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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

June 8, 1979

The Board of Regents met in a special meeting on the above date
in the Pine Auditorium, Travis Student Union, University of
Nevada, Reno.

Members present: Mr. James L. Buchanan, II

Mr. Robert A. Cashell

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Mr. Chris Karamanos

Mrs. Molly Knudtsen

Louis E. Lombardi, M. D.

Miss Brenda D. Mason

Mr. John R. Mc Bride

Mr. John Tom Ross

Others present: Chancellor Donald H. Baepler

President William Berg, NNCC

President Joseph Crowley, UNR

President Jack Davis, WNCC

President Brock Dixon, UNLV

President Paul Kreider, CCCC

President-Elect Leonard Goodall, UNLV

President Lloyd Smith, DRI

Bonnie M. Smotony, Secretary

Larry Lessly, General Counsel

Also present were Faculty Senate representatives Marschall, UNR; Kendall, Unit; Christopher, CCCC; Elliott, WNCC/N; Pugsley, WNCC/S; Jacobsen, DRI; and Student Association representatives Ritch, UNR; Visoky, CCCC; Schefcik, USUNS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cashell at 2:30 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 18, 1979, were submitted for approval.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr.

Karamanos, carried without dissent.

2. Request for Personnel Session

Dr. Lombardi moved that the Board go into personnel session for annual review of all persons reporting to the Board of Regents (the Chancellor, Presidents, General Counsel, and Secretary to the Board), and for discussion of the CCCC Presidential candidates. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

After meeting in personnel session with the Chancellor, General Counsel and Board Secretary, the Board reconvened in open session.

3. Recommendations for Salaries and Perquisites

Chancellor Baepler recommended the following salaries for the Officers for 1979-80:

Chancellor	\$47,500
President, DRI	47,500
President, UNR	47,500*
President, UNLV	47,500*

President, CCCC	43,000
President, NNCC	40,500
President, WNCC	43,000

Chancellor Baepler recommended that perquisites for Officers and selected staff be established at the following levels for 1979-80, to be funded from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account, unless otherwise specified:

Housing Allowance for Chancellor and Presidents of UNR*, UNLV* and DRI - \$500 per month.

Automobile Allowance for all Presidents to be increased to \$400 per month and for the Chancellor to \$800 per month.

Automobile Allowance for General Counsel to be increased to \$400 per month and a similar allowance of \$400 per month to be established for the System Endowment Officer.

Automobile Allowance of \$200 per month to be established for Vice President Mark Dawson, to be paid from DRI operating funds.

Host and Entertainment Expense Accounts to be increased to \$5,000 per year for Chancellor and each President.

*Previously approved at time of appointment, March 23, 1979

Chancellor Baepler reported that President Smith had announced that he wished to retire at the end of the coming fiscal year, but wishes to remain active with the Institute. Dr. Baepler noted that this comes at a time when the DRI is at an all-time high in its funding, with excellent prospects for the next year, and, for the first time in many years, has permanent people in its Directorships. Dr. Baepler also noted that the Board of Regents has an extremely high regard for President Smith and although the Presidency will be advertised and an orderly transition will occur, the Board has requested that Dr. Smith continue a relationship with the University after July 1, 1980, as President Emeritus, working in those areas where his national and international reputation will enhance the Institute.

Chancellor Baepler also commented concerning the provision of an automobile allowance for the Chancellor in Reno and

Las Vegas, noting that by earlier agreement with the Board at the time of his appointment as Chancellor, he does not draw per diem or incur hotel or rental car expense when in Las Vegas or Reno, since he maintains a home in both cities and keeps an automobile in both locations for use on University business.

Mrs. Fong moved approval of the Chancellor's recommendations concerning salaries and perquisites for the Officers and selected staff. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Buchanan reported that during the personnel session the Board of Regents had extensive interviews with General Counsel, the Secretary of the Board and with the Chancellor and moved that the Board of Regents go on record as agreeing with the way in which the Office of the Chancellor is being conducted and that the Board gives its wholehearted support to the Chancellor's Office as it stands today. Motion seconded by Mr. Ross, carried without dissent.

