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REGENTS MEETING

October 29, 1948

The special meeting of the Board of Regents, called for the purpose of discussing the University budget, was called to order by Chairman Ross at 9:45 A.M. in the President's office. Present: Regents Cahlan, Hilliard, Henningsen, Sheerin, Ross and Comptroller Gorman and President Moseley. Present also were Jeff Springmeyer, Legislative Counsellor and Frank Mc Cullough, newspaper reporter.

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17-18, 1948, and the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of September 24 and September 30, 1948, be dispensed with and that they be approved as submitted.

Claims presented by the Comptroller

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the following claims be approved:

List No. 4, dated October 31, 1948, Regents Checks No. 89-75 to 89-106, inclusive, for a total of \$214,674.24.

List No. 4, dated October 31, 1948, State Claims Nos. 89-61 to 89-87, inclusive, for a total of \$74,456.26.

President's Informal Report:

A. Enrollment

At close of registration, Fall, 1948:

Men	1307
Women	467
Total	1774

Of the above students, 788 are attending under the Veterans Education Bills as follows:

Under G. I. Bill	750
Under Vocational Rehabilitation	38
	788

Admissions Committee Report

555 new students admitted and registered
265 rejected, pending or granted admission but failed to register
820 approximate number considered for entrance

Many additional inquiries received and answered - no accurate count.

Students from Foreign Countries

Brazil : Korb, Leighton Richard (A&S)
El Salvador: Novoa, Fidel Antonio (Agric)
France : Nussbaum, Serge J. (Engr)
Greece : Papaelion, Vasileos Elias (A&S)
Norway : Aalde, Kaare (Engr)
Tonning, Kristian (Engr)
Turkey : Karacabey, Tahsin (A&S)
Voskey, Ibrahim Hilmi (A&S)

B. Housing

Women housed 171
Men housed 339
Couples housed 148

Manzanita Hall	Artemisia Hall	Lincoln Hall
Students 81	Students 88	Students 127
Adults 1	Adults 1	
82	89	

Old Gymnasium	Field House
Students 70	Students 12

Highland Terrace Housing Units
Dormitory No. 27 Students 40
Dormitory No. 28 Students 40
Dormitory No. 30 Students 50

Couples - 21 (not under University supervision)

Campus Housing Units		Trailer Court	
Students	97	Couples	36
Faculty	15		
112 (8 units, 14 couples each)			

C. Personnel

- 1) Mr. John Bunten, who was appointed as Lecturer in Vocational Education at the September 17-18 meeting, will not serve in the Fall semester because no students enrolled for the course.

D. Gifts

- 1) A grant of \$1000 has been made by the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for Dr. Church's expenses while preparing his snow survey research material for publication.
- 2) Mrs. William D. Hatton of Tonopah gave a collection of 405 plants, beautifully mounted and preserved, for the use of classes in Botany.
- 3) A photograph of the Academic Procession of May 1913 was given to the University by Mrs. Louise Lewers of Reno, widow of Robert Lewers, Professor and Vice President of the University, 1890-1922.
- 4) Mr. R. F. I. Raymond of Washoe Valley has donated to the University Farms a purebred Percheron mare, 7 years of age, which won her class when shown at the California State Fair.

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that these gifts be accepted with thanks and that the picture donated by Mrs. Lewers be framed and placed in the University Library.

President's Recommendations:

- 1) That plans be formulated and a campaign be entered into without delay to raise funds to endow a Chair in Ancient Languages and Classical Archeology, to be known as the "James Edward Church Professorship".

Motion by Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that the recommendation be approved.

Ghiberti Gates

President Moseley read a letter addressed to Mrs. Robert Zeimer Hawkins written by an agent for Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt asking if the University of Nevada would accept as a gift the bronze doors from the Vanderbilt home which are a copy of the famous "Ghiberti Gates" of Florence, Italy.

Motion of Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that President Moseley be instructed to secure the doors for the University and to inquire about transporting them to Reno.

University Physician

President Moseley presented the request of Dr. Robert Locke for a 3-year contract, with option for renewal for 2 additional years, as University Physician.

Motion by Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that, since it is not the policy of the Board of Regents to enter into a contract with any employee of the University, the President be instructed to inform Dr. Locke of this condition, and that the President be instructed to continue his efforts to carry out a previous resolution of the Board looking toward the employment of a full-time Physician.

Resolution by Nevada Federation of Labor was read by President Moseley asking that a branch of the University of Nevada be established in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Political Parties

The Regents reaffirmed the policy of the University that facilities not be made available to any group, Campus or otherwise, for public gatherings of any political party.

Dormitory Buildings

Because the space east of the new Gymnasium, chosen for the 2 Dormitory buildings to be secured from the Reno Army Air Base, is badly needed for parking cars, it was deemed advisable to select a different location for the buildings.

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the selection be left in the hands of Regents Ross and Hilliard, President Moseley and Comptroller Gorman.

The Board recessed at 12:30 noon for luncheon at the University Dining Hall, with Mr. Springmeyer as guest.

The recessed meeting was called to order in the President's office by Chairman Ross at 2 P.M. with all Regents, Dr. Moseley, Dr. Gorman and Mr. Springmeyer present.

