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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING August 13, 1956

The Board of Regents met in regular session in Room 205, Morrill Hall, University of Nevada, on Monday, August 13, 1956. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross at 9:05 A.M. Present: Regents Hardy, Grant, Lombardi, Thompson, Ross; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout. Engineer Poolman and Academic Vice President Wood were present to discuss items in their areas.

Reporters Laxalt, Hulse and Digino covered the meeting for the day.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19-20, 1956 be approved.

2. Comptroller's Claims

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

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

Regents Checks, numbers 56-220 to 56-238 inclusive for a total of \$230,692.00 for June.

State Claims, numbers 56-169 to 56-186 inclusive for a total of \$151,033.11 for June.

Regents Checks, numbers 67-1 to 67-17 inclusive for a total of \$278,595.53 for July.

State Claims, numbers 67-1 to 67-13 inclusive for a total of \$167,390.72 for July.

3. Meeting with Property Owners on Evans Avenue

At 9:15 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. Nat Wilson and Professor J. R. Van Dyke came into the meeting to protest the University's planned location for poles and wires in its construction program on the lower Campus, because they would be in view of the residents on Evans Avenue. Professor Van Dyke suggested that the wires be placed between the two new Agricultural buildings, rather than along the Orr Ditch, as proposed.

Mr. Poolman explained that the pole lines, as planned, will be at the junction of other lines and that this point is the the most firm point, with fewer outages than any other. He said that present plans contemplate a change in the power distribution system which will place it somewhat north of its present location. This line would tie in with that location, and would be out of the way of future construction. He also explained the reasons for not believing it desirable to put the wires between the two buildings - (1) that we do not want high tension wires going up over the Campus, (2) that the new system would have to be put in piecemeal, and (3) that at a point under the Fleischmann building for Agriculture, there will be an electronic bell and electric system which would tie in with the present system.

Chairman Ross thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Professor Van Dyke for presenting their views, and promised careful consideration by the Board of Regents. It was agreed that the Regents would look over the site of the proposed poles and wires and consider the matter later in the meeting.

4. History of the President's House

Mr. Ross reported on the information he had gathered concerning the building of the President's house on the Campus, as requested by the Board of Regents.

He stated that it was desired that the President be housed on the Campus, but that no State money was available for the purpose. President Stubbs and other citizens of the State were sufficiently interested to offer donations so that the house could be built. In December of 1899, an opinion of the Attorney General gave approval to the use of gift money for this purpose and also approval leasing land on the Campus on which to erect the house. The minutes of April 25, 1900, show that the lease between the Regents and Dr.

Stubbs was entered into, at \$1 per year. On June 1, 1900 the contract for the house was let to C. E. Clough, the lowest bidder, for \$6433.

The Legislature of 1915 approved \$4154.50 to be paid to Mrs. Stubbs for money advanced by Dr. Stubbs. The Legislature of 1919 reimbursed the other donors.

A complete list of the donors will be placed in the receptacle in the cornerstone of the Sarah Hamilton Fleischmann Home Economics building, which will be on the site of the former President's house.

5. Operating Budget

Deans Holstine, Carlson, Palmer, Irwin, Weems, Mr. Hill, Directors Fleming, Wittwer and Stucky came into the meeting to be available for questions concerning the budgets. Dr. Joyal, member of the Legislative Investigating Team, was present as an observer.

President Stout used tabulations prepared from information published by the Council of State Governments, which showed that the State of Nevada has lagged in providing funds for higher education and that the per capita wealth of the State is and has been the highest in the nation.

Mr. Poolman next discussed the building program, projecting it into the next 18 years, and basing his discussion on population increase in the State and enrollment increase in the University. He pointed out that the University will need approximately \$29 million of construction in that period.

Mr. Wood then spoke of increase in staff to keep pace with the growth of the State and enrollment, and urged continuing study on these matters. He stated that the staff will double by 1963 and again by 1970.

President Stout recommended that a 7 1/2% increase in the salary budget be included for the first year of the biennium, and another 7 1/2% increase be included for the second year of the biennium, for personnel not under the State Personnel System. He stressed that this would be used to increase brackets and individual adjustments within those brackets. It will not be an "across the board" increase.

Mr. Hardy discussed the Western Commission, and motion by

Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the item in the amount of \$14,000 for participating membership in the Western Commission for Higher Education be eliminated at this time, because of his belief that the State is not ready for participation; however, if the Legislature takes action to participate in the program of the Commission, the University will cooperate.

The Board recessed at 11:30 A.M. to look over the portion of the Campus under discussion by the property owners on Evans Avenue.

The recessed meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 P.M. with all Regents, the Comptroller and the President present. Present also were Dr. Wood and Mr. Poolman.