4. Request for Expenditures from Unrestricted Endowment Income

Chancellor Baepler recommended that Lyle Rivera be reap-

pointed as System Endowment Officer for a period of 6 months beginning July 1, 1979, during which a search would be conducted for a permanent appointment. He recommended a salary of \$35,000, to be funded from unrestricted endowment income available to the Chancellor's Office, and that sufficient funds also be authorized from this source to provide for continuation of Mr. Rivera's secretary and \$5,000 in operating funds.

Mrs. Fong moved approval of the appointment with the understanding that Mr. Rivera would also be assigned routine legal duties for UNLV, under the supervision of General Counsel.

Chancellor Baepler agreed that this would be done, noting that Mr. Rivera has indicated his willingness to perform such legal functions to compensate partially for the loss of the services of the Assistant General Counsel who has been operating at three-quarters time. He suggested that Mr. Rivera would handle routine legal affairs, but not litigation in court.

Chairman Cashell requested that Mr. Rivera provide periodic reports to the Regents concerning his activities and that

he also visit the Divisions during the next six months to identify ways in which he can be of assistance to them.

Dr. John Marschall, UNR Faculty Senate Chairman, requested that in the course of the next six months as the search is conducted that the Board give consideration to defining the relationship of the duties of the System Endowment Officer to those of the UNR Development Officer, and also an assessment of the needs of the Community Colleges and UNLV.

Chancellor Baepler stated that it was fully intended that this would be done and reported that an overture has already been made to UNR in an attempt to assess their needs.

Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

5. Appointment of President, Clark County Community College

Mr. Buchanan moved that the Board reconsider its action at the May 18 meeting directing that the CCCC Presidential Search be reopened and the position be readvertised.

Motion to reconsider seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

Chancellor Baepler recommended the appointment of Dr. Judith Eaton as President of Clark County Community College, with the salary and perquisites established earlier for this position, and with an additional allowance of the equivalent of one month's apartment rental in Las Vegas while she relocates.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes - Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr.

Lombardi, Mr. Mc Bride, Mr. Cashell

No - Mr. Karamanos, Miss Mason, Mr. Ross

Miss Mason stated that she would not wish to have Dr. Eaton assume the Presidency at CCCC feeling that she did not have full support of the Board and asked that her vote be changed to yes.

Mr. Karamanos also asked that his no vote be withdrawn and recorded as yes.

Mr. Ross agreed to do the same but asked that his original vote stand as a matter of permanent record.

Mr. Buchanan moved that a unanimous vote be recorded for the appointment of Dr. Eaton as President of CCCC. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

6. Salary Recommendations Requiring Board Approval

Chancellor Baepler noted that salaries for Vice Presidents, Deans and Directors, and other Administrators reporting directly to a President or a Chancellor, and professional staff at Step 20+ who are being recommended for an increase in excess of 8%, require Board approval, with other professional salaries determined by the respective Division or Campus Officer. He submitted the following salary recommendations for approval:

	1978-79	1979-80	
Incumbent	Salary	Salary	% Increase
Northern Nevada Community College			
GREENHAW, Charles	\$24,966	\$27,005	8.2
KARR, Juanita	21,729	23,665	8.9
DAVIES, William	23,222	25,335	9.1

AIAZZI, Stan	19,938	21,995	10.3
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Clark County Community College

BROWN, Thomas	23,772	25,774	8.4
MITCHELL, James C.	21,500	23,246	8.1
YOUNG, Jerry W.	28,341	30,614	8.0
DEAN OF INSTRUCTION	33,046	35,690	8.0
TOMLINSON, Larry	24,996	27,084	8.4

Western Nevada Community College

EARDLEY, V. James	36,244	40,000	10.4
CALABRO, Tony	30,014	32,732	9.1
BERASAIN, Marcia	26,234	28,849	10.0
TAVERNIA, George	27,502	30,614	11.3
MILTENBERGER, P.	28,676	30,967	8.0
WILKINS, David C.	34,000	36,720	8.0
CASERTA, John	28,770	30,967	7.6
HILLYGUS, Herbert	27,819	30,614	10.0
MUNSON, Bert	28,770	30,967	7.6

