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The Board of Regents met on Thursday, November 14, 1996, in the Hall of Fame Room, Lawlor Events Center, University of Nevada, Reno.

Members present: Mr. Madison Graves, II, Chair

Mr. Mark Alden

Ms. Shelley Berkley

Dr. Jill Derby

Dr. James Eardley

Mr. Joseph M. Foley

Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher

Mr. Daniel J. Klaich

Mrs. Carolyn M. Sparks

Members absent: Mr. David L. Phillips

Mrs. Nancy Price

Others present: Chancellor Richard S. Jarvis

General Counsel Donald Klasic

Vice Chancellor John Richardson

President Joseph N. Crowley, UNR

President Carol Harter, UNLV

President Richard Moore, CCSN

President James Randolph, WNCC

President Ronald Remington, GBC

President James Taranik, DRI

President Kenneth Wright, TMCC

Secretary Mary Lou Moser

Also in attendance were Faculty Senate Chairs Peggy Urie, UNR;

John Sagebiel, DRI; Larry Hyslop, GBC; Nancy Master, UNLV; Joanne

Vuillemot, CCSN; Richard Stewart, WNCC; Becky Seibert, System

Administration; Steven Streeper, TMCC. Student Government

leaders were also present: Dan Oster, UNR; Aaron Rosenthal,

UNLV; Jennifer Lee, ASTM; Venu Reddy, GSA, UNR; Joyce Marshall,

GSA, UNLV; and Susana Hernandez, ASCCSN.

Chair Madison Graves called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

November 14, 1996 with all Regents present except Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Price. Mrs. Price was serving on active duty on the North American Air Defense.

1. Information Only: Regents' Workshop, School of Medicine

A workshop was presented on the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Medical School Dean Dr. Robert Dougherty and Dr. Jordan J. Cohen, President of the Association of American Medical Colleges, presented a workshop on some of the issues and pressures currently faced by American medical schools. Dr. Cohen explained that it is not so much a managed-care enterprise at this point, as it is a managed-cost enterprise. Dr. Cohen stated that the drive to reduce health costs is causing an "uncoupling" of classroom education, clinical care and research that traditionally have been the hallmarks of American medical education. The workshop helped put into perspective some of the issues currently faced by the Medical School.

Mr. Graves thanked Drs. Dougherty and Cohen for a very informative presentation.

2. Closed Session

Upon motion by Mrs. Sparks, seconded by Mr. Alden, the Board moved to a closed session for purpose of discussion of the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an employee(s) of the UCCSN in accordance with N. R. S. 241.030.

The Board moved to closed session at 10:20 A.M. and reconvened 10:00 A.M. on Friday, November 15, 1996 with all Regents present except Mr. Alden, Mr. Klaich, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Price.

3. Introductions

Chairman Graves introduced Regent-Elect Mr. Tom Wiesner.
Chancellor Jarvis introduced Mr. Timothy Ortez, Director of Banking and Investments.

4. Chair's Report

Chairman Graves reported that a reception was held last night honoring the 3 retiring Regents: Joseph M. Foley, Daniel J. Klaich and Carolyn M. Sparks. He then invited each to comment on their experiences as a Regent.

Mr. Foley thanked all concerned for the wonderful reception and stated he felt that shared governance was the most important aspect. He stated that the input received from students, faculty and both the public and private sectors at meetings had been most helpful and a great contribution and served to enlighten him on many issues. He stated that he is grateful to the Presidents for their most meaningful advice and felt it had been of great assistance. He stated that Chancellor Jarvis had added a new dimension to higher education in Nevada and has recognized higher education as a thriving and purposeful entity. Regent Foley expressed his appreciation to Mary Lou Moser, Secretary of the Board, who he described as a beautiful person with great expertise and thanked her for her great work over the years.

Mr. Foley further described how the job of Regent is never tedious and even though Regents have come and gone over the years they accept projects or interests and they study the issues and become well prepared experts in specific subjects. The Regents as a whole are a very dedicated group of people. Mr. Foley expressed his thanks for allowing him to serve as a Regent and for an enlightening and very satisfying experience. He stated that he was leaving on a happy

note.

Mrs. Sparks expressed many thanks for the wonderfully emotional reception the previous night. She stated that she has made many wonderful friends in the north during her tenure as Regent. She enjoyed watching the UNR Foundation grow and appreciated the support from the System Presidents to allow the Board of Regents to make higher education better in their communities. She stated she felt that Regents serve on the Board out of a desire to provide public service and to help make a difference. She also felt that Regents get more out of the job than what they put into it and stated there is no comparable position in the State. She related that she has enjoyed the interaction with the Presidents and students and appreciates their loyalty in making higher education in Nevada a shining star.

