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

Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building, Auditorium
Desert Research Institute, Las Vegas
755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
Friday, March 2, 2018

Members Present: Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair
 Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair
 Mr. Trevor Hayes
 Mr. John T. Moran
 Mr. Rick Trachok

Other Regents Present: Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chairman
 Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs
 Ms. Allison Combs, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and
 Director, Public Policy
 Ms. Mistee Galicia, System Counsel & Director of Compliance
 Mr. Nicholas Vaskov, General Counsel
 Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

For others present, please see the attendance roster on file in the Board Office.

Chair Mark W. Doubrava called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. with all members present except Regent Moran.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following consent items:
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2017, meeting. (*Ref. HSS-2a on file in the Board office*)
 - (2b.) Approved-Handbook, Code, and Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revisions, Technical Revisions Recognizing Two NSHE Schools of Medicine – Vice Chancellor Abba presented for approval technical revisions to the NSHE Code, Handbook and Procedures and Guidelines Manual recognizing the two NSHE Schools of Medicine: the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine. The revisions were presented for information only at the December 1, 2017, meeting. (*Ref. HSS-2b on file in the Board office.*)

2. Approved-Consent Items – (continued)

Regent Trachok moved approval of the consent items. Regent Hayes seconded.

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief background on item 2b indicating that the proposed revisions acknowledge both medical schools as appropriate throughout the *Handbook* and *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*. She discussed consistency issues of UNR spelling out the name of its medical school and UNLV using the acronym for its medical school. Vice Chancellor Abba said that using the acronym for UNLV was UNLV's decision. UNLV is an acronym that is recognized nationally and UNR felt it was more appropriate for their own institution to spell it out. The medical school names as they are presented are what each institution requested in terms of a naming convention.

Vice Chairman Geddes suggested that when it comes to the Code, the *Handbook* and setting Board policies, the names of each medical school should be spelled out for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

Regent Hayes agreed with Vice Chairman Geddes and commented that the legal names of the universities are spelled out (i.e., University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Reno). He thought in the *Handbook* the first reference to the UNLV Medical School should be spelled out and the acronym could be used for the following references.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

Vice Chancellor Abba recommended adopting the revisions as presented and staff would return at the next meeting to propose the revision of the UNLV Medical School name to be spelled out. She noted it would be two meetings for the UNLV Medical School name change to take place because it is a Code revision.

Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR, said there is not an entity called UNR – it is the University of Nevada, Reno. Upon first reference it would be University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the following references would then be UNR Med.

Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Coordinated Public Medical Education Expansion Efforts and Related Transition Planning (Agenda Item 4) – Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Founding Dean, University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, provided an update on efforts to manage and coordinate expansion of public medical education in Nevada and related transition planning, including an overview of the status of practice plan operations and development, and projected timeframes for reaching key transition milestones. (Refs. HSS-4a and HSS-4b on file in the Board office.)

Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

3. Information Only-Coordinated Public Medical Education Expansion Efforts and Related Transition Planning (Agenda Item 4) – (continued)

(UNR Med) began with introducing Dr. Vaughn McCall, the Executive Vice Dean at the Medical College of Georgia, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and a Council of Deans Fellow. He has visited with Dean Schwenk and other UNR Med leadership for the week.

Dean Schwenk highlighted the LCME accreditation process with positive reports to date and routine follow-up. The next report is due in April 2019. The accreditation report on the Physician Assistant Program is expected in mid-March, and the class of 24 students will start this summer if the accreditation report is positive, as expected. The search for permanent chairs for the new OBGYN and Surgery clinical departments is ongoing. Graduate Medical Education (GME) expansion continues with the family medicine pipeline training physicians in Elko to help address the health care shortage in rural Nevada. On the Mojave Mental Health closure, clients transitioned to other services with no interruption of care. UNR Med received 1,400 applications in the last admissions cycle, with 360 in-state applicants. Approximately 330 applicants received interviews, and 60 have been accepted to date. Dr. Schwenk emphasized that the class has a high proportion of first generation students.

Chair Doubrava asked for an update regarding scholarships. Dean Schwenk answered that of the total tuition burden, which is roughly \$7 million per year, UNR Med has scholarship support for nearly 50 percent of that. This is ongoing support comprised of endowments and regular gifts. The Pennington Foundation recently awarded several full-ride scholarships on a merit basis and those scholarships can be used for in-state students who have multiple acceptances and in which UNR Med will attempt to keep them in-state.

