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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING August 2, 1954

The Board of Regents met in regular session at the home of Dr. Lombardi, who was recovering from an illness. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross at 10:20 A.M. Present: Regents Hardy, Crumley, Grant, Lombardi, Ross, Comptroller Hayden and President Stout. University Editor Laxalt and reporters Hulse, Friel, Bennyhoff and Lufkow were present.

1. Student Union Building

Architect Erskine and members of the State Planning Board met with the Regents to discuss matters concerning the Student Union building. Further meeting and discussion was anticipated when an exact sum of money is made available from the Travis Estate.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the minutes of previous meetings be approved as follows, that the reading thereof be dispensed with, and the actions of the Executive Committee be approved:

- a) Regular meeting of June 5, 1954
- b) Executive Committee meeting of June 8, 1954, and awarding of the contract.

3. Comptroller's Claims

Claims which had been approved by the Executive Committee were presented for approval of the Board.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the claims, as follows, be approved:

Regents Checks, Nos. 34-194 to 34-215 inclusive for

a total of \$177,294.48 for June.

State Claims, Nos. 34-116 to 34-132 inclusive for
a total of \$136,768.02 for June.

Regents Checks, Nos. 45-1 to 45-19 inclusive for
a total of \$167,229.63 for July.

State Claims, Nos. 45-1 to 45-12 inclusive for
a total of \$85,447.03 for July.

4. Candidates for Degrees

The following candidates were recommended for degrees by the College of Arts and Science at its regular meeting held on June 3, 1954. Because of the fact that they entered the armed forces before the close of the semester, and statements attesting this fact were not received prior to Commencement, their names were not included in the list presented to the Regents on June 5, 1954. Their papers are now in order.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the candidates be approved and that they be granted the indicated degrees:

James A. Paterson	B. S in Bus. Adm.
Arthur Darrell Peterson	B. A. in Journ.

5. Personnel Recommendations

A) The Board recessed as a Board of Regents and convened as a Board of Control for the Agricultural Experiment Station to consider the personnel recommendations as follows:

- (1) Resignation of C. B. Hutchison, effective June 30, 1954, as Dean of Agriculture, Director of Resident Teaching in Agriculture, Director of Agricultural Extension Division and Director of Agricultural Experiment Station.
- (2) Appointment of Du Wayne Le Roy Goodwin as Assistant Professor of Range Management and Assistant Plant Ecologist, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$5400 for the year, the salary to be pro-rated between Resident Teaching and Experiment Station funds.

(3) Appointment of Gerald S. Strickler as Graduate Research Assistant in the Experiment Station, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$2000 per year with exemption from tuition and fees.

(4) Appointment of Marshall H. K. Humphreys as Graduate Research Assistant in Agricultural Experiment Station, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$2000 per year with exemption from tuition and fees.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the above recommendations be approved.

B) The Board adjourned as a Board of Control for the Agricultural Experiment Station and reconvened as a Board of Regents. The President presented the following recommendations:

(1) Resignation of C. B. Hutchison, effective June 30, 1954, as Dean of Agriculture, Director of Agricultural Experiment Station, Director of Agricultural Extension Service, and Director of Resident Teaching in Agriculture.

(2) Appointment of Rollie A. Weaver as Assistant County Agent, Churchill County, at a salary rate of \$4200 per year, effective June 14, 1954, in the place of Mr. Belmont, resigned, and reappointment of Mr. Weaver as of July 1, 1954 with the same title and salary.

(3) Salary increase for Walter C. Christensen, Assistant County Extension Agent, Washoe County, effective July 1, 1954, to \$4800 per year from County funds.

(4) Salary increase for Grover Roberts, Jr., Assistant County Extension Agent, Elko County, effective July 1, 1954, to \$4800 per year from County funds.

(5) Appointment of Du Wayne Le Roy Goodwin as Assistant Professor of Range Management and Assistant Plant Ecologist, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$5400 for the year, the salary to be pro-rated between Resident Teaching and Agricultural Experiment Station funds.