(See continuation of item #4 after item #11 for remarks from Regent Klaich.)

5. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Jarvis reported that on November 7 he attended the Nevada Education Summit hosted by Governor Miller at

the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas. He stated that many Regents also attended and thanked them for their participation. He expressed thanks for the Governor's support and involvement in higher education and felt this was a great partnership.

Dr. Jarvis also reported that he, Presidents, many staff members and Regents attended a forum on P-16 on October 25, coordinated by Ms. Mary Peterson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dr. Jarvis reported that he has been invited and has accepted an appointment to serve on the Nevada Test Site Development Board and stated this will be an enormous opportunity and resource for Nevada. He was recently invited by Mr. Stan Aiazzi, Vice President of Student Services at Great Basin College, to serve as a ranch hand in northern Nevada where he moved cattle over 120 miles, spent 8 hours in the saddle and had ample opportunity to relate to the animals.

Presidents' Reports:

President Crowley reported that after a 1-year long search, UNR has hired a new Dean of Mackay School of Mines, Dr. Jane

Long. He is proud to report that she is the first woman in the country to be appointed Dean of a mining school. Dr. Long comes from Lawrence Livermore Lab in California and will serve as a Consulting Dean for the remainder of the year and start full-time on July 1, 1997.

President Crowley also sadly reported that Mr. Clark Santini, nephew of novelist Walter Van Tilburg Clark and grandson of former UNR President Walter E. Clark, as well as a great friend, passed away yesterday. President Crowley requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Santini.

President Harter reported that Dr. Brendan O'Toole has been nominated Professor of the Year. Dr. O'Toole is an Engineering Professor at UNLV. President Harter also reported that Dr. Charles Adams, Emeritus Professor of English at UNLV since 1960, has retired. Mr. Aaron Rosenthal, CSUN President, introduced First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, when she spoke recently at UNLV, and also presented Mrs. Clinton with a UNLV application package for Chelsea Clinton.

President Taranik reported that on November 7 he took several Foundation Board members on a 2-day tour of the

Nevada Test Site, covering 1400 square miles as they drove through the site. The Foundation Board members expressed great appreciation for the tour and he stated that the faculty would like to take the Board of Regents on the tour once the new Regents are on board. He also reported that a group of scientists have returned from South America, specifically Argentina and Brazil, where they have participated in environmental base-line work opportunities involving mining in Argentina and development activities in Brazil. The scientists involved are very enthusiastic and Dr. Taranik stated that this project will take several years to develop to fruition and is an excellent opportunity for the UCCSN presence in other countries.

President Remington reported that Great Basin College Student Government has arranged to have a weekly spot on the local radio station on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. He also reported that GBC is presenting a production of Hansel & Gretel in cooperation with UNR over Thanksgiving week.

SB 204 interactive video classes are now available in Ely, Eureka, Winnemucca and Elko, and he expressed his pleasure for this opportunity to work with the local school districts on this projects.

President Moore commended Chancellor Jarvis for the design of a comprehensive evaluation process for System Presidents. He stated it is important to reflect on future directions for the UCCSN and what's working well and he commended the Chancellor for being an exceptional listener who assembled much information of great value for the College and himself.

President Moore reported that during the Governor's summit on high technology, Chancellor Jarvis used video technology showing a Research Librarian using the Internet. He also stated that the Clark County School Bond election was passed which will provide for the merging of some district and Community College buildings in the Henderson area. Linking of the high schools with the Community Colleges will save millions of dollars. He commended Ms. Joanne Vuillemot for her work with the faculty in planning for placement of future faculty positions.

President Moore stated that due to the extremely high drop-out rate in his area, a new high school drop-out program at CCSN has been initiated. CCSN has been working with local high school counselors and probation officers, placing 52 high-risk students in the program, which provides 10 hours per week employment at CCSN. The program requires

that they stay in school, they must do their homework and must do a good job where they are employed. Students are paid \$6 per hour and 2 of the 10 hours they are paid for must be spent doing homework. Currently, all students who have started the program are still enrolled. President Moore is hopeful that this new direction for the students will change their lives in a positive manner.

President Randolph reported that recently the NLN accreditation team met with Ms. Mickey Wade, Director of Allied Health, and recommended the WNCC Nursing Program be accredited for 8 years, which is a very prestigious accreditation to receive. He reported that Dr. Robert Collier, Professor of Physics, was featured in "Community College Week", a national publication, for his research with UNR Professors and his outstanding teaching skills in association with EPSCoR.

