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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING January 4, 1957

The Board of Regents met in regular session in Room 205, Morrill Hall, University of Nevada, on Friday, January 4, 1957. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Grant at 9:10 A.M. Present: Regents Hardy, Lombardi, Thompson, Anderson, Grant; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout. Engineer Poolman and Academic Vice President Wood were present for items in their areas. Reporters Laxalt, Finch, Hulse and Eaton covered the meeting.

1. Election of Officers for the Coming Biennium

Vice Chairman Grant called for nominations.

- a) Dr. Lombardi nominated Regent Grant for Chairman. Motion by Dr. Anderson carried unanimously that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Grant as Chairman of the Board.
- b) Mr. Hardy nominated Dr. Lombardi for Vice Chairman. Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Lombardi as Vice Chairman of the Board.
- c) It was agreed, by unanimous assent, that the 4 Reno members of the Board shall comprise the Executive Committee, and that any 3 of the 4 members shall constitute a quorum.

Mr. Grant thanked the members of the Board for the confidence shown in him, and said that he would do his best to carry out the traditions of the school.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the minutes

of previous meetings be approved, and that the actions of the Executive Committee be approved, as follows:

- a) Regular meeting of December 13, 1956
- b) Executive Committee meeting of December 19, 1956

3. Comptroller's Claims

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

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

Regents Checks, numbers 67-95 to 67-119 inclusive for a total of \$369,622.77 for December 1956.

State Claims, numbers 67-58A to 67-75A inclusive for a total of \$197,180.36 for December 1956.

4. Name for New Building

Dr. Lombardi proposed that the Classroom building now being erected on the site of the old Chemistry building be named for Mr. Silas E. Ross, whose first teaching assignments were carried on in that building.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that a resolution be prepared by Dr. Lombardi naming the building in honor of Mr. Ross, and that the resolution become a part of the minutes of the Board.

RESOLUTION

One of the 200 young men and women enrolled in the University of Nevada in 1905, Silas Earl Ross, a native of the Truckee Meadows, began a distinguished career of public service. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, of which Dr. Ross was a member for 25 years and Chairman for 18 years, at a regular meeting held the 4th day of January, 1957, adopted resolutions, of which this preamble is a part, naming this building in honor of one of the institution's most beloved graduates.

WHEREAS, it has been said truthfully that if the University of Nevada is the lengthened shadow of a man, that

man is Silas E. Ross, and

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada in the 51 years that Dr. Ross has been part of it as student, teacher, graduate manager and Regent, has moved forward and upward to become one of the nation's distinguished institutions for higher education, and

WHEREAS, the vision, the human understanding, the business acumen and the painstaking effort, all a part of building the institution are reflected in the work and life of Dr. Ross,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada that this new modern classroom building be named the Silas Earl Ross Hall, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, signed by the members of the Board of Regents and the President of the University be placed in the cornerstone of this building, be spread in the minutes of the Board of Regents, given to Dr. Ross and his family and released to the Press.

Executed this day of January 4th, 1957.

Board of Regents of the University
of Nevada

by Archie Grant, Chairman
Royce A. Hardy
Louis E. Lombardi
Bruce R. Thompson
Fred M. Anderson
Minard W. Stout, President

5. School of Nursing

President Stout read a letter from the Nevada State Medical Association approving the projected School of Nursing, with the recommendation that instruction be so developed as to permit a student interested in the Nursing profession to qualify as a Registered Nurse at the conclusion of 3 years of study.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the letter be referred to Dr. Yingling without recommendation.

6. Nevada Taxpayers Association

At 9:30 A.M., members of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Taxpayers Association met with the Regents. Mr. M. E. Lundberg, Chairman, presented his group as follows: Mr. Neil Humphrey, Executive Secretary, and members Harris, Tracy, Young, Carter, Crosser, Garwood, Horgan, Knisley, Lovelock and Thomas. Mr. Lundberg stated that the Association is interested in helping the University in its accomplishments, but that further information is desired on the University Budget. Mr. Humphrey distributed prepared material on "Time Sequence: University of Nevada Budget" and "A Statement Concerning the 1957-59 Budget Request of the University of Nevada".

President Stout read his prepared statement on (I) Steps in the University's Budgetary Procedure, (II) Relationship of the University to the Nevada Taxpayers Association, and (III) Future Plans. He reiterated his statement that information is available at the University for the asking.