Desert Research Institute

KOCHMDND, Warren	40,000	46,000	15.0
BRADLEY, Jerry O.	30,500	33,100	8.5
KOCH, David L.	30,000	33,500	11.7
VACANT	37,000	35,000	-5.4
DAWSON, Mark H.	37,500	40,500	8.0
LALIBERTE, Fyme I.	16,430	18,300	11.4
WINTERBERG, Friedwardt	35,100	36,600	4.3
KRENKEL, Peter	42,000	46,000	9.5

Unit

ANDERSON, N. H.	37,656	40,535	7.6
LAXALT, Robert	35,388	38,141	7.8

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

DIXON, Brock	\$40,000	\$42,998	7.5
WESTFALL, H. W.	40,000	42,998	7.5
GLENNEN, R. E.	39,168	42,998	9.8
MICHEL, M. A.	36,900	39,737	7.7
HARDBECK, George	38,034	41,333	8.7
VALLEN, Jerry	36,900	39,737	7.7
SMITH, Robert	38,034	41,333	8.7
MARSHALL, Dwight	35,771	38,444	7.5

ERICKSON, Hal	33,786	36,545	8.2
IRELAND, William	31,686	34,144	7.8
ALBRECHT, F.	20,237	21,982	8.6
HUGHES, Mark	25,013	27,038	8.1
KITCHEN, J.	26,505	28,618	8.0
UNRUE, J.	36,244	38,943	7.5
KUNKEL, R. C.	37,278	40,136	7.7
MC CULLOUGH, J.	36,369	39,873	9.6
KNORR, O. A.	30,474	33,353	9.4
VP ACADEMIC	41,000	44,053	7.4

University of Nevada, Reno

PINE, E. L.	41,994	45,102	7.4
GORRELL, R. M.	42,750	45,899	7.4
BOHMONT, D.	40,508	43,535	7.5
STAFFORD, R.	38,412	42,131	9.7
HUGHS, R. E.	40,198	43,207	7.5
CAIN, E. J.	40,508	43,535	7.5
BREESE, C. R.	39,168	42,120	7.5
DOWNER, D. B.	31,608	34,949	10.6
BAKER, A. III	39,168	42,120	7.5
BRAND, V.	38,412	41,333	7.6
NELLOR, J.	40,118	43,122	7.5

MOREHOUSE, H.	35,010	37,742	7.8
SHIRLEY, J.	36,144	39,737	9.9
BARNES, R. J.	32,742	36,146	10.4
GAMBLE, S.	18,593	21,258	14.3
JESSUP, K. D.	34,254	37,742	10.2
WOLF, H. J.	28,341	32,555	14.9
MC REARY, F. P.	30,014	33,085	10.2
NAULT, J. T.	17,849	19,454	9.0
SCULLY, T.	58,630	62,653	6.9
DANKWORTH, R.	38,790	41,721	7.6
D'AZEVEDO, W. L. (LWOP)	32,640	35,763	9.6
SCOTT, W. T.	33,743	36,927	9.4
BACKMAN, C. W.	33,598	36,442	8.5
SCHUON, J.	22,485	24,634	9.5

In the consideration of the above salary recommendations, several questions were raised concerning those increases in excess of ten percent, with Mr. Cashell particularly expressing concern and asking that the Presidents justify each increase which exceeded that amount.

Mr. Buchanan moved that across-the-board increases and merit not exceed 10.5% in any case. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride.

Mrs. Knudtsen objected, suggesting that each recommendation be considered on an individual basis. Accordingly, questions were raised and responded to for all individuals recommended for increases exceeding 10.5%, following which Mr. Mc Bride announced himself satisfied and withdrew his second. Mr. Buchanan declined to withdraw his motion, which was then seconded by Mrs. Fong, and failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes - Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Fong, Mr. Karamanos, Mr.

Cashell

No - Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr. Lombardi, Miss Mason, Mr. Mc

Bride, Mr. Ross

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval of the salary recommendations as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried by the following roll call vote:

No - Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Fong, Mr. Karamanos, Mr.

