

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes February 15-16, 1995

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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA

February 15, 1995

A Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was held in the Grand Room, Richard Tam Alumni Center, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Members present: Dr. James Eardley, Chairman

Mr. Mark Alden

Mrs. Shelly Berkley

Dr. Jill Derby

Mr. Joseph M. Foley

Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher (via telephone)

Mr. Madison Graves, II

Mr. Daniel J. Klaich

Mr. David L. Phillips

Mrs. Nancy Price

Mrs. Carolyn Sparks

Others present: Dr. Richard Jarvis, Chancellor

Mr. Donald Klasic, General Counsel

Ms. Mary Lou Moser, Secretary

Chairman Eardley called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M. with all Regents present.

1. Appointment, President, UNLV

Dr. Jill Derby, Chairman of the Regents' ad hoc UNLV Presidential Search Committee, presented the Committee recommendation on the appointment of President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which was that the Committee preferred Dr. Carol Harter, but Dr. William Shelton was an acceptable candidate.

Dr. Derby moved to accept the recommendation of the UNLV Search Committee that Dr. Carol Harter be appointed President of UNLV. Mrs. Berkley seconded.

Mr. Klaich expressed his thanks to Dr. Derby for her leader-

ship of the Committee, and the Committee and community members who had assisted in the process. He related that he appreciated working with everyone on this very important task. Chairman Eardley also thanked the Search Committees for their diligence in the search.

Mrs. Sparks stated in the ad hoc UNLV Presidential Search Committee meeting earlier that day, there had been five people in support of Dr. Charles Jennett and she questioned how that support was shifted. Chairman Eardley stated that was a Committee action.

Motion failed on roll count vote:

Aye: Regents Berkley, Derby, Foley, Klaich, Price

Nay: Regents Alden, Gallagher, Graves, Phillips,
Sparks, Eardley

Mr. Graves moved that Dr. William Shelton be appointed President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mr. Phillips seconded.

Mrs. Price asked for a Point of Order, stating that it was apparent to her that there had been a pre-determined out-

come and she would ask the State to pursue the problem of the decision, harassment and illegal procedures followed in this vote.

Mrs. Sparks stated she had voted "no" on the above vote only because she wanted more discussion from the Regents; that she was not against Dr. Harter, only wanted to hear the opinions of all the Regents.

Dr. Derby stated there was a unanimous vote of the Regents' Search Committee to forward the name of Dr. Harter to the Board of Regents. She stated no outcome could have been predicted before the Committee meeting earlier that day because the Committee had only decided during that meeting what the procedure would be. She related that she was absolutely stunned that the Board had not accepted the recommendation of the Committee. She stated that the Committees felt most strongly that a healing process had been ongoing during the 9 months of the process and they had come to a consensus at the end. Dr. Derby stated the Committees had worked together hard and honorably, and felt it was a very serious matter for the Board to reject the recommendation after the process which had been undertaken.

Mr. Alden spoke in favor of Dr. Shelton for the Presidency.

Mrs. Berkley stated her position had been to pay deference to the decision of the Institutional Advisory Committee and they had come up with the candidate who had received almost a two-to-one vote.

Mrs. Sparks asked for clarification of the motion on the table, with General Counsel Klasic recommending a vote be taken on this motion.

Mr. Graves stated that this was a difficult decision but he did not feel the Board should be bound by the Advisory Committee. He added that he felt a number of constituencies had not been represented on the Committee, and reminded the Board that the Alumni Association had voted unanimously for Dr. Shelton. He related that Dr. Shelton would bring much needed national accountability to the University.

Mr. Klaich stated that he felt a great deal of attention should be paid to the decision of the Advisory Committee for they represent the people who will be working on a daily basis with the next President. He continued that the Advisory Committee had sent a signal of their preference; that Dr. Harter will provide the leadership to

Campus and State that is needed. He added that he did not agree with Mrs. Price's Point of Order.

Chairman Eardley stated that the Regents' Committee was to present information to the full Board, but that it is the responsibility of the full Board to make the decision.

Dr. Derby stated she felt it would be devastating to the University if the Regents overturned their decision.

Mrs. Sparks again stated she felt there should have been more discussion prior to the vote being taken.

Motion failed on roll call vote:

Aye: Regents Alden, Graves, Gallagher, Phillips

Nay: Regents Berkley, Derby, Foley, Klaich, Price,
Sparks

Mr. Klaich moved that the Board appoint Dr. Carol Harter as President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mrs. Price seconded.

Mr. Graves stated that the decision of the Board was very clear and the new President should have the unanimous

support of the Board. Mr. Alden agreed.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Stephanie Boixo stated she was a member of the Advisory Committee representing CSUN. She continued that she was very upset that Mrs. Price would suggest there was discrimination or harassment during the committee process; that there was none.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Mary Lou Moser

Secretary of the Board

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