SPECIAL MEETING
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BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
College of Southern Nevada
6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas
Building D, Room 101
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2010

ROLL CALL:

Mr. James Dean Leavitt, Chairman
Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mark Alden
Dr. Andrea Anderson
Mr. Robert Blakely
Mr. William G. Cobb
Mr. Cedric Crear
Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher
Mr. Ron Knecht
Mr. Kevin J. Page
Dr. Raymond D. Rawson
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield
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.

In accordance with the Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 12, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

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1. **FY 2009-2011 BUDGET REDUCTION**

   The Board will hear a report on the findings discussed at the January 22, 2010, meeting of the Economic Forum on the declining total general fund revenues for the current biennium. The Board will consider a report from the Chancellor and institutional presidents concerning potential impacts and alternatives to address the budget reductions requested by Governor Jim Gibbons. The Regents, institutional presidents and staff will discuss the appropriate response and various options for the development of strategies to be used in response to the Governor’s requested budget reduction plan. The Board may also discuss and provide guidance to the Chancellor and institutional presidents as to the general policies that should be considered when making budgetary decisions at the institutional level.

   As part of the deliberations, the Board may discuss possible action that may need to be taken at a subsequent meeting to modify, suspend or repeal Board Policy, Bylaws and Code provisions and the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual that will assist in addressing budget reductions. The Chancellor will present various alternative and cumulative strategies, which may include, but is not limited to, temporary suspension of the Board’s policy on the use of Capital Improvement Fee funds generated by student fees (Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 11) for the current biennium only so that those funds may be used to supplement operating budget shortfalls as well as campus specific student tuition and fee surcharges that may be imposed. The Board may consider ways to reduce personnel costs which may require modifications to policies, including, but not limited to, additional furloughs, pay reductions, hiring freezes, notices of non-reappointment or termination, program or unit closures and/or organizational restructuring. The Board may discuss the requirements of declaring a financial exigency and/or changing the requirements of the process required for declaring a financial exigency.

   Based on the discussions and alternatives presented, the Board may issue directions or grant authority in relation to the steps it deems appropriate to take with respect to any or all of the responses and/or proposals presented, including but not limited to, authority to approach the Interim Finance Committee and/or the Legislature for authorization to implement any such solutions if necessary, or to express the sense of the Board to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the budget issues including, but not limited to, supporting modifications to any specific state fiscal policies that will assist in addressing fund reductions. ([Ref. BOR-1](Ref:BOR-1))
2. **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 Chairman of the Board of Regents may place reasonable limitations as to the amount of time individuals may address the Board. The Chairman may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.

3. **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.