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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

October 14, 1977

The Board of Regents met on the above date in The Center, 1101 N.

Virginia, Reno.

Members present: Fred M. Anderson, M. D.

Mr. James L. Buchanan, II

Mr. John Buchanan

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Mr. Chris Karamanos

Mrs. Molly Knudtsen

Louis E. Lombardi, M. D.

Miss Brenda Mason

Mr. John Tom Ross

Others present: Acting Chancellor Donald H. Baepler

Executive Vice President Russell Bloyer **Executive Vice President Jack Davis** Counsel Larry Lessly Mr. Stan Aiazzi, NNCC Ms. Joan Chambers, UNR Ms. Jo Anne Dain, WNCC/N Mr. George Eversull, CCCC Mr. Robert Hill, WNCC/S Dr. Thomas Hoffer, DRI Dr. Clarence Ray, UNLV Ms. Barbara Summers, Unit The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buchanan at 10:45 A.M. 1. Approval of Minutes The minutes of September 16, 1977 were submitted for approval.

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs.

President Max Milam

President Lloyd Smith

Executive Vice President William Berg

Fong, carried without dissent.

2. Report of Gifts and Grants

Acceptance of the gifts and grants as reported by the

Officers was recommended (report identified as Ref. 2 and
filed with permanent minutes).

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

3. Report of Investment Advisory Committee

Mr. John Buchanan noted that the actions of the Investment

Advisory Committee at its meeting of September 16, 1977 had

been confirmed by the Board on the same day and the minutes

had subsequently been distributed by mail.

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval of the minutes as distributed. Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

4. Resignation of Dean George Smith

President Milam reported that Dr. George Smith had resigned as Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, effective November 1, to accept an appointment as Chief of Staff for Academic Affairs at the Boston Veterans Administration Hospital. Dr. Milam cited Dr. Smith's substantial contributions to the School of Medical Sciences from its inception in 1967 to its present status and suggested that a resolution of appreciation from the Regents would be appropriate.

Dr. Anderson moved that such a resolution be prepared for adoption at the November meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

5. Appointment of Dean, School of Medical Sciences

President Milam spoke of the accreditation of the Medical School which is pending and the recruiting which is now underway for Division Chairmen. He stated that because of the importance of these two activities, it is considered highly desirable and necessary that a permanent Dean be appointed as soon as possible, and recommended that the Board agree to an exception to its Affirmative Action Policy which requires both an internal and external search, to permit the

appointment of Dr. Thomas Scully as Dean of the Medical School, effective November 1, 1977.

Mr. Harry Wolf, Affirmative Action Officer for UNR, confirmed that such action is permissible within the Federal requirements, and only Board policy would require an external search.

Mr. Karamanos moved that an exception to Board policy be made and that Dr. Thomas Scully be appointed Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, effective November 1, 1977.

Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

It was agreed that a national search would be conducted for a replacement for Dr. Scully's vacated position as Associate Dean.

6. Request for Leave of Absence Without Pay, UNR

President Milam recommended that John Gallian, Extension and Experiment Station Plant Pathologist be granted an extension of his leave of absence without pay for an additional year ending September 14, 1978, in order to complete his doctorate in plant pathology.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Dr. Anderson, carried without dissent.

7. Approval of Postretirement Appointment, UNR

President Milam recommended that Mr. Lloyd Stitt be offered a postretirement appointment for the period October 1, 1977 to May 31, 1978 on a half-time basis at Rank III, Step 11, which is equivalent to his rank and step upon retirement from UNR in 1970. Mr. Stitt's title will be that of "Pesticide Impact Assessment Associate" and he will be responsible for gathering and submitting data pertaining to RPAR Candidate Pesticides, a project under the direction of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried without dissent.

8. Proposed Sale of Property

President Milam recalled that in 1976 UNR received a gift deed to 4.6 acres of unimproved land near Colfax, California from Eleanore F. Holloway. The property was valued for tax

purposes at \$13,500 and was to be sold with the proceeds used to establish the H. Hamer Holloway Medical School Scholarship. Bids were opened October 6, 1977 for sale of this property with the following results:

Robert O. Sinnock	\$20,100
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Lloyd D. Wilson 17,688

Harry Jorgensen 15,808

Kenneth Ray Allen 13,125

Melo F. Pello 10,585

Adolph Locatelli 8,250

Terms offered by the high bidder provide for a ten percent down payment, with the balance to be carried for ten years at an interest rate of 1-1/2% over the San Francisco prime rate which was 7-1/2% on October 7, 1977.

President Milam recommended acceptance of the bid of Robert Sinnock for \$20,100 under the terms specified. Acting Chancellor Baepler concurred, noting that sale of this property also requires concurrence of the Governor.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

9. Appointment to School of Medical Sciences Advisory Board

President Milam recommended the appointment of Dr. Peter Bing to the School of Medical Sciences Advisory Board. He noted that Dr. Bing is a Nevada resident and is a member of the Bing Fund, a California foundation, and is President of the Stanford Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Fong moved approval. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

It was noted by Dr. Anderson that this brings the Board to its limit of 16 members. It was agreed that nominations for additional members, at such time as there is a vacancy, would be advanced through the Dean of the School of Medical Sciences.

