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BOARD OF REGENTS* and its BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

GBC Theatre Great Basin College 1500 College Parkway, Elko Thursday, September 5, 2013

Members Present: Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Chair

Mr. Kevin C. Melcher, Vice Chair

Dr. Andrea Anderson

Mr. Ron Knecht

Mr. James Dean Leavitt Ms. Allison Stephens

Other Regents Present: Dr. Mark Doubrava

Others Present: Mr. Larry Eardley, Vice Chancellor, Budget & Finance

Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs

Mr. Vic Redding, Vice Chancellor, Finance & Administration Dr. Steve Zink, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology Ms. Ruby Camposano, Director, Banking & Investments

Mr. Scott G. Wasserman, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents

Mr. Michael Richards, President, CSN Dr. Maria Sheehan, President, TMCC Dr. Marc Johnson, President, UNR Dr. Carol Lucey, President, WNC

For others present please see the attendance roster on file in the Board Office.

Chair Wixom called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. with all members present.

- 1. Information Only Public Comment None.
- 2. <u>Approved Consent Items</u> the Committee recommended approval of the Consent Items.
 - 2a. <u>Approved Minutes</u> The Committee recommended approval of the June 6, 2013, meeting minutes. (*Ref. BF-2a on file in the Board Office.*)
 - 2c. <u>Approved Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Transfers, State</u>
 <u>Supported or Self-Supporting Operating Budgets</u> The Committee recommended approval of the report of the fourth quarter fiscal year 2012-2013 budget transfers of state appropriated or self-supporting operating budget funds between functions. (*Ref. BF-2c(1) & Ref. BF-2c(2) on file in the Board Office.*)

- 2. Approved Consent Items (*Continued*)
 - 2d. <u>Approved Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Report of Transfers of Non-State Budget Expenditures to State Funds After May 1ST The Committee recommended approval of the report of transfers of expenses from non-state budgets to state budgets that occurred after May 1, 2013, for fiscal year 2012-2013. (*Ref. BF-2d(1) & Ref. BF-2d(2) on file in the Board Office.*)</u>

Regent Leavitt moved approval of the Consent Items. Vice Chair Melcher seconded. Motion carried.

The following consent items were considered separately:

2b. <u>Approved – Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Self-Supporting Budget Revisions</u> – The Committee recommended approval of the report of revenue and expenditure revisions to NSHE self-supporting budgets for fiscal year 2012-2013. (*Ref. BF-2b(1) & Ref. BF-2b(2) on file in the Board Office.*)

Regent Knecht asked for explanation on the \$1 million System Administration revision for a new account, noted as investment income funding for a new request for a business practice study. Mr. Vic Redding, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration, stated this self-supporting account was a result of Board action taken last September approving a \$1 million distribution from funds set aside for iNtegrate II from the Operating Pool Reserve. These funds funded the Heron business process analysis. Regent Knecht asked if these funds will be expended in the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Redding stated they had just processed the final invoice for a total expenditure of less than \$1 million.

Regent Stephens stated it would have been simple to add a note explaining with some specificity in the report the answer to Regent Knecht's question so there would not be these types of questions at the meeting.

Regent Knecht asked for clarity on UNR's \$1 million revision recognizing year to date transfers in to fund the InfoEd project. Mr. Bruce Shively, Associate Vice President, Planning, Budget and Analysis, stated the revision was a number of things. UNR has a new vice president coming to campus the beginning of October and for a couple years they have been collecting funds over a period of time from new hires positions not filled. The money was collected in a reserve account and the transfer will help that new vice president to acquire the new software needed to fund the InfoEd project. Regent Knecht asked if there was a major source of the funds, with Mr. Shively stating it was indirect cost collections.

Regent Knecht asked for UNR to elaborate on their \$1.5 million transfer for Practice Management/Electronic Medical Records. Dr. Jean Regan, Senior Associate Dean, University of Nevada, School of Medicine (UNSOM) Finance, stated the Board approved funds for the implementation of the new practice management system that went live last week. It went live for the first part this past week. These were funds transferred to an account for costs that were not covered from the loan obtained.

