

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes January 12-13, 1979

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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

January 12, 1979

The Board of Regents met on the above date in the Edward L. Pine Auditorium of the 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 F. 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

President Joseph Crowley

President Jack Davis

President Brock Dixon

President Paul Kreider

President Lloyd Smith

General Counsel Larry Lessly

Secretary Bonnie Smotomy

Also present were Senate Chairmen Page (UNR); Mattson (UNLV); Blauert (WNCC/N); Jacobsen (DRI); Kendall (Unit); and Student Association representatives Neuweiler (ASUN); Schenk (WNCC/S); White (CSUN); and Schefcik (USUNS).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buchanan at 9:45 A.M. with the Honorable Peter Breen, District Judge, swearing in newly elected Regents Cashell and Mc Bride, and re-elected Regents Fong and Karamanos.

1. Election of Officers

In accordance with the provision of the Bylaws that "the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected from among the

membership of the Board at the organization meeting of the Board in January of the odd-numbered years and shall serve two-year terms", Chairman Buchanan called for nominations for Chairman.

Dr. Lombardi nominated Mrs. Molly Knudtsen. Nomination was seconded by Mrs. Fong.

Mr. Mc Bride nominated Mr. Robert Cashell. Nomination was seconded by Mr. Karamanos.

Nominations were then closed and Mr. Cashell was elected Chairman by the following votes:

Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cashell, Mr. Karamanos, Mr. Mc Bride

Mr. Ross - for Mr. Cashell

Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr. Lombardi - for Mrs.

Knudtsen

Miss Mason - abstain

Mr. Cashell assumed the Chair and called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Karamanos nominated Mr. John Tom Ross. Nomination was seconded by Mr. Buchanan.

Dr. Lombardi nominated Mrs. Fong. Nomination was seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen.

Nominations were then closed and Mr. Ross was elected Vice Chairman by the following votes:

Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cashell, Mr. Karamanos, Mr. Mc Bride,

Mr. Ross - for Mr. Ross

Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr. Lombardi - for Mrs. Fong

Miss Mason - abstain

In accordance with the provision of the Bylaws that "A Secretary of the Board, who shall also be designated as Clerk of the Board, shall be selected by the Board from without its members from among a panel of persons nominated by the Chancellor of the University, shall serve at the will of the Board and shall be compensated by the University in an amount determined by the Board", Chancellor Baepler recom-

mended that Mrs. Bonnie Smotony be designated as Secretary of the Board for the ensuing two-year term.

Dr. Lombardi moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr.

Karamanos, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Chancellor Baepler presented plaques to Mr. James Buchanan and Mrs. Molly Knudtsen in appreciation for their four years as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

2. Appointment of Investment Advisory Committee

Chairman Cashell appointed the following to the Investment Advisory Committee for the ensuing two-year period:

Mr. Karamanos, Chairman

Mr. Mc Bride, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Knudtsen

Dr. Lombardi

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval of the following items contained in the Consent Agenda as identified as Ref.

A (filed with permanent minutes):

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 1,
and special meeting of December 18, 1978, as amended.

2. Acceptance of gifts and grants.

3. Appointment to School of Medical Sciences Advisory
Board of Dr. Louis E. Lombardi as replacement for
Dr. Fred M. Anderson.

4. Request for leave of absence without pay for Dr. Salim
Akhtar, Mackay School of Mines, for two years beginning
July 1, 1979.

5. Postretirement appointment of Dr. William Carlson, Pro-
fessor of Education, UNLV, for 1979-80 academic year.

6. Promotion to Emeritus Status of Charles A. Jacobi, Pro-
fessor of Radiologic Technology, upon his retirement
from UNLV at the end of the current academic year.

7. Renaming of Department of Geology-Geography, UNR, to
Department of Geological Sciences, effective

immediately.

8. Formal designation of Morrill Hall as the official name of that building.
9. Authorization for assessment of a \$2 fee for issuance by UNR of a duplicate fee receipt.
10. Approval of the 1979 Summer Session Budget for UNLV.
11. Augmentation of the Chancellor's Housing Expense Allowance to bring the account back to its original level of \$5,000.
12. Authorization to write off \$2,568.63 in emergency loans at NNCC which are considered uncollectible.
13. Authorization to expend up to \$40,000 from the Union Reserve Fund to accomplish physical modifications to UNLV Student Union food facility to include a "deli".
14. Increase from \$100 to \$200 per month in the automobile allowance provided for General Counsel Lessly, effective January 1, 1979.

