

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes September 21-22, 1946

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## REGENTS MEETING September 21, 1946

The special meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order by the Chairman at 9:15 A.M., September 21, 1946, in the President's office. Present: Regents Henningsen, Sheerin, Mc Namee, Sirkegian, Ross; Comptroller Gorman and President Moseley.

Motion of Mr. Sheerin passed unanimously that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada, acting by and through its governing body, has found that there exists or impends an acute shortage of educational facilities required for persons engaged in the pursuit of courses of training or education under Title II of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and to relieve such shortage proposes to request the United States of America through the Bureau of Community Facilities, Federal Works Agency, to provide educational facilities, pursuant to Public Law 697, 79th Congress (Section 504 of the Lanham Act, as amended), and in connection therewith, has examined and considered such law, the Regulations, the Information for Applicants, the form of application and the form of proposed agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents that a justification of need and that an application or applications be filed, in such form as may be required by the Government, to provide such educational facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that C. H. Gorman, Vice President and Comptroller, is hereby designated as the Applicant's Representative and is authorized in his capacity as such Representative to file with the Government a justification of need and an application or applications to negotiate, execute and enter into an agreement or agreements with the Government in substantially the form of agreement considered by the Governing Body, to negotiate, execute and enter into such other agreements and instruments and to perform and do any and all acts as may be necessary to provide a suitable site

and site preparation, streets or roadways, sidewalks, landscaping, utility mains, technical or engineering data, architectural or engineering services, necessary rights of entry and rights of way for Government operations, to accept on behalf of the Applicant ownership and possession of such facilities, to assure the Government that such facilities will be utilized by the Applicant to carry out the purposes of such law, and to do or perform any and all other acts that are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Applicant's application, to perform the Applicant's obligations under its agreement with the Government, and to obtain the provisions or such facilities.

Motion of Mr. Sheerin passed unanimously that the Board ratify the appointment of Architect Russell Mills to prepare plans and specifications for all facilities secured under Public Law 697.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee passed unanimously that the Executive Committee of the Board be empowered to approve the contract with Architect F. J. De Longchamps for preparing plans for a Man's Dormitory building under the Federal Works Agency.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee passed unanimously that the Executive Committee of the Board be empowered to open fuel bids and to let the contract for the ensuing year.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee passed unanimously that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that C. H. Gorman, Vice President and Comptroller of the University of Nevada, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign for and on behalf of the University of Nevada, all contracts, leases and other papers in connection with the Veterans Administration.

It being necessary for Mr. Pierce R. Evans to secure permission of the University before erecting a motel, motion of Mr. Mc Namee passed unanimously that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that Pierce R. Evans be given the permission of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to erect and build a motel and automobile service station and such other buildings as are customarily used in conjunction with the conduct of such businesses on that certain parcel of land bounded on the north by the City Limits of the City of Reno, and on the west by Sierra Street, on the south by Sixteenth Street and Evans Vista Subdivision, and on the east by Virginia Street, but this consent is given upon the expressed

understanding that said buildings shall be used only for such purposes, and shall not be used for any business that may be considered detrimental to the University of Nevada, without the further consent of the Board of Regents.

Motion of Mr. Sirkegian that the President and the Comptroller be authorized to proceed with negotiations for the lease on the dormitories at the Highland Terrace Project and that the results of the negotiations be presented to the Board of Regents for their final approval, passed unanimously.

President Moseley told of the proposed gift of Mrs. Marye Thomas of Wadsworth of the entire ranching property held by her; and motion of Mr. Mc Namee that the President be instructed to write and advise Mrs. Thomas of the University's acceptance, passed unanimously.

At 10:00 A.M. the State Board met with the Board of Regents. Present: Vail Pittman, Governor; Robert A. Allen, Chairman of the Planning Board; Alfred Merritt Smith, State Engineer; W. F. Helmick, J. H. Buehler, Jay A. Carpenter, Ray L. Jefferson, A. M. Mackenzie, B. C. Hartung; and Frank Mc Cullough of the Reno Evening Gazette, Robert Bennyhoff of the United Press.

The Chairman of the Board of Regents called the joint meeting to order with the statement that this special meeting with the State Planning Board and others interested in the welfare and progress of the University of Nevada was called to work out a long range program of expansion and development.

The Chairman of the State Planning Board explained the relationship of the Board with other State Departments as provided by the State Legislature at its last session. He suggested a plot plan for the University and presented one worked out by the Planning Board for the consideration of the Board of Regents.

After due consideration, Mr. Ross offered, for the Board of Regents, suggestions as follows:

- a) That provision be made to acquire a right of way north of our athletic field and west of the practice field to connect our University property with that north and abutting on North Virginia Street.
- b) That the Student Union building be off the Campus, probably in the ground immediately back of the SAE House on East Ninth Street.

- c) That the Mackay School of Mines should not be crowded by buildings for other use.
- d) That the auditorium be where Lincoln Hall and the Hospital now are located.
- e) That the Dormitories be moved away from the Campus to relieve the congestion.

The State Planning concurred unanimously with the above suggestions.

President Moseley expressed his desire to use the new buildings progressively to the best advantage of the University, for different purposes at different times.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee passed unanimously that the site for the new Classroom building for which money is now provided be in the hollow east of the Veterinary building and south of the new Engineering building.

The Board felt that it was not, at this time, in a position to decide upon which building the University should request next from the State Legislature. At the close of the present meeting, a survey was made and the matter will be brought up for decision at the next meeting of the Board.

Governor Pittman spoke on behalf of the Mine Operators Association and the State Mining Advisory Board in asking for an expansion of the Mackay School of Mines, especially in the fields of graduate study and research work. Professor Carpenter estimated that over \$20,000 worth of new equipment is needed to bring the School up to par for undergraduate work; that between \$20,000 and \$25,000 would be required to equip the U. S. Bureau of Mines building for research work, provided government constructs its own quarters for the Bureau of Mines; an addition of 4 to the staff would be needed if graduate work is to be offered, Mr. Carpenter stated.

It was unanimously agreed that the Men's Dormitory building will be located in the vicinity of Clark Field, northerly from the Campus proper, with the exact location to be determined at a later date, after the contours are available.

Chairman Ross thanked the Governor and the members of the State Planning Board for their attendance and for their interest in the University.

At the suggestion of Mr. Ross, it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Board of Regents be for the 2 days, October 11th and 12th, and that the State Planning Board be invited to a joint meeting on Saturday morning, the 12th.

At 12:00 noon the meeting adjourned in order that the members of the Board might visit the proposed sites for new improvements and to have luncheon at the University Dining Hall at 12:30.