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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING July 23, 1951

The Board of Regents met in regular session in the President's office on Monday, July 23, 1951. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10 A.M. Present: Regents Lombardi, Hardy, Arentz, Crumley and Ross; Comptroller Hayden and President Love. Reporter William Gillis was also present.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the minutes of the meeting of June 9 and 11, 1951 be approved and that the reading thereof be dispensed with.

2. Painting Bids

Referring to the meeting of July 6, 1951 for opening of bids for painting jobs on the Campus,

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the Board approve the awarding of the bid to the Nevada Painting and Sandblasting Company.

3. Comptroller's Claims

The following claims were approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents and presented for approval of the full Board.

Regents Checks Nos. 01-255 to 01-283 inclusive for a total of \$205,727.74.

State Claims Nos. 01-350 to 01-375 inclusive for a total of \$58,815.51.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the claims be approved.

4. Comptroller's Report

- (a) Finances for the past biennium. Instead of a biennial financial report from now on, an annual report will be prepared.
- (b) Remodeling and renovation from the fund made available for that purpose by the last Legislature. To date \$26,440 has been spent or obligated for the Heating Plant, and around \$40,360 for other projects.
- (c) Fuel Oil. Bids have been mailed out for heavy oil. Material is being prepared for bids on light oil.

5. Bids

Following the Comptroller's report, there was general discussion concerning desirability of securing bids whenever possible.

Motion by Mr. Arentz carried unanimously that any expenditure by the University amounting to over \$500 should be let on bid, unless the necessity for a bid is waived by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents.

6. Heating Plant

The President reported that Mr. Charles Thompson had decided not to accept the proposal made by the Board of Regents at the last meeting (item 2, page 1). The proposal of Russell Mills for the work at Lincoln Hall had previously been distributed to the members of the Board. A similar agreement was proposed for the Heating Plant work.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the services of Mr. Mills be utilized for the Heating Plant projects as long as he has associated with him a qualified engineer, the agreement to be made on a 6% basis.

7. Marine Armory

The President reported that representatives of the Marine Corps came from San Francisco to see if they could arrange for a Marine Corps Armory on the Campus. Land on either side of the Naval Armory was found to be acceptable to them.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the President

be authorized to enter into arrangements such as the University has with the Navy, with the Marine Corps to make available for their use ground on whichever side of the Naval Armory they should choose. The Chairman of the Board was authorized to sign for the Board.

8. Nevada Art Gallery

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Regents at their last meeting (item 20) the Attorney General was requested to give an opinion on the legal status of deed to property which the Nevada Art Gallery has deeded to the University of Nevada. Opinion dated July 10, 1951 was received from the Attorney General and presented to the Board of Regents that the University does have title.

Motion from Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the President get an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether or not the University can deed the property back to the Nevada Art Gallery.

9. Washoe County Ministerial Association requested in a letter to the Board of Regents and to the President that Baccalaureate Services not be held at 11 A.M. on Sunday morning because of their interference with regular church services.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the matter be referred to the President for further study.

10. European Tour

The President reported that a number of students who made the European Tour with Dr. Jensen have been dissatisfied with the accounting methods of the tour. The tour was first planned as a private venture and in the later arrangements, permission was given to allow University credit. The Comptroller was informed that students would be allowed to register for credit but that the University would have no responsibility other than for giving credit.

The Regents concurred in the opinion that the problem is between the students themselves and Dr. Jensen, and that it does not involve the University.

Reporter Bennyhoff came into the meeting at 11:45 P.M.

11. Personnel Recommendations

(a) Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the resignation of Mr. Raymond Pflug, Instructor in English, be accepted. Mr. Pflug resigned to enter military service.

(b) Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the following recommendations be approved:

(1) Salary increase for Mr. Jose Madiaga, University Farm Worker, from \$165 to \$175 per month, effective June 1, 1951.

(2) Appointment of Mr. Earl W. Kerston, Jr., as Instructor in Geography in the Department of Geology, for the academic year 1951-52, at a salary of \$3600 for the year, in the place of Mr. Harold A. Classen, resigned.

(3) Appointment of Mr. David B. Slemmons as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology, for the academic year 1951-52, at a salary of \$4000 for the year.

(4) Appointment of Mr. Joseph Lintz, Jr., as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology, and 1/2 time Assistant Geologist for the State Bureau of Mines, for the year 1951-52, 12 months service, at a salary of \$4700, to replace in part Mr. B. J. Scull, resigned.

(5) Appointment of Mr. Roderick A. Falk as Fellow in Chemistry, 1/2 time, for the year 1951-52, at a salary of \$1100 for the school year, with freedom from tuition and general University fees in the Department.

(c) The Board recessed as a Board of Regents and met as the Board of Control for the Agricultural Experiment Station to act upon the following item.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that Mr. W. B. Dye be appointed as Research Chemist in the Experiment Station, effective about September 1, 1951, at a salary of \$5800 per year.

The Board recessed at 12:05 noon for luncheon.

The recessed meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order

in the President's office at 1:30 P.M. by the Chairman. All Regents, the Comptroller and the President were present. Present also was reporter Burns.

12. Athletic Situation

There was general discussion on the athletic situation and the problems which the Regents would need to consider in joint meeting with the various interested groups.