It was agreed by the University President and Regents that more detail would be provided in the salary items, such as brackets, and list of positions.

Mr. Lundberg thanked the Regents for the time given them and for the information gained in the meeting.

7. Holmshaw Estate

Mr. Sidney Robinson, Attorney for the surviving partners of the Nevada Auto Supply Company, Mr. E. J. Couture, General Manager, and Mr. W. B. Kottinger, Accountant, came into the meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the Estate of Alma M. Holmshaw, of which the University is a beneficiary. Mr. Priest, Deputy Attorney General, was present as the legal advisor of the University.

Mr. Robinson stated the purpose of the meeting as being for the exchange of information and ideas. He explained that the partners have carried on the business since the death of Mrs. Holmshaw, but that the customary withdrawals of \$200 per month for each partner, and \$600 for the 1/2-interest of Mrs. Holmshaw have not been made since her death. He suggested that these withdrawals be permitted, and that the withdrawal of \$600 for Mrs. Holmshaw's interest go to the Executor to be held in trust for the University until settlement is made.

Mr. Kottinger distributed copies of the financial statement of the firm to the Regents, the Deputy Attorney General, the Comptroller and the President.

Mr. Robinson represented his clients as desiring to continue in the business and as desiring to arrange with the University for purchase of the University's 1/2-interest, on an orderly method of purchase which would protect the University during the settlement.

It was agreed, by consensus, that Mr. Robinson submit a concrete proposal on behalf of the surviving partners, and that the Attorney General's Office study the situation and render an opinion as to the legal status of the University in such situation.

8. Experiment Station Farm - Fallon

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District entered an order to the effect that the Irrigation District should bill the University for water, in line with their established policy of selling water, if and when available, to lands without a water-right. A copy of the deed to the land from the Federal Government to the State of Nevada was submitted to the Attorney General for his opinion as to whether or not the University could be so charged. His opinion, dated December 17, 1956, was as follows:

It is clear that the State and government have in no way or manner agreed to an acceptance of the burdens by the State, proposed by the T. C. I. D. (Truckee-Carson Irrigation District) to be imposed upon the State.

From all of the foregoing, we have arrived at the conclusion that there is a complete subrogation and substitution of parties (State government substituted for national government) to the rights, powers, privileges, duties and immunities of the Federal Government in its relationship with the T. C. I. D., and that the one occupies the legal position of the other in all respects as to the operation of the farm, except as expressed in the patent to the contrary.

From this conclusion, we draw the secondary conclusion that it was never the intent of the United States, or of the State of Nevada, that the State be required to

pay to the T. C. I. D. any part of the construction costs of the Newlands Project or any sums on account of the annual cost of operation and maintenance of the Newlands Project, and that the T. C. I. D. has no authority to collect such sum or either of them under the contract of December 18, 1926, or under any statutory law, and that therefore the authority asserted by the T. C. I. D., to collect said sums or either of them, from the State of Nevada, does not exist.

Recent information is that the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District might cut off the water to the farm if payment is not made.

Deputy Attorney General Priest reiterated the opinion of the Attorney General, stated above, and said it had been given very careful study. If water is cut off, it would become a matter to be settled in Court.

The meeting recessed at 12:55 noon for luncheon in the University Dining Hall.

The recessed meeting was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by Chairman Grant.

9. Personnel Recommendations

President Stout presented his recommendations as follows:

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Appointment of Crystal J. Strickler as Assistant Home Agent in Clark County, effective January 1, 1957, at a salary rate of \$5000 per year based on 12 months service (new position).

Appointment of Joseph F. Stein as Assistant Animal Husbandman in the Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Animal Husbandman, effective January 1, 1957, at a salary rate of \$7000 based on 12 months service (new position).

Resignation of Joe B. Williams as Agronomy Research Technician, Agricultural Experiment Station, effective January 18, 1957.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Reappointment of Jack Myles as Lecturer in Journalism at a salary of \$600 for the Spring semester 1957.

MACKAY SCHOOL OF MINES

Resignation of Henry P. Ehrlinger as Assistant Research Metallurgist in the Atomic Energy Project, effective March 4, 1957, in order that he might accept a position in the mining industry.

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

In approving the appointment of Joseph F. Stein and his resignation of Joe B. Williams, the Board acted also as a Board of Control for the Agricultural Experiment Station.