President Crowley requested that Item 9 be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

In response to a question from Miss Mason concerning the proposed increase in automobile allowance for Mr. Lessly, Chancellor Baepler explained that Mr. Lessly uses his personal car extensively on University business, and is expected to be traveling between Reno and Carson City during the Legislative Session. The allowance is provided as total compensation for such use and no additional mileage claims will be made by Mr. Lessly for University-related travel in the Reno-Carson City areas.

Miss Mason also inquired about the change in title proposed for Mr. Lessly. Chancellor Baepler reported that he is considering a change in title to have the General Counsel of the University named Vice Chancellor for signature purposes only on grants and contracts, without any change in function or in services performed by Counsel, and without any internal reorganization. He stated that such a change in title is not intended to establish this as a #2 position in the University, and that no one else will be reporting to the Chancellor through this Vice Chancellor. He also noted that

such a change in title would not typically be brought to the Board of Regents for approval.

In discussion of the gifts and grants included with the Consent Agenda, President Crowley asked for the inclusion of an offer of a gift to UNR from Mr. Claude Howard of property in Las Vegas which would be used by the Medical School as a clinic. Dr. Crowley noted that the property is the San Francisco Medical Arts building at 637 E. Sahara and is valued at \$600,000. A stipulation of the offer is that it would be used by the Medical School, when transferred to the University in about two years, as a clinic.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted, with the deletion of Item 9, and with the addition to the gift list of the proposed gift from Mr. Claude Howard. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

4. Resolutions of Appreciation

Chancellor Baepler recommended adoption of the following resolutions in appreciation of the service of former Regents Fred M. Anderson, M. D. and John Buchanan.

Resolution #79-1

WHEREAS, FRED M. ANDERSON, M. D., has served with distinction as a Regent of the University of Nevada continuously from January, 1957 through December, 1978; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Regent he has freely and unselfishly devoted time and attention to this public office, seeking always the advancement of the University; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate and proper growth of all Divisions of the University of Nevada throughout the State has always been an abiding concern to him; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Board from 1965 through 1968, he provided effective and constructive leadership, especially during the formative years of the Medical School; and

WHEREAS, his interest in the area of medical education has been a determining factor in the founding and development of the Medical School, thereby offering increased opportunities for careers in medicine to young men and women in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anderson has now chosen to retire from the Board of Regents after twenty-two years in that office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, on behalf of its individual members, the Administration, the faculties, staff and students, hereby expresses to Dr. Fred M. Anderson its most sincere appreciation for his dedicated and effective service to the University of Nevada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regents sincerely hope that his interest in and support of the University will continue and that the University community will continue to benefit from his wise counsel.

Given at Reno this 12th day of January, 1979.

Resolution #79-2

WHEREAS, JOHN BUCHANAN served as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada from January, 1975 through December, 1978; and

WHEREAS, during this time he has freely devoted time and attention to this public office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan also served as Chairman of the Board's Investment Advisory Committee for 1977 and 1978, giving conscientiously of his advice and counsel in this leadership role;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses to John Buchanan its sincere appreciation for the professional and effective manner in which he has discharged his responsibilities as a Regent of the University of Nevada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regents individually and collectively extend to him their best wishes in his new assignment as Director of the Office of Economic Development for the State of Nevada.

Given this 12th day of January, 1979, at Reno.

Mr. Ross moved adoption of the foregoing resolutions by acclamation. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

5. Proposal for Establishment of Distinguished University

Service Award, UNLV

President Dixon noted that for several years the UNLV Administration has solicited nominations from the Commencement Committee for commencement honors, specifically for individuals to receive honorary degrees or designation as Distinguished Nevadans. However, this Committee, composed largely of administrative types, has never succeeded in getting as much student and faculty input as the Committee itself desired. This year, President Dixon stated, an ad hoc Committee had been appointed to deal with this situation, and the Committee has proposed that in addition to honorary degrees and the Distinguished Nevadan Award, a Distinguished University Service Award or Medal be authorized, to be awarded by the President.

Dr. Dixon noted that this proposal by the Committee is based on the fact that honorary degrees are regarded as an extension of the academic function of the University, with recipients typically those persons who have done things which are noteworthy on an international or national scene. The Distinguished Nevadan designation refers to public service

in general as performed by people defined as Nevadans.

