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Public Comment for ad hoc Committee to Review the Roles and Responsibilities of the Chancellor, September 23, 2022

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Representing someone other than yourself?: Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Meeting: ad hoc Committee to Review the Roles and Responsibilities of the Chancellor

Meeting Date: September 23, 2022

Agenda Item: 4. EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER INPUT

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

Members of the Board of Regents and ad hoc Committee to Review the Roles and Responsibilities of the Chancellor,

Thank you for allowing the Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) to provide input on the roles and responsibilities of the Chancellor. Agriculture is one of Nevada’s most important industries, contributing significantly to the economies of rural communities and the state as a whole.

Agriculture in Nevada is very unique in the driest state in the nation. With that said, it is imperative that the Chancellor understand agriculture in our state and the various programs, education, and resources that are made possible through land grant universities. Land grant universities were established under the first Morrill Act in 1862. Under the provisions of the Act, each state was granted 30,000 acres of federal land for each member of Congress representing that state. The lands were then sold and resulting funds used to finance the
establishment of one of more schools to teach agriculture and mechanical arts.

While the establishment of land grant universities came over a century ago, their relevance is just as important now as ever. NCA and its members rely on our land grant university to assist agriculturalists in keeping up with changing climates, conserving our rangelands, meeting consumer demands for beef, and ultimately staying profitable while doing so.

Recent statistics indicate that less than 2% of Americans are employed in an agricultural related field, however, this small number of ranchers and farmers sustainably produce the food needed to meet demands in the U.S. In closing, NCA urges that an understanding and support of land grant institutions be included within the roles and responsibilities of the Chancellor.

Thank you again for allowing NCA to provide input.

Sincerely,

Martin Paris
Executive Director
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Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Agenda Item: Items 3 & 4

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

We welcome a robust discussion of the role and duties of the Chancellor. Let’s recognize that a discussion of the duties of the Chancellor is also necessarily a discussion of the role and duties of the Board itself and of the Presidents. At a high level, do you want a Chancellor who has a coordinating role with the Presidents and who mainly oversee technical administration at the System level? Or alternatively, do you want a Chancellor who is the academic leader of higher education in Nevada with a major role in hiring and supervising Presidents. Either model or a hybrid can work as long as everyone knows their roles and duties.

At a more detailed level, this committee should identify and fix structural issues in the rules of order and duties of the Chancellor. For example, there needs to be a clear line of approval for agenda items and official communications, with no possibility of a stalemate because the bylaws call for joint “collaboration” or “consultation”, which can be ambiguous. The purpose of rules of order and bylaws is to allow an organization to make decisions through civil discourse, even when people strongly disagree, and provide a mechanism to reach definite final decisions.
The requirement for “Access to the Agenda” for requests from faculty groups to go through institutional Presidents and the Chancellor and the Chief of Staff means there is no way for a formal request that is opposed by any of those parties to reach the Regents even for consideration for the agenda. That should be changed.
[to be continued on next submission]

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Comment:

(continued from previous submission)
Shared governance is essential for a healthy and well-functioning system of higher education. Shared governance is not just receiving input from faculty senates to tick it off the box, it’s the concept that faculty are intimately involved in developing policy especially for curricular and program issues and academic standards but also including academic personnel decisions. That means that the duties of the system Chancellor and of the Board must recognize that those policies need to come from the bottom up with guidance from the top.
Please take these suggestions in the constructive spirit they are offered. Thank you.

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Representing someone other than yourself?: Murdered UNLV students Nathan Tyler Valencia and Paula Marie Davis

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Meeting Date: September 23, 2022

Agenda Item: Public records disclosures within Nevada have confirmed that the Offices of the Chancellor, NSHE, and the Board of Regents, NSHE, are directly legally responsible for violent campus crimes on NSHE campuses. At present, federal and state investigators have confirmed that UPD South is unlawfully failing to report violent first-degree kidnappings perpetrated by NSHE students. What actionable steps are the NSHE Regents taking to ensure that NSHE Chancellor Dale Erquiaga and UPD South VP Adam Garcia are terminated by NSHE for their direct aiding and abetting of violent NSHE crimes?

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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