10. Approval of Estimative Budget, DRI

President Smith requested approval to establish the following Estimative Budget for a Data Sales Account within the Water Resources Center:

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Receipts from Sales \$15,300

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages \$11,000

Fringe Benefits 2,100

Travel 200

Operating 2,000

Total \$15,300

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried without dissent.

11. Request for Loans from Contingency Reserve, DRI

President Smith reported that the current balance in the DRI Contingency Reserve is \$162,295.66, and requested approval of the following two loans:

(1) \$50,000 to the Water Resources Center to allow work to continue on ERDA Contract EY-76-C-08-1253. This is a renewal of a contract which has been in effect for 7 years. ERDA officials have indicated the contract will be renewed in the amount of \$653,000 for the period October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1978.

(2) The Atmospheric Sciences Center has applied for a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$183,000 under the Emergency Drought Relief Program to supplement the existing Cloud Seeding Program. Authorization of a \$50,000 loan to this program is requested if word is received that the application is going to be approved.

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

Mr. Ross moved approval. Motion seconded by Dr. Anderson, carried without dissent.

12. Change in Name of Laboratory, UNLV

Dr. Baepler recalled that in the Spring of 1977, the Applied Physiology Laboratory was transferred from the administrative supervision of DRI to the UNLV Biology Department.

Work undertaken by this Laboratory is compatible with the research efforts of the Biology Department and during the

1976-77 academic year the Department received a large number of grants totaling several hundreds of thousands of dollars, of which approximately one-half could appropriately be assigned to the area of environmental or arid land research.

Dr. Baepler reported that the Department of Biology and the College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering have recommended that the Applied Physiology Laboratory be renamed the Desert Biology Research Center, suggesting that this will stimulate additional grants and give this area of research a special emphasis and identify it in the minds of granting agencies. The Center will be housed in the Department of Biology under the general administration of the College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering, and will have as its Director, Dr. Mohamed Yousef, who for many years has been associated with the Laboratory. Dr. Baepler noted that Dr. Yousef will not receive additional compensation for this responsibility nor will his present teaching load be reduced. Dr. Baepler recommended approval of the proposed change, effective immediately.

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

13. Contract Award for Tonopah Hall Remodel, UNLV

President Baepler reported that the State Public Works

Board will open bids for the remodel of Tonopah Hall on

October 20, 1977, and authority has been delegated to its

staff to award a construction contract for this work within

ten days following that date. Dr. Baepler recommended that

the Board of Regents delegate authority to the Administra
tion to concur with the recommendation of the State Public

Works Board in the award of a construction contract so that

there will be no undue delay in proceeding with the work.

A report will be made to the Board at the November 18

meeting.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried without dissent.

Mr. Karamanos noted that Vice President Glennen and Dr.

Thomas Cassese were present at his invitation to discuss the condition of the dormitory, adding that in his opinion the atmosphere in the dormitory has improved considerably over the past several weeks. He did state, however, that he believed the condition of the elevators represented a dangerous situation. Dr. Baepler stated that a report will

be brought back to the November meeting concerning the condition of the elevators and what must be done to effect any repairs which are required.

14. Remodeling of Campus Student Union, UNLV

Dr. Baepler reported that the UNLV Student Union Board has proposed to modify the dining services in the Union building to provide a fast food facility in addition to a delicatessen type facility. The scope of the work is to include remodeling certain existing spaces, relocating some food service equipment and installing new furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Dr. Baepler recommended that the design of all physical changes and additions be assigned to J. Mc Daniel, Architects, with the total project cost not to exceed \$150,000.

Funds are available from the Student Union Reserve Funds and bid results for construction will be submitted for Board approval.

Mrs. Fong moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried without dissent.

15. Approval of Fund Transfers, UNLV

Acting Chancellor Baepler requested approval of the following fund transfers:

Contingency Reserve, State Appropriated Accounts

#78-020 \$6,203 to Physical Education to provide for salary and fringe benefits for a special classified position in the Exercise Physiology Laboratory.

#78-028 \$7,968 to Social Services to make adjustment in professional contract and back pay as per agreement with Department of Labor.

#78-029 \$5,632 to University College for part-time Summer counseling contracts.

#78-030 \$6,127 to Dean's Office, College of Allied Health,
to provide for portion of Dean's salary which had
been anticipated would be funded from a gift
account which did not materialize.

#78-022 \$5,713 to establish a new Personnel position to handle increased work load. Offsetting transfer made from Purchasing Department.

Mr. John Buchanan moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

16. Discussion of Affirmative Action

In response to a request from Mrs. Fong, reports were presented by Mr. James Kitchen and Mr. Harry Wolf on the procedures followed in appointment of professional personnel.

Reports are on file in the Chancellor's Office.