Mr. Springmeyer spoke briefly concerning his work with the Legislative Council and its function with the State Legislature, saying that his job is merely to gather information. The Building Program of the University was discussed. Mr. Springmeyer read the following comments on the University Building Program:

I. Why the Engineering Building should come first:

- A. Engineering student enrollment increase of 100%, and increase in Arts and Science enrollment of 25%.
- B. When the Engineering wing is completed, the entire Engineering School will be under one roof.
- C. This will release the old Electrical building for other uses as follows:
 - 1. Crowded Departments in the Agriculture building would be moved to the old Electrical building, making room in the Agriculture building for Home Economics expansion. Courses in Dairying, Soils and Agronomy.
- D. The Classroom building, when built, should be located where Stewart Hall is now located. The architecture would match the Mackay Science Hall, would have a full basement. A tunnel would be run across the street to the Library building, and the basement of the Classroom building would be used for stack rooms, reading rooms and so forth, thereby relieving congestion in the Library where bookshelves are now installed in the corridors. The U. S. Government has built 17 classrooms which, while only temporary, could well serve until the State could finance a Classroom building.
- E. If a Life Science building is built first, it is true that it would relieve congestion in the Agriculture building, but it would not relieve conditions in the School of Engineering, or congestion in the Library.

Comptroller's Report and Recommendations:

Old Gymnasium

The Comptroller called the attention of the Regents to the provision of Chapter 208, Statutes of 1945, which appropriates \$20,000 to convert the old Gymnasium into suitable quarters for the Department of Military Science and Tactics. The Comptroller suggested that if the old Gymnasium is to be used for other purposes, this Act should be amended. After discussion, it was decided to bring the matter up for final consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

University Retirement Act

The University Retirement Act provides for the retirement of employees of the University, on reaching the age of 70, at not to exceed 1/2 of their average salary for the last 5 years, but it limits the maximum retirement payment to \$150 per month. The Comptroller suggested that this maximum should be raised to \$200 per month to bring it in line with the present State Retirement Plan. Under the present arrangement some employees of the University are paying premiums on amounts which would yield more than \$150 per month at retirement. This matter is to be brought up at the next meeting of the Board for final decision.

Retirement Act of 1917

At present 11 surviving members of the faculty have been retired under the 1917 Act, at 1/4 of their salary at time of retirement, as follows:

Name	Present Monthly Salary	Proposed Monthly Salary
Walter E. Clark	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Peter Frandsen	75.00	100.00
Robert Stewart	100.00	133.33
Katherine Riegelhuth	75.00	100.00
C. M. Beckwith	50.00	66.66
H. P. Boardman	75.00	100.00
C. L. Brown	37.50	50.00
Jeanne E. Wier	75.00	100.00
Sarah L. Lewis	75.00	100.00
J. D. Layman	112.50	112.50
J. E. Church	81.25	108.33
	\$ 906.25	\$1120.82

The Comptroller suggested that these retirement salaries should be increased to 1/3 of the salaries at the time of retirement, which would cost an additional \$2,574.84 per year.

Inverted Siphon

The matter of constructing an inverted siphon so that the old ditch could be removed from the lower Campus was discussed, to be brought up for final action at the December meeting of the Board.

Statement of General Funds for the period ending December 31, 1948, showed an estimated balance as of December 31, 1948, of \$734.30.

Budget

The Comptroller presented a tabulation of the requests of the Department Heads, received through the academic Deans, for the ensuing biennium. The salary adjustments were made on the brackets recommended by the President and the Deans of the Colleges and approved by the Regents at their meeting on September 17-18, 1948, as a basis for discussion. These estimates total \$2,180,064, and the estimated income for the period amount to \$1,526,516.50, necessitating an additional appropriation of \$653,547.50 from the State.

Motion by Mr. Sheerin passed unanimously that, after further study on the parts both of the Administration and the Regents the budget be presented at the December meeting for consideration and possible adoption.

Motion by Mrs. Henningsen passed unanimously that the next meeting of the Board be set for December 11, 1948.

Fallon Farm

Dr. Gorman reported that the Newland Experimental Farm is available to the University provided the State will agree to maintain it until present projects are completed, a cost estimated at \$10,000 per year.

Chairman Ross thanked the Alumni Executive Committee for meeting with the Board. President Yori thanked the Regents for the opportunity of appearing and offered cooperation on the part of the Committee.

Athletic Scholarship Committee Dining Hall Bill

Chairman Ross read a letter from George Southworth, Jr., Chairman of the Athletic Scholarship Committee, presenting a plan of payment by which the Committee will guarantee payment of the bill for board, room and fees for athletes at the rate of \$2500 per year, more if possible, until paid in full. The letter further stated that every effort will be made to meet future bills as they become due.

Motion by Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that the Regents accept the proposition as presented, with the definite understanding that the Athletic Scholarship Committee pay currently all bills incurred in the future, and further, that the Committee be bound by their verbal statement to the Chairman of the Board that proceeds from a possible bowl game would be used to wipe out the indebtedness.

Mr. Springmeyer thanked the Regents for the privilege of meeting with them and offered any assistance his office might be able to give to the University in carrying out its program.

The meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.