

fund research in order for her to do that, be competitive across the United States and represent Nevada in a positive manner.

Shannon Sumpter, Professor, Department of Theatre, UNLV, told the Committee in lieu of testifying that she had submitted her comments in writing. However, her comments were never received by Legislative Counsel Bureau staff to include as part of the public record.

Horacio Guerra, Undergraduate Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology, testified he worked in Dr. Schiller's laboratory performing undergraduate research. He stressed the importance of funding for laboratories for lower division classes, especially at a research university. Mr. Guerra said a student needed to learn basic skills including how to interpret data. He noted that most graduate schools would not even look at a resume that did not include undergraduate research experience, but a student could not get that experience if the laboratories were not funded and not available for use. He understood that one of the states' goals was to increase degrees, however, it was important to make sure those degrees were comparable to other universities in other states.

There was no further public comment.

Chairman Horsford appreciated all the comments from the students and faculty representatives. He encouraged them to stay engaged in the process because there were many important policy issues embedded in the proposed formula. Chairman Horsford said many of the students and faculty touched upon key policy decisions that the Committee would have to make in its final recommendation to the 2013 Legislature, the Governor and the Board of Regents. Those policy decisions included course completion issues, whether grades that were not passing were counted, and cost issues, both differential and weighted as **proposed by the Chancellor based on the approach used by NCHEMS.** Chairman Horsford asked for the students and faculty to continue monitoring and participating in the Committee and the subcommittee meetings in order to provide input on those issues. He anticipated the policy decisions would drive the outcome of the process, but the Committee would not recommend a new process without making the policy decisions along the way.

VII. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING EFFORTS MADE BY THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO IMPROVE THE NUMBER OF HISPANIC STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE COLLEGE, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO ATTAIN HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS.

Chairman Horsford requested information regarding efforts to improve the number of Hispanic students who completed college. He thought there was opportunity in Nevada to help position the higher education institutions, particularly the access institutions, to better serve some of the new emerging and growing populations, especially the Latino community. Chairman Horsford was interested in learning from the presenters what could be done to support the efforts of the institutions in attaining status as a