17. Report of Investment Advisory Committee

Mr. John Buchanan reported on the meeting of the Investment

Advisory Committee held during the lunch recess, noting that
the Committee had approved the recommendations from FNB for
changes in the portfolio (i. e., sale of 6,000 shares of
Miles Laboratories stock and purchase of 5,000 shares of
May Department Stores, 3,600 of J. C. Penney and 4,500 of
Hospital Corp. of America), and purchase of certain stock

for the Mac Millan Fund (i. e., 10,000 shares of Seatrain Lines Cvt. 6% due 1994, 10,000 Harrah's Cvt. 7-1/2% due 1996, 200 Southern Pacific and 200 International Harvester).

Dr. Lombardi moved approval of the Committee's actions.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

18. Western Nevada Community College Parking

Executive Vice President Davis recalled that the original contract documents for Western Nevada Community College/Reno Phase II, included the access road and five paved parking lots as additive alternates to the base bid. Due to insufficient funds, none of the alternatives was accepted. Subsequently, the Regents authorized \$45,932 from the Capital Improvement Fee Fund so that a change order could be issued for the construction of the access road and three of the five parking lots. A recent refund by the Utility Company, plus remaining project funds, has resulted in an unobligated balance in the project budget for WNCC/Reno, Phase II, that will, according to preliminary estimates by the State Public Works Board, cover the cost of constructing the two additional parking lots.

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended that the Regents concur in this proposed action by the State Public Works Board and request them to proceed with this project immediately.

Mr. Ross moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

19. Retention of Consultant Services, CCD

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that the 1977 Legislature postponed the construction of additional Community College Campuses pending a study regarding the need for additional Campuses and the development of a long-range plan for the expansion of the Community College Program.

In conjunction with this study, the State Public Works

Board, at the direction of the Chairmen of the two legislative money committees, has been urged to undertake a feasibility study for developing Community College Campuses adjacent to high school vocational-technical programs. As an example of this approach, the Chairmen cited the feasibility of developing a Community College Campus in conjunction with the vocational-technical school in Clark County as well as high school facilities throughout the State. The purpose

of the feasibility studies, according to the legislative money committee Chairmen, is to serve as a valuable guide to the Legislature when considering requests for future development of the Community Colleges in Nevada.

Dr. Baepler reported that, in order to expedite the process of determining additional Community College facility needs, the Community College Executive Vice Presidents recommend that the Board of Regents retain the consulting firm of Tadlock Associates, Inc., for a not-to-exceed project cost of \$49,700, including labor, fees and direct costs. Funding for the study is to come from the following sources:

Capital Improvement Fee Funds

Clark County Community College \$16,200

Western Nevada Community College 11,700

Northern Nevada Community College 2,100

\$30,000

Board of Regents Special Projects Fund

\$20,000

Acting Chancellor Baepler endorsed the recommendation for the retention of Tadlock Associates, Inc., and the proposed method of funding, with the understanding that any funds not expended would be returned to the appropriate Capital Improvement Fee Fund.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried without dissent.

20. Proposed Amendment of Board Policy

Acting Chancellor Baepler noted that current Board policy governing the expenditure of Capital Improvement Fee Funds (Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 7, Board of Regents Handbook) provides that such fees may be expended upon approval of the Board of Regents in the following manner:

- (a) For the service of revenue bonds when a revenue bond issue has been authorized by the Nevada State Legislature. Such revenue bonds may be issued only for the purpose of construction of academic buildings.
- (b) For the necessary supplementation of capital projects

which have been approved by the Nevada State Legislature.

- (c) For the purchase of land adjacent to either Campus and within the master plan areas as such land becomes available and is offered for sale.
- (d) To loan to the dormitory and dining hall bond indebtedness service funds in the event such funds are unable to meet their annual payments.
- (e) For such remodeling projects as are urgently needed for the accommodation of students in academic buildings but which cannot be funded from University funds or State Public Works Board Capital Improvement Funds.

Dr. Baepler recalled that the Board has previously authorized the use of Capital improvement Fee Funds for the Campus Physical Master Plans for UNR and UNLV which are presently being prepared by the firm of John Carl Warren and Associates. However, the policy statement referenced above has not been confirmed.

ter 3 of the Codification of Board Policy Statements be amended by the following addition:

(f) For programming, planning, design and feasibility studies pertaining to capital projects which require consulting services in order to carry out the University's basic responsibilities in developing long range programs and plans.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

21. Proposed Code Amendment to Provide Tenure to Part-Time
Faculty

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that in May 1976, the UNR
Faculty Senate proposed amendments to Chapter 3 of the UNS
Code to extend tenure to faculty designated as fifty percent
or more of full-time. This proposal was referred to other
Division Senates. A System ad hoc committee was subsequently appointed to review this proposal and the report of the
ad hoc committee was then referred to Division Senates. A
copy of the ad hoc committee's report was included with the
agenda (identified as Ref. 17 and filed with permanent

The following actions by the Senates were reported:
(1) The UNR Faculty Senate has endorsed the recommendation
of the ad hoc committee.
(2) President Smith has stated that "DRI will continue to
maintain the policy not to grant tenure to any of its
faculty".
(3) The UNLV Senate approved the proposed amendment to the
Code.