Cashell

Yes - Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr. Lombardi, Miss Mason, Mr. Mc

Bride, Mr. Ross

Dr. Crowley noted that one recommendation had been omitted from the list requiring Board approval and asked that Dr. Wilbur S. Shepperson's salary be increased from \$32,325 to \$35,099.

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

7. Proposed Reorganization of Chancellor's Office

Chancellor Baepler proposed certain changes in organization patterns in the Chancellor's Office, noting that the basic changes proposed do not involve new functions but would be limited to reassignment of functions currently being performed by the staff. Specifically, Dr. Baepler proposed that two units, budget and audit, be merged into a Department of Finance under the direction of Ken Patridge, presently Director of Internal Audit. The present Director of Budget and Institutional Studies will be assigned exclusively to Institutional Studies. One additional function performed in the Chancellor's Office, that of affirmative action coordination, will be handled by the UNR Affirmative Action Officer.

Dr. Baepler then recommended that the new position now being recruited under the title of Community College Coordinator be entitled Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, that there be a Vice Chancellor of Finance, and that the General Counsel be retitled Vice Chancellor for Legal Services. He emphasized that neither the title changes nor the reorganization of staff involved any new functions. He commented further that although he had discussed this proposal with a number of the Regents, and with a number of people in the Chancellor's Office, he regarded the Chancellor's Office staff as the Regent's staff and therefore believed the decision should be one in which the Regents had significant input.

Miss Mason moved that this matter be tabled until the next meeting and that the Regents be given an organization chart reflecting the proposed changes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen.

Chancellor Baepler suggested that this matter could be separated into two areas and that perhaps by doing so the Regents would be willing to proceed with the changes in structure, with the proposal concerning titles deferred until the next meeting.

Miss Mason withdrew her motion with concurrence from Mrs. Knudtsen.

Mr. Karamanos moved that the Chancellor's recommendation for merging of the budget and audit functions into a Department of Finance be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Buchanan, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Ron Kendall, Unit Senate Chairman, requested that this item be deferred until a later meeting and that the proposed changes be provided to the Unit Senate so that the process required by the Unit Bylaws could be completed.

Chancellor Baepler stated that his recommendation would be the same, independent of the Unit Senate, and added that he did not feel that this kind of change is appropriately brought before the Senate but rather it is a decision for the Board of Regents to make.

Mr. Mc Bride moved that based on the foregoing action of the Board, the Chancellor be instructed to issue terminal contracts to the budget analysts in the Chancellor's Office (i. e., that contracts issued July 1, 1979, be one-year

terminal contracts). Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos,
carried by the following roll call vote:

Abstain - Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Fong, Dr. Lombardi

Yes - Mr. Karamanos, Mrs. Knudtsen, Mr. Mc Bride, Mr.
Ross, Mr. Cashell

No - Miss Mason

It was agreed that the recommendation concerning titles
would be resubmitted for Board consideration at the June 29
meeting, together with a proposed organization chart and
position descriptions.

8. Adoption of Work Program for 1979-80

Chancellor Baepler noted that in addition to the Work Pro-
gram for 1979-80, which had been mailed to the Board previ-
ously, a document had been distributed to the Board reflect-
ing the capital improvement budget for the next succeeding
four-year period which totaled \$113 million for the Univer-
sity System, the largest budget the University had ever re-
ceived for capital projects. In addition, he noted that
supplemental sheets had also been distributed which includ-
ed two Estimative Budgets not available when the Work Pro-

gram was mailed -- for the Radiological Safety Board, and for UNLV Intercollegiate Athletics.

Dr. Baepler stated that insofar as is known, the Work Program meets legislative intent where that intent had been communicated. He noted that, as in the previous year, salaries have not been distributed in this document but are contained in a reserve. When salaries have been finally determined, this reserve will be spread throughout the document, and a revised copy will be distributed.

Mr. Mc Bride commented that although he understood the problems with the lateness of the legislative session and the amount of work required to prepare the Work Program, he was not totally satisfied with it and asked if it would be possible to accept the Work Program conditionally in order that it could be transmitted to the Controllers.

