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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING December 10, 1953

The Board of Regents met in regular session in the President's office on Thursday, December 10, 1953. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:30 A.M. Present: Regents Hardy, Crumley, Lombardi, Grant, Ross; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout.

The group left the President's office to tour the Campus as follows:

- a) The Home Economics rooms in the Agricultural building
- b) Student Union building site
- c) Lincoln Hall
- d) Mackay School of Mines
- e) Victory Heights' Housing Units

Reporter Bill Gillis accompanied the party on the Campus tour.

At 1:45 P.M. the meeting was called to order at the President's office. Reporters Gillis, Umberhauer and Burns covered the afternoon session.

1. Student Union Building Committee

President Stout recommended that a member of the Board of Regents be appointed to serve on the Student Union Building Committee, which is now composed of Dean William D. Carlson and Professor H. B. Blodgett of the faculty, Milton Sharp and Robert Winkel of the student body and Mrs. Roy Bankofier of the Alumni Association.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that Mr. Ross, as Chairman of the Regents Committee on Building and Grounds, be appointed as a member of the Student Union Building Committee.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion of Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 1953 be approved and that the reading thereof be dispensed with.

3. Comptroller's Claims

Mr. Hayden presented the following claims, which had been approved by the Executive Committee, for approval of the Board:

Regents Checks, Nos. 34-43 to 34-59 inclusive for a total of \$222,875.20 for October.

State Claims, Nos. 34-26 to 34-34 inclusive for a total of \$87,798.31 for October.

Regents Checks, Nos. 34-60 to 34-77 inclusive for a total of \$338,566.29 for November.

State Claims, Nos. 34-35 to 34-44 inclusive for a total of \$99,394.77 for November.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the above claims be approved.

4. Gifts

The President reported the following gifts to the University:

- 1) Scholarship in memory of Chester A. Brennen, established by his wife in the amount of \$300 per year, to be paid by income from securities set aside for that purpose. Award of the scholarship will be made on the following basis:
 - a) A male graduate of any Elko County high school may be selected.
 - b) A better than average high school scholastic record.
 - c) A satisfactory recommendation from the high school principal.
 - d) A satisfactory score in the College Aptitude Test.
 - e) The recipient must register in the College of Agriculture.
- 2) Check for \$300 from Mrs. Edith W. Albert to be used to purchase securities (at her direction) to perpetuate

the fund of the Henry Albert Public Service Prize.

- 3) 100 mammal study skins which are representative of the Fallon area donated by Mr. Albert Alcorn of Fallon, Nevada.
- 4) Check in the amount of \$139,050.41 from the Estate of Wesley Elgin Travis for the Travis Student Building Account.
- 5) Check in the amount of \$650.84 from the estate of Wesley Elgin Travis for a Student Loan Fund.
- 6) Framed picture of the 1900 graduating class of the University of Nevada from Mrs. M. R. Neustadt of San Mateo, California, sister of Frances Skinner, a member of the class.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the gifts be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to send a note of thanks to the donors.

5. Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel recommendations were presented by the President:

- a) Appointment of James Olivas as Boxing Coach at a salary of \$700 for period October 1953 to April 1954.
- b) Appointment of Walter S. Palmer, Jr. as Associate Professor of Economics, Business and Sociology for the Spring semester of 1954.
- c) Appointment of John W. Bunten as Assistant in Education at a salary of \$300 for the Spring semester 1954.
- d) Transfer of George Zappettini from District Extension Agent to Extension Forester & Range Management Specialist at a salary of \$2782 for 1/2 time services. (Additional funds from State Fire Warden will be paid to Mr. Zappettini \$2782 for 1/2 time services for that agency.)
- e) Leave of absence for Wilbur S. Shepperson, Assistant Professor of History and Political Science, for the Fall semester 1954, without pay. He will devote his time to study, travel and research.

