SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
UNLV Student Union Ballroom  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas  
9:00 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2011  

Video or Telephone Conference Connection to:  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  

A video conference and/or telephone conference connection will be made to the Conference room in the Reno System Administration building at 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, Nevada, 89512. Members of the Board and/or the public may attend the meeting and provide testimony or public comment via the video or teleconference connection.  

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  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava  
Mr. Ron Knecht  
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher  
Mr. Kevin J. Page  
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 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
9:00 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2011

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INFORMATION/ACTION

1. MINUTES
Request is made for approval of the minutes from the February 3, 2011, Board of Regents’ special meeting. (Ref. BOR-1)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

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.

ESTIMATED TIME: 90 mins.

3. DISTINGUISHED NEVADAN AWARD
The Board will consider posthumously awarding UNR President Milton D. Glick a Board of Regents 2011 Distinguished Nevadan award (Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 and Procedures & Guidelines Manual Chapter 8, Section 1). (Ref. BOR-3a and BOR-3b)

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

4. APPOINTMENT, INTERIM PRESIDENT, UNR
Board policy provides that the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, shall make a recommendation to the Board of Regents for an Interim President for the full Board’s approval. Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich, after such consultation with the Chairman of the Board James Dean Leavitt, will recommend approval of the appointment of an Interim President of the University of Nevada, Reno. The terms and conditions of the appointment will be provided at the meeting. (Handbook, Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5 and Procedures & Guidelines Manual Chapter 2, Section 1). (Ref. BOR-4)

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.
5. **DISCUSSION OF 2011-2013 NSHE BIENNIAL BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

The Board will continue its discussion of the 2011-2013 NSHE Biennial Budget Request that was submitted to the Governor, the Executive Budget, any new developments from the 2011 legislative session, and updates on the financial status of the state, including a report on the findings discussed at the May 2, 2011, meeting of the Economic Forum, on the total general fund revenues for the current biennium, and the corresponding impact on budgets.

The Regents, institutional presidents and staff will continue to discuss various options for the development of contingency plans in the anticipated event that the 2011-2013 NSHE budget as submitted is not fully funded. The discussion may include responses to questions and issues raised by the Board at its March 10-11, 2011, meeting, including, for both fiscal years, increases in fees to bring them into line with peer institutions; any information on savings from consolidation of like functions or centers, or closing of centers, including satellite campuses or learning centers; budgetary implications of the closure, consolidation or merger of NSHE institutions and information on the Efficiency and Effectiveness initiative, including centralization or outsourcing of services, partnerships and potential elimination of some of the programs within the System’s appropriation lines. The Board may also discuss and provide guidance to the Chancellor and institutional presidents as to the general policies and/or strategies to be included or addressed in budgetary plans at the system and institutional level to meet the anticipated funding reductions. The Board may approve, in whole or in part, specific budgetary plans to meet the anticipated funding reductions that are presented by the Chancellor and institutional presidents.

As part of the deliberations, the Board may consider and take action on modifications to Board Policy in response to the Executive Budget, including, but not limited to, considering increases in student tuition and fees; addressing the continuation of employee furloughs and/or employee pay decreases; and discussing the need for and considering action by the Board to declare a financial exigency. The Board may also consider and take action on suggestions for modifications to applicable state policies to be supported by the Board that will assist in addressing any fund reductions, including, but not limited to, revenue generating policies.
5. **DISCUSSION OF 2011-2013 NSHE BIENNIAL BUDGET – (Cont’d.)**

The Board may provide direction to the Chancellor and the presidents to analyze further the proposed cuts in the Executive Budget and to provide the Board with additional information and potential options for addressing those proposed budget reductions at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board will be provided an update on legislation proposing new policies or revisions to existing policies affecting the Nevada System of Higher Education. The Board may provide direction to the Chairman and/or the Chancellor to express the support or opposition or sense of the Board to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the Executive Budget and/or legislative proposals for modifications to any specific state policies affecting the Nevada System of Higher Education.

*ESTIMATED TIME:* 2 hrs.

6. **INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC INFORMATION/ACTION PLAN, DRI**

DRI President Stephen G. Wells requests the Board of Regents approval of the Desert Research Institute Strategic Directions Five Year Plan. *(Ref. BOR-6a and BOR-6b)*

*ESTIMATED TIME:* 30 mins.

7. **BOARD OF REGENTS REDISTRICTING INFORMATION/ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Scott G. Wasserman, Chief Executive Officer and Special Counsel to the Board of Regents, will provide an update on census information as it pertains to the Board of Regents. A redistricting plan will be presented to the Board for its consideration for recommendation to the Nevada Legislature. Based on the report, the Board may approve the redistricting plan, modify and approve the redistricting plan or provide direction to staff to further revise the redistricting plan for the Board’s recommendation to the Nevada Legislature.

*ESTIMATED TIME:* 90 mins.
8. REPORT ON THE 2011 ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNING BOARDS CONFERENCE

Regent Mark W. Doubrava and Regent Kevin C. Melcher will present a report on their attendance at the 2011 Association of Governing Boards Conference.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

9. 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.