6. Evans Avenue Property Owners (Continuation of Item #3)

The Regents discussed the poles and wires involved in the area of the new Campus construction.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the University continue with the power lines as planned, with the pole to be moved 40 feet south, and that it be planned eventually to put the high tension wires underground.

7. Operational Budget (Continuation of Item #5)

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the Regents approve the operating budget for the biennium, as recommended by the President to the Board of Regents, with the deletion of the item for participating membership in the Western Commission for Higher Education (motion by Mr. Hardy to Item #5) and with the addition of the item of 7 1/2% increase in the salary budget for each year of the biennium to be used for adjustment of brackets and within brackets.

8. Capital Outlay Budget

The items under Capital Outlay, as presented to the Regents at their last meeting, were discussed.

A. Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that \$39,000 be approved as the first phase in the project to cover the Block N Ditch, and that \$25,000 be approved for the Orr Ditch siphon as matching funds, provided the City of Reno or the Orr Ditch Company puts up a like amount.

B. Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the item for remodelling the old Agriculture building be eliminated from this biennial budget on the grounds that the University is not now in a position to make definite plans for its use.

C. Remodel Bureau of Mines Building - Discussion led to the pilot plant and its housing, and it was agreed that Dean Scheid be called in for discussion.

Dean Scheid came into the meeting and explained that when the plant was offered to the University, he believed that the plant would be of great value to the Mackay School of Mines, and, in that belief, advised its acceptance. Later, studies have convinced him that the pilot plant would be of little value to the teaching area, and that it would be mainly of service to mining concerns. For this reason, Dean Scheid suggested that if the pilot plant is housed and placed in operation, it be set up under a Head separate from the Mackay School of Mines.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the item for remodelling the Bureau of Mines building in the amount of \$153,780 be approved.

D. Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the item for completing the remodeling of Manzanita Hall in the amount of \$82,392 be approved.

E. Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that Phase A of the Primary Power Distribution System in the amount of \$54,000 be approved.

F. Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the item for Addition to the Library in the amount of \$895,000 be approved.

G. Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the item for a Classroom building for Art, Music and Drama in the amount of \$1,194,000 be approved.

H. Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the item for a Classroom building for History, Political Science and Mathematics, in the amount of \$642,000, be approved.

I., J., K., L. Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the following items be approved as indicated:

Las Vegas Library Building	\$268,500
Las Vegas Classroom Building	535,250
Las Vegas Landscaping and Planning	75,000
Tennis Courts, Reno Campus	35,000

M. Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that \$45,000 be added to the budget for purchase of 18 acres of Capurro property which joins University property immediately on the north.

N., O., P., Q. Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the following items be approved as indicated:

Men's Dormitory	\$660,000
Women's Dormitory	660,000
Married Couples' Housing	352,000
Dining Hall	391,600

R. President Stout requested the addition of \$10,000 to the budget for temporary partitions and other necessary remodelling in the top floor of the present Agricultural building to make it useable until a complete remodelling job can be done.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that \$10,000 be approved for this purpose.

S. Additional Greenhouses - Mr. Hugo Graumann of the Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture from Beltsville, Maryland, was recently on the Campus to talk about the possibility of federal participation in building a greenhouse on the Nevada Campus.

He believes that they are in a position to furnish certain federal funds to erect an additional greenhouse bay on the Campus for the use of Mr. Oliver Smith in his research program. Funds from this source cannot be spent for the erection of the headhouse, but only of the greenhouse itself. The greenhouse would be erected to the same specifications as existing facilities.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the offer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture be accepted and that the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Agricultural Research Service, U. S. D. A.:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Minard W. Stout, President of the University of Nevada, is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations with the U. S. Department of Agriculture for construction of a greenhouse on the Campus of the University of Nevada.

9. Personnel Recommendations

Personnel recommendations were presented by President Stout, as follows:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Appointments as follows:

- a) Malcolm E. Mc Donald, Assistant Professor of Biology, at a salary of \$5800 for academic year 1956-57 (replacement for Dr. Richardson, resigned).
- b) Gerald Swanson, Graduate Teaching Fellow in Chemistry, at a salary of \$1500 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement).
- c) Richard Wilcox, Graduate Teaching Fellow in Chemistry, at a salary of \$1500 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement).
- d) Richard M. Gillette, Student Assistant in Chemistry, at a salary of \$800 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement).
- e) Barbara Jane Lane, Instructor in Health, Physical Education and Athletics, at a salary of \$4800 for the academic year 1956-57 (new position).
- f) Charles B. Koehler, Graduate Assistant in Health, Physical Education and Athletics, at a salary of \$1200 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement).
- g) Jack Myles, Lecturer in Journalism, at a salary of \$600 for the Fall semester 1956 (new position).
- h) Robert T. Roelofs, Associate Professor of Philosophy, at a salary of \$6600 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement for Dr. Monson, resigned).
- i) Don Wallace Driggs, Instructor in History and Political

Science, at a salary of \$5000 for the academic year 1956-57 (new position).