Chancellor Baepler recalled that the Board had, at its previous meeting, established the Audit Committee as a standing committee of the Board, and suggested that this Committee would relate beautifully to a Department of Finance and the normal progression for the Work Program would be reviewed by the Audit Committee on its way to adoption by the Board. He

suggested that the Work Program be accepted conditionally so that it can be submitted to the Business Centers, subject to analysis by the Audit Committee and the Audit Staff and report back to the Regents at the next convenient time.

Mr. Mc Bride moved conditional acceptance of the Work Program subject to further review and approval by the Audit Committee and the Board of Regents. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried without dissent.

It was agreed that the necessary revisions to the Work Program would be prepared, including the inclusion on the UNLV Intercollegiate Athletics Estimative Budget of the revenue received from gifts, and would be available for the June 29th meeting.

9. Loan to UNR

Chancellor Baepler asked for inclusion of an emergency item concerning the sports facility for UNR.

Mr. Buchanan moved that discussion of this item be included. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

Chancellor Baepler recalled that the appropriation of \$30 million for the UNLV sports pavilion, which includes a continuing education center, and \$26 million for the UNR sports pavilion, were based on estimates prepared by each institution. A court test of the constitutionality of the bond issues which will fund these facilities must be expedited in order that these projects can proceed. He commented on the problem caused by inflation, presently estimated at between 12-15% a year, costing in excess of \$560,000 for each month these projects are delayed.

Chancellor Baepler recommended that every effort be made to utilize the time which will be required for the court test by proceeding with preliminary plans. He recalled that UNLV had received a rather substantial private gift which they have been authorized to use to contract with an architect to proceed with the preliminary planning. He recommended that the Board of Regents authorize a loan from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account to UNR for the purpose of contracting for preliminary plans, so that both projects can proceed simultaneously and concurrently, as prescribed by the Legislature (AB 63), with the loan to be repaid when the bonds are sold in October or November.

Mr. Ross moved approval of the \$100,000 loan to UNR from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account for the purpose stated above. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

10. Appointment of Special Bond Counsel

Mr. Lessly requested inclusion of an emergency item related to appointment of special counsel.

Mrs. Fong moved that discussion of this item be included.

Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

Mr. Lessly explained that in order to have bonds issued pursuant to AB 63, which the Governor has now signed, it is necessary in the opinion of bond counsel that litigation ensue to make a determination on constitutional issues. Specifically, bond counsel will have to issue an opinion that the legislation is not unconstitutional before the University can sell the bonds. He requested the Board approve the appointment of the firm of Dawson, Negal, Sherman and Howard, bond counsel in Denver, Colorado, as special counsel to represent the Board or one of its employees who will be sued in order to test the case.

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

11. Appointment of Audit Committee

Mr. Cashell announced the following appointments to the
newly-created Audit Committee:

Mr. John Mc Bride, Chairman

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Miss Brenda Mason

Mr. Cashell also noted the provision in the Bylaws for ap-
pointment of public members and announced the appointment
of Mr. Bernard D. Christian, Controller of the Holiday
Casino in Las Vegas, and Mr. Paul Griffith, President of
Harold's Club, Reno.

Mr. Cashell noted that with appointment of Mr. Mc Bride as
Chairman of the Audit Committee, his resignation from the
Investment Committee was accepted.

12. Application to Fleischmann Foundation

President Crowley reported that a letter had been received in April from Mr. Julius Bergen, Chairman of the Fleishmann Foundation Board of Trustees, inviting the Board of Regents to submit an application on behalf of the University of Nevada School of Medical Sciences for a Tele-Health Communications System, which would link 13 county facilities and 7 rural health clinics by providing a television image and feedback over the telephone line from transmitters in small rural hospitals to transceivers located in major tertiary hospitals with physician specialists and medical residents providing consultation to the local physicians and patients in the rural communities.

Dr. Crowley noted that in response to that invitation, the Medical School has prepared such a proposal for a grant not to exceed \$425,000, and requested authorization from the Board to submit this proposal on behalf of UNR. (Copy of summary of proposal included with the agenda, identified as Ref. C and filed with permanent minutes.)