- f) Appointment of Albert J. Turk as Instructor in Metallurgy and Junior Research Metallurgist in the Mackay School of Mines at a salary rate of \$5100 per year, effective October 19, 1953. 2/5 of the salary will be paid from teaching funds and 3/5 from Atomic Energy Funds.
- g) Appointment of Francis W. Barsalou, Instructor in Economics, Business and Sociology, to teach an extension course in Business Administration at a salary of \$120 for the period October 27, 1953 to February 1, 1954.
- h) Appointment of James M. Hoyt, Instructor in Economics, Business and Sociology, to teach an extension course in Business Administration, at a salary of \$500 for the period October 8, 1953 to January 30, 1954.
- i) Appointment of James A. Langford, Assistant Professor of Education, to teach an extension course in Education in Elko, at a salary of \$112.50 for the period November 9, 1953 to November 21, 1953.
- j) Appointment of Clyde F. Mead, Assistant Professor of Education, to teach an extension course in Education in Elko, at a salary of \$112.50 for the period November 9, 1953 to November 21, 1953.
- k) Contract with Milton Sharp as Student Body President at a salary of \$65 per month for the school year 1953-54, to be paid from ASUN Funds.
- l) Contract with Dorothy Bell as Secretary to the Student Body President at a salary of \$35 per month for the school year 1953-54, to be paid from ASUN Funds.
- m) Contract with Darrell Peterson as Janitor of the ASUN building at a salary of \$35 per month for the school year 1953-54, to be paid from ASUN Funds.
- n) Cooperating Teachers for Fall semester 1953, as follows:

Mr. Buddy Garfinkle	\$120
Miss Marilyn D. Amodel	60
Mr. Deloy Anderson	60
Miss Idel Anderson	60
Mr. Joseph Bashista	60
Mr. Bud L. Beasley	120
Miss Bernice Berry	60

Mrs. Angelina Birks	60
Mrs. Adah A. Bowen	60
Mrs. Lucille Byrd	60
Mr. Ernest M. Cicchese	60
Miss Kathryn Clark	60
Mr. Thomas H. Curtis	60
Miss Eileen Dillon	60
Mrs. Esther L. Doyle	60
Miss Juanita Elcano	60
Miss Margaret Ernst	60
Mrs. Ethel Figley	60
Mr. Robert W. Foard	60
Mrs. Alice Getto	60
Miss Inez Gillies	60
Mrs. Norma Gregory	60
Miss Kathleen Griffin	60
Miss Gladys Hamm	60
Mr. Leslie E. Hawkins	60
Miss Genevieve Johns	60
Miss Dorothy Kalmeyer	60
Mr. Edward L. Kane	60
Miss Mardelle Kornmeyer	60
Mrs. Florence Lehnors	60
Mrs. Dorothy Lokke	60
Mrs. Hilma Lyon	60
Mr. John H. Marean	60
Mr. Louis Mendive	60
Miss Eleanor Miller	60
Mr. Andrew E. Morby	60
Mrs. Dorothea Nightingale	60
Mr. A. C. Nocciolo	60
Mrs. Merrie Jo Picollo	60
Mrs. Virginia C. Quirk	60
Mr. John E. Hobb	60
Mr. Earl H. Rosenberg	60
Mrs. Rudy Ruedy	60
Mr. Lyle A. Roush	60
Miss Beulah Singleton	60
Mr. Ivan C. Slotto	60
Mrs. Rachel L. Struve	60
Mrs. Lucylle Towner	60
Mrs. Marion Trabert	60
Mr. Richard Trachok	60
Miss Velva Trulove	60
Mr. Sessions S. Wheeler	60
Mr. Robert G. Whittemore	60
Mrs. Harriet Wolfe	60
Mrs. Andrea Woodbury	60

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the personnel items above (a) through (n) be approved.

6. ROTC Contract

(See item 13, minutes of October 13, 1953) President Stout discussed the proposed contracts, together with a letter from the Commanding General of the 6th Army Headquarters which authorized certain changes in the wording of the contract. With these changes, President Stout recommended that the contract be signed.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the President be authorized to sign the ROTC contract with the authorized changes.

7. Communist Party Membership - Statement

The President reported on the faculty movement to sign the statement on Communist membership. He explained that the following statement was devised after he had met with the various groups of the University to explain the Regents' action, and after the Administrative Council and the Committee to advise the President on Faculty Matters had met several times concerning it. The statement was then signed by all regularly employed members of the University staff with one exception (Mr. Howard R. Houston, Instructor in English, who does not have tenure). The President recommended that the statement be accepted as evidence of good faith on the part of the present faculty. The statement follows:

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

In order to dispel any concern that might be felt by the people of the State regarding the attitude of members of the staff of the University of Nevada on Communism, I hereby affirm that I am not a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with such party. I do not believe in, and I am not a member of, nor do I support any organization that advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force or other unconstitutional means.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the Regents accept the above statement, with appreciation for the cooperation of the faculty and staff.

Each member of the Board of Regents signed the above statement, also.

