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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING January 18, 1956

The Board of Regents met in regular session in the President's office on Wednesday, January 18, 1956. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:45 A.M. Present: Regents Hardy, Grant, Thompson, Lombardi, Ross; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout.

Reporters who covered the morning session were Bob Laxalt, Bryn Armstrong, Jim Hulse and Bob Bennyhoff.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 1995 be approved.

2. Comptroller's Claims

Claims were presented, as follows, for approval of the Board, having been previously approved by the Executive Committee:

Regents Checks, Nos. 56-98 to 56-114 inclusive for a total of \$199,177.60 for December.

State Claims, Nos. 56-69 to 56-81 inclusive for a total of \$129,858.46 for December.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the claims be approved.

3. Bid Opening - Demolishing Victory Heights

Report was presented as follows:

On Friday, January 6, 1955, at 4 P.M., a meeting was held in the President's office for the purpose of open-

ing bids for demolishing a portion of the Victory Heights Housing Project, as per notice duly published in local papers. Present: Comptroller Hayden, Engineer Poolman and President Stout.

Only one bid was received, that from Joseph D. Ballinger and Company of Oakland, California. It was opened by President Stout and did not meet the specifications of the bid notice. It was, therefore, ordered returned.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the report be accepted and the action approved.

Mr. Hayden discussed the matter, pointing out that the only bidder had asked for payment to him, whereas the University had requested payment from the bidder. Since 2, and possibly 3, more buildings will be vacated during the coming Summer, he proposed to readvertise for demolishing all of the vacant buildings at that time, giving opportunity for bidders to offer to pay the University or to be paid by the University.

Upon recommendation by President Stout:

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the University proceed to have the units removed, first by contacting the State Prison regarding use of Prison labor; and if that is not successful, to advertise for bids for demolishing, removal of the buildings and cleaning up the premises.

Dean Bertrand came into the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

4. Personnel Recommendations

Recommendations were presented by President Stout.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that they be approved, as follows:

College of Education

1) Supervising Teachers for Fall semester 1955, as follows:

Louise Mendive	Sparks High School	\$180
Sessions Wheeler	Reno High School	\$ 60*

*This in addition to the contract for same amount approved December 3, 1955)

College of Arts and Science

- 1) Resignation of Betty J. Eilertsen as Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, effective December 30, 1955, for reasons of health.

Las Vegas Evening Division

- 1) Reappointment of Paul L. Gardner as Lecturer in English at a salary of \$450 for the period November 14, 1955 to January 28, 1956.
- 2) Reappointment of Frank E. Iddings as Lecturer in Music at a salary of \$112.50 for the period November 14, 1955 to January 28, 1956.
- 3) Reappointment of Chester B. Sobsey as Lecturer in Journalism at a salary of \$337.50 for the period November 14, 1955 to January 28, 1956.

Mackay School of Mines

- 1) Appointment of Robert Carlton Horton as Assistant Mining Engineer, Nevada Bureau of Mines, at a salary rate of \$5520 per year, effective January 1, 1956. This is a replacement for Mr. Victor Kral, who resigned December 31, 1954.

5. Farm Sale and Purchase of Property

- a) Sale of South Virginia Street Farm - Mr. Hayden reported that Mr. Le Vere Redfield had made payment, as per his agreement, in the amount of \$600,000. The check not being a cashier's check and being drawn on a out-of-town bank, was referred to a local bank for clearance.
- b) Purchase of Gilbert Property - Mr. Ross, on the morning of the Regents' meeting, was served with a writ of attachment showing Henry F. Bennett as Plaintiff, and Robert S. Gilbert as Defendant. Letter was also received by Mr. Ross and acknowledged by him in the meeting advising that Messrs. Hawkins, Rhodes and Hawkins, and Mr. Sidney Robinson were acting as counsel for Mr. Bennett in connection with his claim for real estate broker's commission as against Robert S. Gilbert, arising out of the sale of the Gilbert Ranch to the University.

The following letter was received by the Comptroller and referred to the Regents:

Comptroller January 17, 1956
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

This letter is to advise you that I have heretofore entered into an agreement to trade my property on which you now hold an option to Ancil Hoffman and his wife, Maude. This agreement is made subject to your option. All dealings that you may have regarding the property should be had with Mr. Hoffman and his wife.

The Washoe Title Insurance Company has been so advised.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Robert S. Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert came into the meeting at 10:25 A.M.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that, proceeding on the assumption that instructions have been followed, as stated in the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1955, and that all papers have been filed necessary to the consummation of the transaction, \$525,000 be placed in escrow for the purchase of the Gilbert property with the Washoe Title Insurance Company, subject to the check of Mr. Redfield being cleared.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the filling out of papers in this connection be delegated to Regent Thompson.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the Board authorize the payment of 1/2 of the title insurance fee and 1/2 of the escrow fee on the Gilbert property, and that the best deal possible be worked out in regard to these fees.

Comptroller Hayden received word from the local bank

that the Redfield check had been cleared.

