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

Student Union, Ballroom A
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 5, 2013

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
Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
Dr. Constance Brooks, Asst. Vice Chancellor, Government Affairs
Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor, Acad. and Student Affairs
Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI
Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Thomas Reagan, GBC; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; and Ms. Holly O'Toole, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Mr. Noah Fraser, DRI; Mr. Alex Porter, GBC; 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 5:22 p.m. with all members present.

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

Regent Doubrava moved approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2013, meeting. Regent Blakely seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Nevada Knowledge Fund (Agenda Item #4) – Mr. Steve Hill, Executive Director, Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development, presented an update on the status of the application process and distribution of funds to date under the Nevada Knowledge Fund.

Mr. Hill discussed the formation of the Nevada Knowledge Fund Advisory Council which is comprised of six individuals from the private sector who are charged with reviewing proposals submitted by the NSHE and offering feedback.

The Advisory Council has recommended the following proposals for funding: the Applied Innovation Center for Advanced Analytics at DRI, the Advanced Manufacturing Center at UNR, the Institute for Quantitative Health Sciences at UNLV and the Center for Gaming Innovation at UNLV. Each of the three institutions will receive approximately \$3 million from the Nevada Knowledge Fund for those projects.

Mr. Hill is working with the institutional vice presidents for research regarding a collaborative project on unmanned aerial vehicles. In addition, funding will be made available for the Center of Excellence at DRI which will concentrate on the development and preservation of water resources.

Mr. Hill noted the spirit of collaboration among the institutions is great.

Chair Geddes said he attended a few of the meetings and found the insights of the Advisory Council to be tremendous. He indicated NSHE representatives are available to discuss with the Advisory Council how the proposals tie into research programs, undergraduate education and workforce development.

4. Postponed-Research University Classifications (Agenda Item #3) – This item was postponed until the March 2014 meeting.
5. Information Only-New Business – None.
6. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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