President Randolph stated that the Center for Excellence Training Program was recently nominated for a national award presented by the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida. This award is noted for its innovative approaches to its instructional programs and the Center is being recognized for its work with the City

of Carson, Carson-Tahoe Hospital, the Nevada Manufacturers Association and the Carson City School District.

President Wright reported that TMCC has occupied the new Advanced Technology Center and the first official function to be held there is scheduled for next week. Also in progress is a significant reorganization plan for the academic side of the organization which will be presented in January. A Campus-wide forum for faculty and staff review of the reorganization plan is scheduled for next week and the TMCC Strategic Plan is underway and will also be presented to the Board in January.

Mrs. Gallagher stated that she is pleased with the NLN accreditation for WNCC's Nursing Program and happy to see that the program is doing well from a national point of view.

6. Approved Resolution, Refunding of Revenue Bonds

Approved a resolution for the refinancing of certain bonds.

Mr. Scott Nash of Howarth Montague stated that at the last Board meeting, permission was granted to seek bids for the

refinancing of certain outstanding bonds of the UCCSN. Results of the November 14, 1996 bond sale are that Paine Webber, Los Angeles, is the low bid with a fixed average interest rate of 4.740%. Mr. Nash stated this will save the UCCSN \$1.5 million.

Mr. Nash reported that the UCCSN's bond ratings increased in Moody's Investors' Service from A1 to Aa3 and Standard & Poor's from AA- to AA. These are very high ratings. Mr. Nash explained that on October 30, 1996 the Chancellor and UCCSN financial advisors met with representatives from financial institutions to discuss System future directions, with which the analysts felt very confident, and which resulted in the higher bond rating.

Mr. Graves asked whether this is the highest bond rating granted to higher education, to which Mr. Nash responded that he was unsure. Chancellor Jarvis responded that with this new rating, UCCSN now rates higher than UC Berkeley, UCLA, Michigan State University and the University of Iowa.

Mr. Nash commended System Administration management for their hard work resulting in the high bond rating which is a very noteworthy accomplishment. Chancellor Jarvis commended Dr. Tom Anderes, Vice Chancellor for Finance,

for his leadership and Ms. Karen Steinberg, Mrs. Sandi Cardinal, Dr. Noval Pohl and Dr. Ashok Dhingra for their outstanding presentations.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-6

A resolution designated by the short title "1997 Universities Superior Lien Bond Resolution"; concerning the Universities of the University and Community College System of Nevada; authorizing the refunding, paying and discharging of certain outstanding bonds of the University payable from pledged revenues; authorizing the issuance of the "University and Community College System of Nevada, Universities Superior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series January 1, 1997" in the principal amount set forth herein, for the purpose of defraying in part the cost of such refunding; accepting on behalf of the University the best bid for the purchase of the bonds; providing other details, and making other provisions concerning the Universities, the bonds and the pledged revenues; ratifying action previously taken and pertaining to the foregoing matters; providing other matters relating thereto; and repealing all resolutions in

conflict herewith.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval of the resolution for the refinancing of certain bonds with Paine Webber at 4.740% interest. Dr. Eardley seconded.

Dr. Eardley noted that some years ago, a 6% interest rate was considered low. He requested the rationale for the current interest rate and UCCSN's bond rating increase.

Mr. Nash explained that there are many factors that are considered regarding qualifying for the high bond rating and low interest rates. He further stated that this is a short-term 10-year bond, there is a favorable bond market, strong State support has been received, the State of Nevada's strong overall financial position, management of the System, and fund balances were all considered in the high bond rating and low interest rate.

Motion carried.

7. Approved Resolution, DRI Bank Loan

Approved a resolution for DRI to renegotiate its \$2 million loan with U. S. Bank, which DRI took in 1990 to build the

Great Basin Environmental Research Laboratory (GBERL). The bank has agreed to a 6.50% which is .84% lower than the current loan. The loan is secured solely by DRI indirect cost revenues.

