

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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REGENTS MEETING February 18-19, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on February 18, 1949, at 9 A.M., and recessed to go to Carson City to meet with the combined legislative committees on Finance and Education.

At 3:30 P.M. the recessed meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross in the President's office. Present: Regents Hilliard, Sheerin, Cahlan, Arentz, Ross; Comptroller Gorman, President Moseley.

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 1949, be dispensed with and that they be approved as submitted.

Reporter Bill Henley of the Reno Evening Gazette came into the meeting at 3:45 and remained throughout the afternoon.

President's Informal Report:

A. Enrollment

Spring figures are: Men	1244
Women	463
Total	1707

Of the above students, 733 are attending under the Veterans Education Bills as follows:

Under G. I. Bill	697
Under Vocational Rehabilitation	36
	733

About 15 veterans pending - awaiting process of papers.

Enrollment - Spring 1940 as compared with Spring 1949:

1940 Spring semester:

Nevada students 966
Non-resident 98
Total enrollment 1064

	Nevada	Non-Res	Total
1949 Spring semester:			
Veterans enrolled	421	322	743
Non-veterans	814	150	964
Grand total	1235	472	1707

B. Housing

Women housed 173
Men housed 328
Couples housed 147

Manzanita Hall	Artemisia Hall	Lincoln Hall
Students 80	Students 91	Students 125
Adults 1	Adults 1	
81	92	

Old Gymnasium	Field House
Students 69	Students 10

Highland Terrace Housing Units
Dormitory No. 27 Students 37
Dormitory No. 28 Students 40
Dormitory No. 30 Students 47
124

Couples - 20 (not under University supervision)

Campus Housing Units	Trailer Court
Students 100	Couples 35
Faculty 12	(1 trailer lost by fire)
112 (8 units, 14 couples each)	

C. Personnel

Dr. P. G. Auchampaugh, Associate Professor of History and Political Science, died on January 30, 1949.

D. Gifts

1) Mrs. Frank Payne of Reno donated \$200 to the President's Discretionary Fund.

2) Mr. Martie Hess of Redwood City, California, has given the University 100 shares of Tonopah Divide Mining Company stock.

President's Recommendations:

A. Recommendations for Degrees

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the following candidates for degrees, as approved by the University faculty at its meeting on January 28, 1949, be approved and that they be given the indicated degrees and diplomas:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts

Brown, Binney Arnold	Reifachneider, Olga
Carmichael, Patricia Ann	Saurennan, John
Childs, Robert Barney	Shelby, Eugenia
Churn, Thomas Browning	Spirig, J. J.
Denton, Nixon Edward	Walpole, John Patrick
Edmunds, Earl A.	Waterstraat, Vivian G.
Morrison, Robert A.	Williams, Harry James
Proctor, Jean Marie	Winn, Billie Rae
Reed, Edward C. Jr.	

Bachelor of Science

Hardison, Julia L.	Taylor, James J.
Michael, John Harold	Welch, Rosemary
Tarble, Richard Douglas	

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Brown, Betty Jean	Kehoe, John J.
Caserta, John Alfred	Levack, Samuel
Geyer, Charles W.	Rice, Robert Marshall
Granata, Evo Angelo	

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering

Collins, Benjamin J.

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Taylor, Robert Arthur

Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering

Lockart, Charles

Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

Fiddes, Paul Simons, John
Reeves, Robert

B. Recommendations on Personnel

Motion by Mr. Hilliard, passed unanimously that the following recommendations, 1 to 4, inclusive, be approved:

History and Political Science

- 1) That, effective February 1, 1949, Harry Anderson be appointed as Assistant in History at a salary of \$800 for the Spring semester, 1949, to take the lower division classes formerly taught by Dr. Auchampaugh.

Civil Engineering

- 2) That, effective February 1, 1949, James D. Rogers be appointed as Instructor in Civil Engineering at a salary of \$1400 for the Spring semester, 1949, payable in 4 equal installments.

Geological Engineering

- 3) That, effective February 1, 1949, Berton James Scull be appointed as Instructor in Geology at a salary of \$3300 for the Spring and Fall semester, 1949.

Agricultural Extension Division

- 4) That, effective February 15, 1949, Mrs. Frances Hailand be appointed as District Extension Agent for Douglas and Ormsby counties at a salary of \$3240 per year, in the place of Mrs. Olive C. Mc Cracken, resigned.

Comptroller's Report and Recommendations:

- 1) Fallon Experimental Farm

While it has been understood that the Newlands Experimental Farm at Fallon could be secured by the University of Nevada with the only provision being that existing projects be carried to completion, the Bill now pending in Congress provides that the Farm is to be returned to the Government. Dr. Gorman read a letter from Senator Mc Carran giving the above information and requested direction in framing a reply.

