

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Student Union, Room 208 A, B and C
3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009

ROLL CALL:	Mr. James Dean Leavitt, Chairman	_____
	Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman	_____
	Mr. Mark Alden	_____
	Mr. Robert Blakely	_____
	Mr. William G. Cobb	_____
	Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
	Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher	_____
	Mr. Ron Knecht	_____
	Mr. Kevin J. Page	_____
	Dr. Raymond D. Rawson	_____
	Dr. Jack Lund Schofield	_____
	Mr. Michael B. Wixom	_____

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the chair. In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 12, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

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CALL TO ORDER

3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPOINTMENT, ACTING PRESIDENT, UNLV **INFORMATION/ACTION**

In accordance with Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5 of the NSHE *Handbook*, Chairman of the Board James Dean Leavitt and Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich will recommend approval of Dr. Neal J. Smatresk for appointment as Acting President of UNLV. The terms and conditions of the appointment will be provided at the meeting. (*Ref. BOR-1*)

2. INITIAL SALARY OF VICE CHANCELLOR, FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, NSHE **INFORMATION/ACTION**

In accordance with Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 21.2(b) of the NSHE *Handbook*, Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich requests approval of the initial salary for Ms. Robyn Render, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. (*Ref. BOR-2*)

FISCAL IMPACT: Salary and benefit costs.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION**

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chairman of the Board of Regents may place reasonable limitations as to the amount of time individuals may address the Board. The Chairman may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.

4. NEW BUSINESS **INFORMATION**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

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CSN, Building D, 1st floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124
DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095
DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities (FDH), 1st & 7th floors, 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
System Administration, 5550 W. Flamingo, Suite A-5, Las Vegas, NV 89103
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

TITLE 2 - Nevada System of Higher Education CODE

CHAPTER 1

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Section 1.5 Officers of the Nevada System of Higher Education

- 1.5.1 Officers and Duties.** The officers of the System are the chancellor and the presidents of the member institutions, and their duties and responsibilities are as set forth in the bylaws of the Board of Regents.
- 1.5.2 Appointment of Officers.** The officers of the System shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board of Regents.
- 1.5.3 Vacancy in the Office of the Chancellor.** Whenever a vacancy occurs or is about to occur in the position of chancellor, an ad hoc committee composed of members of the Board of Regents shall be appointed by the Board's chair for the purpose of recruiting and screening applicants and for recommending a nominee or nominees to the Board of Regents for appointment to the position. The committee shall be provided staff assistance by the Chancellor's Office and such other assistance as it may request. Before it makes its recommendation or recommendations to the Board, the committee shall consult with an advisory committee consisting of the presidents of the System institutions, the chairs of the senates and the presidents of the student governments.
- 1.5.4 Vacancy in the Office of President.**
- (a) Whenever a vacancy occurs or is about to occur in the position of president of a member institution, a Presidential Search Committee composed of six members of the Board of Regents shall be appointed by the chair of the Board for the purpose of recruiting and screening and for recommending a nominee or nominees to the Board of Regents for appointment to the position. The chair of the Board shall appoint the chair of the Presidential Search Committee. The chair of the Board of Regents shall also appoint an Institutional Advisory Committee from the member institution involved composed of five faculty members nominated by the senate, three administrators, one classified or technical employee nominated by the classified or technical employees' organization, if any, and, one undergraduate student representative and one graduate student representative nominated by the appropriate student government and one alumnus. The chair may also appoint such other persons to the Institutional Advisory Committee as may be deemed necessary. The affirmative action officer of the member institution involved, if any, shall be an ex officio, voting member of the Institutional Advisory Committee. (B/R 3/06)

- (b) Both committees shall review all applications for the position and shall meet jointly at the call of the chair of the Presidential Search Committee to discuss the qualifications of applicants and the recommendations of the Institutional Advisory Committee before the Presidential Search Committee schedules candidate interviews. The committees may jointly interview and evaluate candidates, after which the Presidential Search Committee shall meet to select its nominee or nominees for consideration by the Board of Regents. The Chancellor's Office shall be responsible for the search and screening process and shall provide staff assistance to the committees. The Chancellor shall hold ex officio, nonvoting membership on both committees and shall facilitate their interaction throughout the process.

1.5.5 Acting Chancellor or President. During a vacancy in the position of chancellor or president, the Board of Regents may appoint an acting chancellor or president, as the case may be.

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title: Initial Salary of the Vice Chancellor for Information Technology

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Per Board Policy Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 3, the Chancellor may appoint executive staff, including Vice Chancellors, but the initial salary for the Vice Chancellors must be approved by the Board of Regents per Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 21-b.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Approve the base salary of \$205,000.00 for Ms. Robyn Render as Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. Ms. Render will have the title of Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and INtegrate Project Director. The base salary falls within the NSHE salary schedule. During the duration of the Integrate project, or June 2012 (whichever comes first) Ms. Render will direct the INtegrate project and receive additional compensation of \$60,000.00.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

System Computing Services has been without permanent leadership for an extended period of time. With the issues facing our system, we must have a strong and highly qualified individual leading the department.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Ms. Render has extensive information technology and management experience.
- Her academic background and collaborative management style are a perfect match for this position.
- Ms. Render's knowledge of the NSHE system and the issues facing our computer systems make her uniquely qualified to lead System Computing into the future.
- Conducting a search would be a waste of public dollars and seriously hamper our ability to move forward.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Conducting a search may bring forth other candidates.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Conduct a nationwide search.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

☒ Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_4____ Chapter #_3____ Section #_21____

☐ Amends Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____

☐ Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____

☐ Other:_____

☐ Fiscal Impact: Yes__x____ No_____

Explain: Salary and Benefit costs