- (6) Appointment of Howard C. Brooks as Laboratory Assistant in the Nevada Mining Analytical Laboratory, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$280 per month during the Summer for full time service and \$140 during the school year for 1/2 time service in the place of Darrell Lemaire.
- (7) Appointment of David Hand as Field Assistant in the Nevada Bureau of Mines at \$270 per month for July and August 1954.
- (8) Appointment of Lon S. Mc Girk, Jr. as Assistant Research Mineralogist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project for August 1954 and June 1955 at a salary of \$425 per month.
- (9) Appointment of Robert J. Morris as Assistant Research Chemist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project for August 1954 and June 1955 at a salary of \$450 per month.
- (10) Appointment of H. Jerome Seim as Assistant Research Chemist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project for August 1954 and June 1955 at a salary of \$390 per month.
- (11) Appointment of John S. Winston as Assistant Research Metallurgist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project for July and August 1954 at a salary of \$450 per month.
- (12) Appointment of Marvin C. Abrams as Junior Research Chemist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project for July and August 1954 at a salary of \$320 per month.
- (13) Change in contract for Hazel D. Mc Comas, Instructor in Summer Sessions, from \$300 to \$420 for the period June 14, 1954 to July 16, 1954, to compensate for additional teaching load.
- (14) Appointment of John R. Gottardi as Instructor in Summer Sessions for the period July 19, 1954 to August 20, 1954 at a salary of \$420 for the session, in the place of Dr. Paolozzi, resigned.
- (15) Appointment of Edward W. Yates as Instructor in

the Las Vegas Summer Session for the period June 7, 1954 to June 25, 1954 at a total salary of \$300.

- (16) Appointment of Vivienne Worley as Instructor in the Las Vegas Summer Session for the period June 28, 1954 to August 6, 1954 at a total salary of \$941.70.
- (17) Appointment of Burton C. Newbry as Instructor in the Las Vegas Summer Session for the period July 19, 1954 to August 6, 1954 at a total salary of \$300.
- (18) Appointment of James A. Langford as Instructor in the Las Vegas Summer Session for the period July 19, 1954 to August 6, 1954 at a total salary of \$300.
- (19) Appointment of Effie Mona Mack as Special Lecturer in Las Vegas for the school year 1954-55 at a salary of \$3040 for the year.
- (20) Appointment of Arthur B. Anderson as Inspector in Foods and Drugs, Weights and Measures, effective July 1, 1954 at a salary of \$3600 per year.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the above recommendations be approved.

C) The Board recessed as a Board of Regents and convened as a Board of Control for the Agricultural Experiment Station to consider personnel recommendations as follows:

- (1) Appointment of John R. Bertrand as Dean of Agriculture, Director of Resident Teaching in Agriculture, Director of Agricultural Extension Division and Director of Agricultural Experiment Station, effective October 1, 1954, at a salary of \$10,250 to be pro-rated from funds in the above mentioned Divisions.
- (2) Appointment of C. E. Fleming as Acting Dean of Agriculture, Acting Director of Agricultural Extension Division and Acting Director of Agricultural Experiment Station, for the period July 1, 1954 to October 1, 1954, at an additional stipend of \$300 for the period, from unallocated

salary funds.

- (3) Appointment of Howard James Weeth as Assistant Professor of Animal Husbandry and Assistant Physiologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station, effective September 1, 1954, at a salary rate of \$5400 per year to be pro-rated between the funds of the two Divisions.

Motion by Mr. Crumley carried unanimously that the above recommendations be approved.

D) The Board adjourned as a Board of Control for the Agricultural Experiment Station and reconvened as a Board of Regents. The President presented the following recommendations:

- (1) Acceptance, with recognition of appreciation for his services over the years, of the request of Dean Fredrick Wood that he be granted retirement as of July 1, 1955, when he will be eligible for automatic retirement.
- (2) Approval of the request of Dean Fredrick Wood that he be granted leave of absence with pay for the period October 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955.
- (3) Appointment of Ralph Irwin as Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Science for the year 1954-55 with a salary of \$7700 for the year.
- (4) Increase in salary for Joe Moose, Director of Research and Graduate Studies, to \$8100 per year, effective July 1, 1954, because of increasing load in Graduate Studies and the necessary additional time spent by Dr. Moose during the Summer in carrying on his duties.
- (5) Appointment of Sidney J. Claunch, Jr. as Instructor in Economics, Business and Sociology at a salary of \$4400 for the academic year 1954-55, or as Assistant Professor at a salary of \$4500 if he receives his Ph. D. degree by September 1954.
- (6) Appointment of Lauren L. Brink as Associate Professor of English for the academic year 1954-55 at a salary of \$5400 for the year.