(4) There has been no response from the CCD Faculty

Dr. Baepler pointed out that this proposal is not intended

given tenure but only to allow them to be considered for

to require that part-time faculty of .50 FTE or more must be

tenure. Granting of tenure would be recommended only after

the review procedure required for full-time faculty has been

Senates.

followed.

minutes).

He also noted that part-time faculty under this category may elect to be placed on Rank 0 rather than be given academic or equivalent rank and thus be placed on a tenure track, forcing them into an up-or-out situation at the end of the required probationary period.

Ms. Jo Anne Dain reported that the WNCC/N Campus Senate supports the proposal advanced by the ad hoc committee.

Mr. George Eversull reported that CCCC Senate supports the proposal advanced by the ad hoc committee for amendment to the Code but opposes the proposed addition of Section 15, to Chapter 4 of the Board of Regents Handbook.

Ms. Chambers requested that there be a distinction made between those part-time faculty who would be eligible for tenure and those who would not.

Mr. Ross moved to table this matter until the next meeting with a request to the Chancellor's Office for a definition of part-time faculty to be included in the provision for tenure. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

22. Proposed Code Amendment to Add Classified Employee to Chancellor's Advisory Cabinet

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that in March, 1977 the

UNR Faculty Senate proposed the following amendment to the

UNS Code:

1.3.8 The Chancellor's Advisory Cabinet

(a) The Chancellor's Advisory Cabinet shall consist of the Presidents of the four Divisions, the Chairman of each Division Senate, the Chairman of the Unit Senate, one student body representative selected by the United Students of the University of Nevada System, and one representative of the classified service of the University. The Chancellor may designate additional members for special purposes. The Chancellor shall, at the request of any Division President, invite the President of the student body of that Division to participate in discussion of specific items.

The proposed amendment was referred to all Division Senates

with the following actions being reported:

- (1) The Unit Senate failed to pass a motion supporting the proposed Code amendment.
- (2) The UNLV Senate approved the proposed Code amendment.
- (3) No actions by the CCD or DRI Senates were reported.

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended approval of the proposed Code amendment, and suggested that the representative from the classified staff be selected by the Chancellor from among nominees submitted by each of the five units of the University (i. e., two nominees each from UNLV, UNR, CCD, DRI, and the Unit), with the assignment to be rotated annually.

Miss Mason moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

Mr. Karamanos moved to reconsider the above action. Motion to reconsider seconded by Dr. Anderson, carried with Miss Mason opposing.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved that the Code not be amended but that the Chancellor have the authority to invite a member of the classified staff to attend the Chancellor's Advisory Cabinet meeting whenver a subject is under discussion of concern to to that group of employees. Motion seconded by Dr. Anderson, carried without dissent.

23. Proposed Amendment to Grant-in-Aid Policy

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that in January, 1977 the UNLV Senate proposed the following addition to the Grant-in-Aid Policy as it appears in Section 5, Chapter 14, Title 4 of the Board of Regents Handbook:

- Retired professional staff members* and their immediate families are eligible for grant-in-aid privileges.
 - *Retired professional staff members shall mean either of the following:
 - an individual age 60 or over with a minimum of 10 years service;
 - 2) an individual age 55 or over with a minimum of 20

years service.

This proposal was referred to the other Division Senates for review with the following actions reported:

- 1) The Unit Senate endorsed the recommendation.
- 2) The UNR Senate voted to support the UNLV proposal but suggested the following substitute wording:
- Retired professional staff members* and their immediate families are eligible for grant-in-aid privileges.
 - *Retired professional staff members shall be those who have held positions defined in UNS Code Sect. 1.3.3, and who have retired under either of the following circumstances:
 - an individual age 60 or over with a minimum of 10 years service;
 - an individual age 55 or over with a minimum of 20 years service.

Dr. Baepler noted that Section 1.3.3 of the UNS Code reads:

"Each Division of the University shall have a faculty, which
shall be organized in accordance with Division Bylaws. The
faculty of a Division shall consist of all persons holding
authorized professional positions (i. e., authorized by the
Board of Regents) with exceptions as stated in the Division
Bylaws."

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Grant-in-Aid Policy, using the substitute wording proposed by UNR.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

24. Proposed Changes in Policy and Procedure

Acting Chancellor Baepler suggested that there are a number of items which are presently included on the Regents' agendas which appear to be purely administrative in nature and which, because they conform to Board policy or to procedures established by the State of Nevada, are normally treated in a perfunctory manner by the Board. In view of this, Dr.

