Resolution, UNLV Faculty Senate, December 3, 2013

WHEREAS President Smatresk has declared his intention to leave UNLV for another post;

WHEREAS only a national search for his successor can ensure the selection of the best possible candidate for UNLV;

WHEREAS the university has already in train a series of important initiatives designed to enhance the international reputation of the university and the educational experience of its students;

WHEREAS full academic leadership is critical to executing these initiatives and to ensuring UNLV’s adequate representation before the Nevada state legislature at its next session;

WHEREAS the NSHE Handbook (Title 2, Chapter 1, section 5.4) specifies clearly a policy for addressing presidential vacancies that is designed to secure participation of university constituents and thoughtful deliberation on the part of all those involved in filling said vacancy;

And WHEREAS the faculty of UNLV—who are on the frontlines of UNLV’s mission in terms of research, teaching, and public service—must be critical participants in the process of naming both a temporary and permanent successor to President Smatresk;

Therefore the UNLV Faculty Senate RESOLVES, that the appointment of an acting president and the initiation of a national search should occur as soon as practicable;

RESOLVES, that, in accordance with the policy specified in the NSHE Handbook, the Board of Regents and Chancellor should consult closely with the university community, including UNLV faculty, throughout the process of selecting both an acting and permanent president;

RESOLVES, that in order to secure the fullest possible consultation with UNLV faculty and to expedite the process of naming both an acting and permanent president, the Board of Regents should seek, if possible, to authorize a national search at its tentative meeting of 24 January 2014 and strive to complete the process of campus visitations on the part of finalists for the position by ca. 20 May 2014, while faculty remain on the UNLV campus in large numbers;

And RESOLVES, that the Board of Regents should follow specified policy (NSHE Handbook, Title 2, Chapter 1, section 5.4) and should not authorize deviations from the processes defined by that policy, as permitted in point (h) of the same.

Approved 12-3-13
Senate Chair Paul Werth
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