Dr. Taranik stated that originally this loan was supported by the Board and especially Mrs. Gallagher. Mr. Scott Nash stated that the loan has been renegotiated with U. S. Bank from 7.34% to 6.50% with terms modified to be more advantageous to DRI resulting in a savings of \$81,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-7

WHEREAS, the University and Community College System of Nevada (the "University") intends to refinance its existing "University of Nevada System, Desert Research Institute Revenues Promissory Note", dated April 2, 1990 (the "1990 Note") in the outstanding principal amount of \$1,350,000 according to the terms set forth in the letter dated October 16, 1996 (the "Proposal") to U. S. Bank, attached as Exhibit A, except as otherwise provided in the form of the Note attached as Exhibit B, for the purpose of refinancing the facilities for the Desert Research Institute constituting part of

the "Project" defined in Section 14 of Ch. 485, Statutes of Nevada 1987, such borrowing to be evidenced by a note signed by the appropriate officials at the University, (the "Note") in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Mr. Foley moved approval of the resolution for DRI to renegotiate its \$2 million loan with U. S. Bank at 6.50% interest. Ms. Berkley seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Klaich entered the meeting.

8. Approved Amendment, Promissory Note, UNR

Approved amendment to an existing promissory note dated April 23, 1993 to permit the advance of principal by Zions First National Bank to the University of up to the maximum principal amount on or before December 31, 1996.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-8

WHEREAS, the University and Community College System of Nevada (the "University") intends to amend its existing "University and Community College System of

Nevada Promissory Note (University of Nevada, Reno)" dated April 23, 1993 (the "1993 Note") to permit the advance of principal by Zions First National Bank (the "Bank") to the University of up to the maximum principal amount of \$1,000,000 on or before December 31, 1996 (of which maximum principal amount \$409,811.69 has not been advanced); and

WHEREAS, such amendments are as set forth in the amended note signed by the appropriate officials of the University (the "Amended Note") in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Note was issued for the purpose of financing research related projects at the University of Nevada, Reno.

President Crowley explained that UNR was requesting permission to draw upon the \$409,811.69 remaining on a \$1 million note with Zions First National Bank. These funds are used to allow purchase of equipment or matching research grant funds.

Mr. John Swendseid, Swendseid & Stern, explained that this

Promissory Note was approved 3 years ago at which time the principal was to be spent by December 31, 1996. Since it appears UNR will not be able to advance the principal by this date, the Board must approve an amendment to extend past this date.

Dr. Eardley moved to approved UNR to amend an existing promissory note dated April 12, 1993 be extended to December 31, 1996. Mr. Klaich seconded.

A discussion ensued and questions were raised regarding the purpose of the \$1 million line of credit to which President Crowley suggested Dr. Ken Hunter, Vice President for Research, would be the appropriate person to answer.

Dr. Derby recommended the matter be tabled until later in the day when Dr. Hunter would be present to answer questions and concerns of the Board.

(See continuation of item #8 after item #15 for further discussion and disposition of this item.)

9. Approved Award of Contract

Approved award of contract for President James Taranik,

DRI, effective July 1, 1997. Chancellor Jarvis reported that he has completed a periodic review of Dr. Taranik as provided by Board policy and recommended renewal of Dr. Taranik's contract for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, since Dr. Taranik has indicated he has accepted a position at UNR as the Arthur Brant Chair of Geology and Geophysics, effective Fall, 1998. The Chancellor applauded Dr. Taranik for his outstanding success as well as for the significant advances DRI has made under his leadership. Chancellor Jarvis stated that had Dr. Taranik not been leaving DRI, his recommendation would have been for a 3-year contract.

Mr. Foley moved approval to award a contract to Dr. James Taranik for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

10. Approved Award of Contract

Approved award of contract for President Richard Moore, CCSN, effective July 1, 1997. Chancellor Jarvis completed a periodic evaluation as provided by Board policy and recommended renewal of Dr. Moore's contract for 3 years; July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2000. The Chancellor applauded

Dr. Moore for the important advances CCSN has made under his leadership.

Ms. Berkley move approval to award a contract to Dr.

Richard Moore for the period July 1, 1997 through June

30, 2000. Mr. Foley seconded. Motion carried on roll

call vote with all Regents voting aye.

11. Approved the Academic, Research & Student Affairs Committee

Report

Chair Shelley Berkley presented the following report on

the Academic, Research & Student Affairs Committee meeting

held November 14, 1996.

The following items were presented for information only:

WICHE (Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education)

Doctoral Scholars Program - This program provides support

for minority graduate students who plan to pursue careers

in College teaching. Currently, UNR has one graduate stu-

dent in the program.

Prison Education - A report on Nevada inmate participation

in higher education programs was offered by UCCSN institutions. Ms. Berkley commented that the Prison Program is a marvelous program that is a value to society.