10. Gifts

Gifts received by the University were presented for acceptance by the Board of Regents, as follows:

- a) From Mrs. Frank Humphrey of Reno, \$100 for the Music Department of the University.
- b) From Arthur E. Orvis, \$20,000 as second installment to the fund for the Orvis School of Nursing.
- c) From Mr. J. E. Masek, Mrs. Irma D. Masek and Mr. William Cosulas, partners in the Las Vegas Distributing Company, and from customers of that company, \$500 to establish an annual scholarship for deserving students of Nevada Southern, the awards to be made on the basis of need, ability and integrity, effective immediately.
- d) From General Motors Corporation, \$500 to establish a scholarship program, effective immediately as follows:

GENERAL MOTORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year General Motors will provide the participating institution with information as to the number of scholarships allocated to it under the College Plan.

The institution is to have full discretion in the award of the scholarship. There are to be no limitations as to the course of study, and the award is to be open to any qualified young man or young woman who is a citizen of the United States.

These awards are intended for outstanding individuals who are seeking admission to the participating institutions. The standards of scholarship and all-around ability which these institutions apply should be in keeping with this objective. Consideration is to be directed to the applicant's high school academic record, the participation in extracurricular activities, a well developed psychology of responsibility and leadership qualifications.

It is intended that awards be made to the students entering the Freshman year. The awards will be renewed for the other undergraduate years provided the students continue to meet the high standards established for holders of this award. The institution is to be the sole judge in reaching this decision.

Should the holder of the award withdraw or fail to maintain a record in line with the standards established by the institution, the scholarship may be awarded to another qualified candidate who is a member of the same class.

There will be no obligation on the part of the holder of the award to accept employment with General Motors, nor will there be any responsibility on the part of General Motors to offer employment.

The amount of the award has been made flexible and will range from an honorary award of \$200 up to an award of \$2000 per year, depending upon the need of the individual for financial assistance.

The financial need is determined by the participating institution in cooperation with Sponsored Scholarship Services of Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey.

The gifts were accepted, by unanimous assent, and the Secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks to the donors on behalf of the Board of Regents.

11. Stadtmuller Bequest

President Stout reported receipt of the following from the Estate of Clara Field Stadtmuller:

Estate Check No. 39, dated December 18, 1956, in the sum

of \$12,496.64.

115 shares of California Packing Corporation capital stock as evidenced by certificates No. SC13415 and No. SO41018 (approximate value - \$4900).

5.76 shares of Edek Corporation capital stock as evidenced by certificate No. 2076 (no known value).

40 shares of The Timken Roller Bearing Company capital stock as evidenced by certificate No. C07765 (approximate value - \$4020).

The above "are received in trust to be maintained as the Stadtmuller-Field Fund, pursuant to the terms of the Will of Clara Field Stadtmuller, deceased, and the terms of the decree of distribution in the above entitled estate." According to the Will, these assets are to be held in trust in the "Stadtmuller-Field Fund", the earnings and dividends thereof to be used for student scholarships.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the bequest and its terms be accepted, and that an appropriate letter be sent to the Executor of the Estate, Mr. Edwin W. Stadtmuller.

12. Right-of-Way - Main Station Farm

A request was presented from the Sierra Pacific Power Company for right-of-way across the edge of the Main Station Farm to serve the new Hidden Valley Development and Golf Course. The proposed location of the lines has been checked by Dean Adams, College of Agriculture, and by Mr. Poolman, University Engineer, and has the approval of both.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the right-of-way be granted, as requested by the Sierra Pacific Power Company, and that the Chairman of the Board of Regents be authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

13. Petition for Extension of Sewer System - Las Vegas

As directed in the meeting of December 13, 1956, the financing of the sewer system was checked, to determine what obligation, if any, the University would assume by signing the petition. Mr. Poolman reported that the system is financed by General Obligation Bonds, and it is intended that the extension would be financed in like manner. However,

the University, being a State agency, would be exempt from resulting taxation. The only expense to the University would be the usual fee for connecting to the system and the regular monthly service charge.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the Chairman be authorized to sign the petition, on behalf of the Board, to include the property owned by the University in Clark County Sanitation District No. 1.