Baepler presented the following recommendations by the Of-

ficers for changes in policy and procedures:

- 1) Leaves of absence without pay be granted administratively by each Unit or Division for periods up to and including one calendar year. Leaves of absence which go beyond the one year limit will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval.
- 2) All purchases of supplies and materials, except items related to capital construction, be handled administratively by each Division or Unit following established purchasing procedure policies approved by the Board of Regents and the State of Nevada; that is, bids will be advertised with timely notice for the awarding of such bids and the lowest bidder will be awarded the purchase contract. In the event exception to the policy must be taken (e. g., if the lowest bidder is not to be awarded the bid), then the awarding of such bids must be presented to the Board of Regents for approval.
- 3) In view of the fact that the various budgets within the University of Nevada System involve quite substantial sums of money, it seems reasonable to raise the limit to make budget transfers administratively before requiring

Regents approval. It is recommended that in all budget areas, including estimative budgets, the authority to transfer be granted to the individual Units or Divisions up to the following limits:

- a) Exempt changes in professional and classified salaries unless new positions are involved, in which case the adding of new positions must be approved by the Board of Regents.
- b) Other than professional and classified salaries a cumulative amount up to a total of \$10,000 within each object code may be transferred before requiring notice to the Board of Regents.
- 4) The University System currently has many small accounts that require formulation of an Estimative Budget for approval by the Board of Regents. In these small accounts it is difficult to project revenue and expenditures, and there are adequate internal controls to insure that monies from these accounts cannot be expended unless the revenue actually materializes. It is therefore recommended that accounts of less than \$20,000 will not be required to formulate an Estimative Budget for

approval by the Regents. Accounts of \$20,000 or more will have an Estimative Budget presented to the Regents and be subject to the same budget transfer regulations enumerated above.

- 5) The transfer of professional personnel from A contracts to B contracts or from B contracts to A contracts will be reported to the Board on the Information Agenda as part of the monthly personnel report rather than requiring separate action by the Board.
- 6) Professional contracts paid out of grants and contracts where the professional position does not hold academic rank will not be subject to placement on the salary schedule in effect at the time the appointment is made.

 Naturally, any appointment which would exceed the published salary schedule would continue to be brought to the Board of Regents for approval. In essence, this extends to the other Divisions of the System the policy in effect for DRI as it applies to the relatively few people on each Campus who are hired under a variety of research grants and contracts. Often these research grants and contracts are submitted to the various granting agencies indicating salaries of researchers long

before the salary schedule is adopted by the Board of Regents and it is often difficult to bring the salaries of individual researchers into confirmity with such a schedule.

7) It is understood that at the November Board of Regents meeting a final transfer from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account will be requested to accommodate the moving expenses granted to each new professional hire up to that point in time and that hereafter Regents Special Projects Funds will not be available on a regular basis for all new hires. However, permission is requested for the use of whatever unrestricted funds may be available to each Division or Unit to pay partial moving expenses of new faculty when such an expenditure is deemed necessary as a device to recruit outstanding individuals. Furthermore, in the recruitment of certain Administrators, it may be necessary to occasionally apply for Regents Special Projects funds for moving expenses if negotiations with such individuals reach a critical point where such a request would be necessary.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval of the above recommended

changes in policy and procedure. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

25. Articulation Board Academic Standards Recommendations

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that in September, 1974, the ad hoc System Committee on Standards was established to examine the disparity in standards between the two University Divisions and to develop recommendations for consideration by UNR and UNLV and by the Board of Regents. The report of the Committee was included as an information item and referred to the UNR and UNLV Senates and Administrations for consideration. The Committee was then requested to coordinate further review of these matters with the objective of having a final report for review by the Board of Regents.

With the expiration of the term of appointment of the System Committee, the Articulation Board was charged to continue the assignment of the ad hoc System Standards Committee.

The Articulation Board concurred with the original Committee position that standards at the Universities need not be identical since some of the differences in standards which exist are attributable to the different clienteles served and are desirable in most instances. However, existing

differences in standards were examined and justified or reconciled wherever possible.

The recommendations of the Articulation Board for academic standards were presented as follows:

- 1) The minimum admission requirements for two-year associate degree programs at the Universities be the same as those for the baccalaureate programs since most of the students take primarily baccalaureate-level courses.
- 2) The two-year associate degree programs administered by UNLV and UNR be phased out over a period of time and transferred to the Community College Division when financially feasible and the merits of such a transfer are supported by the Divisions involved.
- 3) Undergraduate admissions policy at UNR and UNLV:
 - a) A common minimum admissions policy be established and maintained at the two Universities.
 - b) The differential minimum admissions policy for

Resident and Nonresident Freshmen applicants be continued; i. e.,

- (1) A high school gpa of 2.3 for nonresidents.
- (2) A high school gpa of 2.0 (or satisfactory test scores) for residents. A satisfactory test score is defined as one equivalent to the 50th percentile or higher based on the most recent Freshman norms (currently an ACT composite standard score of 20 or higher).
- 4) The Freshman on Probation designation for those resident applicants who are admitted with less than a 2.3 high school gpa (includes those with satisfactory test scores) be optional at the discretion of the respective University.
- 5) The Qualifying Programs at the two Universities be discontinued in their present forms at the end of the 1977-78 academic year. As a replacement policy for the Qualifying Programs, the two Universities be authorized to admit on probation a maximum number of deserving resident and nonresident applicants each year who do not satisfy the minimum undergraduate admission require-

ments.