Chair Doubrava asked Dean Schwenk about his sense of reaction from the students' perspective regarding the 8-year accreditation for UNR Med and the clerkships that are now locally offered in Reno. Dean Schwenk said they have not gathered a lot of feedback from the students yet; however, they will be holding a town hall meeting soon for students, faculty and staff, which will be a thorough debriefing of the LCME process.

Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Founding Dean, University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine (UNLV SOM), congratulated Dean Schwenk on the LCME accreditation for UNR Med.

Dean Atkinson highlighted the hiring of a Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, and pending hires of the chairs of Internal Medicine and OBGYN. UNLV SOM received 1,170 applications. Of those invited candidates, 216 are in-state and 82 are out-of-state, and all out-of-state candidates demonstrated connections to Nevada. Of the students holding seats, 21 are female; 20 are male; 5 are African American; and 11 are Latino. Discussions continue with substantial donors, including donations for scholarships, and \$19.7 million to date in new pledges, gifts, and gifts-in-kind. Dean Atkinson also shared information regarding the endowment and funding for the Emergency Medicine

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Residency Program in honor of service during the Route 91 Harvest Festival tragedy on October 1, 2017.

Chair Doubrava shared that he and Dean Atkinson had recently attended a town hall meeting organized by the City of Las Vegas and the Clark County Medical Society to discuss the new face of medicine in southern Nevada, and also to recognize the response by UMC and other hospitals to the 1 October tragedy.

Dean Atkinson concurred with Chair Doubrava and added the emergency teams did a remarkable job in their response.

Chair Doubrava requested an email from Dean Atkinson on when the acceptance deadline is for the medical school applicants.

Vice Chairman Geddes asked if there are the same students in both of the medical schools' applicant pools. Dean Atkinson answered there are some of the same students in both applicant pools - about ten students from Reno are in the applicant pool for UNLV SOM.

Chair Doubrava noted the admissions staff of both medical schools are planning to have an offline discussion regarding data analysis of students applying to each of the schools (e.g., students applying to either or both medical schools, out-of-state and in-state applicants, etc).

Chair Doubrava emphasized the importance of a cadaver lab at the UNLV SOM. Dean Atkinson said they will certainly evaluate the request, especially as the architectural meetings are just beginning to take place.

Regent Hayes asked how many allopathic medical schools do purely virtual cadaver studies. Chair Doubrava said Dr. Diane Chase, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNLV, is working on delivering that data to the Board. Dean Atkinson added that currently more medical schools are investing in virtual anatomy labs.

Regent Hayes clarified the trend is going more toward virtual anatomy labs, but also not eliminating cadaver labs. Dean Atkinson agreed.

Chairman Page expressed his support for including a cadaver lab in the UNLV SOM.

Chair Doubrava added that the digital anatomy is very impressive; however, he believed augmenting the digital anatomy with a traditional cadaver lab is the best route to take.

4. Information Only-Integrated Clinical Services (ICS) Faculty Salary Obligations (Agenda Item 5) – Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, provided an update on the plan for repayment of debt of Integrated Clinical Services (ICS) to the University of Nevada, Reno for outstanding faculty salary obligations. The update included a plan for reporting of future faculty payment shortfalls to the Board of Regents. (Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board office.)

Dean Schwenk introduced Mr. Jeremy Alltop, Senior Associate Dean, Administration and Finance, UNR Med, who provided an update on the plan for repayment of debt of Integrated Clinical Services (ICS) to UNR for outstanding faculty salary obligations. The planned debt reduction from \$10.7 million to \$3.5 million (\$7.2 million or 67.3 percent reduction) is on schedule for the June 30, 2018, deadline, and as of January 19, 2018, faculty salary obligations were reduced by \$5.2 million (48.6 percent). Under the ICS/UNR Med/ UNR MOU for future repayments, annual payments will start in FY19. UNR will report future faculty salary payment shortfalls to the Board under the fiscal exception process.

5. Information Only-Chair's Report (Agenda Item 3) – Chair Mark W. Doubrava highlighted and congratulated UNR Med's recent LCME 8-year accreditation.

Vice Chair McAdoo concurred with Chair Doubrava regarding UNR Med's LCME accreditation, and also discussed the importance of the Family Practice Program in rural Nevada.

6. Information Only-New Business – Chair Doubrava requested that President Johnson have an individual from the Cooperative Extension in southern Nevada to provide an update on the pollen and mold monitoring program at a future meeting of the Health Sciences System Committee.
7. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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