

Guide to the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Abstract:	The Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV Records (2011-2022) documents the establishment of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV (formerly known as the UNLV School of Medicine). The materials include meeting agendas and reports from various committees, advisory boards, and the Legislative Counsel Bureau that were assessing economic impact, research strategies, medical education in the state of Nevada, and the development of the Las Vegas Medical District. Promotional and marketing materials in this collection includes event flyers and buttons produced to promote the UNLV School of Medicine. The collection also contains papers from Dr. Barbara Atkinson, the founding dean of the UNLV School of Medicine, such as letters of congratulations on her appointment and biographical information. Also included are copies of the school's first commencement and hooding ceremony and a memoir written by James Dean Leavitt that details his experience building the School of Medicine as a member of the Board of Regents and as Chairman of the ad hoc Health Sciences Center Committee.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The UNLV School of Medicine (SOM) was established in 2014 when the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents approved funding for the medical school. The budget for the proposed SOM was approved and the bill, Senate Bill 514, which would provide start-up funding for the SOM, was signed into law by Governor Brian Sandoval in 2015.

In 2015, Dr. Barbara Atkinson was named as the founding dean for the SOM and the NSHE Board of Regents approved UNLV School of Medicine Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree. In 2016, the site at 625 Shadow Lane in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada was approved by the Clark County Commission to build the SOM's first academic building and the SOM was accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. In 2017, sixty medical students began their education at the SOM as the charter class.

In 2021, the school was renamed the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV.

Source:

"History." UNLV School of Medicine. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Accessed October 11, 2022. <https://www.unlv.edu/medicine/history>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred to the University Archives in 2017 by the UNLV School of Medicine and in 2022 by James Dean Leavitt; accession numbers 2020-010, 2022-084.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection and wrote the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. In 2022, Tammi Kim accessioned the 2022 addition and updated the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Education, Higher -- Administration
- Medicine
- Deans (Education)
- Medical education

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
UNLV School of Medicine (SOM) and Ackerman Autism Center information sheets, 2015 to 2016 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 01
Student handbook, 2016	box 01
Event planning files, 2016	box 01
Liaison Committee on Medical Education: institutional self-study summary, data collection instrument for preliminary accreditation, 2016 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Dean Atkinson letters of congratulation, biography, candidate for UNLV SOM planning Dean summary, 2016	box 01
Vision statement, 2014 to 2015	box 01
Memorandum of understanding between UNR, UNLV, UNLV SOM, and NSHE, 2014	box 01
Las Vegas Medical District executive summary, degree, and budget requests, 2015	box 01
Contract on the transition of medical education in southern Nevada, city of Las Vegas medical center synthesis report, 2016	box 01
Legislative Counsel Bureau: governor's finance office, executive budget office, state public works board, campus visit, 2016	box 01
Interim finance committee budget report, 2016	box 01
"Unify Regionalize Diversity" economic development agenda for Nevada (prepared by Brookings Mountain West), 2011	box 01
Case statement for medical education expansion in Nevada, NSHE state of higher education in NV presentation, UNLV Campus Improvement Authority Board final report to NV legislature, 2014 to 2016	box 01
"Support NV" public medical education expansion and UNLV SOM buttons, 2016	box 02
Community Advisory Board agendas, presentation, and supplementary materials, 2014 to 2015 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
Developing SOM research, strategy, and impact information and plan, 2013 to 2016	box 02
Economic impact study reports, 2013 to 2014	box 02
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine commencement and academic hooding ceremony program, 2021 May 07	box 02

My Efforts to Help Create the UNLV School of Medicine memoir by James Dean box 02
Leavitt, 2022