2b. <u>Approved – Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Self-Supporting Budget Revisions – (Continued)</u>

Regent Knecht reiterated a reference to a prior action would have explained the item.

Regent Knecht pointed out the \$3.7 million transfer for Clark County Salaries. Mr. Shively stated this was the Cooperative Extension building payoff, but he needed to check the detail where the funds came from. Regent Knecht also asked him to find out if the money stayed in Clark County. Mr. Shively added the funds were used to pay salaries of those that reside in Clark County. President Johnson stated the big transfer occurred because Clark County funds became available from various sources within the county to completely pay off the loan for the development of the building.

Regent Knecht moved approval of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Self-Supporting Budget Revisions. Regent Stephens seconded. Motion carried.

2e. <u>Approved – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 State Accountability Report – Reconciling Legislative Approved to Board of Regents' Approved Budget</u> – The Committee recommended approval of the report of the fiscal year 2013-2014 State Accountability Report. (*Ref. BF-2e(1) & Ref. BF-2e(2) on file in the Board Office.*)

Chair Wixom asked why in this report they use the funding source term "reallocation" and whether they needed a description of the reallocation. Mr. Eardley stated they have two funding sources; General Fund and non-general fund authorizations. This is just a reallocation of an expenditure category. Chair Wixom clarified these were all state appropriated funds. Mr. Eardley acknowledged a little more clarification would be helpful. Mr. Eardley gave an example of changing a classified position to a professional position, so the source of funds is just reallocated. Mr. Shively stated the items listed on these schedules identify small adjustments that occur, such as savings on one position that are then reallocated to another position. The items Chair Wixom is asking about are different. UNR had a significant reallocation of dollars from the UNR General Fund appropriations to Statewide Programs. This was a part of the formula process and the first time this appropriation to Statewide Programs was made. Chair Wixom asked it be acknowledged as a one-time event in a note.

Regent Stephens noted there could have been a footnote or a glossary in this report that would give direction as to the specific terms and their meaning.

2e. <u>Approved – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 State Accountability Report – Reconciling</u> Legislative Approved to Board of Regents' Approved Budget – (*Continued*)

Chair Wixom moved approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 State Accountability Report – Reconciling Legislative Approved to Board of Regents' Approved Budget, with the qualification there is an explanation for what is meant for the phrase "reallocation" and respectfully have it included in the report before presentation to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Regent Leavitt seconded. Motion carried.

3. <u>Approved – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 NSHE Self-Supporting Budget</u> – The Committee recommended approval of the fiscal year 2013-2014 NSHE Self-Supporting Budget. (*Ref. BF-3a & Ref. BF-3b on file in the Board Office.*)

Mr. Eardley presented for approval the NSHE Self-Supporting Budgets for fiscal year 2013-2014. Board policy requires all accounts exceeding \$25,000 of projected annual expenditure activity be included in the annual budget process. Grants and contracts, and plant, loan, endowment and scholarship funds are excluded from these requirements. This report displays the budgets in a sources and uses of funds format. The format includes beginning and ending balances and net changes in fund balance for the System in total and for each campus/unit of the System that reported self-supporting activity for the year. The summary tables of sources and uses of funds are displayed on pages 7-12 followed by the campus reports starting on page 13. Each campus report includes a summary of campus self-supporting activities. The system summary table on pages 7-9 display, for each campus/unit of the System, a summary of planned revenue sources and expenditures and includes projected opening and ending account balances and the projected net increase/decrease in funds. The system-wide totals for all campuses/units are displayed on page 9. The projected opening account balance for all budgets for FY 14 is approximately \$216.1 million. Revenues of \$511.4 million and expenditures of \$553 million are anticipated, resulting in a projected net decrease in funds of \$41.7 million for a projected ending fund balance for the System of \$174.4 million.

The system summary table on page 10 provides, in addition to each area's budget sources and uses of funds, the number of full time equivalent (*FTE*) employee positions budgeted and the number of self-supporting accounts budgeted per area. Budgeted FTE for this time increased by 5.4 percent and the number of accounts increased by 7.5 percent over last year's budget.