Reporter Gillis came in at 1:55 P.M.

13. Bids for Acoustical Work

The Comptroller had duly advertised for bids for acoustical treatment in the new Engineering building, the time for opening of such bids was set at 2 P.M. on this date. Representatives of Walker Boudwin and the Yancey Companies were present.

Chairman Ross opened the bids as follows:

The Yancy Company of Reno - \$7,433.00

Work to begin within 15 days and be completed within 45 days.

The Walker Boudwin Company of Reno - \$7,839.65

Work to begin within 5 days and be completed within 45 days.

Western Asbestos Company of San Francisco - \$7,321.00

Work to begin within 15 days and be completed within 45 days.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the bids be referred to the Comptroller for codification and recommendation.

Reporter Bennyhoff came into the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

14. Dean of Agriculture

Mr. M. L. Buchanan from North Dakota Agricultural College met with the Regents at 2:15 P.M. to discuss his application for the position of Dean of Agriculture. Mr. Fleming was also present. Mr. Buchanan told about his work at North Dakota and his work and experience prior to his appointment there. There was general discussion on the agricultural

situation here and Mr. Buchanan's views as regards Agriculture in general. Mr. Fleming and Mr. Buchanan left the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

The President was authorized to offer the position of Dean of Agriculture to Mr. Buchanan.

15. Bids (continuation of item 13)

The Comptroller recommended that the bid for acoustical treatment in the new Engineering building be awarded to the Western Asbestos Company, being the lowest bidder and licensed in this State.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the bid of the Western Asbestos Company of San Francisco be accepted.

16. Home Demonstration Agent, Ormsby-Douglas District

Chairman Ross presented letters requesting that Mrs. Frances Hailand be retained as Home Demonstration Agent for the Ormsby-Douglas District. Letters were signed as follows:

Dennis Heitman, President Douglas County Farm Bureau
Mrs. F. W. Fricke, President, and
Mrs. G. A. Young, Secretary, Carson Valley Homemakers
Club
Mrs. H. A. Winkelman, President, Genoa Homemakers Club
Mrs. Alma Meyers, President, and
Mrs. Mary Nebel, Secretary, New Empire Community Club

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the President be authorized to do whatever he can in complying with these requests.

The meeting recessed at 4:05 P.M.

At 7:30 P.M. a meeting was held in the President's office for the purpose of discussing the athletic program. All Regents, the President and the Comptroller were present. Also present were members of the Press, the Alumni Association, the Board of Athletic Control, the Faculty Eligibility Committee, the Reno Chamber of Commerce, as follows: Jack Walther, John Benson, William Brussard, Dave Goldwater, George Lohse, William Gillis, Bob Bennyhoff, Charles Irish, John Morrison, H. B. Blodgett, James Mc Nabney, Gene Mastroianni, Rodney Reynolds, James Bailey, Wayne Hinkley.

President Love summarized the athletic situation and the problems facing the University and all those who are aiding in the work of providing scholarships for athletes. He pointed out that last year a previous balance was used up and that this year the program has ended with an operational deficit of \$15,750. By direction from the Legislature, none of the money now budgeted for operational expenses for the coming biennium can be used for athletic scholarships. It was estimated that scholarships of \$750 each would have to be provided for approximately 32 athletes to assure a team to carry through the football season. After general discussion by all present, it was the consensus of opinion that sufficient money could not be raised. The above group of men, except reporters Bennyhoff, Irish and Gillis, left the meeting at 11:15 P.M.

The recessed meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order at 11:15 P.M. by the Chairman with all Regents, the President, the Comptroller, Gene Mastroianni, John Benson and the reporters present.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for the past several years the football program of the University of Nevada has been conducted on a deficit basis, and

WHEREAS, various organizations have found it impossible or impracticable to fulfill their commitments to aid the athletic program at the University, and

WHEREAS, at the 1951 Session of the Nevada State Legislature funds were appropriated for the 1951-53 biennium, and

WHEREAS, such appropriations did not include moneys which could be utilized for conduct of the athletic scholarships, and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is wholly impracticable to carry on a football program without the aid of scholarships, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, it is a physical impossibility to meet a football schedule such as that made for 1951 without incurring further heavy indebtedness, and

WHEREAS, the existing national emergency has created a situation making it difficult to procure and retain enrollment of athletes, and

WHEREAS, there appears to be general dissatisfaction throughout the State of Nevada with the conduct of the athletic program at the University,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that intercollegiate football be suspended at the University of Nevada for the duration of the present national emergency and until such time as adequate finances are made available to the University to permit the conduct of a satisfactory football program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each school with whom a game has been scheduled in the 1951 season be notified immediately of this action of the Board of Regents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each student who has been offered an athletic scholarship be notified immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above outlined action be made effective immediately.

Motion by Mr. Arentz carried unanimously that the contract between the Board of Athletic Control and Coach Sheeketski be terminated as of September 1, 1951; and in order to enable him to seek employment elsewhere, that Mr. Sheeketski be released from his duties immediately.

Motion by Mr. Arentz carried unanimously that the Chairman of the Board of Regents be authorized to secure competent legal advice.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 A.M.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.