

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Meeting as members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, Mr. Ross and Mr. Hilliard met with Col. Parker, Acting President, at 3:30 P.M. in the President's office.

Col. Parker gave an informal progress report as follows:

- (1) ROTC enrollment has taken a definite swing toward advanced Air courses. Recommendation has been made to the Commanding General, Fourth Air Force and also to the Commanding General, Sixth Army, by Col. Parker as PMS&T, and now as Acting President, that consideration be given to cutting down the courses offered, either by reducing the Air courses or by cutting out Infantry courses altogether - no preference indicated by the University of Nevada.
- (2) Contract for Navy Research Project, which has been in charge of Dr. Sears of the Chemistry Department, expires soon and steps have been taken asking that the project be continued.
- (3) Salary increases for Buildings and Grounds staff will be ready for recommendation within the next few days, following further study of the budget.
- (4) Administrative Council has met 3 times in the past week to consider students suspended or placed on probation; these two groups constitute over 15% of the student body, suspensions running about 6%. Reasons given are: G. I.'s coasting on G. I. pay, admitting any Nevada high school graduate who holds a high school diploma, and the overburden of student activities. 3 courses are open: (1) ask the State Board of Education to adopt a plan for accrediting high schools, (2) better accreditation of teachers in high schools, (3) retain the policy of accepting any graduate of a Nevada high school, but condition them

better for University work.

- (5) Clerical Employees. A plan and recommendation for improved coordination and standardization will be presented at the next meeting.
- (6) Standing Faculty Committees. The Administrative Council has been asked at its next meeting to review the functions of all standing faculty committees of the University, particularly the Administrative Council, to see if some of the duties of the whole Committee can be delegated to sub-committees.
- (7) Group to Assist President. Carrying out the suggestion of the Regents that the Acting President himself select those whom he needs to help him, Col. Parker reported that he expected to depend primarily on the academic Deans and the Comptroller.
- (8) Summer courses at Indian School at Stewart, Nevada, are being given this year. The University of Nevada has been asked to recognize the School as a first step in obtaining recognition from other Universities. The matter has been referred to Dean Traner for recommendation since courses offered are in Education.
- (9) An invitation to visit Hamilton and Lowry Fields, where our Air ROTC cadets are training, came to the President of the University and is being accepted by Col. Parker, who will be accompanied by Dean Palmer. Of several such invitations, this is the only one being accepted.
- (10) Employment of a Plant Engineer with the title of University Engineer was discussed, suggested salary of about \$5000, with other duties assigned to him in line with his capabilities, estimating that about 2/3 of his time would be used as University Engineer. Col. Parker was instructed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board.

At 4:10 P.M. Russell Mills, Architect, and Mr. Hayden and Mr. Horn met with the Regents, serving as the Property (Buildings and Grounds) Committee of the Board.

Col. Parker asked Mr. Hayden to present the main item of business, namely, the moving and setting up of the 2 Dormitory buildings secured from the Reno Army Air Base. \$20,000 was reserved for the purpose and \$8,043.91 spent to date. Esti-

mates of cost presented by Mr. Mills indicated that between \$12,500 and \$15,000 will be needed, in addition to that already reserved, to make the buildings ready for Dormitory use on the Campus.

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed to go ahead as planned and the Acting President was directed to give detailed study to the matter and to make a recommendation to the Committee on the following Thursday for financing and carrying the project to completion, using as much material as possible from the old Gymnasium.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.