- j) W. A. S. Smith, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Sociology, at a salary of \$5500 for the academic year 1956-57 (new position).

MACKAY SCHOOL OF MINES

Appointments as follows:

- a) Aleksis von Volborth, Assistant Mineralogist, Nevada Mining Analytical Laboratory, effective August 1, 1956, at a salary rate of \$7200 per year (replacement for Mr. Hammond, transferred to full-time teaching).
- b) Donald F. Divens, Temporary Field Assistant, Nevada Bureau of Mines, at \$280 per month for July and August 1956.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Appointment as follows:

- a) Benjamin Monroe Wofford, Associate Professor of Economics and Business Administration, from September 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957, at a salary rate of \$7920 based on 12 months service (new position).

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Appointment as follows:

- a) Richard G. Orcutt, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at a salary of \$6000 for the academic year 1956-57 (new position).

LIBRARY

Appointments as follows:

- a) Ruth Avery Cutten, Sub-Professional Assistant, at a salary of \$3000 per year, effective July 1, 1956 (new position).
- b) Margaret T. Frazier, Sub-Professional Assistant, at a salary of \$3200 per year, effective July 1, 1956 (replacement of Mrs. Carla Johnson, resigned).

- c) Lucretia Seipel, Sub-Professional Assistant, at a salary of \$3000 per year, effective July 1, 1956 (new position).
- d) Olive Tissier, Sub-Professional Assistant, at a salary of \$3000 per year, effective July 1, 1956 (new position).
- e) Herman R. Storm, Associate Catalog Librarian, at a salary rate of \$5200 per year, effective September 1, 1956 (replacement for Mr. Staehlin, resigned).

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Appointment as follows:

- a) Herbert A. Derfelt, Assistant Professor of Education, at a salary of \$6300 for the academic year 1956-57 (new position).

SUMMER SESSIONS - RENO CAMPUS

Appointment as follows:

- a) Lloyd A. Drury, Education - 8/4/56 to 8/18/56 - \$315

Reappointment as follows:

- a) Day Alan Perry, Audio-Visual Education - 7/16/56 to 7/27/56 - \$450

Supplementary Contracts as follows:

- a) Lois M. Fitzgibbons, Physical Education - 8/5/56 to 8/18/56 - \$300
- b) Carl Backman, Sociology - 8/4/56 to 8/18/56 - \$260

LAS VEGAS BRANCH - "NEVADA SOUTHERN"

Appointment as follows:

- a) Malcolm Graham, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at a salary of \$6000 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement for part-time Assistants).

SUMMER SESSIONS - LAS VEGAS AREA

Appointment as follows:

- a) Lucy Ann Nutty, Elementary Education - 8/6/56 to 8/17/56 - \$300

Supplementary Contract as follows:

- a) John S. Wright, History and Political Science - 8/6/56 to 8/24/56 - \$450

Cancellation of Contract as follows:

- a) Hugh J. Baird, Education - 7/16/56 to 8/3/56 - \$150 (approved at meeting of July 19, 1956) because of insufficient enrollment.

MAX C. FLEISCHMANN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Appointments as follows:

- a) June Elizabeth Fehrm, Graduate Assistant in Home Economics, at a salary of \$1200 for the academic year 1956-57 (replacement).
- b) Jerry Robinson, Information Specialist, at a salary rate of \$5400 per year, effective August 15, 1956 (replacement for Mr. A. Mc Call Smith, resigned).
- c) William C. Behrens, Assistant Agricultural Agent for Elko County, at a salary rate of \$5400 per year, effective July 16, 1956 (replacement for Mr. Tavenner, resigned).
- d) Glenn V. Thomas, Assistant Agricultural Agent for White Pine County, at a salary rate of \$5200 per year, effective August 13, 1956 (replacement for Mr. Osborne, resigned).

Leave of Absence as follows:

- a) John A. Mc Cormick, without pay, from October 14, 1956 to June 1, 1957, in order that he might accept a Fellowship in the Graduate School of Public Administration at Harvard University.

Salary Increase as follows:

- a) Harold Wood, Newlands Field Station, from \$300 to \$400 per month during the leave of absence of Mr. Mc Cormick.

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

10. Dean of Agriculture

President Stout reported on his search for a Dean of Agriculture. After many months of correspondence and interviews with applicants, the field has been narrowed to 3 outstanding candidates, any one of whom he believes would do a good job at Nevada.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M. The next meeting was set subject to the call of the Chairman.