

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

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## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING January 18, 1957

The Board of Regents met in regular session in Room 205, Morrill Hall, University of Nevada, on Friday, January 18, 1957. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grant at 9:30 A.M. Present: Regents Lombardi, Thompson, Anderson, Grant; and President Stout. Present to discuss the Mc Henry Report: Deans Weems, Adams, Carlson, Holstine, Irwin, Mobley, Yingling, Moose, Palmer, Scheid; Academic Vice President Wood, Engineer Poolman, Librarian Hill and Comptroller Hayden. Reporters who covered the meeting: Laxalt, Armstrong, Hulse, Finch and Bigler. Mr. Neil Humphrey of the Nevada Taxpayers Association and Mrs. Dorothy Caffrey were present as observers.

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion of Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 1957 be approved.

### 2. Mc Henry Report

Copies of the report by Dr. Dean Mc Henry and his survey committee had been distributed to members of the Administrative Committee for study and consultation with their Department Heads and faculties. They have now been asked to present to the Regents the points in the report which they believe to be good, and also to note those facts which are wrong. Dr. Stout called on Dr. William R. Wood to present the Academic Deans.

Dr. Wood suggested that in final consideration of the report 3 main points be studied - (a) the purpose of the study, (b) the method of the study itself and (c) the conclusions or findings.

Dr. Wood called on the following for brief report and discussion:

Dean Stanley G. Palmer, College of Engineering  
Dean Vernon Scheid, Mackay School of Mines  
Dean Ralph Irwin, College of Arts and Science  
Dean James E. Adams, College of Agriculture  
Dean Garold D. Holstine, College of Education

Dr. S. W. Leifson, Chairman of the University Committee on Nuclear Engineering, came into the meeting during the morning, to discuss the work and recommendations of his Committee.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon for luncheon in the University Dining Hall.

The recessed meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Chairman Grant, with all present who were at the morning session, except Mrs. Caffrey (observer).

Dr. Wood called on the following for brief report and discussion:

Dean Robert C. Weems, Jr., College of Business  
Administration  
Dean Joe Moose, Research and Graduate Studies  
Mr. J. J. Hill, Librarian

Student Body President Charles Coyle and Associated Women Students' President Barbara Cavanaugh came into the meeting at 2:10 P.M. as observers.

President Stout called on the following for brief report and discussion:

Mr. P. W. Hayden, Comptroller  
Dean William D. Carlson, Student Affairs  
Miss Elaine Mobley, Dean of Women

Mrs. Mabel Isbell and Mr. James Bailey of the Washoe County Assembly delegation came into the meeting to hear the report on building needs of the University.

President Stout called on Mr. Poolman, University Engineer, who discussed the Mc Henry Report as it pertained to his area of work.

Mr. Poolman then distributed duplicated copies of "Capital Outlay Financing, a study to present the problem of the University in its building program, and suggesting a solu-

tion by permissive legislation for revenue financing." He followed with a general discussion of the University's building program.

Mrs. Isbell and Mr. Bailey left the meeting, after thanking the Board of Regents for the privilege of attending this portion of the meeting.

Dr. Wood discussed, in general, the recommendations of the Mc Henry Report.

In the above discussions on the Mc Henry Report, it was brought out that many of the conclusions reached were based on insufficient information. Some Deans reported that members of the survey team had spent little or no time with them or with members of their staff. All believed that the recommendations concerning the various areas of University work are worthy of careful study and consideration. In some instances, recommended improvements are already under way, others are being studied and others are not possible at this time for financial or other reasons.

### 3. President's Recommendations

President Stout presented the following recommendations, based on the findings of the Mc Henry Survey Committee:

- (1) That the University seek legislation removing it from the control of the State Purchasing Department, the State Personnel System and the pre-audit.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the recommendation be approved.

- (2) That the University seek permissive legislation to enable it to improve the retirement program, and to provide a participating insurance program for health, hospitalization and death benefits, in line with resolutions from the special faculty committees appointed to study these matters.

Motion by Dr. Anderson carried unanimously that the recommendation be approved.

- (3) That the University seek permissive legislation to enable it to issue revenue bonds for University buildings.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the recommendation be approved.

It was agreed, by consensus, that the President seek the advice of the Attorney General in the above items, (1), (2) and (3), and that they be discussed with the legislative committees concerned, prior to presenting them to the Legislature.

President Stout recommended that a statement of intent be adopted for the Governor and the Legislators that of the 7 1/2% requested for salary increases for each year of the biennium, 5% will be used for across-the-board increases, and 2 1/2% will be available for merit increases.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the statement be approved and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

#### 4. New Building - Reno

Referring to action of the Regents at the meeting of January 4, 1957,

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the building being erected on the site of the old Chemistry building be named Silas E. Ross Hall.

A letter was read from the State Planning Board stating that the Board had taken action to invite the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nevada to lay the cornerstone of the Silas E. Ross Hall.

#### 5. Signatures for Change Orders

In order that University building construction might not be delayed by the necessity of mailing change orders to and from the Chairman of the Board,

Motion by Dr. Anderson carried unanimously that either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents be authorized to sign change orders on University buildings.

#### 6. Las Vegas Building

The State Planning Board has set March 17, 1957 at 2 P.M. as the date and time for laying the cornerstone of the Las Vegas Classroom building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

A. C. Grant  
Chairman

Alice Terry  
Secretary