Motion by Mr. Cahlan, seconded by Mr. Arentz, passed unanimously that the Comptroller be instructed to reply to Senator Mc Carran that the University is interested in the Fallon Experimental Farm if it can be secured fee simple, but is not interested otherwise; and further, that the matter be taken up with the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature.

2) Claims

Motion by Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that the following claims, as approved by the Executive Committee, be approved:

List No. 7, Regents Checks 89-171 to 89-204, inclusive, for a total of \$176,248.03.

List No. 7, State Claims 89-127 to 89-153, inclusive, for a total of \$73,103.51.

3) Right-of-Way - Neilson Property

A letter under date of February 17, 1949, from Mr. Sievert Neilson was read, offering to sell to the University a strip of land along the east side of his property approximately 30 feet wide and 272 feet long for (1) the sum of \$2,000, (2) access by owners of his property to this right-of-way, (3) the provision of a right-of-way across University land situated east of the Adele Rickard property or easement to lead from Neilson property to the right-of-way granted to Mrs. Rickard in the Act of March 6, 1945; and further, that the University bear the costs of transfer, title research and other expenses involved.

Action on the above matter was postponed until the Regents have personally inspected the land under consideration.

4) Nevada Bank of Commerce letter of February 5, 1949, was presented in which request was made that the Bank be designated as a depository for a portion of the University's

funds.

Motion by Mr. Arentz, seconded by Mr. Cahlan, passed unani-
mously that the Comptroller be directed to distribute some
of the federal funds of the University to the Nevada Bank
of Commerce and to the Security National Bank, provided
they meet all the requirements of the law - these deposits
to be made after July 1, 1949, when federal money is received
for the new fiscal year.

The Board recessed at 4:35 in order to go to the north end of the
Campus to inspect the ground there.

The recessed meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross at 9
A.M., Saturday, February 19, 1949, with all Regents, the Presi-
dent and the Comptroller present.

Reporter Lloyd Rogers came into the meeting at 9:30 A.M. and
reporter Frank Mc Cullough came into the meeting at 9:40 A.M.
Both remained until noon.

Mr. Guy Bowman appeared before the Regents at 9:50 A.M. and
called their attention to an article in the Wall Street Journal,
telling about the erection of Dormitories in Oklahoma, the money
for which was secured from sale of bonds by the University, which
are tax exempt. It was Mr. Bowman's suggestion that the Univer-
sity of Nevada might wish to use a similar means of financing
the erection of a Student Union building.

Dean Edward Steidler, Head of the School of Mineral Industries at
Pennsylvania State College, who is visiting in Reno, appeared be-
fore the Regents at 10:15 A.M. He explained briefly the situa-
tion in Pennsylvania, which, he felt, was comparable to that in
Nevada, saying that Pennsylvania had reached the point where they
had to have new knowledge and modern methods to maintain its
mineral economy since the cream of the mineral resources were ex-
hausted. Therefore, the mineral industry recommended the es-
tablishment of a School of Mineral Industries. Trained leaders
are now employed in mineral research and extension who take the
new processes out among the workers in the mines, just as the
Agricultural Extension Agents are doing for Agriculture. In
1929, a building costing almost a million dollars was erected.
At the present time, a building is being built at a cost of over
a million dollars, the equipment of which will cost \$325,000.

Chairman Ross thanked Dean Steidler for giving the Regents this
information and for the pleasure of meeting him.

Legislative Program

The Legislative Program was discussed, especially with reference to questions which the legislative committees had asked concerning the University salary lists, teaching and administrative load, etc.

Motion by Mr. Hilliard, seconded by Mr. Cahlan, passed unani-
mously that we cheerfully furnish the Legislature with the
information requested, broken down as follows:

- (1) Qualified administrators who have no other duties.
- (2) Instructional staff who have no other duties.
- (3) Those whose duties are both administrative and in-
structional.
- (4) Clerical personnel.
- (5) Maintenance staff.

Also, that a copy of the budget as presented to the Governor
be furnished the Legislature.

Heating Plant

After some discussion, motion by Mr. Cahlan, seconded by Mr.
Arentz, passed as follows, with Regents Sheerin, Arentz,
Cahlan and Ross voting "aye" and with Regent Hilliard voting
"no" because he feels that the State Planning Board has
authority of decision under the law, and that they have been
ill advised.

The Board of Regents, having submitted its plans and recom-
mendations to the State Planning Board, and having discussed
the Heating Plant in a spirit of cooperation, it is hereby
agreed that the problem of providing a Heating Plant rests
with the Planning Board in accordance with law. We recom-
mend that an adequate, efficient plant be constructed.

It is further agreed that the Regents recommend that the
Heating Plant be constructed on a 3-year or unit program.

