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**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building
Third Floor Rotunda
Desert Research Institute
755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
Thursday, March 5, 2015

Members Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
 Mr. Sam Lieberman, Vice Chair
 Dr. Andrea Anderson
 Mr. Cedric Crear
 Mr. James Dean Leavitt

Other Regents Present: Mr. Rick Trachok

Others Present: Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor
 Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
 Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
 Mr. Frank Woodbeck, Executive Director, Nevada College Collaborative
 Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor and Director of Public Policy
 Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
 Ms. Lee Quick, Manager, Health Sciences
 Dr. Michael D. Richards, President, CSN
 Ms. Ellie Oppenheim, Senior Vice President, DRI
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
 Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC
 Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Ms. Jodie Mandel, CSN; Dr. Joseph Grzymiski, DRI; Mr. Stephen Theriault, GBC; Dr. Joanna Shearer, NSC; Mr. Eric March, NSHE System Administration; and Ms. Susan Priest, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Ms. Megan Johnson, DRI; Ms. Sharon Young, UNLV-GPSA; and Mr. Timothy Hoover, WNC.

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

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following consent items:
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2014, meeting (*Ref. ASA-2a on file in the Board office*).
 - (2b.) Approved-WNC, Program Deactivation, Peace Officers’ Standards and Training (POST) Academy Certification – The Committee recommended approval of WNC’s request to deactivate its Peace Officers’ Standards and Training (POST) certification program due to a failed search for a program director (*Ref. ASA-2b on file in the Board office*). There are no currently enrolled students.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the consent items. Regent Crear seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved-System Administration/ UNR Organizational Unit Change, University of Nevada Press – The Committee recommended approval of a request from System Administration and UNR to move the University of Nevada Press from System Administration to the Office of the Provost at UNR (*Ref. ASA-3 on file in the Board office*).

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Regent Leavitt moved approval of moving the University of Nevada Press from System Administration to the Office of the Provost at UNR. Regent Anderson seconded.

The Committee discussed the history of the University of Nevada Press on the UNR campus, its absorption into System Administration approximately 15 years ago and the proposal to move it back to UNR under the Office of the Provost.

Vice Chancellor Abba noted across the country very few university presses are located at the system level. It is more typical for organizations of this type to be affiliated with a university.

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, said neither UNR nor UNLV was seeking to take the University of Nevada Press. System Administration indicated it is best for the Press to reside on a campus. Following discussions with UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost John White and with the Press’s Editorial Advisory Board, it was determined that because the Press is already located on the UNR campus, it made sense for it to continue to

3. Approved-System Administration/ UNR Organizational Unit Change, University of Nevada Press – (continued)

reside there. Dr. Carman noted the Editorial Advisory Board, which includes more representatives from UNLV than UNR, is supportive of the administrative transition. The Press's statewide mission will be maintained and it will be run and governed by the entire NSHE.

Vice Chair Lieberman said the Press is a statewide unit and should be overseen by System Administration.

Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor, indicated the academic and literary function of the Press is closely aligned with the core mission of the institutions. He encouraged the Committee to approve the proposal.

Regent Anderson noted the name 'University of Nevada Press' does not designate UNR or UNLV, but it does indicate an academic pursuit that belongs at a university setting.

Regent Crear expressed concern about branding. He said for years UNR has branded itself as 'Nevada'. When one sees 'University of Nevada', it is UNR that inherently comes to mind. Chair Geddes said President Johnson has always promoted 'UNR' with the exception of athletics. Former president Glick did the same. Regent Crear noted athletics is the gateway to a university and UNR as 'Nevada' is the branding that is out there.

Chancellor Klaich suggested the name 'University Press'. Regent Crear said the need would still exist to highlight which institution is issuing the publication.

Regent Leavitt said although he does not necessarily support changing the name, he does believe a larger discussion is warranted.

Chair Geddes indicated he will recommend to the Board Chairman an item on branding and nomenclature be included on a future agenda for discussion by the full Board.

Motion carried.

4. Information Only-Code and Handbook Revisions, University of Nevada Press – Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba presented for the Committee's information a revision to Board policy concerning the University of Nevada Press (NSHE Code Title 2, Chapter 1, Sections 1.1 and 1.4 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 26) (Ref. ASA-4 on file in the Board office). This policy revision is presented for information only and will be presented for action at the Board of Regents June 11-12, 2015, meeting.

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief review of the proposed policy revision which removes reference to the University of Nevada Press as part of the System

4. Information Only-Code and Handbook Revisions, University of Nevada Press – (continued)

Administration/Chancellor's Office.

Chair Geddes asked the Committee if there is a strong desire to bring the proposal back with 'University Press' in place of 'University of Nevada Press'. Regent Crear said it is important to show the publications are coming out of Nevada. Regent Anderson concurred.

Dr. Carl Reiber, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, UNLV, indicated currently the book covers read, 'University of Nevada Press, Reno/Las Vegas'.

5. Approved-UNR, New Major, Master of Science/Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience – The Committee recommended approval of UNR's request for a Master of Science/Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience, one of the most significant frontiers in modern science (*Ref. ASA-5 on file in the Board office*). The program will complement UNR's popular and successful interdisciplinary BS degree in neuroscience and is designed to fill a final critical gap in neuroscience initiatives at UNR by providing advanced training in this field through the development of a graduate degree program.

Regent Anderson moved approval of a Master of Science/Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience at UNR. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approved-UNLV, Academic Master Plan Revision – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs a Doctorate of Medical Physics (*Ref. ASA-6 on file in the Board office*).

