

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes April 18-19, 1957

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 1957

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met on Thursday, April 18, 1957, for a luncheon meeting at the Holiday Hotel.

Present: Regents Hardy, Thompson, Anderson and Lombardi; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout. Engineer Poolman and Academic Vice President Wood were present for items in their areas of work. The meeting was called to order at 12:45 noon by Vice Chairman Lombardi.

Budget

President Stout distributed material on the 1957-59 biennial budget, as follows: Proposed Salary Budget 1957-59, Proposed Equipment Budget 1957-59, Proposed Operating Budget 1957-59, and 1957-59 Budget Summary. President Stout discussed the budget material, and proposed certain budget transfers which were acted upon as follows:

Motion by Dr. Anderson carried unanimously that approval be given to the transfer of unallocated funds in the President's Reserve Fund for Salaries to Equipment and Operation for use in the current biennium.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the President be authorized to proceed on salary increases for the coming year on the basis of 5% for across-the-board and 2 1/2% for merit and emergency increases.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that approval be given to the transfer of \$100,000 from Equipment Fund to the Salary Fund for new positions for the 1957-59 biennium.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that approval be given to the transfer of \$100,000 from Operating Fund to the Salary Fund for new positions for the 1975-59 biennium.

Tuition and Fees

President Stout distributed copies of a study made by the Registrar's office on Fees Charged Resident and Regular Students at 29 Land Grant Colleges, based on latest information available. Since the Legislature did not provide all the funds requested to carry on the program of the University of Nevada, there was discussion on increased revenue from fees and tuition. The study indicated that Nevada was well below the average in its present charges.

Motion by Dr. Anderson carried unanimously that approval be given to increasing the consolidated student fee from \$65 to \$100 per semester and the out-of-state tuition from \$135 to \$150 per semester.

Hayden Ellicott Estate

President Stout presented a letter under date of March 19, 1957 from Henry C. Clausen, Attorney, presenting a Compromise Agreement for Distribution of the Estate of Hayden Ellicott. The letter briefed the proposed settlement, as follows, and carried the recommendation of Mr. Clausen that the agreement be approved:

Originally the University expected to get around \$18,000. A dispute developed over the interpretation of the Will and whether the specific devise and bequest to the University of Nevada included only property located in the State of Nevada at the time of making the Will or whether it included the property located in Nevada at the time of the decedent's death. A continuing search for assets made it evident that the amount in dispute was equal to that clearly available to the University even if it were not to prevail. Since the commencement of the estate proceedings two separate pieces of litigation have developed in addition to the Will contest. There is a claim against some California real estate worth at least \$1,000, and there is a claim against a note held by the estate and worth at least \$5,000. In the proposed settlement, I have succeeded in getting the Oakland charity to agree to assume the latter two pieces of litigation, to pay the Will contest settlement amount, to pay all expenses of administration and attorney's fees, and to release its claim against all property located in the State of Nevada at the time of decedent's death. The only thing that the West Oakland Home Corporation will receive is the income on the shares of stock since the decedent's death.

Mr. Clausen estimated that the proposed settlement would yield from \$34,000 to \$38,000, less attorney's fees.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that Mr. Clausen be authorized to proceed on the settlement basis as outlined in his letter and quoted above.

Board of Regents Meeting

Discussion took place on the advisability of holding a regular meeting of the Board of Regents prior to the Commencement meeting to act upon salary increases, promotions and other personnel recommendations, in the thought that these matters should be acted upon as soon as recommendations are in order.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that a meeting of the Board of Regents be scheduled as soon as a date can be set, and that the 4 members to the Board of Regents who were elected by the State Legislature be notified.

It was agreed that the Secretary record individual votes on all matters in which there is not an unanimous vote, as a basis for determining decisions following the action of the Supreme Court regarding the status of the Regents elected by the Legislature.

State Planning Board Meeting

President Stout called attention to the meeting of the State Planning Board in Carson City at 10 A.M. on Saturday, April 20, 1957, to which all members of the Board of Regents are invited. President Stout and Mr. Poolman have been asked to bring master plans for the Reno and Las Vegas Campuses, and it was agreed that these will be presented as tentative plans only.

On the agenda for the State Planning Board meeting is selection of an architect for University buildings to be constructed with revenue bonds. Payment to the architect will come from University funds; for this reason it was agreed that the University request a voice in the selection of the architect.

Recommendation of Dr. Stout was approved by assent that University money be used as a revolving fund to pay the 1% planning charge of the architect, and that the revolving fund be reimbursed from federal money, when it is received.

Referring to the matter of an architect for the Fine Arts building, it was agreed by assent, that the University request that a Nevada architect be chosen, with the requirement that he employ an outside consultant because of the specialized use to which the building will be put.

Right-of-Way

A document was presented from the Sierra Pacific Power Company and the Bell Telephone Company requesting a right-of-way across the Main Station Farm, to the facilities which have been leased to the U. S. Forest Service. The request carried the approval of Dean Adams and Engineer Poolman.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the right-of-way be granted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

L. E. Lombardi
Vice Chairman

Alice Terry
Secretary