

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes December 19-20, 1956

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 19, 1956

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met for a luncheon meeting at the Riverside Hotel on Wednesday, December 19, 1956. Present: Regents Hardy, Lombardi, Thompson, Ross; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout. Regent-Elect Anderson was present as an observer. Mr. Poolman was present to discuss the building program. Mr. Laxalt was present as News Editor. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by Chairman Ross.

### Alumni Petition

William Parish and Sam Francovich, representing the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, came into the meeting to present the petition for financial assistance in the University budget to employ a full-time Alumni Secretary and to institute a student aid work program (see minutes of December 13, 1956).

### University Budget

Recent newspaper articles indicated that the Nevada Taxpayers Association believed that it should have received a copy of the University budget prior to its presentation to the Governor on October 1. Mr. Hayden explained that Mr. Neil Humphrey, Executive Secretary, had visited the University soon after his appointment in the Fall, that he had talked with Mr. Hayden and received information which had been presented to the Regents concerning the budget. Mr. Humphrey then talked with the President and was promised a copy of the budget when copies were available. President Stout pointed out that it is not the usual practice to submit a budget to any group prior to its being submitted to the Governor and the Budget Director, and that the budgets were received from the State Printer during the weekend just past. It was agreed that a meeting arranged with the Executive Committee of the Nevada Taxpayers Association to discuss these things and to answer any

questions that anybody might have in regard to the University budget. In the meantime, Mr. Humphrey will be supplied with copies of the budget.

The Regents asked, also, that supplementary information be supplied to the Governor and the State Budget Director as follows: list of buildings indicating priority of need, all salary items including new positions, breakdown in increase in enrollment figures, breakdown of Las Vegas budget separate from budget for Reno Campus.

#### University Building Program

Mr. Poolman read a letter he wrote on December 4, 1956 addressed to the State Planning Board in which request was made for information concerning the specific type of equipment which might be included in the legislative provision of "erection, furnishing and equipping" the Classroom building. Misunderstanding apparently existed on the part of the State Planning Board as to the University's intent, which was for an opinion from the Attorney General on the matter.

Further discussion of the University Building Program brought out the fact that the State Planning Board had not followed the University's recommendation in its Building Program, nor had the Planning Board consulted with the University Administration concerning changes. At the same time, Governor Russell had stated that he would recommend only the items in capital outlay which the State Planning Board approved.

It was agreed by consensus that a meeting be arranged whereby the Board of Regents and the State Planning Board might discuss these matters.

#### Alumni Petition (Continued)

Following general discussion, and agreement that careful study should be given to the petition of the Alumni Association,

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the Secretary write to the President of the Alumni Association acknowledging receipt of the petition, delivered in person, and telling him that it is a matter which cannot be considered in an Executive Committee meeting, but that it will be included on the agenda of the next regular meeting of

the Board of Regents, sometime in January.

The date for the January meeting was to be set early in January, if possible, at a time when the members of the Executive Board of the Nevada Taxpayers Association and the members of the State Planning Board can meet with the Board of Regents.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.