Mr. Gilbert left the meeting at 10:50 A.M.

Farm Budget and Plan of Operation

Dean Bertrand presented his proposed plan for taking possession of the Gilbert property, and President Stout recommended that the plan be approved.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the recommendation be approved, and the steps taken as follows:

1. Full payment should be made on January 18.
2. Mr. Gilbert should be permitted to keep possession of a portion of the land, corrals and barns until March 1, if necessary, in order to give him a reasonable period of time to make adjustments in his cattle operations. He, of course, would continue to pay costs related to the operation of his business while he is on the property.
3. Returns from rental units would be paid to the University commencing on January 18 provided payment is made by the University on that date. The University would in turn begin paying for utilities on the same date.
4. Mr. Gilbert would be permitted to retain the use of the main house and his hired man's house until he vacates the ranch on or before March 1.

Dean Bertrand next presented his proposed budget for establishing operation on the Main Station Farm, showing a 5-year building program in the amount of \$582,100, a building program for the first 2 of the 5 years in the amount of \$384,200, and a restricted 2-year building program of \$175,000. Dean Bertrand discussed his proposals, explaining his plan for equipment and car pools, and for the general development of the project to meet the agricultural needs of the University and the State. Action was postponed.

Dean Bertrand left the meeting at this point.

President Stout discussed the outstanding qualities of Dean Bertrand as Head of the College of Agriculture,

and recommended that a place be provided on the Gilbert Ranch for his residence.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the house in which the Gilberts have been living be designated as a home for the Dean of Agriculture as an increase in his compensation, as of March 1, 1956, rent free and including utilities.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 noon for luncheon, and was called to order by the Chairman at 2:35 P.M. Dean Bertrand came into the meeting in addition to those present for the morning session.

Reporters who covered the afternoon session were Bob Laxalt, Bob Bennyhoff, Carl Digino, Ed Olsen and Jim Hulse.

6. Student Affairs

- a) Student Union Fee - A group of students presented themselves as a Student Union Board. Mr. Hannifan, Chairman, stated that there was some dissatisfaction among the students because the fee for the Student Union had been collected before bids were let on the building. The students approved the Student Union Constitution providing for the collection of the fee when bids were let. When the Fall semester started, it was the belief of the students that bids would be let early in the semester. On that basis, the Leadership Conference authorized the Administration to collect the \$5 fee for the Fall semester 1955. Mr. Hannifan explained that it is now apparent that bids will not be let for some time, causing the students to question the collection of the fee.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the Comptroller not collect the Student Union Fee of \$5 for the 2nd semester of the current school year, nor until such time as the contract has actually been let, in line with the provisions of the Student Union Constitution.

Mr. Hayden estimated that there is now in the neighborhood of \$6000 in the Fund, collected during the 1st semester of the school year. At the suggestion of the student group, it was decided by consensus to keep the money already collected in the Student Union Fund to be used by the Student Union Board.

Mr. Hannifan asked the Regents to urge the State Plan-

ning Board to proceed on the Student Union building as soon as possible, because the need for the building is so great. Mr. Eaton suggested that the next time the Regents meet with the State Planning Board, the student group be notified so that they, too, might be represented.

- b) Student Survey Group and Legislative Session - Mr. William Eaton spoke for the group of students who conducted a survey among students to get their expression of the needs of the University. He said that the purpose of the survey was to help the Administration get its program before the Legislature. He offered the assistance of the students in any way, including their appearance before the Finance Committee, along with the President and the Regents. He expressed the hope that the Regents would appear as a body to back up the request of the President.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the Regents appear in a body with the President at the meeting with the Governor and the Legislative Finance Committee.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the offer of the students to support the Administration at this meeting be accepted with appreciation.

The students left the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

7. Budget - Main Station Farm

After further discussion, it was agreed that only those items would be considered for the present which were considered necessary for moving the Farm.

President Stout recommended that \$175,000 be placed in a reserve fund with a "hold" for a period of 1 year upon which the future budget for the new Farm may be drawn by the College of Agriculture, with the budget presented as rapidly as it can be made specific; the items for moving would be considered necessary at this time.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the Comptroller be instructed to place \$100,000 on time deposit in a separate bank from that in which other University funds are kept, and that the remaining \$75,000 be kept for the prudent use of the College of Agriculture in moving from the South

Virginia Street Farm to the new Main Station Farm.

8. Names - Agricultural Buildings

President Stout read a letter from Mr. Parsons, architect, asking that the Regents instruct him as to the exact names to be used for the two new Agricultural buildings - the classroom building and the Home Economics building. Since the buildings are being made possible by the Fleischmann Foundation, it was the consensus of opinion that the group should be consulted. The President was instructed to present the matter to the Trustees of the Fleischmann Foundation, before action is taken by the Board of Regents.