It is understood that the Planning Board will submit an
estimate to the Legislature for the completed plant. We
suggest that (1) money now appropriated be used for the
first 2-year program, (2) the law be amended to conform with
this suggestion, (3) that funds will be requested from the
Legislature, 2 years hence, for the completion of the Plant.

It is further agreed that Regent Arentz be the official

representative of the Regents in the above matter.

Engineers Council for Professional Development

President Moseley read a letter from Dean C. L. Eckel, member of the E. C. P. D. Committee, stating that, on January 28 and 29, an inspection had been made of the College of Engineering and approving, in general, the improvements which have been made since the last visit of the Committee, especially the physical facilities of the College - the new Engineering building and the new Laboratory equipment. The letter stated however, that:

In one important aspect, the College of Engineering appears to lag. I refer to the general lack of adequate and experienced teaching staff.

I believe that the teaching loads of the regularly appointed members of the Civil Engineering Department are too heavy and that Professor Blodgett's load is excessively heavy. The staff in the Departments of Mining Engineering and Metallurgy is inadequate, and Dean Palmer's teaching load is also too heavy.

We are quite sure that members of the Engineering faculty are doing their best. It cannot be expected, however, that a Department Head with one or more Instructors who are likely to be recent graduates, immature and inexperienced, and undergraduate Assistants, constitute a teaching staff that will permit the College of Engineering at the University of Nevada to operate on a comparable basis with other Colleges of Engineering in this region.

I am sure that approval of a budget along the lines Dean Palmer has suggested to you will enable him to appreciably remedy this situation and the necessity of making every effort in this direction is urged.

A formal report from the E. C. P. D. will be forthcoming at a later date.

Old Gymnasium

Because it is the opinion of the PMS&T that the old Gymnasium building is unsuited for conversion to an Armory and because there is a likelihood that in the near future the Federal Government will construct on the Campuses of Land Grant Colleges Armories which will meet their specifications:

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the Comptroller is instructed to have a Bill drafted which will release the \$20,000 now earmarked for remodeling the old Gymnasium building into an Armory to a fund to rehabilitate the Gymnasium and make it usable for current needs.

Land North of Campus

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the Executive Committee be given power to negotiate and purchase the land now under discussion with Mr. Sievert Neilson, if funds are available.

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that an additional \$5,000 be added to the budget for the acquisition of land and the improvement thereof.

Reports of Committees

Air Base Dormitory Building

The Properties Committee reported that stakes have been set for the two Men's Dormitory buildings to be brought from the Reno Army Air Base.

Dr. Gorman reported that, due to weather conditions, it has not been possible to move the building from the Air Base to the Campus; and because of the death of the contractor, the cement foundation has not been laid. Work will progress as soon as weather permits.

Committee on Resolutions

Motion by Mr. Sheerin passed unanimously that the Comptroller be instructed to prepare suitable resolutions for the Regents on the death of Dr. Auchampaugh and that copies be sent to the members of the family.

The Board recessed at 12:15 noon for luncheon in the University Dining Hall and was called to order by the Chairman. All were present.

New Business

Cole Gift

President Moseley read a letter from Mr. Stuart Williams,

written on behalf of Mrs. Fred L. Cole, formerly of Nevada, offering the library of her late husband to the University of Nevada for the Mackay School of Mines.

Motion by Mr. Arentz passed unanimously that the gift be accepted and that Mrs. Cole be thanked.

Reporter Lloyd Rogers returned and remained throughout the afternoon.

President Moseley presented a letter from Mr. H. H. Atkinson. Motion by Mr. Arentz, seconded by Mr. Cahlan, passed unanimously that the President be instructed to confer with Mr. Atkinson regarding the matter brought up on his letter of February 16 and explain the impossibility of the Regents taking any action.

Honorary Degrees

Motion by Mr. Cahlan passed unanimously that the Regents confirm the recommendation of President Moseley to confer the degree of LL. D. on Mr. Jack Kinnear.

Motion by Mr. Arentz, seconded by Mr. Cahlan, passed unanimously that the recommendation of President Moseley be approved that the honorary degree of Sc. D. be conferred upon Stanley G. Palmer and Jay A. Carpenter.

By telephone vote, it was unanimously agreed, on March 14, 1949, to confer the degree of LL. D. upon Dean Charles E. Mc Allister.

Legislative Meeting

Motion by Mr. Arentz passed unanimously that the President, Vice President, Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Ross represent the University at the meeting of the Legislative Committees in Carson on Monday, February 21st.

The Regents went into executive session at 2 P.M. and returned to open session at 3 P.M.

The meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting on Saturday, June 4th, unless it becomes necessary to meet earlier to consider actions of the Legislature.