Sense of the Senate Regarding Chancellor Appointments

The Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, extends its gratitude to Mr. John Valery White, Esquire, for his service over the past year as Acting Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

We appreciate the challenges that our Board of Regents faces appointing another Acting Chancellor and then initiating a second search for a permanent Chancellor. To that end, we expect the Board to heed its own Code: appointing a screening committee of Regents, seeking assistance as needed, and soliciting the input of institution presidents, Faculty Senate chairs and student government presidents before bringing recommendations to the entire Board.

Nevada Revised Statues (NRS 396.210) summarizes the responsibility of the Board even more succinctly: “After consultation with the faculty, the Board of Regents shall appoint a Chancellor of the System.”

Neither NSHE Code nor NRS prohibit assistance from search consultants, community or governmental representatives, but do insist that primary constituencies of the Nevada System of Higher Education be consulted. The Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, stands ready to assist.