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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 4, 2014

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

Members Absent: Dr. Jack Lund Schofield, Vice Chair

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
 Mr. Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director, Nevada College Collaborative
 Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor and Director of Public Policy
 Ms. Linda Heiss, Senior Director of Institutional Research
 Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
 Mr. Nicholas Vaskov, System Counsel
 Mr. Omar Saucedo, External Affairs Coordinator
 Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
 Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Dr. Joanna Shearer, NSC; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; and Ms. Susan Priest, WNC.

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

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. with all members present except Vice Chair Schofield.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the September 4, 2014, meeting (*Ref. WRED-2 on file in the Board office*).

Regent Leavitt moved approval of the minutes from the September 4, 2014, meeting. Regent Crear seconded. Motion carried. Regent Schofield was absent.

3. Information Only-Research University Classifications – UNR Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman and UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost John White presented metrics they recommend for measuring progress toward their respective goals of achieving Research University/Very High Research Activity (RU/VH) status under the classifications established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (*Refs. WRED-3a, WRED-3b and WRED-3c on file in the Board office*).

The presentations included baseline data, including data on core facilities and programs, for each metric that can then be used in measuring progress toward achieving RU/VH status.

Regent Crear asked if UNR has considered dedicating one specific building for RU/VH research activities and pursuits. Dr. Carman said UNR has a concept of an innovation center that might bring together various disciplines in terms of research and application. However, a single facility for RU/VH pursuits is unlikely because there are different needs among the diverse areas of research.

Chair Geddes asked Dr. Carman to develop a one-page chart that can be used to record the progress made toward each metric. The Committee can review the chart every year to see the progress made toward RU/VH status and identify any potential roadblocks.

Regent Leavitt expressed his appreciation for Dr. White's presentation. He said the university is well-positioned going forward and he is excited about the future.

Chair Geddes encouraged Dr. White to work on communicating the value of RU/VH status to UNLV's undergraduate student population.

4. Information Only-New Business – Chair Geddes said at the March 2015 meeting, DRI will present information on partnerships with UNR and UNLV and how it can help the universities achieve RU/VH status. At the June 2015 meeting, the Committee will hear an update on federal funding and NSHE initiatives to improve private sector and non-governmental agency funding to increase research dollars.
5. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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