President Dixon recommended approval of the Distinguished University Service Award, to be given in recognition of service to the University; e. g., leadership, work, money or anything else which has served the University in an extraordinary way, and that the award be implemented at the UNLV Commencement in 1979. Chancellor Baepler concurred.

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

6. Bid Opening, Remodel and Additions to Buildings, UNLV

President Dixon reported that bids were opened December 19, 1978, for remodel and additions to buildings at UNLV, including an addition to the existing Business Services building, alteration to the Geoscience building, Grant Hall air conditioning remodel, and addition of a baffled ceiling to the display area of the Museum of Natural History building.

Bids were as follows:

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| Argus Construction Co. | \$615,700 | \$124,000 | \$171,000 |
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| Blanchard Construction Co. | 626,900 | 131,600 | 176,400 |
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| Empire Construction Co. | 620,900 | 126,700 | 174,800 |
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| Alt B | Alt C | Alt D |
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| Argus Construction Co. | \$7,000 | \$10,000 | \$7,500 |
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| Blanchard Construction Co. | 7,500 | 13,000 | 9,800 |
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| Empire Construction Co. | 7,500 | 12,200 | 7,500 |
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Alternates:

A-1 Athletic Field Storage Buildings (construction of building).

A Museum of Natural History (remodel and addition to existing building, Phase IIB).

B Museum of Natural History Building Addition (surface painting; door installation and finishing; composition base installation; rigid insulation and gypsum board installation).

C Museum of Natural History Building Security Detection and Fire Alarm Systems (install fire alarm system; complete security detection system).

D Museum of Natural History Building (display area)

Lighting Track (install lighting track system).

Dr. Dixon reported that the staff of the State Public Works Board has recommended award of a contract to Argus Construction Company for the base bid plus Alternate A-1, for a total of \$739,700, which is within the construction budget for the project of \$742,400. President Dixon and Chancellor Baepler recommended concurrence by the Board of Regents.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

7. Bid Opening, Site Improvements, UNLV

President Dixon reported that bids were opened January 4, 1979 for site improvements at UNLV, with the following results:

| | Base Bid | Alt A | Alt B | Alt C |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Rico Paving & Grading | \$588,340 | \$32,700 | \$18,768 | \$ 9,150 |
| Las Vegas Paving Corp. | 617,251 | 33,650 | 16,500 | 8,400 |

Alt D Alt E Alt F

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| Rico Paving & Grading | \$36,659 | \$17,270 | \$19,800 |
| Las Vegas Paving Corp. | 45,153 | 11,800 | 20,500 |

Alternates:

- A Landscaping and irrigation system for south side parking lot.
- B Walkway lighting, P. E. Complex.
- C Provide and install exposed aggregate finish concrete in lieu of wavy broom finish.
- D Life Science building - north improvements.
- E Concrete walkway and benches for windbreak.
- F P. E. Complex landscaping strip.

At President Dixon's request, System Architect Harry Wood reported that the State Public Works Board had recommended award of a contract for the Base Bid and Alternate A to Rico Paving and Grading Co. in the total amount of \$621,040. He noted that the construction budget of \$602,100 will be augmented by \$15,695 representing repayment from a power company escrow account, and \$3,245 from the project contingency fund.

Chancellor Baepler recommended that the Board of Regents concur in the award by the State Public Works Board of a contract to Rico Paving and Grading Co. for \$621,040, as outlined by Mr. Wood.

Miss Mason moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride.

Mr. Buchanan moved to amend the motion to provide that \$18,768 be allocated from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account to fund Alternate B to permit the installation of walkway lighting for the P. E. Complex. Motion to amend seconded by Dr. Lombardi. Amended motion then carried without dissent.

8. Establishment of New Department, UNLV

President Dixon presented a proposal for a new Department of Public Administration at UNLV, to be accomplished by a separation of this program from the Department of Political Science. He noted that no new professional positions will be required to accomplish this separation; however, there is a possibility that a new secretarial position would ultimately be needed, as well as a Departmental office. Ration-

ale for the proposed split was included in a memorandum from President Dixon (identified as Ref. C and filed with permanent minutes).

Chancellor Baepler concurred in the proposal, noting that in accordance with Board policy on creation of new Departments this matter will be placed on the February agenda for action.