- (7) Resignation of Gabriel J. Paolozzi as Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages effective July 1, 1954 to accept a position with the State Department in foreign service.
- (8) Appointment of Mitchell Smith as Lecturer in History and Political Science at a salary of \$4500 for the academic year 1954-55, in the place of Dr. Shepperson, on leave.
- (9) Appointment of John R. Bertrand as Dean of Agriculture, Director of Resident Teaching in Agriculture, Director of Agricultural Extension Division and Director of Agricultural Experiment Station, effective October 1, 1954, at a salary of \$10,250 per year, plus \$1000 for moving expenses.
- (10) Appointment of C. E. Fleming as Acting Dean of Agriculture, Acting Director of Agricultural Extension Division and Acting Director of Agricultural Experiment Station, for the period July 1, 1954 to October 1, 1954, at an additional stipend of \$300 for the period, from unallocated salary funds.
- (11) Appointment of Howard James Weeth as Assistant Professor of Animal Husbandry and Assistant Physiologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station, effective September 1, 1954, at a salary rate of \$5400 per year.
- (12) Increase in salary for John N. Butler, Project Engineer and Research Metallurgist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project to \$7920 per year, effective July 1, 1954, from Atomic Energy funds.
- (13) Increase in salary for Henry Phillip Ehrlinger, Assistant Research Metallurgist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy project to \$5580 per year, effective July 1, 1954, from Atomic Energy funds.
- (14) Increase in salary for Robert W. Stephens, Assistant Research Metallurgist in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project to \$5580 per year, effective July 1, 1954, from Atomic Energy funds.

(15) Reappointment of Lester L. Crawford as Laboratory Helper in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$280 for the month of July 1954 and \$300 per month thereafter.

(16) Appointment of Joseph John Mendive as Laboratory Technician in the Mackay School of Mines Atomic Energy Project, effective July 1, 1954, at a salary of \$280 per month for full time service during the Summer months and \$140 per month during the school year for 1/2 time services.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the above recommendations be approved.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 noon for luncheon.

The recessed meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 2 P. M. with all Regents, the President and the Comptroller present. Reporters present were Laxalt, Bennyhoff, Hulse and Lufkow. Mr. Friel came into the meeting at 2:05 P.M.

6. Presentation of Needs of the University for the Biennium 1955-57 in Budget Form

At the request of President Stout, the following individuals met with the Regents to discuss the needs of their particular Division.

- a) Dean S. G. Palmer College of Engineering
- b) Dean Fredrick Wood College of Arts & Science
- c) Acting Dean C. E. Fleming College of Agriculture
- d) Dean Vernon E. Scheid Mackay School of Mines
- e) Dean William R. Wood Statewide Program of
Higher Education
- f) Comptroller Hayden Buildings and Grounds
- g) President Stout (in the
absence of Dean Holstine) College of Education

7. University Farm

The proposed sale of the South Virginia Farm was discussed along with the Governor's rejection of the sale. After some discussion, it was agreed that a resolution should be prepared explaining the position of the Regents. Regent Crumley, as Chairman of the Committee on the College of Agriculture, presented the resolution.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the resolution be adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTION

With reference to Governor Charles Russell's rejection of the proposed exchange of the present University Farm on South Virginia Road for the Gilbert property and certain considerations in cash and equipment, the Board of Regents believe its action in the matter to be sound.

With due respect to the Governor, the Board of Regents feels that it is better qualified to judge what is good for the University than the committee chosen by the Governor to evaluate the proposed deal. Many months were spent by the Board - collectively and individually and with the best technical advice available - in arriving at a decision. In the brief period of its existence it seems improbable that the Governor's committee could possibly have acquired a background of knowledge on the pros and cons of the farm matter comparable to that of the Regents.

As such, a strictly cash sale of the farm property is obviously no solution. The Regents could no more justify disposing of this farm with no prospects of a replacement in sight that it could sell any of the University's instructional buildings out from under its students.

From the time of our decision to sell this farm because it is considered to be inadequate for the experimental and laboratory requirements of our College of Agriculture, the Regents made it plain that their first consideration was to find a suitable replacement property so that required experimental and laboratory work could go on with the least possible interruption.

The Board of Regents feels the reasons given by the Governor's committee in recommending against the transaction are lacking in sufficient merit to warrant disapproval of the sale.

Why the Governor did not extend or have his committee extend the courtesy of a meeting with the Board of Regents - prior to making his decision - is not readily apparent. Neither is it readily apparent why the opin-

ions of such recognized and qualified experts as Dean C. B. Hutchison of the College of Agriculture, and other competent members of his staff, were not sought. Information from these sources would have been made readily available to the Governor and his committee, which information would have instantly refuted many contentions contained in the committee's report.

The Regents feel they have at all times acted in good faith and in the best interests of the University. We doubt that the best interest of the University, or of the State as a whole, have been served by the rejection of this proposal.

8. Fleischmann Grant

The President reported the \$500,000 gift granted by the Trustees of the Max C. Fleischmann Foundation of Nevada to be added to the sums previously granted by the Foundation and given under the same conditions as previous grants.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the gift be accepted and the Secretary instructed to write a note of thanks to the Trustees of the Fleischmann Foundation on behalf of the Board of Regents.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The next meeting was called for Friday, August 13, 1954.