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JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE STATE PLANNING BOARD January 14, 1951

This joint meeting of the Board of Regents and the State Planning Board was held in the office of the President at the University of Nevada, at 9 A.M. on the above date, the joint session having been requested by the Board of Regents. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, Mr. Silas Ross.

Board of Regents Present:

Mr. Silas Ross
Dr. Love
Mr. Newton Crumley
Mr. Louis Lombardi
Mr. Sam Arentz
Mr. Roy Hardy

State Planning Board Present:

Mr. A. C. Grant, Vice Chairman
Mr. A. J. Caton
Mr. F. M. Young
Mr. John W. Scott
Mr. A. M. Smith
Mr. Ray Jefferson
Mr. I. J. Sandorf
Mr. A. M. Mackenzie, Secretary

Absent:

Hon. Charles H. Russell, Governor
Mr. W. T. Holcomb, Chairman
Mr. J. H. Buehler
Mr. M. E. Lundberg

Mr. Silas Ross, Chairman of the Board of Regents, opened the meeting and welcomed the Planning Board, and then asked President Love to outline the reason for calling this joint session.

President Love stated that he was glad that a full new Board of Regents was present to meet in joint session with the members of the State Planning Board, and expressed his desire to work with both Boards. He stated that he and Mr. Mackenzie, Secretary of the State Planning Board, had worked together in planning the most vital needs for construction at the University for period 1951-57. He then read, in detail, proposed construction as listed in the 6-Year Plan of the Planning Board's new release and stated that he hoped this construction could be accomplished as programmed and planned.

He then discussed the University Heating Plant and the several plans considered for adoption, stating that the Board of Regents wanted the Planning Board's approval and advice on any considered.

Mr. Grant stated that the Planning Board had purposely left the request for a central heating plant off the priority list because they had been assured by the University officials a short time ago that no emergency existed. Mr. Grant then went into a full explanation and covered the history of the proposed central heating plant from the time Headman-Ferguson and Carollo, Engineers from Phoenix, Arizona, designed the first plant, using walk-in and crawl-in tunnels, and the plans of Blanchard, Mahler & Lockhard, using prefabricated pipe, to the time firm bids were called for on both types. A low bid of \$378,000 received by Erbentraut and Summers on the prefabricated pipe type, was rejected in that only \$318,000 was available to construct a modern, complete central heating plant.

President Love then explained what had been accomplished with the \$50,000 set up under Chapter 301, Statutes of Nevada 1949. He presented a statement which showed the \$50,000 was expended to the cent, and listed expenditures as follows:

1. New Gym, Heating and Ventilation	\$11,737.48
2. Mackay Science, Ventilating	1,148.76
3. New Engineering Building, Ventilating and Boiler	5,953.60
4. New Gym and Hatch Station Boilers	23,916.57
5. Main Heating Plant	6,180.44
6. Dining Hall and Women's Dormitory	1,063.15
	\$50,000.00

He stated that over \$35,000 was expended for ventilating and boilers in the new Gym and Hatch Station, and that only \$5,953.60 had been expended in the new Engineering building.

Mr. Mackenzie interrupted to ask if this wasn't out of line according to the Act, and Mr. Sam Arentz said it was. The Act states that \$20,000 should be expended for the purpose of the new boiler installation and any amount remaining should be returned to the post war fund as of January 1951 (1st Monday). (If Mr. W. T. Mathews' opinion had been followed \$14,046.40 would have been returned on January 1st.)

It was also brought out under discussion with Mr. Arentz that a new boiler was not needed in the Engineering building. Questioned as to why it was purchased if not needed, Mr. Arentz replied that it was mandatory under the Act, and that the boiler, purchased 5 or 6 months ago, is sitting in the corridor of the Engineering building for lack of a better place to put it.

Mr. Grant then questioned the use to be made of a new boiler on skids near the present central plant, and was informed that it would be used to replace a boiler in the central plant, when the heat is shut off next Summer.

Mr. Grant then criticized the employment of Mr. Charles Thompson as engineer, and stated that he was not a licensed engineer, or a licensed contractor, and that in addition to the \$6000 promised him as fees on a \$50,000 job, he would be entitled to a supplier's profit.

Mr. Arentz then read a letter from Colonel Parker, written at the time he was Acting President of the University, in substance stating that he had contacts with Mr. Jeff Springmeyer, Mr. Ralph Lattin and Mr. Thompson about letting this job; that he had a long session with Mr. Thompson and while he realized Mr. Thompson was not competent to handle a job of any size that he would go along in this instance in that they were more or less obligated, but would not approve anything further. Colonel Parker said Mr. Thompson was hard to get along with and had fought with University officials, contractors, architects and the State Planning Board.

Discussion brought out the fact that there had been deviation from the Statute in an attempt to get the most benefit possible from an Act that was not of the University's making and that the Regents were not pleased at having the responsibility for the Act dropped in their lap by someone who did not know the needs or conditions at the University.

(Mr. Charles Thompson, acting as Consultant to the Legislative Counsel is credited with writing the Act.)

Mr. Arentz, who is a Regent's Committee of One on the Heating Plant, stated that he and his engineers at the mine all insist that a central heating plant is the only answer to the problem at the University; however, they hoped that by purchasing a few more package units for the outlying buildings they might be able to get by for several more years, possibly as much as 10.

After more discussion both Boards agreed that a competent heating engineer should be employed to suggest the most suitable type of system and to outline proper procedure to be followed. Mr. Mackenzie stated that possibly we could get advance planning funds from Housing and Home Finance Agency for such a study. Mr. Grant suggested that Mr. Mackenzie get in touch with Mr. Wright Felt as soon as possible and request funds for this purpose.

Mr. Crumley stated that Regent Lombardi and President Love visited Elko last week and met with the Elko Legislative delegation, at which time he was first told of the \$50,000 deal. He said he would like to see the two Boards cooperate and have a united front before the Legislature.

It was brought out that President Love had been delegated by the Board of Regents to represent them before the Legislature, and that Mr. Grant had been delegated by the Planning Board for the same purpose, so it was the opinion of all concerned that Mr. Grant and Dr. Love should work together on all legislative action pertinent to both University and Planning Board.

Mr. A. M. Smith stated that he didn't think he could look for much in the way of appropriations for new construction from the next Legislature due to the war effort.

A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Jefferson, that, since both Boards were in full agreement, the Planning Board go on record showing their desire to cooperate and advise the Board of Regents in their construction problems. Motion carried unanimously.

The Regents, in another motion, which also carried unanimously, accepted the offer of the Planning Board to cooperate and promised the full support of the Board of Regents in this respect.

Chairman Ross invited the members of the Planning Board to join the Regents at lunch in the University Dining Room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30

P.M.

A. M. Mackenzie, Secretary
State Planning Board