

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes August 1-2, 1991

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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

August 1, 1991

The Board of Regents met on the above date in the System Administration building, 1621 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 15-A, Las Vegas and the System Administration building, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, in a special teleconference.

Members present: Mrs. Carolyn M. Sparks, Chairman

Dr. Jill Derby, Gardnerville

Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher, Elko

Dr. Lonnie Hammargren, Las Vegas

Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Reno

Mrs. June F. Whitley, Las Vegas

Members absent: Mrs. Shelley Berkley

Dr. James Eardley

Mr. Joseph Foley

Others present: Vice Chancellor Ron Sparks

General Counsel Donald Klasic

President Joseph Crowley, UNR

Mr. Chris Ault, UNR

Ms. Mary Lou Moser, Secretary

Also present was Dr. Elizabeth Raymond, Faculty Senate Chairman,
UNR and Chris Exline, UNR Intercollegiate Athletic Board.

Chairman Carolyn Sparks called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Thursday, August 1, 1991.

1. Approved Membership in Big West Conference, UNR

Approved membership in the Big West Athletic Conference
for the University of Nevada, Reno. President Crowley
explained that he had just received a call from Mr. Jim
Haney, Commissioner of the Big West Athletic Conference,
inviting UNR to become a member of the Big West Conference
effective Fall, 1992. Mr. Haney had stated the invitation

was a unanimous decision of the Conference Board. President Crowley stated the matter had been discussed by various groups on Campus. The Athletic Department was very much in favor of joining the Conference. There was unanimous decision by the Campus Intercollegiate Athletic Board, Student Leadership, Faculty Senate Executive Board. A special committee from the Senate had asked for a vote from the full Senate which had only one dissenting vote, and a number of outside leaders and groups were anxious for the move.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to approve the invitation to the University of Nevada, Reno to become a member of the Big West Athletic Conference effective Fall, 1992. Mr. Klaich seconded.

In answer to a question, President Crowley stated that the stability of membership for all athletic conferences around the country was in a state of flux, and that had been a part of the discussion with the Campus groups.

Mr. Klaich stated he had received a copy of a letter from the UNR Alumni Association which had unanimously passed a resolution in favor of moving into the IA Conference. In

addition, he stated he had talked with Regent Shelly Berkley who had expressed her support for the move.

President Crowley, in answer to a question from Mr. Klaich, stated the cost of the move had been discussed very thoroughly with the various groups. The approximate \$300,000 cost will be for the move for football from IAA to IA.

Since the schools in the Big West Conference are all on the West Coast, there will be a savings in travel of about \$75,000; with the expansion of the stadium, the sale of the luxury boxes should bring in \$90,000; revenue from sale of advertising around the stadium, \$120,000; increased revenue from NCAA, \$160,000; and there should be significant enhanced revenue from an additional 1000 fans in both football and basketball. The additional costs for the Conference are mainly for additional scholarships and coaches.

President Crowley stated they would not use any State funds for this move.

Mrs. Gallagher stated the pairing of the two Universities in one Conference would please the Board, and Nevadans, since the Board has urged such a schedule for the past number of years. President Crowley added that by joining the IA Conference, competition would be enhanced in all

men's and women's sports.

Regent Hammargren entered the meeting.

Mrs. Sparks noted that there seemed to be a universal feeling in Southern Nevada that this would be a positive move.

Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approved Wolf Club at UNR to Expend Funds for Mackay Stadium

Construction

The Reno-Sparks Convention Authority has granted funds to the Board of Regents for partial funding of the Mackay Stadium expansion at UNR. A contract for the construction has been executed by the Wolf Club to expend these funds for this purpose.

The Chancellor and General Counsel had recommended that the Board authorize the Wolf Club to expend the funds granted to the Board by the Reno-Sparks Convention Authority for the purpose of the Mackay Stadium expansion, subject to a periodic accounting of the funds expended.

Mr. Klaisic explained that the expansion is funded for the most part by private funds, and that after completion, it would be turned over and become the property of the Board.

Mrs. Whitley moved approval for the Wolf Club to expend the funds granted to the Board by the Reno-Sparks Convention Authority for the purpose of the Mackay Stadium expansion, subject to a periodic accounting of the funds expended. Dr. Derby seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Mary Lou Moser

Secretary of the Board

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