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MEMORANDUM

To: All NSHE Presidents
Fr: Melody Rose, Chancellor
Dt: June 1, 2021
Re: Updated NSHE COVID-19 International Travel Policies
Cc: Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel

I am writing to update and amend the guidance on NSHE international travel for faculty that was issued on October 19, 2020.

Pursuant to recently issued guidance from the Office of the Governor, Nevada Health Response, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), approval of requests by NSHE faculty to engage in international travel are hereby delegated back to the institution level. Going forward, requests by faculty to engage in international travel should be reviewed by institutions through the normal course and in accordance with Title 4, Chapter 23 of the Board of Regents *Handbook*. **Accordingly, supplemental review and approval by the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the Governor is no longer necessary and required.**

Institutions must continue to follow *all* Nevada Health Response,¹ CDC,² and United States Department of State³ guidance and recommendations regarding international travel. Of note, the CDC strongly advises that international travelers be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Upon return to the United States, the CDC also recommends that international travelers receive a COVID-19 viral test (even if fully vaccinated) and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

Additionally, it is worth reminding your review committees that the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing, and numerous countries around the globe are experiencing significant surges. Therefore, it is still advised that international travel by NSHE faculty remain limited to urgent and time-sensitive research and educational matters. Meaningful reflection should occur as to whether discretionary international travel be postponed to a future date.

Please let me or Chief General Counsel Joe Reynolds know if you have any concerns, questions, or need clarification on this memorandum.

¹ Guidance and recommendations on international travel by the Nevada Health Response may be found at the following website: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/travel-visitors/>.

² Guidance and recommendations by the CDC for international travel may be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>.

³ Guidance and recommendations on international travel by the United States Department of State may be found here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/covid-19-information1.html>.