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## NEWSLETTER

**DATE:** September 14, 2007  
**TO:** NSHE Board Members  
**FROM:** Michael B. Wixom, Chair  
Howard Rosenberg, Vice Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Recent efforts on behalf of the NSHE

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Regent Rosenberg and I want to give you all a brief update regarding our ongoing efforts on behalf of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

### Governor Gibbons - Legislative Efforts

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to meet with Governor Gibbons and thank him for his efforts during the most recent legislative session. We also discussed some of the challenges and opportunities that we will face in higher education over the next few years. Clearly, our projected revenues will be short of projected needs. We will all work together to bridge that gap, and we look forward to partnering with Governor Gibbons in that effort. We agreed to meet regularly over the next 18 months, prior to the 2009 legislative session, and continue our discussions.

### College Cost Reduction and Access Act

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Regent Dondero and I had the opportunity to participate in a conference call with U.S. Senator Reid, along with representatives of K-12 and the NSHE. We discussed Senator Reid's efforts to augment financial aid offered to college and university students. We also discussed how we in higher education can assist Senator Reid's efforts to sponsor financial aid workshops and forums for high school and college-age students. We will keep you posted as to those ongoing efforts.

### High School and College Counseling

Following our conference call with Senator Reid, Regent Dondero and I took the opportunity to meet informally with representatives of both the Washoe and Clark County School districts. We discussed the importance of college counselors and high school counselors and, on behalf of NSHE, we pledged our best efforts to facilitate communication between Nevada high school and college counselors.

### CSN President Search Committee and Institutional Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the CSN Presidential Search Committee will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have that process underway, and we are grateful to all of those who have agreed to serve on the Institutional Advisory Committee.

Health Sciences System Committee

Some of you have had questions as to the role of the advisory committee for the Health Sciences System Committee. During our last Board of Regents meeting we discussed the first reading of a change to our Bylaws to make that Committee a standing committee. As you know, up to now, it has been an ad hoc committee. As an ad hoc committee under the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, its term of existence was limited to one year and its term has since expired. Congruently, under the Bylaws, the advisory committee's term has expired as well. If the Board of Regents chooses to make the Health Sciences System Committee a standing committee, the new Committee will discuss the makeup and role of a new advisory committee.

Thank you all for all that you do on behalf of the Nevada System of Higher Education. If we can be of assistance, do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Kind Regards,

Michael B. Wixom

Howard Rosenberg

cc: Chancellor James E. Rogers  
Chancellor's Cabinet