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SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
Friday, February 3, 2017

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:	Mr. Rick Trachok, Chairman
	Ms. Allison Stephens, Vice Chair
	Dr. Andrea Anderson
	Dr. Patrick R. Carter
	Mr. Cedric Crear
	Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
	Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
	Dr. Jason Geddes
	Mr. Trevor Hayes
	Mr. Sam Lieberman
	Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
	Mr. John T. Moran
	Mr. Kevin J. Page
Others Present:	Mr. John V. White, Chancellor
	Mr. Nicholas Vaskov, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
	Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board
	Dr. Robert Gagosian, President, DRI
	Dr. Len Jessup, President, UNLV
	Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

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

Dr. Fred Harris, University of Nevada, Reno Faculty Senate Chair, was in attendance.

Chairman Trachok called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Regents Hayes and Page. Regent McAdoo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.   Information Only – Public Comment

Regent Hayes entered the meeting.

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Faculty Senate Chair Fred Harris, UNR, stated the UNR professional employees expressed appreciation for Governor Sandoval's budget and the Nevada System of Higher Education *(NSHE)* funding, however, there are strong concerns. He urged the Board of Regents, on behalf of the faculty, to advocate that NSHE professional employees are treated equally as other state employees by maintaining the current cost of living allowance and by adding back the 2.5 percent professional merit pool.

Regent Page entered the meeting.

2.   <u>Approved – Appointment, President, DRI</u> – The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Kristen Averyt as President of the Desert Research Institute *(DRI)* and the salary and contract terms as presented. *(Ref. BOR-2a and supplemental material on file in the Board Office.)*

Chair Geddes stated it was a successful search with the help of Search Consultant Brian Bloomfield, Chancellor John V. White and President Robert Gagosian.

> Regent Geddes moved approval of the appointment of Dr. Kristen Averyt as President of the Desert Research Institute *(DRI)* and the salary and contract terms as presented. Regent Crear seconded.

Chancellor John V. White added it was an engaged process that drew a lot of interest because of DRI's success.

Vice Chancellor Nicholas Vaskov, Legal Affairs, presented the employment agreement and proposed terms of the contract.

> Motion carried.

Regent Doubrava left the meeting.

3.   <u>Information Only – New Business</u> – Dr. Kristen Averyt stated DRI is a tremendous institution and she is impressed with what she has learned during this process. She looks forward to working with the faculty and staff to bolster the core capacities and capabilities and then expand on those strengths to develop new opportunities. She thanked all those involved during the search process.

4.   <u>Information Only – Public Comment</u> – None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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