BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
Ballrooms B & C  
Joe Crowley Student Union  
University of Nevada, Reno  
87 West Stadium Way, Reno  
June 4, 2010

Members Present:  
Mrs. Dorothy Gallagher, Chair  
Dr. Raymond D. Rawson, Vice Chair  
Mr. Mark Alden  
Mr. William G. Cobb  
Mr. Ron Knecht  
Mr. Michael B. Wixom

Members Absent:  
Mr. Mark Alden

Other Regents Present:  
Mr. James Dean Leavitt

Others Present:  
Dr. Maurizio Trevisan, EVC and CEO, HSS  
Mr. Scott Wasserman, CEO & Special Counsel to the Board  
Ms. Holly Balmer, NSHE  
Ms. Christine Casey, NSHE  
Mr. John Kuhlman, NSHE  
Ms. Toni Odom-McNeil, NSHE  
Dr. Margaret Puccinelli, GBC  
Mr. Buster Neel, NSC  
Mr. Gerry Bomotti, UNLV  
Mr. Bruce Shively, UNR  
Mr. Ron Zurek, UNR  
Dr. John Packham, UNSOM-UNR  
Dr. Jean Regan, UNSOM-UNR  
Dr. Ole Thienhaus, UNSOM-UNR  
Mr. Dan Neverett, WNC  
Mr. Harvey Whittemore, Chairman, UNHSC Foundation

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Bill Kerney, CSN; Mr. Fred Egenberger,  
System Administration; and Dr. Cecilia Maldonado, UNLV. Student body presidents in  
attendance were Mr. Steve Gronstal, DRI; Ms. Brandi Scheff, NSC; Mr. Cesar Benitez,  
TMCC; Mr. Charlie Jose, UNR; and Mr. Jason McGill, WNC.

Chair Dorothy Gallagher called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. with all members present  
except Regents Alden and Knecht.
1. **Approved-Minutes** – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2010, meeting (*Ref. HSS-1 on file in the Board office*).

   Regent Rawson moved approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2010, meeting. Regent Cobb seconded. Motion carried. Regents Alden and Knecht were absent.

2. **Information Only-Chair’s Report** – Chair Gallagher updated the Committee regarding Health Sciences System planning and development efforts.

   Chair Gallagher asked Mr. Ron Zurek, Vice President, Administration & Finance, UNR, to update the Committee regarding the lease on the building at 1707 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas.

   Mr. Zurek explained that the UNR School of Medicine’s clinical activities and general dentistry program are at this location. The lease, which was due to expire in 2011, has been renewed for a five year period, with two additional renewal options. UNR was interested in incorporating an option to purchase the building in the lease and the new lease contains several windows for a purchase opportunity.

   Regent Knecht entered the meeting.

3. **Approved-Update on Activities of the University of Nevada Health Sciences Center (UNHSC) Foundation (Agenda Item #4)** – The Committee recommended approval to dissolve the University of Nevada Health Sciences Center Foundation and to create an ad hoc committee of NSHE Institution Foundation members to continue to support the mission of the Health Sciences System and the development of NSHE health sciences programs (*Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board office*).

   Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan reported that this is a request to dissolve the UNHSC Foundation for financial reasons due to the economic situation. There has been discussion with the Chairman of the UNHSC Foundation, Mr. Harvey Whittemore, and the Foundation Board, who unanimously voted to move in this direction.

   Mr. Whittemore recommended that the Foundation be dissolved due to the cost of maintaining it. The duplication of effort and cost are a matter of excessive expenditure at a time when resources are too low to provide the mission of the Foundation. It does not diminish the commitment that the members of the Foundation have towards providing solutions with respect to the health crisis in the state and, more importantly, to raise money. Any money donated could go directly to the UNLV and the UNR Foundations to be distributed appropriately. The Health Sciences System’s work and efforts will continue to be supported. Mr. Whittemore suggested that the Board of Regents form an ad hoc committee to
3. **Approved-Update on Activities of the University of Nevada Health Sciences Center (UNHSC) Foundation (Agenda Item #4) – (continued)**

continue to support Health Sciences System fundraising, and that he and Mrs. Whittemore are willing to serve on this committee.

Regent Wixom assumed that the Foundation was a 501(c)(3) and asked if there were any tax implications. Mr. Whittemore indicated that, based on the advice of counsel, appropriate steps have been taken for the final accounting for the state and federal governments.

Regent Cobb asked about the distribution of Foundation funds between UNLV and UNR. Mr. Whittemore said that the donor-directed gifts went to specific projects and the unrestricted funds will support the Health Sciences System operations.

Mr. Scott Wasserman, CEO and Special Counsel to the Board of Regents, indicated that this information is included in the resolution *(Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board office)* that was approved by the University of Nevada Health Science Foundation Board of Trustees, which the Chair of the Board will sign if the Committee approves this item to dissolve the UNHSC Foundation as described.

Regent Knecht moved approval to dissolve the University of Nevada Health Sciences Center Foundation and to create an ad hoc committee of NSHE Institution Foundation members to continue to support the mission of the Health Sciences System and the development of NSHE health sciences programs. Regent Cobb seconded.

Chair Gallagher asked for suggestions to form the ad hoc committee. Regent Rawson replied that it is a state-wide initiative and should have state-wide influence. There should be a designee from each of the foundations to help facilitate movement and action. Chair Gallagher requested recommendations for the ad hoc committee be placed on the agenda for September 2010.

Motion carried.
4. **Information Only-Update on Various Health Sciences System Activities (Agenda Item #3)** – Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan provided an overview of activities related to efforts of developing a joint venture between the Nevada System of Higher Education health sciences programs and the University Medical Center of Nevada (UMC).

Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan said ongoing efforts to evaluate the structure of UMC and identify ways to increase collaboration with NSHE institutions are taking place. The county commissioners have approved the formation of a board to oversee the joint venture. There are four representatives each from NSHE and the county, and is chaired by Dr. John C. Ruckdeschel, CEO and Director of the Nevada Cancer Institute. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan noted that there is no legal liability to NSHE as a result of participating on this board.

Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan continued that two RFP’s have been prepared to hire consultants to evaluate the operations of UMC, and the possibility of enhancing the academic enterprise. NSHE involvement in these analyses in no way implies that NSHE will assume financial responsibility for the operation of the hospital. So far there have been 11 responses. Information about RFP review and selection will be presented at the next meeting in September 2010.

Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan stated there has been a fair amount of debate at the commissioners’ level addressing the issue of the governance board. There is a possibility that a new interim board will be created to take over the day-to-day operations of the hospital. The System has submitted input to UMC regarding the potential makeup and roles of this new board. After the study is completed, a final board will be appointed.

Regent Rawson asked if adequate discussion has been given to relinquishing the county commission’s control of the board. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan indicated that it is part of the discussion for the evaluation of the study. It seems the commissioners are moving towards giving a new board the day-to-day operations.

Regent Rawson felt there was wonderful potential, but cautioned about the possibility of not attaining independence. The Chair of the Health Sciences System Committee has to be kept informed constantly. Support will occur when questions are answered. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan thought the real work would start when the consultant is chosen and other models are presented and reviewed. The System’s strategy is to focus on the academic enterprise, not the financial responsibilities for the operation of the hospital.

Regent Rawson asked if the UNSOM was excited about the prospect of an enhanced relationship. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan felt that the School of Medicine realizes that UMC represents a great source for anchoring the clinical
4. **Information Only-Update on Various Health Sciences System Activities (Agenda Item #3) – (continued)**

activities of the School. The dean and CFO of the UNSOM sit on the board and are actively participating in discussions.

Regent Wixom believed that if members of the System are on either the interim or the final board, it would be necessary to have Directors & Officers Liability Insurance. He asked how that would be paid. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan felt that because the System employees work for the state, they are automatically covered. Regent Wixom would like this confirmed.

Regent Cobb requested a written report addressing the questions of how the Medical School is embracing the potential creation of a stronger partnership, if Directors & Officers Liability Insurance is necessary, and if there are any financial liabilities or responsibilities, prior to the next meeting. Chair Gallagher asked Mr. Wasserman to be sure that this is implemented.

Chair Gallagher has questions and concerns before the Committee agrees to be involved. Before any progress can be made, the county commission has to decide who is going to run the hospital, and the union needs to decide if they will be participating.

5. **Information Only-Update on the School of Medicine’s Dean Search Process – UNR** – Dr. Marc Johnson, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, provided a written statement for Chair Gallagher to read into the record.

Chair Gallagher read a statement provided by Provost Johnson concerning the search for a Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the UNSOM: “The search was started in fall, 2009 after the decision was made to activate the merged position of Vice President of Health Sciences and the Dean. The search firm of Isaacson-Miller has been employed to assist in the search. A Search Committee representative of faculty, staff and students has been active in the search, screening, and interview processes. Four candidates have been interviewed on campus and the University is now in the silent negotiation phase with candidates. The Board of Regents will be informed immediately once the process has successfully concluded.” Chair Gallagher was confident that a qualified candidate would be hired.

Regent Rawson asked if a new dean would be allowed to live in Las Vegas. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan replied that residency does not appear to be an issue and the final selection of the candidate will not be based on this.
6. **Information Only-Roundtable Discussion on the Health Sciences System** – Chair Gallagher facilitated a roundtable discussion of the Committee members concerning the development of the Health Sciences System, its interaction within the NSHE, with the community and interested stakeholders, its fundraising efforts and other related matters.

Chair Gallagher indicated that she and Chancellor Klaich conferred about the direction of the Health Sciences System. She said that it is time to submit a plan to the entire Board and find out how strongly the Health Sciences System will be supported. It can be wonderful for Nevada and the System, but it must be done well. Chair Gallagher requested that this be placed on the September 10, 2010, agenda and would also like some time for discussion with the general Board. Mr. Wasserman said he will work with Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan.

Regent Cobb felt a white paper with the information would help rather than a rambling discussion. Regent Wixom thought that some alternatives for the structure of the Health Sciences System should be presented. This will be more concrete for the Board to respond to. Chair Gallagher recommended presenting the plan that was proposed in the past and either implement it or change it. Regent Cobb thought the starting point would be to explain exactly what the Health Sciences System is and what it does. Mr. Wasserman suggested the plan for the Health Sciences System presented at the GBC Board of Regents’ meeting on September 18, 2010, would be a starting point. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan said that there are documents concerning the vision, mission, framework, historical perspective and definitions of the Health Sciences System that can be included. Regent Rawson requested that the information be forwarded to the Committee for review.

Regent Rawson suggested that it may be appropriate to have a pre-planning placeholder on the CIP projects to keep the activity in front of the other presidents to help them understand that this System needs to be progressing. Chair Gallagher stated that this should be presented with the requested information.

7. **Public Comment** – None.

8. **New Business** – Chair Gallagher asked the Committee members to think about items of interest for the agenda. Regent Wixom felt the key issues were identified. It would be helpful to step back and review what has been done. The next discussion will be very important. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan welcomes clarifications, details of activities and identification of roles and goals for the Health Sciences System.
8. **New Business – (continued)**

Regent Cobb noted that the BOR-7 reference from the September 18, 2009, Board meeting *(on file in the Board office)* discussed the Health Sciences System overview. He requested that Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan work with Mr. Wasserman to have this reference document and the white paper distributed to the Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

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