The "revenue by source" table on page 11 displays all projected revenue sources, including opening account balances, for each appropriation area and System totals. The "expenditures by object" table on page 12 displays all projected expenditures by object, including ending account balances for each appropriation area and System totals. Budget revenue and expenditures by appropriation area and for the System are balanced and total funds budgeted are presented for fiscal year 14.

Regent Knecht asked if the expenditures of \$553 million were more or less than what was expended in fiscal year 13. Mr. Eardley did not have the answer in front of him, but will find the answer

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3. Approved – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 NSHE Self-Supporting Budget – (Continued)

Regent Knecht asked why the System ended with \$216 million in fiscal year 13. Mr. Eardley stated he would have to review the individual details. History has shown the budgets are planned activity. A good comparison is the Budget to Actual Report. This report can be compared to what was initially budgeted to show the ending balances.

Regent Knecht asked if it was the case in the past that self-supporting revenues have come in higher than budgeted. Mr. Eardley answered yes. Regent Knecht agreed that a budget is only a plan to spend money.

Chair Wixom stated the end of the year is a more accurate analysis.

Chair Wixom was curious about the mitigation dollars and asked why those dollars show up on the Self-Supporting Budget and how it relates to the other budget. Mr. Eardley explained at the end of the legislative session there was an agreement that NSHE would come up with a source of revenue for GBC and WNC to help bridge them into the next biennium. The Legislature also provided some General Fund support. When they get to WNC's State Operating Budget there is a reduction in their instructional function. The funds go into a self-supporting account. WNC took some of its part time positions in its State Supported Budget and placed them into a self-supporting budget to be funded.

Regent Knecht moved approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 NSHE Self-Supporting Budget. Regent Stephens seconded. Motion carried.

4. <u>Action Taken – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 NSHE State Supported Operating Budget</u> – The Committee recommended reporting this item to the full Board for consideration, in conjunction with Board agenda item #11, addressing the Formula Budgets implementation. (*Ref. BF-4a & Ref. BF-4b on file in the Board Office.*)

Chair Wixom noted there is an agenda item on the main Board agenda in which they are going to be discussing at length the narrative explanation for the budgets and the narrative given by the respective presidents. These are the actual dollars and if the Committee approves this budget they would be doing so without hearing an explanation of the narrative. Chair Wixom asked the Committee members to ask their questions, but withhold approval of the budgets until they have received the narrative discussions during the main Board meeting.

Mr. Eardley presented for approval the FY 2013-2014 State Supported Operating Budget for each appropriation area of the System beginning on page 25. Each budget of the System includes a detailed revenue and expenditure budget. System wide summary tables of revenue, source, appropriation area, expenditures by functional areas and objects of expenditures are displayed beginning on page 17. The State Operating Budget consists of 27 legislative approved operating budgets for NSHE, including the universities, colleges, professional schools, research institute, affiliated units and System Administration. Funding of the State Supported Operating Budgets consists of legislative appropriations, state general funds and authorizations to collect and expend non-general fund revenue sources consistent with mostly student fees.

4. <u>Action Taken – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 NSHE State Supported Operating Budget – (Continued)</u>

Provided in this document is a general summary of the legislative and Board of Regents' actions impacting NSHE for the 2013-2015 biennium. This includes:

- An overview on page 5 of state appropriated budgets consolidated by actions of the Legislature.
- Page 6 is a general summary of appropriations by authorized revenue sources for the System for both fiscal years of the biennium with some comparisons to fiscal year 13.
- Board approved student per credit hour registration and surcharge fees for the 2013-2015 biennium are on page 7-9.
- Pages 8 10 are legislative actions regarding professional/classified employee pay restorations, new base and performance funding formula information and various fringe benefit rate adjustments.
- Page 11 is a summary of legislative appropriations and authorizations impacting the System.
- Page 13 is a listing of capital improvement projects.

