

Follow-Up for Wednesday's Meeting

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Chancellor Klaich,

In anticipation of the Committee's meeting on Wednesday, August 29th, I want to touch base with you on several items that arose in the meetings of the Subcommittees. These were:

Funding Formula Subcommittee:

- The recommendation pertaining to approval of the DRI formula hinged upon DRI providing additional information on the basis for the formula's percentage steps, which were noted as 7.0%, 9.0%, 10%, and 13.0%. I recognize that there is a more recent version, which utilizes the percentages of 5.0, 6.0, 7.5 and 12.0 as the step breaks. On August 13th, Larry provided me additional backup from DRI which demonstrated how the proposed formula tied to the \$7.421 million appropriated by the 2011 Legislature. This office will provide the Committee with the newer version and the backup unless there is a newer proposal or more detailed backup pending. Please advise. I would note that the backup does not display a break down for the \$3.876 million in Institutional and Research Administration costs proposed. This may lead to Committee questions.
- NCHEMS information. If you have received the clarifying, comparative information we discussed at the meeting as likely to be helpful (to the Subcommittee) from NCHEMS, I will need to receive it no later than tomorrow afternoon.
- Research Space O&M clarification. I have included a clarification in the Committee's working document to address the previous confusion as to the purpose of the Research O&M factor for UNLV and UNR. The Subcommittee requested information be provided which clarifies how the research space is defined and calculated. I have utilized the information Larry provided me August 9th. Please advise if your office is preparing a separate response.

Performance Pool Subcommittee:

- On two of the main policy issues, the Structure & Operation of the performance pool and Metrics/Measures and associated Weights/Values, the Subcommittee's recommendations were that both of these areas warranted further refinement. While specific areas needing refinement were not identified in the recommendations, areas of concern were identified during the Subcommittee's discussions. These were:

Structure and Operation: the tier structure and the value of having NSC's performance be measured as year-over-year progress compared to the other institutions which were competing within tiers, and a lack of year-over-year improvement performance for the other institutions.

Metrics and Weights: the change in Gateway Course Completer, the relative value of the Efficiency metric and the inability of institutions to significantly improve their performance relative to the other institutions with their respective tier(s).

I would appreciate knowing if your office, either alone or in conjunction with the Governor's Office will be recommending a timeframe and plan for responding to "refinement" recommendations.

Thank you in advance for the clarifications.

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