- a) The maximum number of students admitted each year under this policy shall not exceed 4% of the total
 Freshman enrollment for the previous Fall semester
 as published in the Universities' official enrollment reports.
- b) To discourage abuse, each applicant is required to meet the following educational criteria to the satisfaction of the Director of Admissions at the respective Universities.
 - (1) Documented evidence of the necessary capability (test scores), readiness, achievement and motivation to be successful in University level study.
 - (2) A personal statement of educational goals.
 - (3) Two letters of reference from an employer, educator or responsible official.
- c) Joint approval of the Director of Admissions and

the appropriate academic Dean is required for an applicant to be admitted.

- d) Each admitted student is on probation and subject to the academic standards regulations as any other regular student.
- e) Each student is to be properly identified in the

 University records system for statistical, audit
 and research purposes.
- The minimum gpa for admission to graduate degree programs be continued and published in the institutional catalogs; i. e.,
 - a) Master's Programs: An undergraduate overall gpa of 2.5 or an average of 3.0 based upon the last half of the undergraduate program, or satisfactory scores on relevant national standardized examinations.
 - b) Doctoral Programs: An undergraduate and graduate overall gpa of 3.0. An applicant with less than a3.0 gpa may be considered for Provisional Standing.

- 7) The minimum number of credits required for graduation with a bachelor's degree be standardized at 124 with the composition of those credits left to the discretion of the respective Division. This would include Physical Education and Military Science where applicable.
- 8) All Campus Academic Standards Chairmen, or their designated representatives, meet collectively at least once a semester to review policies of academic standards and direct research on those areas as needed.
- 9) The three Divisions should review their grading policies with a goal toward developing gpa standards that are academically sound and equitable for all students within UNS regardless of institution.

Acting Chancellor Baepler noted that the above recommendations by the Articulation Board have been reviewed by UNR and UNLV. The UNLV Senate concurs with the recommendations.

The UNR Faculty Senate and President Milam proposed three modifications, two of which were incorporated. The third modification proposed by UNR, which the Articulation Board did not incorporate, was that the two Universities be au-

Freshman enrollment for the previous Fall semester as published in the Universities' offical enrollment reports.

UNR prefers that this be 1% of the total regular student enrollment; UNLV endorses the 4% of the total Freshman enrollment as recommended by the Articulation Board. Acting Chancellor Baepler endorsed the recommendations of the Articulation Board and requested approval by the Board of Regents.

thorized to admit on probation a maximum of 4% of the total

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

Ms. Dain took exception to the recommendation contained in paragraph 2) above. Dr. Baepler agreed that it could be discussed further at the next meeting of the Advisory Cabinet.

26. Report of the Articulation Board Public Meetings

Dr. Alfred Stoess reported on the two public meetings held by the Articulation Board to inform students, faculty and other interested individuals on the procedure for transfer of courses from the Community Colleges to the Universities and to give individuals an opportunity to inform the Articulation Board of any problems. Those meetings were held in Reno on September 30 and in Las Vegas on October 3.

In the discussion following, Mr. George Eversull complained about the lack of adequate advance notice of the meetings to permit good attendance. Mr. John Hunt, President of USUNS, also complained about the short notice, and requested that consideration be given to adding a student to the Articulation Board. Acting Chancellor Baepler agreed to give this request consideration.

27. Appointment of Special Counsel

Acting Chancellor Baepler requested that Drake Delanoy,
Attorney-at-Law, be retained to represent the Board of
Regents with respect to any legal action that may be filed
in Las Vegas wherein the constitutionality of the present
six-year term of the Board of Regents is questioned. Additionally, Dr. Baepler noted that there is a current balance
of \$792.24 in the Litigation Fund to pay for services of
Legal Counsel for matters not handled by the University
Counsel. He recommended that \$10,000 be allocated from the
Board of Regents Special Projects Account to supplement the

Litigation Fund for purposes of defraying expenses incurred for legal services to the University. He pointed out that the UNLV Tarkanian matter will not be funded from this account, but from nonappropriated funds available to UNLV.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval of the retention of Special Counsel as recommended and the allocation of \$10,000 from the Board of Regents Special Projects Fund to supplement the Litigation Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

28. Computing Center Proposal

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that in 1975 the Computing Center conducted an in depth study for the purpose of projecting computer user needs over the long range and to determine the best way to meet those needs. The conclusions reached as a result of that study were (1) that the present computer would be unable to provide adequate service to the growing number of users by Spring of 1978; and (2) that the most effective way to meet the demand for computing services was to install a second medium-sized computer in the southern part of the State. Workload would be divided between the two computers. The computers would be connected in

order to provide backup and user access to either computer.

These conclusions were translated into a budget request for

the necessary equipment and staff and included in the 1978-

79 biennium request to the 1977 Legislature; however, the

request was not funded.

Dr. Baepler reported that the Computing Center's long range

plans included the procurement of some peripheral devices

such as an optical character reader, graphics terminals, and

plotters which were to be paid for by income received by the

Center. In view of the need to expand basic computing capa-

bility, and lacking the appropriation from the 1977 Legisla-

ture, the Computing Center now proposes to divert this in-

come to install a computer on the UNLV Campus. Invitations

to submit proposals were sent to:

Harris Computer Systems

Control Data Corporation

IBM, Inc.