9. Appointments to Community College Advisory Boards

A. Clark County Community College - President Kreider

recommended the following appointments to Clark County Community College Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning January, 1979:

Mr. Allan D. Bray Mr. Fred D. Gibson, Jr.

Mr. Boyd Bulloch Col. Oscar A. Heinlein

Father Caesar Caviglia Mr. J. David Hoggard, Sr.

Mr. Gary Collie Mrs. Ann Lynch

Mrs. Reba Dolan Mr. Ben Schmoutey

Ms. Isabel Espinoza Mr. Aaron Williams

General Mahlon Gates Mr. David Wurt

B. Northern Nevada Community College - President Berg

recommended the following appointments to the Northern Nevada Community College Advisory Board for the terms indicated beginning January, 1979:

Mr. Greg Austin - two years

Mr. Harvey Barnes - one year

Mrs. Marla Boies - one year

Dr. H. S. Collett - two years

Mr. Steve Hernandez - one year

Mr. M. E. Lundberg - one year

Mr. Hugh Mc Mullen - two years

Mr. Warren Monroe - one year

Mr. Frank Stanko - two years

Mr. Bill Wunderlich - two years

Ex Officio: Elko County School Superintendent

Humboldt County School Superintendent

Eureka County School Superintendent

Lander County School Superintendent

White Pine County School Superintendent

C. Western Nevada Community College - President Davis

recommended the following appointments to the Western

Nevada Community College Advisory Board for a one-year term beginning January 1979:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Melba Alldredge | Dr. Marvin Picollo |
| Mr. Grant Anderson | Mrs. Marie Louise Raymond |
| Dr. Lloyd Diedrichsen | Mr. Harold Sexton |
| Dr. Ralph Di Sibio | Mr. Frank Titus |
| Mr. John Gamble | Mrs. Shirlee Wedow |
| Mrs. Barbara Hug | Mr. John D. Winters |
| Dr. Clifford Lawrence | Mr. Hans Wolfe |

Mrs. Fong suggested that Mr. Jim Arnold be invited to serve on the Clark County Community College Advisory Board.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval of the appointments as recommended with the addition of Mr. Arnold if he is willing to serve in this capacity. Motion seconded by Miss Mason, carried without dissent.

It appeared to be the consensus of the Regents that letters appointing these members should be sent on behalf of the Board of Regents and that notices of meetings and minutes of such meetings should be provided to members of the Board of Regents.

10. Department of Real Estate and Finance, CCCC

President Kreider recalled that in December he had requested authorization to establish a Department of Real Estate and Finance within the Business Division Of Clark County Community College, with action to be taken by the Board at this meeting. President Kreider and Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

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

11. Proposed New Departments, CCCC

President Kreider presented a proposal for the establishment of two new Departments at CCCC, whereby a Fine Arts and Communications Department and an English and Foreign Language Department would replace the present Department of Humanities. Rationale in support of the division of the existing Department of Humanities was included with the agenda (identified as Ref. D and filed with permanent minutes).

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval, noting that in accordance with the Board's policy on approval of new Departments, this request will be placed on the February agenda for action.

12. Scholarship Report for UNR for 1977-78

Dr. Robert Mc Queen, Chairman of the UNR Scholarship and Prizes Committee, presented the 1977-78 Scholarship Report.

(Report on file in the Chancellor's Office.) This report reflected annually paid scholarships totaling \$226,000 and endowed awards totaling more than \$242,100, reflecting an overall single year increase in total available scholarship dollars over 1976-77 of 22%.

13. Death of Edward A. Olsen

President Crowley reported the death of Edward A. Olsen, Emeritus Director of Information for the University of Nevada.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved that an appropriate message be sent to Mr. Olsen's family reflecting the appreciation of the Regents and the University community for his contributions

to the University and to the State and expressing the condolences of the Board. Motion seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried unanimously.

14. Proposed Change in Graduate School Admission Requirements,

UNR

President Crowley presented a proposal from the UNR Graduate Council for a change in the admission requirements for Graduate School to require that GRE or other applicable test scores be filed with the Graduate School prior to application of admission to Graduate Standing. He noted that current regulations encourage the taking of the GRE before admission and require that it be taken not later than the end of the first semester of graduate standing work.