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

13. Radio Broadcasting Rights for UNR Football and Basketball

Games

President Crowley reported that the UNR Athletic Department had recently requested bids for radio broadcasting rights for football and basketball games for the 1979-80 season with option to renew for the 1980-81 season. He noted that three bids had been received and a tabulation of those bids was included with the agenda (identified as Ref. E and filed with permanent minutes).

President Crowley reported that the Athletic Department and Vice President Pine had recommended award of the broadcast rights to KOLO Radio, based on their review of the bids and their judgment that the bid of KOLO Radio was in the best interests of the University. Dr. Crowley endorsed the recommendation of the Athletic Department and the Vice President for Business and recommended award to KOLO Radio.

Statements in support of their respective bids were made by Dave Newman, KONE and KOZZ Radio; Tim Grant, KOLO Radio, and Bob Eurich and Jerry Cobb, in support of Bob Eurich Enterprises.

Mr. Ross moved approval of the President's recommendation that the bid be awarded to KOLO Radio. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

14. Proposal to Sell Property

President Dixon recalled that at its meeting on May 18, the Board deferred action on a recommendation to sell an undivided 1/2 interest in 40 acres given to UNLV in 1968 by Abe P. Miller and Linnea C. Miller. He noted that this action to defer was to see what decision the Legislature would make on the location of the new prison.

Dr. Dixon reported that the site of the new prison had been determined and will have no effect on the value of this parcel of land owned by the University and he requested the Board to authorize the sale of this property with the minimum acceptable bid to be determined by a new appraisal, and further requested the Board to agree to payment of a real estate commission.

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval, noting that acceptance of a bid will require Board action and sale of the property will require concurrence of the Governor.

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

15. Commendation for Service as Interim President

Mr. Mc Bride moved that the Board of Regents formally express its appreciation to Dr. Brock Dixon for his service as Interim President of UNLV and that an appropriate statement of the Board's commendation be prepared. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried unanimously.

Mr. Buchanan moved that the Board also express its appreciation to Dr. Paul Kreider for his service as Interim President of Clark County Community College and that an appropriate statement of commendation be prepared. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried unanimously.

16. Postretirement Appointment, NNCC

President Berg recommended that a postretirement appointment be offered to Bill Bellinger, Automotive Instructor, NNCC, for 1/2 time for the 1979-80 academic year.

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

17. Request for Allocation from Board of Regents Special

Projects Account

Chancellor Baepler reported that funds which will be available to the Computing Center total \$1,587,144 in FY 80 and \$1,678,416 in FY 81 for a total of \$3,265,560 for the biennium. Therefore, in order to maintain its current level of operations the Center will require an additional \$198,000 in FY 80 and \$199,090 in FY 81 for a total of \$397,090 for the biennium. It is estimated that the Center's Sales Account will have a balance of \$140,000 as of June 30, 1979, with additional income for FY 80 and FY 81 estimated at \$205,680. This would provide \$345,680 of the additional funds required, leaving a projected deficit of \$51,418 as of June 30, 1981, if the current level of operations is to be maintained.

Chancellor Baepler presented a proposal by Mr. Niels Anderson, Director of the Computing Center, that the Center exercise purchase rights for certain equipment now under lease. Such purchases would require an investment of

\$202,721 and would be returned to the University in 25 months from the savings realized by purchase rather than continuing to lease. In addition, a balance of approximately \$139,120 would remain in the sales account as of June 30, 1981.

Chancellor Baepler recommended that \$202,721 be allocated from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account to permit the Computing Center to exercise purchase rights to equipment now under lease, noting that he had consulted with the Divisions concerning this proposed allocation from the account and no opposition had been expressed. This subsidy will permit the Center to maintain its current level of service to the Divisions for the coming biennium.

