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**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ad hoc COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
Thursday, February 26, 2015

Members Present: Dr. Andrea Anderson, Chair
 Mr. Kevin C. Melcher, Vice Chair
 Dr. Jason Geddes
 Mr. James Dean Leavitt
 Ms. Allison Stephens
 Mr. Michael B. Wixom

Other Regents Present: Mr. Sam Lieberman

Others Present: Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor
 Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
 Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
 Mr. Vic Redding, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
 Dr. Steven Zink, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
 Mr. Frank Woodbeck, Exec. Director, Nevada College Collaborative
 Mr. R. Scott Young, Acting Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
 Dr. Michael D. Richards, President, CSN
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC
 Mr. Chet Burton, President, WNC

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

Chair Andrea Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with all members present except Regent Stephens.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Mr. Jose Solorio, Latino Leadership Council, thanked the Committee for incorporating many of the suggestions submitted by the Latino Leadership Council when determining the membership of the Institutional Advisory Councils. He said the Latino Leadership Council will continue to advocate for the community colleges to have a voice in the decision making process of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Frank Woodbeck, Executive Director, Nevada College Collaborative, reported the Nevada College Collaborative was recently recognized by the Nevada Taxpayers Association as a finalist for the Cashman Good Government Award.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – (continued)

Executive Director Woodbeck also noted that Tony Sciarra, the new vocational and technical program manager at Tesla Motors, Inc., visited WNC and TMCC in February. Mr. Sciarra is putting together the technical program for Tesla's new gigafactory and has been talking with colleges and technical schools regarding the skill sets necessary to work there. Mr. Sciarra has plans to visit CSN, as well as a few career and technical schools in Clark County.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2014, and November 21, 2014, meetings (*Refs. CC-2a and CC-2b on file in the Board office*).

Regent Wixom moved approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2014, and November 21, 2014, meetings. Regent Leavitt seconded. Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

3. Information Only-Institutional Advisory Councils: Inaugural Meeting – Executive Director Woodbeck provided a report on the first meeting of the Institutional Advisory Councils (IACs) that took place on February 4, 2015.

The report included a synopsis of the keynote address by Dr. Walter Bumphus, President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges. Additionally, Executive Director Woodbeck introduced the chair and vice chair of each local IAC.

4. Information Only-Institutional Advisory Council Chairs' Duties as Ex-Officio Members of the Regents' Community College Committee – Executive Director Woodbeck reviewed the duties of the Institutional Advisory Council chairs with regard to their participation on the Regents' Community College Committee as ex-officio members.

Chair Anderson expressed the Committee's appreciation to the IAC members for their willingness to serve on the councils and give advice to the community colleges and the Board of Regents.

5. Information Only-Institutional Advisory Council Meeting Reports – Each community college president and Institutional Advisory Council chair provided a report on the discussions and actions from their first IAC meeting held on February 4, 2015.

Dr. Michael D. Richards, President, CSN, and Ms. Nancy Brune, Chair, CSN Institutional Advisory Council, reported the CSN IAC established a meeting schedule, discussed orientation for IAC members and reviewed the Board of Regents' priorities for the legislative budget request. Input was sought from IAC

5. Information Only-Institutional Advisory Council Meeting Reports – (continued)

members on potential topics for discussion at future IAC meetings including CSN's veterans' and workforce programs, the CSN Foundation, the president's evaluation and the naming of CSN's campuses.

Regent Stephens joined the meeting via telephone.

Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC, and Mr. Matt McCarty, Chair, GBC Institutional Advisory Council, reported the GBC IAC discussed the structure of the council, a schedule for future meetings and the avenue for direct input to the Board of Regents through the IAC chair.

Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC, and Ms. Collie Hutter, Chair, TMCC Institutional Advisory Council, reported the TMCC IAC participated in a session on the Nevada Open Meeting Law and received a general overview of the college, its mission and its funding sources. IAC members also discussed potential topics for future meetings including workforce needs, NSHE legislative priorities and taking a closer look at TMCC students and how best to serve their needs.

Mr. Chet Burton, President, WNC, on behalf of Mr. Maurice Washington, Chair, WNC Institutional Advisory Council, reported the WNC IAC discussed a schedule for future meetings, the strategic mission of the college, current initiatives, NSHE legislative priorities and bridge funding. IAC members also discussed potential topics for future meetings including manufacturing outreach, partnering with secondary schools, WNC's budget and an overview of the WNC Foundation.

6. Information Only-Apprenticeship Grant Application by the Community College Consortium – Executive Director Woodbeck reported on the potential application for a Department of Labor grant to support the creation of apprenticeship programs unique to the workforce development demands of NSHE's service areas including manufacturing technology, facilities management and information technology.

Executive Director Woodbeck indicated he will report on the viability of a putting together a grant application at the next meeting.

Regent Wixom asked if there is any specific action the Board can take to enhance this opportunity. With regard to advanced manufacturing, Executive Director Woodbeck said the Board, along with Nevada's congressional delegation, can lend support to push the initiative forward. The NSHE would need business partners to accept the apprentices and to fund a portion of the program. If a grant application is submitted, Executive Director Woodbeck indicated he will request the necessary letters of support.

7. Information Only-Legislative Progress Report, Community College Issues – Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich and Executive Director Woodbeck provided a brief update on the progress of legislative issues of interest to the community colleges.

The update included information on the first legislative budget hearing at which Presidents Burton and Curtis provided testimony with respect to the need for bridge funding as the NSHE moves into full implementation of the funding formula. Also addressed at the hearing was the importance of a workforce development fund and the Nevada College Collaborative.

Chancellor Klaich indicated Executive Director Woodbeck has provided to each member of the Legislature a report on NSHE's community colleges.

In response to a question from Regent Geddes, Chancellor Klaich indicated there are still some individuals advocating for the separation of the community colleges from the System. While he has not seen a specific bill proposing a separation, he is aware of ongoing discussions.

Regent Stephens encouraged Chancellor Klaich and Executive Director Woodbeck to call upon the Regents if communication or action is needed with regard to this issue.

8. Information Only-New Business – Chair Anderson announced the dates for upcoming meetings of the Committee.

Vice Chair Melcher suggested including on future agendas an item under which Executive Director Woodbeck can provide a general update to the Committee. He would also like the IACs to include in their reports recommendations for how the Regents or NSHE staff can provide support and assist them in their process.

Vice Chair Melcher commented on the importance of making sure the IACs are not operating in silos. He suggested having a representative from each IAC attend other IAC meetings and report back to their own members so the councils can learn from each other.

Chair Anderson agreed. She suggested the IACs consider holding an annual meeting of the four IAC chairs for the purposes of sharing information.

Regent Wixom recommended inviting the IAC chairs to report to the Board annually. Executive Director Woodbeck said he will communicate the recommendation to the Board officers.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – Mr. Solorio encouraged other IAC members to participate in public comment at the Legislature to show support for the community colleges. He also suggested the IAC members be invited to participate in other committees of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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