Honeywell

UNIVAC

Burroughs Corporation

The invitation to submit proposals detailed the Center's financial limits and specified that bidders would need to supply software which would be operable on both the proposed and current computers.

The Digital Equipment Corporation and Control Data

Corporation submitted proposals; however, the Digital

Equipment Corporation proposal was considered nonresponsive
as the software was not interchangeable with the present

computer.

The Control Data Corporation bid offers a CYBER-70 series computer at an annual cost of \$155,520. The CYBER-70 is a model quite similar to the University's current computer but of more recent manufacture. CDC's proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the Data Processing Policy and Planning Board and a projected financial plan for lease and maintenance of the computer has been developed (identified as Ref. 25 and filed with permanent minutes).

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended acceptance of Control

Data Corporation's proposal for a CYBER-70 series computer

and requested authority to conclude a contract with that

company to lease and maintain this computer.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried without dissent.

29. Allocation from Board of Regents Special Projects Account

Acting Chancellor Baepler noted that the 1977-78 budget for the Chancellor's Office does not include travel funds for a Unit Senate Chairperson to attend meetings of the Board of Regents. Additionally, the NNCC budget is not sufficient to absorb the projected travel by the Executive Vice President and Faculty Senate Chairperson to attend Board meetings and meetings of the Chancellor's Advisory Cabinet.

Dr. Baepler recommended an initial allocation of \$1,000 from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account for purposes of funding travel to Board meetings for the Unit Senate Chairperson, and for travel to Board and Cabinet meetings for NNCC Executive Vice President and Senate Chairperson.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

30. United Students of University of Nevada System

Acting Chancellor Baepler submitted a request by USUNS for an allocation of \$2,000 from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account to partially fund the costs of delegates' attendance at USUNS meetings. He noted that an allocation of \$1,000 had been made the previous year and the planned expansion and frequency of the meetings will increase expenditures considerably this next year. The remainder of the necessary monies for this purpose will be provided by a dues assessment of each student association. Dr. Baepler recommended approval.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

31. Federal Surplus Property Program

In order for the University of Nevada to participate in the
Federal Surplus Personal Property Program administered by
the Nevada State Purchasing Division, a formal resolution
must be adopted by the Board of Regents whereby signature
authority is granted to individuals within the University's
Purchasing Departments responsible for procuring such property. Accordingly, Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended

adoption of the following resolution:

NO. 77-7

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System, and hereby ordered that the following employees are hereby authorized as the Board's representatives to acquire Federal surplus property from the Nevada State Surplus Property Section under the terms and conditions in effect as of this date:

Jim Jeffers, Jr., Director of Purchasing, UNR

Leo Wolz, Senior Buyer, UNR

Ed Higgins, Property Inventory Manager, UNR

Bob Carstensen, Assist. Property Inventory Manager, UNR

Albert L. Cunningham, Purchasing Administrator, UNLV

John Davis, Buyer, UNLV

Walter Whitmore, Property Inventory Clerk, UNLV

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions of this Board delegating authority to acquire surplus property from the Nevada Surplus Property Section.

Mr. Ross moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

Bid Opening, Dental Hygiene Lab and Campus Service Center,
 CCCC

Mr. Harry Wood, University Architect, reported the following bids received for the construction of the Dental Hygiene Lab and the Campus Service Center for CCCC:

Bidder Base Bid Alt A Alt B Alt C Alt D

Grove, Inc. \$395,414 \$3,045 \$14,565 \$3,152 \$1,411 Lincoln Const. Co. 399,000 1,432 19,180 8,336 2,350 Zuni Const. Co. 376,000 1,900 12,260 2,640 1,110

Alternate A - Add car wash stand

Alternate B - Add steel parking structure

Alternate C - Add mechanical equipment screen on roof

Alternate D - Add cabinet and sink in Dental Lab

The cost estimate and construction budget for the combined project is \$333,200. Project funds are insufficient to award a contract on the basis of the bid results. Two al-

ternatives are available: 1) to reject all bids, redesign the project and rebid at a later date, or 2) augment the project with Capital Improvement Fee Funds.

Since the facilities are urgently needed, particularly the

Dental Hygiene Suite which must be operative by the beginning of next year, the State Public Works Board staff recommends the following:

- Transfer \$54,750 of furnishings and equipment funds to construction.
- Award a contract to Zuni Construction Company in the amount of \$392,800 for the base bid plus alternates A, B and C.
- Provide additional University funds to purchase the furnishings and equipment.

Executive Vice President Bloyer and Acting Chancellor

Baepler recommended concurrence with this proposal and

authorization to allocate \$54,750 from the CCCC Capital

Improvement Fee Fund for purchase of furnishings and equipment, noting that, if approved, it is anticipated that a

contract can be awarded by October 20, 1977.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

33. Proposed Amendments to Regents Bylaws and UNS Code

Acting Chancellor Baepler recalled that in July, 1977 amendments to the Bylaws and the Code were prepared to: (1) discontinue the position of President of CCD; and (2) to retitle the CCD Executive Vice Presidents as Presidents. Proposed amendments were included with the agenda (identified as Ref. 18 and filed with permanent minutes).