9. Remodeling Manzanita Hall

Upon receipt of bids by the State Planning Board, the allotment for remodeling Manzanita Hall proved to be insufficient to carry out the original plans. Mr. Poolman worked with the State Planning Board to find ways of using the allotted sum to the greatest advantage and to do as complete a job as possible with Manzanita Hall. He suggested that built-in furniture be included in the remodeling on the 1st and 2nd floors, pointing out that it would not be necessary for this item to be handled by the State Planning Board and out of Legislative appropriation.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the plan, as described and recommended, be approved.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids immediately for the built-in furniture and floor covering to be paid from University Dormitory funds.

10. Farm Purchase (Continuation of Item 5b)

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that Chairman Ross be authorized to sign the check for payment of the Gilbert Ranch property.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hayden left the meeting to deposit the check with the Washoe Title Insurance Company.

11. Fees

President Stout recommended approval of the proposals of the Fee Study Committee to establish fees for non-credit courses

and to increase the present auditing fee.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the President be authorized to establish, when necessary, special fees for non-credit courses, conferences, workshops, post-graduate professional seminars and similar educational offerings, such fees to cover instructional and administrative costs.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that, because of the sharp increase in auditors within the last 2 years, the increase in the costs of instruction, and the increase in the fee schedule for regular students, the auditing fee be increased from \$5 to \$7.50 per credit equivalent, effective July 1, 1956.

12. Gifts

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

- a) From Kennecott Copper Corporation, Nevada Mines Division, a check for \$3500 to be used as follows: \$2000 for purchase of library books and other reference material for the College of Business Administration; and \$1500 for purchase of laboratory or other teaching equipment for the Mackay School of Mines.
- b) From Dr. Arthur E. Orvis of Reno, \$1000 payable to the President's Discretionary Fund.
- c) From Sagen's (women's student organization) an annual scholarship award of \$50, as follows:

THE SAGEN'S SCHOLARSHIP Established 1955

Award of \$50 to a woman student.

This annual award is presented by the Sagen's, the honorary service organization of the University of Nevada, to a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior woman student who has:

1. An overall grade point average of 2.75.
2. Outstanding character.
3. Been active in Campus activities.
4. Worthiness and financial need.

The recipient will be selected by the Scholarships and Prizes Committee from a list of women students recommended by the Sagen's.

- d) From Mr. A. E. Scolari of Ray Heating and Sheet Metal Works, Mr. H. E. Stewart of Nevada Transfer and Warehouse Company and Mr. Edward S. Parsons, architect, 3 copies of Nation's Business each month, 2 copies to go to the College of Education and 1 copy to the College of Agriculture.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the gifts be accepted and that a note of thanks be sent to the donors on behalf of the Board of Regents.

13. Informal Report

The informal report of the President was presented as follows:

- a) The 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation has made arrangements to film part of the picture "Hilda Crane" on the University Campus, and has agreed to pay to the President's Discretionary Fund \$1000 per day for each day of shooting.
- b) Dean Palmer has held a meeting with the Civil Engineering faculty, Mr. Shoupe and Mr. Guinn of the Highway Users, and Mr. Mills and Mr. Berning of the State Highway Department, in regard to the survey requested at the meeting of December 3, 1955. Agreement was reached (1) to make a study of the employment offerings of prospective employers to see if the starting salaries, opportunities for advancement and other desirable conditions of employment offered by the Nevada State Highway Department were below those of others, (2) to have representatives of the State Highway Department visit the Campus and talk to Senior classes of Engineering students to acquaint them with conditions of employment in the Highway Department.
- c) A letter written by Mr. M. George Bissell of the State Planning Board addressed to Ferris & Erskine, architects, was read as follows:

Gentlemen:

The State of Nevada Planning Board at its January 7, 1956 meeting directed this office to advise you that your current progress on the subject building is unsatisfactory and, to instruct you to proceed immediately with the work in strict accordance with the terms of the contract and their October 28, 1955 directive to adhere to the written instructions of the University of Nevada Board of Regents. It is requested that you immediately advise this office of your intent to comply with the instructions stipulated above.

- d) President Stout reported that more than the \$35,000 had been raised in Las Vegas for purchase of land and that all matters had now been cleared with the Bureau of Land Management. Mrs. Wilbourn has received the patent from the Governor's office, all papers have been filed and the matter can now be closed.
- e) Since Dean Palmer has indicated his desire to retire during the coming Summer, President Stout met with the Engineering College faculty and asked their cooperation by filling out a paper concerning the qualifications and selection of a new Dean.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hayden returned at 5 P.M.

14. The Legislative Session

President Stout distributed a summary budget sheet showing the following emergency needs for the operational budget, July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957.

Salary increases for staff (other than classified personnel)	\$329,687
Additional staff	239,536
Library	50,000
Matching funds for research	13,000

The meeting of the President and other University representatives with the Governor and the Legislative Finance Committee has been set for 1 P.M. on January 26, in the

Governor's office.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the University present only those items to which the Governor agrees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M. with the understanding that the Regents will meet at the President's office on January 26 to go in a body to Carson City. The next meeting was set subject to the call of the Chairman.