higher compensated disciplines may fall below proposed minimum salaries, there is no provision in Board of Regents’ policy for automatic salary increases for current employees up to new salary schedule minimums. Such employees would be eligible for internally funded salary adjustments; however, no new funds are requested to support interim faculty salary schedules. **NOTE:** All current faculty are eligible for cost of living adjustments as may be awarded by the Board of Regents.
INFORMATION/ACTION

16. NAME CHANGES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CCSN President Richard Carpenter and WNCC President Carol A. Lucey request Board approval to change the names of their respective institutions from Community College of Southern Nevada to College of Southern Nevada and from Western Nevada Community College to Western Nevada College. If approved by the Board, the names would become effective July 1, 2007 and the institutions would make the change with the least cost impact possible. Background information on the Board’s policy, its Master Plan and recent national trends related to this request is provided (Ref. N).

17. NEW SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Vice Chancellor Mike Reed requests Board of Regents approval to create an endowment for a scholarship to business majors within the System based on a $2.5 million donation from an anonymous donor (Ref. O).

18. NSHE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As follow up to the overview of the history and current status of the NSHE Master Plan presented at the January meeting, Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols will present an overview of the current and projected data on Nevada’s demographics, current and projected NSHE enrollment data and other NSHE data related to the Board’s current policies and performance indicators. The Board may direct future initiatives related to a planning and policy review process.
19. **REPORT ON 2007 SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE**

Executive Vice Chancellor Dan Klaich will report to the Board on recent activities concerning the 2007 Session of the Nevada Legislature, including, but not limited to, a summary of pending legislation impacting higher education and the status of the NSHE 2007-09 budget request. This report will also include an update on any pending legislation concerning the Millennium Scholarship program and the University Health Sciences System. The Board may adopt a position regarding legislation or the budget request being considered by the Legislature or direct the Chancellor to take such position before the Legislature in conformance with Board policy.

20. **COST OF TEXTBOOKS**

During the October 2006 Board meeting, Regents expressed concern over the growing cost of textbooks and its impact on students. In response to the Board’s request, NSHE Presidents and Student Body Presidents will report on their efforts to reduce the overall costs of textbooks and increase the availability of textbooks for those students who cannot afford to purchase textbooks. The Board may take action based on this discussion, including, but not limited to, recommending policy to address textbook costs (Ref. P).

21. **NEVADAMENTOR**

Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols and System Administration Director of Financial Aid Sharon Wurm will provide the Board with an update on progress towards a System-wide College Access Portal. NevadaMentor will be used as an example of a robust web-based portal that could be used to enhance awareness for students as early as 8th grade regarding post-secondary educational opportunities and financing.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The estimated cost for a project of this size is $300,000. Final costs will be known at the time the bids close.

22. **NEVADA K-12 SUPERINTENDENTS’ MEETINGS**

Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols will give a preliminary report on the topics and subsequent action resulting from Chancellor Rogers’ meetings with Nevada’s School District Superintendents.
23. WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION/ACTION
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Superintendent Paul Dugan requests that the Board of Regents support legislation requested by Washoe County School District to establish dedicated funds for CIP for Washoe County School District, similar to other school districts that receive dedicated funds from a small percentage of the sales tax, the room tax, the residential construction tax and the real property transfer tax (Ref. Q).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE: Please refer to the specific committee agenda for complete reference materials and/or reports.

24. AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION/ACTION

Chair Steve Sisolak will present a report on the Audit Committee meeting held March 15, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Minutes – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 25, 2007 Committee meeting (Ref. A-1).
- Internal Audit Reports – The Committee considered for approval the following internal audit reports (Audit Summary):
  - Libraries Follow-up Audit, UNR (Ref. A-2).
  - Department of Police Services, UNR (Ref. A-3).
- Purchasing Cards, Best Practices – The Committee considered for approval recommendations concerning best practices relating to the use of purchasing cards (Ref. A-13).
- Intercollegiate Athletic Programs – The Committee considered for approval requiring the institutions to present their current and anticipated athletics department fundraising plans at a subsequent meeting.
- Audit Exception Report – The Committee considered for approval the Audit Exception Report for the six months ending December 31, 2006 (Bound Report).

25. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATION/ACTION

Chair Mark Alden will present a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held March 15, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Minutes – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 25, 2007 Committee meeting (Ref. BF-1).
25. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  (Cont’d.)

- Handbook Revision, Student Access Dollars – The Committee considered for approval a revision to the Board’s current student access funds policy *(Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 18)* providing that amounts transferred into the scholarship function over and above the Board approved amounts may be reallocated to other functions without restriction *(Ref. BF-6).*

- Interim Finance Committee *(IFC)* Request, Reallocation of School of Medicine Medical Malpractice Funds – The Committee considered for approval seeking IFC authorization for the University of Nevada School of Medicine to apply surplus state funded medical malpractice funds to the cost of “tail coverage” medical malpractice associated with its faculty expansion plans *(Ref. BF-7).*

- Interim Finance Committee *(IFC)* Request, Change in Scope, SB 507, 2003 Legislative Session – The Committee considered for approval seeking IFC authorization for a change in scope to use state appropriated funds *(SB 507, 2003 Session)* for Nevada Health Sciences System project planning and other development related costs *(Ref. BF-8).*

- Interim Finance Committee *(IFC)* Request, Chance in Scope, AB 580, 2005 Legislative Session – The Committee considered for approval seeking IFC authorization for a change in scope and delegation to use state appropriated funds *(AB 580)* for Nevada Health Sciences System project planning and other development related costs *(Ref. BF-9).*

- Procedures & Guidelines Manual, 2009 Upper Division Fee Distribution, WNCC – The Committee considered for approval a revision to the Procedures & Guidelines Manual *(Chapter 7, Section 12)* to include the distribution of upper division fees for WNCC *(Ref. BF-10).*

26. CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND SECURITY INFORMATION/ACTION COMMITTEE

Chair Stavros S. Anthony will present a report on the Cultural Diversity and Security Committee meeting held March 15, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Minutes – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 25, 2007 Committee meeting *(Ref. CDS-1).*

- Handbook Revision, Background Checks for Childcare Workers – The Committee considered for approval a new Board policy *(Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 40)* regarding background checks for childcare workers, which sets uniform procedures that institutions must incorporate into the background checks of childcare workers *(Ref. CDS-4).*
27. **STUDENT AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION/ACTION COMMITTEE**

Chair James Dean Leavitt will present a report on the Student and Academic Affairs Committee meeting held March 15, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- **Minutes** – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 25, 2007 Committee meeting (**Ref. SAA-1**).
- **New Program Proposals** – The Committee considered for approval the following new program proposals:
  - M.A., Gender, Race and Identity Studies, UNR (**Ref. SAA-3**).
  - B.S., Ecohydrology, UNR (**Ref. SAA-4**).
- **Elimination, Bachelor of Technology, Construction Sciences, UNR** – The Committee considered for approval the elimination of the Bachelor of Technology in Construction Sciences at UNR (**Ref. SAA-5**).
- **New Unit Proposal** – The Committee considered for approval the following new unit proposal:
  - Nevada Learning Network, UNLV & NSC (**Ref. SAA-6**).
- **New Major Proposal** – The Committee considered for approval the following new major proposal:
  - A.A.S., Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology, CCSN (**Ref. SAA-7**).
- **Regents’ Awards** – The Committee considered for approval the following individuals nominated for the 2007 Regents’ awards (**SAA-8**).
  - Nevada Regents’ Creative Activity Award: Dr. James Winn, UNR.
  - Nevada Regents’ Teaching Award: Dr. Dale Etheridge, CCSN – *Community College Faculty*. Dr. Scott Mensing, UNR – *University, State College & DRI Faculty*.
  - Nevada Regents’ Academic Advisor Awards: Mr. John Kinkella, WNCC. Ms. Jeanette Sorensen, UNLV *Undergraduate*. Dr. Gale Sinatra, UNLV *Graduate*.
- **Academic Master Plan, TMCC** – The Committee considered for approval TMCC’s Academic Master Plan (**SAA-9**).
- **Handbook Revision, Institutional Strategic and Academic Plans** – The Committee considered for approval a policy proposal concerning institutional strategic and academic master plans (**Title 4, Chapter 14, Sections 3-4** (**Ref. SAA-10**).
28. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE INFORMATION/ACTION

Chair Michael B. Wixom will present a report on the Technology Committee meeting held March 6, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Minutes – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 17, 2007 Committee meeting (Ref. TC-1).
- iNtegrate Project, Updates on Committee Directions – The Committee considered for approval recommendations stemming from various progress reports received by the Committee (Ref. TC-2).
- iNtegrate Project, Decision Regarding Number and Location of Data Centers – The Committee considered for approval the number and location of data centers which are necessary or desirable for the project.
- iNtegrate Project, Discussion of Project Budget – The Committee considered for approval recommendations for changes in the sequencing of the project.

29. RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INFORMATION/ACTION

Chair Jack Lund Schofield will present a report on the Research and Economic Development Committee meeting held March 8, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Minutes – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 18, 2007 Committee meeting (Ref. RED-1).
- Nevada Regents’ Researcher Award – The Committee considered for approval Dr. Nicholas Lancaster, DRI, as the recipient of the 2007 Nevada Regents’ Researcher Award (Ref. RED-3).
30. **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**  

Chair Thalia M. Dondero will present a report on the Investment Committee meeting held March 9, 2007 and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Minutes – The Committee considered for approval the minutes from the January 23, 2007 Committee meeting (Ref. INV-1).
- Asset Allocation and Investment Returns – The Committee considered for approval a report on asset allocation and investment returns for the pooled endowment and pooled operating funds for the quarter ending December 31, 2006 as well as any changes to the asset allocation or investment managers.
- Update, Alternative Investment with Moss Adams – The Committee considered for approval recommendations and/or directions regarding a plan to address the report by the external auditors relating to the valuation of alternative investment (Ref. INV-3).
- INNovation Village, UNLV – The Committee considered for approval authorization for UNLV to proceed with the preparation of a Request for Qualification/Information for a development partner for the INNovation Village project for the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration Management (Ref. INV-6).
- Presentation on Fund Offerings by Drum Capital – The Committee considered for approval scheduling for consideration at a future meeting recommendations to include Drum Capital in the NSHE operating pool and/or endowment pool (Bound Report).

31. **NEW BUSINESS**  

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.
32. **REVIEW OF SJR 4—PROPOSES TO AMEND INFORMATION/ACTION NEVADA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board will review and discuss SJR 4 which provides for a change in the Constitution, if approved by two sessions of the Legislature and a vote of the people, to establish an appointed Board of Regents. The Board may also review and discuss the Board policy as applied to the actions taken by NSHE staff in stating a position on this bill. The Board may take action to state a position on the bill and to communicate that position to the Legislature. The Board may further determine the extent to which the Board will require that its position be communicated by NSHE staff to the Legislature, and whether NSHE staff may further communicate alternative positions *(Ref. R).*

**POSTED AT THE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AND THE EIGHT NSHE INSTITUTIONS:**

- CCSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124
- DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095
- DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363
- GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
- NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
- TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno, NV 89512
- UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities (FDH), 1st and 7th floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001
- UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
- WNCC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
- System Administration, 5550 W. Flamingo, Suite C-1, Las Vegas, NV 89103
- System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512