Medical School Grant Submission, UNR - President Crowley discussed a potential grant proposal the Medical School is pursuing.

Ms. Berkley moved to accept the report as presented. Mrs. Sparks seconded. Motion carried.

11.1 Approved Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities,
UNR

Approved the Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities at UNR as contained in Ref. A on file in the Regents Office.

Established in 1995, the Center's focus will be to coordinate and support interdisciplinary research and teaching activities in the fine arts and humanistic scholarly disciplines, as they relate to the environment. The Center, which currently has an affiliation of 60 faculty members, will host a variety of visiting

writers and scholars, public presentations and special conferences, as well as sponsor prizes for student projects and publish several newsletters. It is estimated that an annual budget of \$19,500 will be needed to provide an administrative stipend for the Director and to support the activities of the Center.

Mrs. Berkley moved to approve the Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities at UNR. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

11.2 Approved AAS Medical Laboratory Technician, WNCC

Approved the new program request for the AAS degree in Medical Laboratory Technician at WNCC as contained in Ref. B on file in the Regents Office.

This program will prepare graduates to perform diagnostic laboratory procedures in facilities such as medical laboratories, hospitals, blood banks and other settings.

A Federal mandate that basic preparation for medical laboratory personnel should be the associate degree

will create an immediate need for qualified personnel in the WNCC service area. It will also prepare graduates for transfer to baccalaureate programs in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Dr. Eardley asked if all classes will be transferable to UNR. President Randolph stated that this is a 2-year terminal degree; however, it is transferable to Sacramento State University toward a 4-year clinical program.

Ms. Berkley moved to approve the AAS degree in Medical Laboratory Technician at WNCC. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

11.3 Approved Disestablishment of Master of Liberal Studies, UNLV

Approved to disestablish the Master of Liberal Studies at UNLV because of low enrollment. A phase-out plan will be developed to facilitate the completion of students' programs, or to provide other options for them. President Harter reported there are only 5 students in the program. Ref. C filed in the Regents

Office.

Ms. Berkley moved approval of the disestablishment of the Master of Liberal Studies at UNLV. Mr. Klaich seconded. Motion carried.

11.4 Approved the Nevada Regents Teaching Award

Approved a Regents Teaching Award to recognize outstanding teachers in the UCCSN as contained in Ref. D on file with the permanent minutes.

2 awards will be granted each year; 1 to a Community College faculty member and 1 to a University or Desert Research Institute faculty member. A special medal and \$5000 will be conferred to each recipient. If approved, the first awards will be given in Spring 1997.

Chancellor Jarvis commented that this initiative came from Campus Faculty Senate Chairs and that he appreciated their assistance.

Ms. Berkley moved to approve the Regents Teaching

Award. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

11.5 Approved Regents Scholar Award

Approved the changes to the Regents Outstanding Student Award and the request to change the name of the award to Regents Scholar as contained in Ref. E on file with the permanent minutes.

The renaming of the award will distinguish it from Campus honors.

Ms. Berkley moved approval of Handbook changes to the award and to rename it the Regents Scholar Award. Dr. Derby seconded. Motion carried.

4. Chair's Report (continued)

Mr. Klaich thanked Chairman Graves and Secretary of the Board, Mary Lou Moser, for the wonderful reception held in honor of the retiring Regents the previous evening. He reflected upon the wonderful friendships he had made during his tenure as Regent. His friendships include members of the Board, Faculty Senate representatives and

many individuals Systemwide. Mr. Klaich felt serving on the Board was the ultimate "fountain of youth", stating that with the energized, exciting people exchanging ideas it keeps one young and vital. He thanked everyone for this wonderful opportunity.

12. Approved the Audit Committee Report

Mrs. Gallagher reported on the meeting of the Audit Committee held October 29, 1996.

The following items were presented for information only:

The Audit Committee heard a report on bank procedures and reconciliations from members of the Bank of America.

The Committee heard a follow-up report on the College of Engineering Dean's Office at UNR.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to accept the report. Mrs. Sparks seconded. Motion carried.

12.1 Approved Internal Audits

Mrs. Gallagher presented the following Internal Audit Reports as contained in Ref. F on file in the Regents Office.

Physical Plant, UNR

Office of Campus Community Development, UNLV

Campus Recreational Services, UNLV

Thomas & Mack Center, UNLV

Recharge Centers, CCSN

Communications Services, CCSN

Business Office, WNCC

Mrs. Gallagher moved to accept the Internal Audit Reports as presented. Mrs. Sparks seconded.

