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**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
WORKFORCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Building B, Room 105
College of Southern Nevada
6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas
Thursday, March 6, 2014

Members Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
 Dr. Jack Lund Schofield, Vice Chair
 Dr. Andrea Anderson
 Mr. Robert J. Blakely
 Dr. Mark W. Doubrava

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
 Dr. Constance Brooks, Vice Chancellor, Gov't and Community Affairs
 Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
 Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
 Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
 Mr. Donald D. Snyder, President, UNLV
 Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Thomas Reagan, GBC; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; Dr. Paul Werth, UNLV; Dr. Swatee Naik, UNR; and Ms. Holly O'Toole, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Mr. Alex Porter, GBC; Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSC; Ms. Stephanie Prevost, TMCC; and Ms. Alejandra Leon, WNC.

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

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. with all members present except Regent Schofield.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2013, meeting (*Ref. WRED-2 on file in the Board office*).

Regent Anderson moved approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2013, meeting. Regent Blakely seconded. Motion carried. Regent Schofield was absent.

3. Approved-Regents' Awards (Agenda Item #4) – The Committee recommended approval of the following nominations for 2014 Regents' awards (*Ref. WRED-4 on file in the Board office*):

- a. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award
Dr. Alison Murray, DRI
- b. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award
Dr. Katherine Hertlein, UNLV
Dr. Kam K. Leang, UNR
Dr. Justin Huntington, DRI

Regent Blakely moved approval of the nominations for 2014 Regents' awards. Regent Doubrava seconded. Motion carried. Regent Schofield was absent.

4. Information Only-Research University Classifications (Agenda Item #3) – UNR Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman and UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost John White presented information on the classification of their respective institutions as RU/H (Research University/High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The presentation included information on the attributes and methodology used by Carnegie in classifying doctoral granting research universities as RU/VH (Research University/Very High Research Activity), RU/H or DRU (Doctoral/Research University) as well as strategies the institutions are pursuing to achieve RU/VH status (*Refs. WRED-3a, WRED-3b and WRED-3c on file in the Board office*).

Regent Schofield entered the meeting.

In response to a question from Chair Geddes, Dr. White said UNLV lost \$73 million in a three-year period. If the state were to reinvest that amount over a longer period of time, UNLV would be able to increase the size of its faculty and get into the ballpark of some of the institutions with the RU/VH designation. Additionally, there are capital needs such as more wet lab space.

Dr. Carman said enrollment growth at UNR has allowed for some additional investments in faculty. The university is focusing on faculty that will be research active and is investing in new graduate assistantships and additional administrative and research support. UNR is also conducting a capacity study to examine what type of space is needed to accommodate faculty growth.

In response to a question from Chair Geddes, Dr. Carman and Dr. White indicated they will provide draft versions of a research master plan for their respective institutions to the Committee at its June meeting. Dr. Carman noted UNR's plan is based on expectations of student growth and tuition and fee revenue.

5. Information Only-New Business – None.
6. Information Only-Public Comment – Dr. John Farley, Professor, UNLV, and President of the Nevada Faculty Alliance, UNLV Chapter, said there is high quality research taking place at UNLV, but not enough of it. He supports UNLV's plan to increase research activity.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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