14. Application for Campus Site - Las Vegas

Action on the University's request for conditional use permit for a Campus site in Las Vegas was presented in the form of a motion by the Clark County Planning Commission, as follows:

Commissioner Colton moved, seconded by Chairman Albright and carried, that the application of Board of Regents, University of Nevada to establish a Campus site for Southern Regional Division be approved subject to the conditions as outlined by Planning Commission that dedication of a minimum of 40 feet on the West, North and South boundaries of the property for rights-of-way purposes, or as required by the County Engineer, be maintained.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the Secretary notify the Clark County Planning Commission that the University accepts the use permit on conditions specified.

15. State Planning Board

At 2:10 P.M. the following members of the State Planning Board came into the meeting - Mr. Isbell, Chairman, Mr. Gibson, Professor Sandorf, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Cox. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Bissell of the Planning Board staff were present also.

Mr. Isbell expressed the desire of the Planning Board to help the University in its building program. In the discussion, the attention of the Planning Board was called to priority of the University's building needs, which was changed by the Planning Board without consultation with University officials. Mr. Hancock replied for the Planning Board that requests had been received on a Statewide basis amounting to \$100,000,000 while only \$1,800,000 is available with which to work.

The Planning Board asked that a structural survey be made on buildings which are to be remodeled in the future, and that a master plan be made for the Reno Campus including utilities and streets and walks. The master planning would be handled by the State Planning Board, working in close cooperation with the University. They asked also for completion of the master plan for the Las Vegas Campus, and topographical maps for both Campuses.

The Planning Board had included in its recommendation for structural survey, buildings which the University listed as not in need of immediate repair, and Mr. Hancock explained that it was because these buildings are now in existence - that the plan is to seek other than State financing for new construction. All University buildings were approved, if and when financing is possible.

Mr. Grant discussed the suggestion of the University that funds other than State appropriations might be secured for some of the proposed buildings, particularly the dining hall and dormitories. Permissive legislation would be required to set up a "Housing Authority" of some kind. He asked the Planning Board to help the University secure such legislation.

Mr. Grant summarized that cooperation between the two groups could be improved and that better understanding of the Boards in regard to each other's position would be beneficial to both.

Motion by Dr. Anderson carried unanimously that the University work with the State Planning Board in preparation of a master plan of the Campus, topographical map and such other maps as are deemed desirable, in line with the requests of the Planning Board in meeting today.

Mr. Neil Humphrey of the Nevada Taxpayers Association came into the meeting at 3:20 P.M. as an observer.

16. Cornerstone - Las Vegas Building

Mr. Bissell informed the Regents that the laying of the cornerstone in Las Vegas would have to be postponed until a time when the Planning Board could obtain a suitable cornerstone, probably March 10 or 17.

Mr. Grant thanked the members of the State Planning Board

for meeting with the Regents and talking through these matters.

17. Alumni Association Petition

President Stout distributed material showing that the University had provided in its budget for 1957-59 the sum of \$93,365 for student help. President Stout read also an excerpt from the minutes of the Athletic and Eligibility Committee held on January 2, 1957, as follows:

A report was made of the annual Fall meeting of the Far Western Conference faculty athletic representatives at San Francisco State College on December 7th and 8th. At this meeting it was determined that no F. W. C. school now has a special or specific program of aid to athletes. However, information was presented which revealed that the sources of jobs available to all students with proper qualifications were in the various Departments of the College or University and were administered by the said Departments.

It is the expressed feeling of this committee that a program conceived with the primary intent of aiding athletes would be in conflict with the Constitution of the Far Western Conference. Therefore, this committee cannot recommend any program which does not conform to the letter, spirit and intent of the Constitution of the Far Western Conference.

It was agreed that no action be taken on the Alumni request for student grant-in-aids.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the University add \$20,000 to its budget for the next biennium to employ an Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association who will devote half time to the Alumni Office and half time in whatever capacity the University Administration requires him.

18. Mc Henry Report

Regent Thompson reported on his conversation with Mr. Springmeyer of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, that the Mc Henry Report is now in the State Printing Office and will not be ready for distribution until the Legislature opens (January 21). In the meantime, the Legislative Counsel Bureau will meet to consider its recommendations to the

Legislature, based on the Mc Henry Report.

In view of the above, it was agreed that the Regents would meet to consider the Mc Henry Report on Friday, January 18.

19. Regents Meetings

Discussion indicated that all Regents favored fixed dates for regular meetings. The President was asked to work out a tentative schedule for 1957 and submit it to the Board for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. until the next meeting, set for January 18, 1957.

A. C. Grant
Chairman

Alice Terry
Secretary