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

Dr. John Marschall, UNR Faculty Senate Chairman, requested that consideration be given to the establishment of a system committee to review the pattern of disbursements from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account, with perhaps an opportunity to develop criteria for future allocations. He stated that the UNR Faculty strongly supports the judicious

use of Special Projects money for equipment such as was just approved, but would also ask that a system committee receive priority listings from the Divisions or other units for projects which might be appropriate for funding by the Regents, suggest guidelines and criteria for disbursements, and perhaps look at the lower limit beyond which the fund should not be diminished.

Chancellor Baepler stated that all of the information concerning the Board of Regents Special Projects Fund is available, including where the money was generated, a complete breakdown of every expenditure and its purpose, and he would be pleased to furnish it to the Divisions. He agreed that there was no written criteria for the establishment of priorities, noting that the requests are not normally invited, but when received from one of the Divisions, such a request is presented to the Board of Regents.

General Counsel Lessly stated that in his opinion the Board of Regents as a constitutional body has absolute discretion on how it uses these funds.

President Crowley reported that bids were opened by the Public Works Board on May 24, 1979, for Campus improvements for the Reno Campus, with the following results:

	Base Bid	Alt A	Alt B	Alt C	Alt D
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Valley Crest

Landscaping	\$684,000	\$ 8,250	\$40,880	\$15,580	\$ 3,300
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Nevada Paving

Incorporated	783,500	50,700	65,500	29,900	8,000
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Granada Landscaping

Company	797,777	29,777	57,000	26,000	49,000
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Brierley Construction

Company	884,745	43,800	44,000	19,200	4,500
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Alternate A - Benches, trash receptacle and bike racks,

library mall area

Alternate B - Planting and sprinkler irrigation, north area

Alternate C - Planting and sprinkler irrigation, Judicial

College area

Alternate D - Striping and asphalt

President Crowley recommended the Board of Regents concur in the award by the State Public Works Board of a contract to Valley Crest Landscaping for the base bid and all 4 alternates for a total contract of \$752,010. Chancellor Baepler concurred.

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

19. Request for Authority to Execute Indemnity Agreement

Mr. Lessly distributed a proposed indemnity agreement (filed with permanent minutes) which he requested the Board to authorize the Chancellor to execute on behalf of the Board of Regents in order for the University to receive the funds from the Hughes Estate payable under the contract between Mr. Hughes and the University of Nevada for the benefit of the Medical School. Mr. Lessly requested that the indemnity agreement be for the \$200,000 July 1978 payment, or in the event that money is received after July 1, the indemnity agreement be for \$400,000 to include the 1979 payment from the estate.

Mr. Lessly recalled that there was a contested hearing in Houston with respect to this money and the University now has a priority four claim as the result of the judgment. He suggested that there was a distinct possibility under the law of the State of Texas that there will be a preference payment to the University by the estate. If the estate were subsequently attacked for making a preference payment, the University would simply pay the money back into the estate; therefore, he stated, the indemnity agreement is meaningless and no real liability is involved.

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

20. Acceptance of Gift Property

President Crowley reported that John J. Douglass and Carol Kennett Douglass have offered to the University a gift of property located in Spring Creek, Elko County, Nevada, for the unrestricted use of the UNR Basque Studies Program. The property consists of approximately 2,014 acres and has been appraised at \$7,720.

President Crowley recommended acceptance of the gift and

authorization to offer the property for sale in accordance with policy concerning the disposal of University property.

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

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

21. Uncollectible NDSL Loans

Chancellor Baepler noted that the University has a number of NDSL student loans outstanding and, although every effort is made to collect them, many are delinquent and considered uncollectible. HEW has determined that as of June 30, 1979, the University need no longer carry such delinquent loans on its books but may turn such loans over to the Federal government for processing.

Chancellor Baepler recommended that, because of the effective date established by HEW, this item be regarded as an emergency matter, and that the Board direct that the NDSL loans considered to be uncollectible be turned over to HEW and no longer be carried on the University's books.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Miss

Mason, carried without dissent.

22. New Business

- a. Mr. Buchanan asked that the June 29 agenda include consideration of funding for the UNLV marching band.

- b. Mr. Mc Bride requested the Board to consider holding a workshop/retreat for Regents and Officers and that discussion concerning this be scheduled for the June 29 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Bonnie M. Smotony

Secretary of the Board

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