Mr. Eardley reported he would summarize the system-wide summary tables of revenues and expenditures for the FY 14 NSHE operating budgets provided on pages 17-20. The 'revenue by source' table on page 17 compares FY 14 budgeted revenues to FY 13 and shows the percentage of each revenue source to total revenues and the dollar and percentage change between fiscal years. General Fund revenues of \$487.2 million exceed General Fund appropriations of FY 13 by \$14.8 million or by 3.4 percent due mainly to legislative actions to restore employee salaries and benefits by 2.5 percent and a retirement rate increase for state employees. Salary restorations of \$6.5 million shown under the General Fund appropriation represent approximately 1.3 percent of the 2.5 percent salary adjustment that was appropriated to the State Board of Examiners for the benefit of NSHE, while the remaining 1.15 percent appropriated is contained in the budget. The salary restoration had to be justified at the end of the year to receive the funds. Other funds consisting mainly of student fees totaled \$261.7 million in FY 14 representing approximately 35 percent of the total budget. Total revenues in 2014 totaled \$748.9 million and are approximately \$13.5 million and 1.83 percent greater than FY 13. The summary table on page 18 displays the total revenue budget for each of the appropriation areas of the System and includes the percentage of each budget and the dollar and percentage change. The summary table on page 19 shows the allocation of the revenues by functional area, instruction and public service, and student services. The reserves function is the calculation for the six day furlough for employees. It also contains the vacancy savings which are mandated by the Legislature. The next page is expenditures by object. Eighty percent of the budget is personnel costs and the remaining is operating. For informational purpose they include the number of employees budgeted. There was a decrease in headcounts of approximately 1.9 percent and a decrease in FTE of approximately 1.6 percent.

Chair Wixom asked for the inter relationship between items three and four for mitigation dollars. On page 245 for WNC there is a decrease of approximately \$1.5 million between the fiscal years and a lot of that is from the part time salaries that were removed from the State Operating Budget and moved to the Self-Supporting Budget.

4. <u>Action Taken – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 NSHE State Supported Operating Budget – (Continued)</u>

Regent Knecht asked if last year's ending totals were the originally budgeted totals or the actual expended amounts. Mr. Eardley stated this was a comparison of budget to budget. Regent Knecht clarified there would be some variance in the actual expenditures from the originally scheduled amount, with Mr. Eardley responding yes.

Regent Knecht asked to see instruction split among the three functions of instruction, research and public service. He recalled they are generating grants and contracts at approximately \$350 million a year and all of that goes under the research heading. President Johnson explained there are three functions. All of the state funds go to the teaching operation. The state funds that go into faculty have a standard workload expectation. Beyond that the state allocates very little for research and outreach. Almost all research and outreach are essentially self-supported through grants and the return from facility and administrative expenses. Regent Knecht clarified the numbers they have been looking at are not representative of what the faculty, staff and institutions do in terms of functions.

Chair Wixom asked if there was any way to identify information that is generally accessible without creating another report. Mr. Redding believed the report they were looking for was footnote 21 of the consolidated financial statements. They are in the process of completing financial statements now and the report will come to the Audit Committee in December and will provide the full break down of function classifications for all the expenses across the whole enterprise. Chair Wixom asked for a more readily accessible demonstrative report because this was good information.

Regent Stephens asked for a better distinction between the function classifications. Mr. Eardley stated the instruction function was the teaching faculty. Research is more of the infrastructure support. Regent Stephens asked for the definitions of the function classifications.

Chair Wixom asked someone from WNC to explain the changes in their numerical budget. Mr. Chester Burton, Vice President, Finance and Administration, WNC, reported as the budget was formulated there were a lot of last minute items that were added. The majority of the changes are in the instructional area, but because of timing it was impossible to look at a reduction in staff or other ways to take care of it. The actual budget reduction of \$600,000 was mitigated through the operations budget by approximately 40 percent. Chair Wixom asked for the sources of the other dollars that were used to fill the budget holes. Mr. Burton stated there is a reduction in operating, and they reduced the acquisition budget for the library.

Regent Stephens moved to report this item to the full Board for consideration, in conjunction with Board agenda item #11, addressing the Formula Budgets implementation. Regent Knecht seconded. Motion carried.

5. <u>Information Only – Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Fiscal Exceptions, Self-Supporting Budgets</u> - The fourth quarter fiscal year 2012-2013 Fiscal Exception Report was presented. The report provides quarterly updates on all self-supporting budgets that experience deficits or negative cash balances. (*Ref. BF-5a & Ref. BF-5b on file in the Board Office.*)

Mr. Eardley indicated this report is used by the NSHE institutions to provide quarterly updates on all self-supporting accounts that are experiencing negative cash balances. An analysis of the fourth quarter Fiscal Exceptions Report determined the following institutional accounts required reporting.