President Crowley further noted that it is not intended that the Graduate School will establish any minimum levels that must be attained on the GRE; rather, it will be used to provide the Departments and the Graduate Dean with additional criteria with which to judge applicants to Graduate School. Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

Mr. Buchanan objected to what he termed as an additional

obstacle to admission to Graduate School and moved that the proposed change not be approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong.

Mrs. Fong explained that her objection to the proposed change was that she believed the requirements should be uniform at both Universities and this change would serve to increase the differences in admission policies.

Chancellor Baepler urged that uniform standards not be superimposed on the two Universities. He suggested that the GRE has a great value in the evaluation process of applicants for graduate school and is a very common requirement throughout the country. He disagreed that it would be an additional hurdle, pointing out that the examination must be taken and this proposal only changes the timing.

Senate Chairman Paul Page and Graduate Council Chairman Tom Ringkob also spoke in support of the proposed change.

Motion to deny approval failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes - Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Fong, Miss Mason

No - Mr. Cashell, Mr. Karamanos, Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr.

Lombardi, Mr. Mc Bride, Mr. Ross

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval of the proposed change. Motion

seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried by the following roll

call vote:

No - Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Fong, Miss Mason

Yes - Mr. Cashell, Mr. Karamanos, Mrs. Knudtsen, Dr.

Lombardi, Mr. Mc Bride, Mr. Ross

15. Nomination of Architects, Addition to Fine Arts Building,

UNR

President Crowley endorsed a recommendation from Dean Stafford and the faculty of the College of Arts and Science that the following nominees be submitted to the State Public Works Board from which an architect will be selected for the addition to the Church Fine Arts building:

1. Anshen and Allen

2. Parsons Design Group

Chancellor Baepler recommended approval.

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

16. Special Events Facility, UNR

Chancellor Baepler recalled that the Board had previously authorized both Universities to proceed with planning for special events facilities, to be funded from the slot machine tax rebate. Subsequently, legislation was enacted in the 1977 session and Federal legislation was passed to provide the means of funding the projects. He noted that UNR now has a project defined and ready for consideration by the Board and requested President Crowley to proceed with his presentation.

President Crowley reviewed the planning which has preceded the conceptual design for a special events facility, noting that a feasibility study was done by the firm of Crane, Anderson, Inc. of Houston, Texas, and the conceptual design which they had developed envisioned a multi-purpose center that will provide a 12,000 seat arena which can be reduced to 2,500-3,000 seats with stage capability for stage pres-

entations and concerts. The site of this Special Events Center would be southeast of the Mackay Stadium and the Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium. Dr. Crowley also noted the participation by the Wolf Club in the planning for this facility, and introduced President Ernie Martinelli and other members of the Wolf Club governing board.

Mr. Ralph Anderson, from the firm of Crane, Anderson, Inc., presented slides showing the architectural renderings of the preliminary design for the facility.

Mrs. Fong moved approval of the conceptual design as presented. Motion seconded by Miss Mason.

ASUN President Neuweiler asked that the following resolution, passed unanimously by the ASUN Senate on November 15, 1978, be read into the minutes:

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno, recognizes the need of a Special Events Center, and

WHEREAS, the need for this Center is now, and

WHEREAS, ASUN encourages the Regents to recognize our need for this Center,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ASUN Senate does hereby strongly support moving ahead with the project of a Special Events Center with as little delay as possible.

Motion for approval of the conceptual design carried without dissent.

17. Proposal for Funding of Two Sports Arenas

Chancellor Baepler noted that the 1979 Legislative Session would convene on Monday, January 15, and it was desirable that efforts begin immediately to enlist the support required from the Legislature to fund the two sports arenas in order that they may proceed simultaneously. Dr. Baepler suggested that rough estimates for the Reno facility would be \$22-24 million and the Las Vegas facility would probably be in the area of \$28-30 million. He pointed out that the proposed funding does not anticipate the imposition of additional taxes but would utilize an existing tax that has formerly gone to the Federal government and which will now come

back to the State.

Dr. Baepler proposed that the projects proceed in two phases, with Phase I of each project proceeding simultaneously through a revenue bond of approximately \$22-26 million, and borrow approximately \$20-25 million from the State surplus, thus permitting construction to commence during this biennium. In 1981, an additional \$16 million in revenue bonds could be sold, using the proceeds to pay back a substantial portion of the funds borrowed from the State, and in 1983, again bond for \$16-18 million to complete the repayment.

