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**NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE**

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Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Members Present: Chancellor Patricia Charlton (Las Vegas)
Dr. Elizabeth Gunn (Las Vegas)
Dr. Kavita Batra (Zoom)
Dr. Tabor Griswold (Reno)
Ms. Lynda P. King present as designee for Mr. James
Martines (Las Vegas)
Dr. Stefanie Coleman (Las Vegas)
Ms. Lisha Allison (Zoom)
Mr. Shaun Mabanta (Zoom)

Members Absent: Ms. Erin Frock
Ms. Christne Hall
Mr. Kevin Leon-Martinez
Dr. Alison Netski
Ms. Michelle Sposito

Guests: Senator Melaine Scheible

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton called the Power-Based Violence Task Force (Task Force) meeting to Order at 9:01 a.m. with a quorum present. Chancellor Charlton thanked both Senator Melanie Scheible and Assemblywoman Selena Torres for their efforts in spearheading the Task Force which was created at the last legislative session and who lead the efforts of establishing its predecessor, the Task Force of Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education. Chancellor Charlton also thanked the Nevada System of Higher Education System Computing Services team for providing logistic and technical support.

1. Information Only - Public Comment – None.
2. Information Only – Chancellor’s Remarks – Interim Chancellor Charlton thanked her colleagues for attending this morning’s meeting. Chancellor Charlton provided legislative history on the Task Force by stating that at the last legislative session, Assembly Bill 245 created the Task Force on Power-Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education which renamed the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct, originally created by Senate Bill 347 as part of the 81st Legislative Session.

Chancellor Charlton outlined the primary duties of the Task Force which included the development and administering of a climate survey regarding power-based violence within the Nevada Institutions of Higher Education with the climate survey being administered in the Fall of 2023. In addition, the Task Force will review the results of the climate survey and will examine current procedures and protocols for preventing, intervening in or responding to instances of power-based violence that are used in NSHE institutions.

The Task Force will also identify possible gaps and services that are available for victims, examine correlations between social groups, campus life and the incidence of power-based violence on the campus of each NSHE institution within the System, provide recommendations to the Board of Regents on how to address power-based violence at NSHE institutions and not later than August 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education a written report summarizing the findings of the Task Force, the data collected from responses to any climate survey, and will provide recommendations to the Board of Regents on how to address power-based violence at NSHE institutions.

3. Information Only – Introductions. Senator Melanie Scheible along with other members of the Task Force introduced themselves and expressed excitement to be a part of the Task Force, to refine its mission and to ensure students have a safe learning environment.

Interim Chancellor Charlton informed the Task Force that there are three vacancies to fill and anticipates the Board of Regents will appoint individuals to fill those positions at the Special Board Meeting on January 19, 2024.

4. Approved - Election of Chair and Vice Chair. In accordance with Assembly Bill 245, the Task Force conducted an election of Chair. Under AB 245, the position of Chair will be elected at the initial meeting of the Task Force and each odd-numbered year thereafter. To ensure continuity when the Chair is unavailable, the Task Force also elected a Vice Chair.

Chair.

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton nominated Dr. Elizabeth Gunn as Chair.

There were no further nominations and/or discussion for the position of Chair.

All members present voted in favor for Dr. Elizabeth Gunn. Dr. Elizabeth Gunn was elected Chair.

Vice Chair.

Dr. Elizabeth Gunn nominated Dr. Tabor Griswold as Vice Chair.

There were no further nominations and/or discussion for the position of Vice Chair.

All members present voted in favor of Dr. Tabor Griswold.

Dr. Tabor Griswold was elected Vice Chair.

5. Information Only - Climate Survey Update – Dr. Elizabeth Gunn provided a brief timeline and overview of the climate survey, particularly on how they arrived at the direction and distribution of the survey, the collection of data, and next steps.

Dr. Gunn stated that beginning in February, 2022, the Task Force made an assessment of the current practices at institutions across NSHE and the national best practices regarding climate survey instruments. In April, 2022, addition, the Task force heard from Dr. Roni Dahir, Dr. Jennifer Lowman, and Dr. Sarah Moody experts in the field on the topics of best practices for climate survey instruments and biennial distribution. That meeting also involved a discussion as to how the Task Force might proceed with an NSHE-wide survey. The Task Force agreed to focus on identifying the extent of the problem (with hopes to build from there). From there, in summer 2022, Task Force leadership collaborated with the UNLV and UNR survey centers and Dr. Roni Dahir in discussions regarding how to build upon current institution climate surveys, integrate best practices to buildout the climate survey for the Task Force's needs. In October 2022, the Task Force heard recommendations and discussed next steps in that regard (focusing on topics of climate survey and including recommendations on what the survey would measure, how data would be collected and how it would be distributed to task force and analyzed. From there, the climate survey

was built, revised, and edited many times before being presented to the Task Force, which unanimously approved its recommendation to the to the Board of Regents.

In June 2023, the survey was presented to the Board of Regents which unanimously approved the survey with the stipulation that the survey be amended to reflect the new legislation in Assembly Bill 245. Following that, Dr. Griswold and Dr. Gunn worked with their colleagues to ensure the climate survey reflected new information from AB 245. Dr. Gunn explains details incorporated from the new legislation, including the definition of power-based violence. Dr. Gunn explained that the survey was distributed in Fall semester 2023 and closed December 6, 2023. The results will be analyzed and summarized for presentation to the Task Force at a future meeting.

6. Approved – Meeting Schedule. Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton stated that the Task Force must meet at least once each quarter and sought input on idea of having Task Force leadership work with System Administration to coordinate scheduling and setting up future meetings.

Dr. Stefanie Coleman moved to approve authorizing the Chair and Vice Chair to work with System Administrations and System Computing Services staff to coordinate specific meeting dates to ensure the meeting space and logistical and technical support needed to hold quarterly meetings. Dr. Kavita Batra seconded. Motion carried.

7. New Business. There were no suggestions for new business.

8. Information Only - Public Comment - None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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