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the proposed revision to UNLV's Academic Master Plan. Regent Leavitt seconded. Motion carried.

7. Approved-UNLV, New Degree, Doctorate of Medical Physics – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a Doctorate of Medical Physics (*Ref. ASA-7 on file in the Board office*). This program is designed to address both the lack of residency programs in medical physics nationally and the shortage of well-trained medical physicists that is likely to increase over time with a growing demand for medical physicists in radiation oncology, diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine that is driven by an aging population and the development of new radiation sources and technologies.

7. Approved-UNLV, New Degree, Doctorate of Medical Physics – *(continued)*

Regent Leavitt moved approval of a
Doctorate of Medical Physics at UNLV.
Regent Lieberman seconded.

In response to a question from Regent Crear, Dr. Reiber indicated the program builds on an existing master's degree and takes it to another level because of new accreditation standards. Dr. Steen Madsen, Chair of the Health Physics and Diagnostic Sciences Department, UNLV, said he anticipates an enrollment of eight students once the program is running at full speed. The initial enrollment will be less as the program moves toward accreditation. Dr. Madsen indicated the accreditation report will be submitted later this year and the program will begin accepting students in the fall of 2016.

Chair Crear requested the Committee be provided with an update on the outcome of the accreditation process. Chair Geddes indicated a memo to the Board is sufficient.

Motion carried.

8. Approved-UNLV, New Organizational Unit, Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine (Agenda Item #9) – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a new research institution funded in part by a Knowledge Fund grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Development (*Ref. ASA-9 on file in the Board office*). The Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine (NIPM) will conduct research and clinical trials, integrating genomics, computational biology, health informatics, and community health and outcomes research to drive personalized medicine. This work is designed to lead to funded grants and, subsequently, private investment, jobs and economic development in the health care sector.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the
Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine
at UNLV. Regent Leavitt seconded.

Regent Leavitt noted this is an example of UNLV's responsiveness to the Governor's economic diversification agenda.

Motion carried.

9. Approved-UNLV, New Degree, Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (Agenda Item #8) – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, an innovative approach to health care research in response to the growing demand from federal funding agencies to have an interdisciplinary research approach to complex health care problems (*Ref. ASA-8 on file in the Board office*).

9. Approved-UNLV, New Degree, Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (Agenda Item #8) – (continued)

Regent Leavitt moved approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences at UNLV. Regent Crear seconded.

Regent Crear commented on student demand for the program. Dr. Reiber indicated the program is interdisciplinary, bringing together all units and increasing the potential for greater enrollment.

Motion carried.

10. Approved-UNLV, New Organizational Unit, Center for Professional and Leadership Studies – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request for a Center for Professional and Leadership Studies, as provided for in the Las Vegas Sands gift to the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration for an international hospitality and gaming professional education and research center (*Ref. ASA-10 on file in the Board office*). The new center will support hospitality industry managers and executives through a mix of open enrollment and custom in-person and online executive education courses.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the Center for Professional and Leadership Studies at UNLV. Regent Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

11. Approved-Handbook Revision, In-State Tuition Waiver for Certain Veterans and Their Family Members – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy concerning in-state tuition for certain veterans living in Nevada and their family members (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3*) (*Ref. ASA-11 on file in the Board office*). Under Section 702 of the federal Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (H.R. 3230, “Choice Act”), public institutions of higher education that do not offer in-state tuition rates to certain veterans and dependents will lose federal veteran educational assistance dollars under the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act. This policy complies with the Choice Act to ensure NSHE institutions do not risk the loss of federal veteran educational assistance funds.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Crear seconded.

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief review of the proposed policy revision.

11. Approved-Handbook Revision, In-State Tuition Waiver for Certain Veterans and Their Family Members – (continued)

Motion carried.

12. Approved-Handbook Revision, Career and Technical Education, Early Admissions and Enrollment – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the high school graduates identified as Career and Technical Education (CTE) program completers (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 8*) (Ref. ASA-12 on file in the Board office).

Regent Anderson moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Lieberman seconded.

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief review of the proposed revision which provides that these graduates may be given college credits for high school work based on program agreements with the Department of Education.

Regent Anderson was pleased with the proposal, noting it creates a statewide system of articulation instead of district by district.

Motion carried.

13. Approved-Handbook Revision, Millennium Scholarship – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9*) (Ref. ASA-13 on file in the Board office).

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief review of the proposed revision which aligns with action taken by the 2013 Legislature and eliminates passage of the High School Proficiency Exam as an eligibility requirement for the scholarship starting with the high school graduating class of 2017 and clarifies that the high school courses required for scholarship eligibility include Algebra II or a higher math course, and makes other technical revisions.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Crear seconded. Motion carried.

14. Approved-Regents' Awards – The Committee recommended approval of the nominations for 2015 Regents' awards (Ref. ASA-14 on file in the Board office).

14. Approved-Regents' Awards – (continued)

- a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award
Dr. Emma Sepulveda, UNR
- b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award-Community College
Emily Howarth, WNC
- c. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award-University, State College and DRI
Dr. Pradip Bhowmik, UNLV
- d. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Awards
Tara Connolly, TMCC (Community College)
Dr. Erin Stiles, UNR (Undergraduate)
Jennifer Carr, UNLV (Graduate)

Regent Crear moved approval of the nominations for 2015 Regents' awards. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried.

15. Information Only-New Business – None.

16. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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