The President recommended that a statement, as follows, be made a part of future communications for employment at the University. After discussing it,

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the following statement be accepted:

POLICY ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF COMMUNISTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada unanimously passed the following resolution:

Knowing that a member of the Communist Party is not free to teach the truth, the Regents will not appoint a member of the Communist Party to the faculty.

The faculty and all other employees of the University of Nevada agreed that a Communist should not be appointed to or retained on the staff.

Therefore, we wish to ask each applicant for a position on this staff to answer these questions.

Are you a member of the Communist Party?

Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Do you believe in, are you a member of, or do you support any organization that advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force or other unconstitutional methods?

(The usual "oath of office" prescribed by the State Constitution will be signed by faculty members when they begin their contracts, as is now the practice.)

President Stout presented the invitation of the American Council on Education for the University of Nevada to become a member. He stated that this is the only State University in the United States which is not a member. He pointed out, also, that the American Council on Education is the outstanding educational organization in the country, being to State Universities what the Land Grant College Association is to the Land Grant Colleges. Membership dues, based on enrollment, would amount to \$225 for the year.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the University of Nevada accept membership in the American Council of Education.

9. School of Education

The President discussed with the Regents the shortage of teachers in Nevada schools, the small output of teachers at the University, and the fact that the State Constitution setting up the University of Nevada specifically includes teacher training along with other necessary educational programs.

President Stout recommended that, starting July 1, 1954, in order to meet the needs of the State, the School of Education become a College of Education with the status of other Colleges on the Campus, and charged with the responsibility of meeting the great need of teachers in the elementary and secondary schools of Nevada through:

- (1) A stimulating program of recruitment of future teachers in the high schools of the State.
- (2) A program of thorough training for teachers at the undergraduate level.
- (3) Placement of the graduates of this program in Nevada schools.
- (4) Development of an in-service training program for the teachers of the State through workshops, extension courses, Summer Schools, conferences, etc.

President Stout further recommended that, to give the College of Education the proper leadership, it should be headed by a Dean.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that (1) effective

July 1, 1954, the School of Education become a College of Education with the same status as other Colleges at the University of Nevada, (2) the College of Education be headed by a Dean and (3) the President be authorized to search for a Dean of the College of Education.

10. Statewide Educational Program

The President suggested that the Regents give thought to a Statewide Program of Higher Education. General discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the Board of Regents, believing that the University should continue to develop a program of Higher Education to serve the needs of this State, requests that the President study the instructional program as now conducted by the University in Reno, at the Las Vegas Branch and the extension program in other parts of the State, then to compare this with the recognized needs of the State of Nevada. The results of the study are to be reported to the Regents as early as possible.

11. Retirement Policy

President Stout called attention to the fact that, while there is a policy in regard to retirement age for members of the teaching staff, no policy is in force as to a compulsory retirement age for other groups - administrative, clerical and buildings and grounds employees.

It was agreed that this matter would be given thought and presented at the next meeting of the Board.

12. Regents Committees

Mr. Hardy reported that his report on the Mackay School of Mines was ready for mimeographing and distribution to the Regents, and that he would welcome discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Mr. Grant would report on the College of Engineering, Mr. Crumley on the College of Agriculture, Dr. Lombardi on the College of Arts and Science and Mr. Ross on the Buildings and Grounds - in that order, for future meetings of the Board.

13. William R. Wood

President Stout reported informally on his trip around the State with Dr. William R. Wood, Specialist in Lower Division work, U. S. Office of Education, when high school principals and superintendents were visited, with a view to learning the educational needs of the high school graduates of Nevada.

14. Atomic Energy Contract

The President presented the Cooperative Contract between the University of Nevada and the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, dated December 7, 1953. Purpose of the contract is as follows:

The Commission desires to encourage, further and intensify basic research of the University on the delineation of range livestock production problems in areas adjacent to the Nevada Proving Grounds, with emphasis on the effects of radioactivity on livestock production.

The contract provides that work will start January 1, 1954 and will continue through December 31, 1954. The University will be paid by the Government the sum of \$19,480 for carrying out the contract.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the contract with the Atomic Energy Commission, as explained above, be approved.

15. Lincoln Hall

The President reported that the remodeling work at Lincoln Hall has now been completed and that the Notice of Completion to "Creditors and Others Concerned" had appeared in the local papers stating that "Creditors' claims against this contract should be filed with the undersigned not later than November 30, 1953."

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the remodeling job at Lincoln Hall be accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

The next meeting was set for sometime in January, at the call of the Chairman.