I. **Call to order** [12:15 p.m.]

**Present:** Emmanuel Ayim, Anthony Barone, Wolf Bein, Andrew Bell, Carryn Bellomo, Aaron Brown, Bill Culbreth, Zhonghai Ding, John Filler, Michael Hammer, Deborah Hart, Cody Hughes, Abbie Kirkendall, Anjala Krishen, Cory Lampert, Gary Larson, Mike Lawrence, Scott Loe, Janis McKay, Eugene Moehring, Rhonda Montgomery, Neil Opfer, George Pales, Paul Palmer, Michael Pravica, Cora Laab, Bill Robinson, Todd Robinson, Vicki Rosser, Sean Saxon, Lori Slinn, Silvia Southwick, Bryan Spangelo, Shannon Sumpter, Denise Tillery, Douglas Unger, Susan VanBeuge, Bill Werner, Paul Werth, Mike Wilde, Matthew Wright, Hongtao Yang, Dan Young.

**Single Meeting Proxy:** Cody Hughes for Marcia Ditmyer; Janis McKay for Dana Williams; Matthew Wright for Peter Bayer; Eugene Moehring for Karen Harry; Bill Robinson for Joel Wisner.

**Long term Proxy:** Abbie Kirkendall for Cecilia Maldonado; Fred Krauss for Kara Wada. **Excused:** Paul Palmer, Kendall Hartley (appted-Assoc Dean grad college)

II. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 17, 2013, was made by Senator Bell, seconded by Senator Moehring, with a spelling change on page 4 (faculty). A motion by Senator Todd Robinson, seconded by Senator Bell, was made to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, 2013, with minor correction on page 2. Both sets of minutes with changes were approved unanimously.

III. **Action Items** - The Lincy Institute report released this morning was favorable to the establishment of a medical school at UNLV. The report indicated not only a critical medical need in southern Nevada, but also a lucrative monetary return of investment. In support of this initiative, Senators Culbreth and Spangelo created resolutions. Senator Culbreth moved, seconded by Senator Rosser, to amend Senator Spangelo’s resolution by adding the last line from his resolution. A motion to approve was made by Senator Culbreth, seconded by Senator Bell. The amended motion carried by a vote of 40-0.

**Resolution in Support of an Independent Medical School at UNLV**

Whereas, Nevada has a current population of 2.75 million that is expected to grow to nearly 3.7 million by 2030; and

Whereas, in 2010 Nevada ranked 45th in the United States in the number of physicians per 100,000 population and 46th in the number of primary care physicians per 100,000 population; and
Whereas, Las Vegas is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without an allopathic medical school and, within the top 100 metropolitan areas, has the smallest share of its economy tied to health services; and

Whereas, Nevada can support neither current nor projected healthcare needs of its residents with the limited scope of The University of Nevada School of Medicine – University of Nevada Reno (UNSOM-UNR); and

Whereas, by 2030 the total economic impact of two state-supported Nevada medical schools could total $1.9 Billion ($1.2 billion in Las Vegas and $684 million in Reno), representing six times the current UNSOM-UNR impact ($285 million); and

Whereas, UNLV is a doctoral-granting institution with strengths in biomedical research and an existing dental school; and

Whereas, the Tripp Umbach report recommends that a new four-year medical school at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) begin in 2017 with an initial class of 60 medical students, growing to an incoming class of 120 students by 2020; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the UNLV Faculty Senate enthusiastically endorses the Tripp Umbach report, commissioned by the Lincy Institute, calling for the creation of a four-year independent allopathic medical school at the University of Nevada Las Vegas by 2017; and

Resolved, That the UNLV Faculty Senate supports full compliance with the Liaison Commission on Medical Education (LCME) and its guidelines for developing new medical schools, such that no later than January 1, 2020 the UNLV School of Medicine will achieve full LCME accreditation and be completely independent of UNSOM-UNR; and

Resolved, That the faculty and leadership of a new medical school in southern Nevada must be faculty members recruited, hired, and tenured at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

IV. Old Business – Tier One & Equity

President Smatresk addressed questions from senators regarding strategy for Tier One funding over the next two legislative years such as: graduating more students, building a new stadium and medical school, gaining support from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce by increasing urban economic diversification through our university graduates, and achieving nationally recognized research development. UNLV support from the Governor has increased, legislative support, and backing from local organizations, all help to put a mechanism in place to restore the $73 mil funding cut in 2007. President’s powerpoint is on the Senate website. One senator asked if pay shouldn’t be restored first and then achieve Tier One? There is no better vehicle to salary restoration than Tier One. The President indicated it is necessary to clarify our resources, putting them to best use and work our way through it. For example, the new funding formula rewards supporting a Ph.D. student in comparison to a GA, because the scholarly research of the Ph.D. student is potentially more significant. If need be, admit fewer students to keep standards high. Admittedly, infrastructure needs to grow as well: increase lab space, new faculty growth, administrative faculty salary adjustment, tech support, and keeping promotion and tenure standards high. It won’t happen overnight.
V. New Business
   a. Changes to NSHE Retirement Plan – Guest speakers Pat LaPutt, Senior Manager, UNLV Benefits and Human Resources Administration, and Michelle Kelley, NSHE Retirement Plan Manager, presented an overview of recent changes to the retirement investment choices and contribution processing. A series of transition mtgs will be held throughout November and early December. Beginning 1/1/14 Fidelity and VALIC will no longer be available to contributions. Investments lineup is all new, with TIAA-Traditional the only fund still available in the core lineup. A Mutual Fund window will also be available. TIAA-Cref will be the record keeper, provide various processing services, generate quarterly statements, financial guidance and on-line access. This will reduce administrative costs. Existing assets can stay where they are; PERS is neither impacted nor 457 deferred comp plan. New investment selection MUST be made by 1/1/2014; otherwise contributions will go to the default investment vendor.

   b. Proposal to lengthen Senate meetings – Chair Werth suggested lengthen Senate meetings by approximately 30 minutes, begin at noon and end at 2:15 pm. Other institutions meet for four hours or longer on Fridays, whereas UNLV meets once a month for not even two hours. It is not enough time to cover our agenda. The chair asks that senators be prepared to make suggestions and vote at the next meeting.

   c. Faculty Annual Work Reports (FAWRs) – Vice Provost for Faculty, Policy and Research Greg Brown presented a draft of the revised “Faculty Annual Work Report” that has been slated to be unveiled for use in January, 2014, to replace the old form. The advantage of the new form is that it will have dropdown menus, expandable fill in sections, and also reports can be customized by colleges. Additionally, the information can be used to populate the new Digital Measures forms that are also making a debut in 2014. Overall, it may be different in the beginning, but promises to be worth the effort in time and energy in record keeping, and assessment for accreditation.

VI. Chair’s Report and Announcements
   Chair Werth asked senators to relay to him or to senior senators a preference for reporting each year of evaluation on separate merit forms, or all years of evaluation on one form.

VII. Public Comment - none

VIII. Adjournment at 2:05 PM moved by Senator Filler, second by Senator Pravica. Next meeting will be December 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Saundra Pratt, Program Officer