He suggested that the part of the two facilities included in Phase II could conceivably be under construction before completion of Phase I.

Dr. Baepler requested authorization from the Board to draft the necessary legislation to permit the issuance of revenue bonds and to commence negotiations for the loan from the State surplus.

Mr. Ross moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

Mr. Karamanos reported the following action of the Investment Advisory Committee at its luncheon meeting:

(1) Approved a request from President Crowley that the necessary action be instituted to effect sale of 50,000 shares of stock in American Smelters International which have been donated to the Paul R. Pinching Athletic Memorial Scholarship by Mr. James A. Joyce. The proceeds of the sale would be added to the Pinching Scholarship Fund.

(2) Received a request from Dr. Robert Weems, consultant to the Investment Advisory Committee, that the Board assume responsibility for payment of annual dues, amounting to \$75, for the Nevada Financial Society, an organization which meets monthly to discuss investment policy. These dues have in the past been paid by the Nevada Public Employees Retirement System, and Dr. Weems' term with that body has now ended. The Investment Committee recommends that the dues be paid from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account.

Mrs. Knudtsen moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr.

Karamanos, carried without dissent.

Mr. Cashell left the meeting and Vice Chairman Ross assumed the
Chair.

Mr. Buchanan requested that letters of appreciation be sent
to the former members of the Investment Advisory Committee.

19. Sabbatical Leave Recommendations

A. Clark County Community College - President Kreider

recommended the three sabbatical leaves available to
CCCC for 1979-80 be awarded as follows (summary of
proposed projects identified as Ref. E and filed with
permanent minutes):

La Rene Watts, Office Administration, one semester

Jack Ringler, History, one semester

Karl Swain, Counseling, one semester

Alternates:

1. Ken Hill, Audio Visual, academic year

2. Don Starr, Data Processing, academic year

B. Western Nevada Community College - President Davis

recommended the three sabbatical leaves available to WNCC for 1979-80 be awarded as follows (summary of proposed projects identified as Ref. F and filed with permanent minutes):

Mary Sue Ferrell, Learning Resources, one semester

Robert I. Rose, Mathematics, one semester

David Wood, Student Services, one semester

Alternate:

1. Ronald Remington, Psychology, one semester

C. University of Nevada, Las Vegas - President Dixon

recommended the seven sabbatical leaves available to UNLV for 1979-80 be awarded as follows (summary of proposed projects identified as Ref. G and filed with permanent minutes):

Bernard Malamud, Economics, one semester

Wesley Niles, Biological Sciences, one semester

Gary Palmer, Anthropology, academic year

Frederick Preston, Sociology, academic year

Henry Sciullo, Marketing, one semester

A. W. Stevens, Humanities, one semester

Thomas C. Wright, History, one semester

Alternates:

1. Rudolf Koester, Foreign Languages, one semester

2. Jean Decock, Foreign Languages, academic year

No applications were received from NNCC or DRI faculty.

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

Mr. Cashell resumed the Chair.

20. Faculty Dissatisfaction with Health Care Package

Dr. Vernon Mattson, Chairman of the UNLV Faculty Senate, reported the Executive Committee's concern over the inadequacy of the health care insurance, and the Committee's opinion that the Board of Regents should be informed about

the threat to faculty morale generated by the deep dissatisfaction with the health care package available to the faculty.

Dr. Paul Page, Chairman of the UNR Faculty Senate, concurred in the expressions of concern by UNLV Faculty, and supported the request for improvement.

Dr. Alfred Stoess, Chairman of the State Group Insurance Committee, reported concerning the policy currently available and the proposal which will be made to the 1979 Legislature for improvement in that package.

In the discussion following, there appeared to be consensus among the Regents that the health insurance package was inadequate and that efforts toward improvement would be supported by the Board. Chairman Cashell requested that the Board be kept informed of efforts by the Administration, Faculty and the State Insurance Committee in order that the Board may assist wherever possible.

21. Appointment of Independent Auditors

Chancellor Baepler recalled that in 1970, the Board adopted

a policy of rotation of independent audit firms on a 3-year basis. The present auditors are now completing the 3rd and final year of their audit responsibilities.

Dr. Baepler noted that it has been the recommendation of each CPA firm serving as independent auditors on this 3-year cycle, as well as the System Business Officers, that three years is too short a cycle to be productive and is ultimately more costly to the University. As a result, the System Business Officers have recommended that the audit period between rotations be extended to five years.