- The UNR Fire Science Academy (FSA) reported a cash deficit of <\$11.9> million for the fourth quarter. There were no additional costs associated with the account in the fourth quarter of the year. The Fire Science Academy was sold to the Nevada Division of State Lands in 2012. The operating deficit continues to be funded with institutional borrowings until the capital debt is fully retired and then any additional future funds will be used to reduce and eliminate the remaining operating deficit.
- The University of Nevada, Reno Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) program reported a cash deficit of <\$3.2> million through the fourth quarter. ICA ended the year with approximately \$650,000 net operating deficit for the year.
- CSN reported a cash deficit of <\$104,000> for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration account through the fourth quarter. The Board of Regents approved the elimination of the program in June. The training center has been closed and they anticipate a total cash deficit of <\$124,000>. It is expected to be cleared through other departmental accounts.
- The UMC Hospital Account reported on an accounts receivable aging schedule. There is an outstanding receivable greater than 120 days of \$385,000 due to reconciliation issues with the University Medical Center. The Medical Center has approved an additional payment of \$410,000 to cover approximately \$251,000 of the 120 day balance, \$57,000 for the 90 day balance, and \$51,000 for the 60 day and 30 day balance. The remaining balances will be paid with the UMC May payment expected in September.

There were no other material NSHE fiscal exceptions that required reporting.

Chair Wixom asked for an update on the Fire Science Academy. Mr. Ron Zurek, Vice President, Administration and Finance, UNR, stated on June 30th of last year UNR closed on the sale of the Fire Science Academy. The National Guard has been operating the site since that time. There is one remaining large UNR obligation that deals with the restoration of the site. They are on schedule to have the restoration complete and then UNR's obligation will be extinguished. Chair Wixom appreciated all the efforts and the good news.

Chair Wixom asked UNR Athletics to remind them how they are going to address their issues. Mr. Shively reported that Intercollegiate Athletics continues to be problematic at the University. They hoped they would break even this year, but that did not occur. The deficit this year was \$650,000, largely due to coaching changes and staffing. This

5. <u>Information Only – Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Fiscal Exceptions, Self-Supporting Budgets – (Continued)</u>

year they anticipate a substantially larger distribution from the conference. They are also hopeful the new athletic director will generate additional fundraising funds and a general excitement for the program. Athletics has a shoe string budget which is at the bottom of the conference. Chair Wixom asked what philanthropic efforts would be directed towards. Mr. Shively stated they are usually directed at scholarships. But they are hoping philanthropy will grow to help in other areas such as travel and recruitment so that additional money from the conference could be applied to the operating debt. Regent Wixom asked if specific timelines had been discussed. Mr. Shively stated they have a five year plan in place to eliminate the deficit. If they can make an improvement in the revenue side it will be faster than five years.

6. <u>Approved - HANDBOOK</u> Revision: <u>Self-Supporting Budgets</u> - The Committee recommended approval to amend Title 4, Chapter 9, Section C.2., of the *Handbook* concerning the Self-Supporting Budget Review to exclude fund transfers in determining whether a self-supporting budget meets the \$25,000 threshold for inclusion in the annual budget process. (*Ref. BF-6 on file in the Board Office.*)

Mr. Eardley stated this was based upon an institutional audit where it was recommended that the vice chancellor for finance and the NSHE business officers review and clarify the current Self-Supporting Budget Policy as it pertains to the types of transactions that constitute expenditures for reporting purposes. The current Board policy requires the campuses report annually those accounts that are projected to exceed \$25,000 in expenditure activity. The issue is whether the transfer of funds from one account to another is considered an expenditure and therefore should be included to determine if the account should be reported as per the policy. Funds transferred are ultimately expended in recipient accounts and are at that time included in determining the expenditure level for reporting purposes. Business officers recommend the transfer of funds out of an account not be included as expenditures because this would create a double reporting of expenditures.

Regent Wixom clarified under present rules if they transfer funds from one account to another the transfer is reported as an expenditure and then they also have to report it as an expenditure with the ultimate use of the funds.