These proposals were referred to the Divisions for review and recommendation, with action by the Board to be scheduled in October.

The following Senate actions were reported:

1) The Unit Senate at its meeting of September 14, 1977, "unanimously opposed the proposed changes to the Code and the Regents Bylaws relating to reorganization of the Community College Division because the Unit Senate believes the changes are not good for the System as a whole."

- 2) The UNR Faculty Senate at its meeting of September 8, 1977, "voted unanimously to oppose strongly the proposed amendments which would in effect abolish the position of President of the Community College Division." The report of the UNR Faculty Senate action also stated that "It is the feeling of the Senate that the current structure has worked in the best interest of the Community Colleges, of the University of Nevada System and of the citizens of Nevada."
- The UNLV Senate at its meeting September 27, 1977, endorsed the UNR Senate position.
- 4) The DRI Senate endorsed the UNR Senate position.
- 5) WNCC Senates endorsed the Code amendment. NNCC Senate opposed the Code amendment. CCCC Senate endorsed the Code amendment.

Acting Chancellor Baepler recommended that the proposed Code amendment and the accompanying amendment to the Board of Regents Bylaws be approved with the provision that a staff position in the Chancellor's Office be assigned responsi-

bility for coordination of the three Community Colleges.

Dr. Baepler also pointed out that any editorial changes to the Code or the Bylaws which are necessitated by the discontinuance of the position of President of CCD and retitling of the Executive Vice Presidents would be accomplished the documents are reprinted.

Statements concerning the proposed amendments were presented by the following persons:

Mr. George Eversull, on behalf of CCCC Faculty Senate - endorsed the proposed changes.

Mr. Robert Rose, on behalf of NSEA - endorsed the proposed changes but asked that the record reflect the Board's position on the effect of this amendment on tenure (continuing contracts) for CCD faculty. Chairman Buchanan stated that in his opinion tenure within the Community Colleges would remain Division-wide.

Ms. Jo Anne Dain, on behalf of WNCC/N - read a statement calling for the separation of WNCC into two Colleges.

In response to a reminder from the Chair that this was not the item under discussion, Ms. Dain reported that

WNCC/N Campus Senate endorsed the proposed Code changes but wished to see the North Campus as a fourth Community College.

Ms. Joan Chambers, on behalf of UNR Faculty Senate - opposed the proposed changes and the abolition of the President's position.

Mr. Robert Hill, on behalf of WNCC/S - supported the proposed changes to the Code and Bylaws.

Ms. Mary Louise Raymond, on behalf of the WNCC Advisory

Board - reported that the Board unanimously supports the

proposed changes and urges the appointment of a liaison

staff person within the Chancellor's Office.

Mr. John Hunt, on behalf of USUNS - supported the proposed amendments.

Mr. Stan Aiazzi, on behalf of NNCC Senate - reported that the NNCC Senate opposed the changes and requested reconsideration.

Mr. Bill Duncan, on behalf of CCCC Student Body - reported

endorsement of the proposed changes.

A letter from the NNCC Advisory Board was distributed, in which the following statement of position was included:

The members of the Northern Nevada Community College
Advisory Board would like the position of President of
the Community College Division maintained, but not
filled while the proposed System is being implemented.

If the new System does not prove successful, we would
ask that the position of President of the Community
College Division be filled at a later date and properly
funded.

Dr. Clarence Ray, UNLV Senate - noted that the UNLV Senate's position opposing the proposed change had been reported; however, since the time that position had been taken, the situation had been reevaluated and he believed that the UNLV Senate would now say that this is a matter of concern for the Community Colleges and their position should prevail, not that of the other Divisions.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws as contained in Ref. 18. Motion seconded by

Mrs. Knudtsen.

Dr. Anderson and Dr. Lombardi spoke concerning the success of the System as it is now organized and urged that no changes be made in the Bylaws or the Code and that the CCD President's position be kept vacant.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

No - Dr. Anderson, Dr. Lombardi, Mrs. Fong

Yes - Mr. James Buchanan, Mr. John Buchanan, Mr.

Karamanos, Mrs. Knudtsen, Miss Mason, Mr. Ross

Mr. Karamanos moved approval of the proposed Code amendments. Motion seconded by Mr. John Buchanan, carried by the following roll call vote:

No - Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Fong, Dr. Lombardi

Yes - Mr. James Buchanan, Mr. John Buchanan, Mr.

Karamanos, Mrs. Knudtsen, Miss Mason, Mr. Ross

34. New Business

as presented by Ms. Dain be included on the November agenda for action. It was agreed that it would be presented to the November meeting for discussion with action by the Board requested in January.

The Action Agenda was concluded and the Information Agenda submitted. The Information Agenda, containing the following items, is on file in the Chancellor's Office:

- (1) Report of Foreign Travel
- (2) Report of Fund Transfers
- (3) Report of Purchases in Excess of \$8,000
- (4) Board of Regents Special Projects Account
- (5) Report of Personnel Appointments

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