Dr. Baepler also reported that in preparation for appointment of a new independent audit firm for the ensuing rotation period, a list of CPA firms licensed to practice in the State of Nevada was obtained from the State of Nevada Board of Accountancy office. A preliminary screening was done to eliminate smaller firms that could not handle an audit of this scope. Proposals were then requested from the remaining firms. In developing their proposals, representatives of the firms consulted with the Chancellor, staff of the Computing Center and the two Business Centers and with the Internal Audit staff. Interviews of representatives of 10 firms submitting proposals were then held, with the Director

of the Computing Center, the Controllers, the Director of Internal Audit and the Senior Staff Auditor participating. Following the completion of these interviews, the Director of Internal Audit recommended to the Chancellor that the firm of Arthur Young and Company be retained for the next audit cycle.

Chancellor Baepfer endorsed the recommendation of the Director of Internal Audit and recommended the appointment of Arthur Young and Company as independent auditors for the University of Nevada System for the next five fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979. The fee for examination of the financial statements of UNS and its related activities and funds for this first fiscal year will be \$52,000, which will include the continued use by UNS of computer audit software provided by Arthur Young and Company and staff training seminars for an individual of the UNS Internal Audit staff, at no additional cost to the University.

Mr. Ross moved adoption of the five-year cycle concept as included in the Chancellor's recommendation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen, carried without dissent.

In the discussion following, there appeared to be some concern that the Regents were not adequately involved in the review of proposals submitted by the CPA firms. There was also objection to the proposed retention of an out-of-state firm registered by Mr. Doug Peterson, partner in the firm of Kafoury, Armstrong and Turner.

Dr. Lombardi moved that the present three year contract with Kafoury, Armstrong and Turner be extended for another two years. Motion seconded by Mrs. Knudtsen.

Motion was then withdrawn.

Mr. Mc Bride moved that the Chairman appoint a subcommittee of the Board to work with the Internal Audit staff to review the proposals submitted and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Karamanos, carried without dissent.

Chairman Cashell appointed a subcommittee consisting of Mrs. Fong, Dr. Lombardi, Mr. Karamanos, with Mr. Mc Bride to serve as Chairman.

Chancellor Baepler reported on the status of the University's budget, noting that tentative figures have been released by the Governor, but definitive figures would not be available until the following week. The figures released indicate that for the Community Colleges, the proposed budget will not permit great expansion but will permit them to keep up with anticipated growth. The budget for the Computing Center is essentially a no-growth budget. Because the Computing Center is presently understaffed and underfunded, this causes concern to all units of the University and efforts will be made to increase this budget. The DRI budget is also a no-growth budget, allowing the Institute to maintain its present administrative structure and to continue some of its existing State-funded projects. Whether or not any of the proposed new projects for DRI are funded will be up to the Legislature.

Chancellor Baepler reported that the budgets for the two Universities are of greater concern. Essentially, he noted, the Budget Office went back to the 1977 budget, used that as a base and treated it as if it were a totally adequate budget, making additions and cuts accordingly. Because the Universities have experienced decreased enrollments, faculty

reductions are projected in the budget figures. However, Dr. Baepler pointed out, the Universities are budgeted very thinly in terms of student-faculty ratios and reductions of faculty, unless done on a programmatic basis, would be extremely detrimental to the quality of the institutions. He reported that the Governor has expressed great concern that this kind of detrimental across-the-board cutting not occur and it is hoped that the Governor will work with the University and with the Legislature in arriving at a solution to what is considered to be a temporary problem. Given the tremendous population increases occurring in both ends of the State, it is anticipated that the Universities will be significantly larger within the next several years than they are now, and improvement in enrollments should be apparent even within the biennium now under consideration by the Legislature. Chancellor Baepler expressed confidence that the University will not be finding itself standing before the Legislature arguing for the very survival of our institutions, but cautioned that the budget will require considerable measures of belt-tightening.

23. New Business

Mrs. Fong submitted for the record a letter received from

Senator Howard Cannon, which, she said, was in response to her inquiry concerning the possibility of exchanging students between the Peoples Republic of China and the University of Nevada. Chancellor Baepler agreed to make the appropriate further inquiries on behalf of the University to follow through on the suggestion initiated by Mrs. Fong.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Bonnie M. Smotony

Secretary of the Board

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