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**BOARD OF REGENTS* and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Student Union, Ballrooms B&C
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Friday, December 6, 2013

Members Present: Mr. James Dean Leavitt, Chair
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chair
Dr. Jason Geddes
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher
Ms. Allison Stephens

Others Present: Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor
Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
Dr. Constance Brooks, Vice Chancellor, Government
and Community Affairs
Mr. Vic Redding, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences
Mr. Scott Wasserman, Chief of Staff and Special
Counsel to the Board of Regents
Mr. Scott Young, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Mr. Nicholas Vaskov, System Counsel and Director
of Real Estate Planning
Dr. Neal J. Smatresk, President, UNLV
Dr. Marc Johnson, President, UNR
Dr. Karen West, UNLV School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, UNSOM-UNR

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Ms. Dani Chandler; System Administration; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; Dr. Paul Werth, UNLV; and Ms. Holly O'Toole, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Mr. Umram Osambela, ASCSN; Mr. Noah Fraser, GRAD-DRI; Mr. Alex Porter, SGA-GBC; Ms. Stephanie Prevost, SGA-TMCC; Mr. Michael Gordon, GPSA-UNLV; Mr. R.J. Boyajian, GSA-UNR; and Ms. Alejandra Leon, ASWN-WNC.

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

Chair James Dean Leavitt called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the September 6, 2013, meeting (*Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board office*).

Vice Chair Doubrava moved approval of the minutes from the September 6, 2013, meeting. Regent Stephens seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Leavitt provided general remarks and updated the Committee regarding health sciences planning and development efforts since the last meeting of the Committee.

Chair Leavitt expressed his appreciation for the spirit of camaraderie regarding the forward progress of the School of Medicine's presence in Las Vegas being led by Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean, University of Nevada School of Medicine (*UNSOM*), and Vice President, Division of Health Sciences, UNR, Dr. Marc Johnson, President, UNR, and Dr. Neal Smatresk, President, UNLV. Chair Leavitt indicated the goal is to achieve healthy outcomes. He stated it is time for southern Nevada stakeholders to help in securing financial resources needed to ensure the project moves forward.

4. Information Only-Health Sciences Activities and Initiatives – Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, Marcia Turner, provided an update on Health Sciences System activities and initiatives since the last meeting of the Committee.

Vice Chancellor Turner reported the City of Las Vegas is working on updating its zoning plan for the Medical District in the Shadow Lane area. The City has established a Steering Committee to guide these efforts, and four members from NSHE are participating on the Committee. Vice Chancellor Turner also provided an update on the Shadow Lane Skills Lab Clinical Simulation Center programmatic coordination, and congratulated the institutions involved in running the Center for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (*MOU*) to share in the emerging operational costs of the Center.

5. Information Only-University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine – Dr. Karen West, Dean, UNLV School of Dental Medicine, provided the Committee with an overview of the history, and current status of future plans for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, including information on its student body and its clinical and research activities (*Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board office*).

Dean West gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the UNLV School of Dental Medicine.

Regent Stephens assumed the calculation of savings was the median cost in this particular market. Dean West agreed and added the calculation is the average cost of going to a private dentist and is also compared with Medicaid funds.

5. Information Only-University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine –
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Regent Stephens thought there was a disparity of students from the north. Dean West said preference is given to Nevada residents. When Nevada did not have a dental school, students went to San Francisco and, consequently, that pipeline is still open. The Dental School's Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs goes to health fairs at UNR and is in contact with the Pre-Dental Society in the north.

Regent Geddes asked about the relationship with community colleges, the Dental Assistant program, and the dental and orthodontic community in the state. Dean West stated the Dental School works with CSN. The School has had dental assistants from some of the technological schools in the past, but not as many lately. Dean West said the dental graduates are leaders in the community Orthodontic Society, and added one of the Nevada Orthodontics' meeting was held at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine.

Regent Melcher wondered if graduates stayed in the state and if Nevada's needs were being met. Dean West said there are three residency programs. In last year's class 50 percent of the students went on to residencies or post-graduate programs, even though it is not a requirement, and 31 percent stayed in the state. She felt those staying in the state was closer to 50 percent because after attending residency programs half those students returned. Regarding the needs of Nevada, Dean West stated it was about access and locale. She said there are needs in the outer areas, other than Las Vegas and Reno, and a need for more specialists.

Vice Chair Doubrava asked about handling in-state versus out-of-state tuition. Dean West explained the first year students pay out-of-state tuition, and then approximately 80 percent of those students are able to get in-state residency tuition in the second year.

Vice Chair Doubrava requested information about the scholarship process and the means by which the Dental School raises money. Dean West reported four year scholarships are given to the best and brightest in Nevada applying to the School. Students must maintain a certain grade point to keep their scholarship dollars. Dean West said there is a fair amount of gift-in-kind donations, and success working with various corporations for funding. She felt there would soon be a significant donation from an anonymous donor.

Vice Chair Doubrava noted with the passage of the Affordable Care Act, patients who qualify for Medicaid have dental services, but wondered if non-Medicaid adults getting new insurance have dental coverage. Dean West said the dental coverage was relatively optional. Dentistry is still considered, for adults, more of an option than a luxury; however, services for children will be maintained or increased.

Chair Leavitt assumed, in terms of outreach, there is a plan where clinics will be in Reno, Carson City, Elko and other small towns, as well as clinical opportunities in each of those areas. Dean West said there are conversations with various institutions in the north. Some students have gone to Elko on externships. Her goal is to have a required three to four week externship around the state for students in their senior year.

5. Information Only-University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine – (continued)

UNLV School of Dental Medicine student, Mr. Spencer Armuth, expressed his reasons for attending the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, what is involved by being a dental student and a comparison of UNLV to dental schools across the country.

6. Information Only-University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) – Dean Schwenk updated the Committee on UNSOM activities and initiatives and the strategic planning and operating relationship between UNSOM and the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMC) (Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board office).

Dean Schwenk reported the Clark County Commissioners have committed, approved, and signed a general MOU for space on the UMC Campus at the corner of Shadow Lane and West Charleston Boulevard for the Medical School. Additionally, space has been identified and negotiations are taking place towards a major multi-specialty outpatient facility in Henderson.

Dean Schwenk continued the new governing board at UMC has been approved, and includes an ex-officio seat for the Dean of the Medical School. Progress has been made with strategic planning and the formation of operating committees, between the School and UMC. The Cardiology Fellowship, consisting of partnerships and collaborations, has received accreditation and will be launched in the summer of 2014. The same model will be replicated for other specialties.

Dean Schwenk stated the partnership with the Las Vegas Veteran's Administration Hospital has flourished. There is an intense level of activity in expanding relationships in Reno with the development of the Steering Committee with Renown Hospital, Renown children's services, physician collaboration to develop clinical teaching capacity, St. Mary's Hospital and the Northern Nevada Medical Center. There is improved productivity and financial performance on the practice plan operations in Reno. Discussions of a pilot program with the Public Employees' Benefits Program have begun.

Dean Schwenk said class size has stabilized at 70 students for admissions to the Medical School. Those students are a broad representation of the state, comprised mainly of in-state and some out-of-state students. He added the launch of medical records has made substantial progress. In addition, tele-health activities continue to reach out to rural communities.

Regent Stephens would like to see more detail regarding the Physician Assistant program. Dean Schwenk can supply information for either the March 2014, or June 2014, meeting.

7. Deferred-National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network Grant

8. New Business – None.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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