Regent Stephens moved approval to amend Title 4, Chapter 9, Section C.2., of the *Handbook* concerning the Self-Supporting Budget Review to exclude fund transfers in determining whether a self-supporting budget meets the \$25,000 threshold for inclusion in the annual budget process. Vice Chair Melcher seconded. Motion carried.

7. <u>Approved – Resolution, Expense Reimbursement From Slot Tax General Obligation Bonds</u> - The Committee recommended approval of a resolution that would permit reimbursement from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in connection with certain up-front design and construction expenses associated with the UNLV Thomas and Mack Project; for carrying out the purposes of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Campus Improvement Authority; and the planning, construction, improvement, refurnishing and renovation of buildings and capital improvements for the University of Nevada, Reno, including the UNSOM Las Vegas building planning, UNR electrical system replacement, the UNR Student Fitness/Wellness Center and the UNR Engineering and Science Building planning and renovation. (*Ref. BF-7 on file in the Board Office.*)

Mr. Eardley reported at the last legislative session Assembly Bill 501 (Chapter 514, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*) authorized the Board of Regents to issue no more than \$85 million in fixed general obligation bonds to finance projects at UNR and UNLV. The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval of a resolution that would permit reimbursement from the proceeds of the tax exempt obligations in connection with certain up-front planning, design and construction expenses associated with UNR and UNLV.

Based on the timeline, Regent Knecht reiterated his continuing concern that interest rates cannot stay low forever and noted they are up 100 basis points since the last meeting and continue to slowly rise.

Chair Wixom asked the timeline for the issuance of the bonds. Mr. Redding stated the Board of Regents will request issuance of the bonds, but they are actually general obligations of the state and the state treasurer will be the one who ultimately issues them. From discussions with the staff they expect them to be issued after the first of the year.

Regent Leavitt moved approval of a resolution that would permit reimbursement from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in connection with certain up-front design and construction expenses associated with UNR and UNLV projects. Regent Stephens seconded. Motion carried.

8. <u>Information Only – Classification of NSHE Police Reports</u> - The Business and Finance Committee at its June, 2013, meeting requested each NSHE law enforcement agency that deals with the campuses submit a report for discussion regarding reporting and classification of crimes. (*Ref. BF-8 on file in the Board Office.*)

Mr. Eardley reported the Committee requested a report on how crimes are reported to the Board and nationally. The reference material contains all of the institutional responses.

Regent Stephens stated based on the institutional reports there clearly have been some changes. UNR had six changes in the past year, while UNLV did not provide specific numbers. Regent Stephens stated there is a clear explanation of the idea that there are different definitions of various kinds, so based on the type of report, a crime may fit into different categories. Once that occurs, the officer is counseled and given a better understanding of the way different crimes may fit into different scenarios.

8. Information Only – Classification of NSHE Police Reports – (Continued)

Regent Stephens asked to see an actual example of a crime that has been downgraded so they can see the anecdotal evidence of the occurrence. The reports do not provide that level of detail.

Regent Knecht shared the concerns and thanked Regent Stephens for bringing it to their attention.

Chair Wixom requested a follow-up report at the next Committee meeting in response to Regent Stephens' specific request.

Regent Stephens asked Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Brooke Nielsen if the information was appropriate to bring back to the Committee under the Open Meeting Law or if the information needed to be sent under separate cover to the Regents. Ms. Nielsen believed the information could be included on the agenda.

Mr. Eardley asked for additional clarification. Regent Stephens noted UNR and UNLV have both acknowledged changing the original classification of the crime after reports have been submitted by the officer involved. She asked for specific examples of those downgraded cases for review. Vice Chair Melcher asked if it would be beneficial for the police chiefs to make a joint presentation to the full Board. Chair Wixom agreed a joint presentation was an excellent suggestion. Chair Wixom noted he would speak with the Chairman about where this item should be presented.

- 9. <u>Information Only New Business</u> Chair Wixom asked for an agenda item related to CSN's response to the current financial aid issue. Regent Knecht reported the item has been agendized at the next Audit Committee.
- 10. <u>Information Only Public Comment</u> None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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