Mr. Klaich asked Mrs. Gallagher if the Committee was comfortable with the Internal Audit Reports and if audit exceptions were dealt with. Mrs. Gallagher responded that the Audit Committee is very comfortable with the report. Mrs. Sparks responded that this was a very thorough audit review and the Committee was very satisfied with the results. She also commented that follow-up audits are conducted by Internal Audit verifying that audit exceptions have been cleared.

Motion carried.

13. Approved Campus Environment Committee Report

Chair Jill Derby reported on the Campus Environment Committee meeting held November 14, 1996.

The following item was presented for information only:

A subcommittee of the Campus Environment Committee submitted a list of concerns and recommendations regarding possible revision to the UCCSN Code, Chapter 6. The Committee reviewed these along with System activities related to those Handbook revisions.

Dr. Derby moved to accept the report. Mrs. Gallagher seconded.

Mr. Klaich stated that serving on this Committee and the Status of Women subcommittee has been a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and he thanked Dr. Derby for providing those opportunities to him.

Dr. Derby stated that Mr. Klaich Chairs the Status of Women subcommittee. She thanked the Chancellor and his staff who reported on the revision of the UCCSN Code, Chapter 6. Dr. Derby stated the Committee is very satisfied with the report.

Mr. Klaich expressed his appreciation to the Chancellor, Ms. Karen Steinberg, Ms. Tamela Gorden and Mr. Don Klasic for their extraordinary work.

Motion carried.

13.1 Approved Gender Equity Goals

Dr. Derby presented proposed gender equity goals and a process for developing System gender equity goals as contained in Ref. G on file with the permanent minutes.

Dr. Derby moved approval of gender equity goals and the process for establishing such goals. Ms. Berkley seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Berkley thanked the Chancellor and his staff for

their hard work and for the positive report. She also stated that she had spoken with Campus representatives and they were very pleased with the report in that all concerns were taken into consideration and if an item was not forwarded for recommendation a valid reason was given.

14. Approved Finance & Planning Committee Report

Chair Dorothy Gallagher reported on the meeting of the Finance & Planning Committee held October 29, 1996.

The following items were presented for information only:

A brief status report was presented by Vice Chancellor

Tom Anderes on the following items:

A cost containment RFP has been sent out. Recommendations will be forthcoming at the January meeting.

Debt Management Guidelines are being reviewed by the Business Officers and will be presented at the January meeting.

The Public Works Board 1997-99 capital recommendations were announced.

A presentation on the LCB Audit Report will be made to a joint meeting of the Audit and Finance Planning Committees in early January.

The Committee also heard a proposal to allow faculty at the top of the Community College Faculty Salary Schedule to compete for merit awards.

Ms. Gallagher moved to accept the report. Dr. Eardley seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Graves left the meeting. Dr. Derby accepted the gavel.

14.1 Approved Fiscal Assessment of UCCSN Industrial Insurance Program and Recommendations

Mrs. Sandi Cardinal, Director of Internal Audit, explained that there are several issues confronting the System which concern the State Industrial Program (SIIS) for System employees. The State Risk Management office notified the System that there

will be an approximate \$1.3 million shortfall by the end of FY 96 based on the deposits made by the System to the fund, the increased number of claims and the length that some of those claims run. This matter has been discussed with the Chancellor, Presidents and Business Officers.

Mrs. Cardinal explained that, originally, the System used a retrospective plan in which the System paid claims as they were made. A few years ago, when there was a surplus in the fund, the System chose to change to a prospective plan wherein funds were paid at the beginning of a year based on projected claim activity, and if there is a surplus at the end of the year a refund is made to the System. A number of circumstances have changed: there have been more claims filed, several of the claims are for considerable amounts, some payouts extend over a number of years and rates paid into the fund have not increased for several years.

The following short- and long-term solutions were presented:

- 1) Return to the retrospective plan wherein claims are paid as they are received.

- 2) Borrow the \$1.3 million from the institutions now to maintain the cash flow of the fund, with the institutions being paid back, with interest, from the amount to be returned in August, 1997 by the State to the System. This payback is estimated at \$1.5 million.

- 3) Raise the rates paid by the institutions from 1.7% to 1.75% (approximately \$860,000 would be generated).

- 4) Request the Estate Tax Committee to consider allocating \$1 million to the fund over a 2-year period.

Mrs. Cardinal explained that at the time there was a surplus in the System's SIIS fund, the Legislature required UCCSN to fund its Radiological Safety program from this SIIS fund inasmuch as the State was short of funds at that time. Subsequent requests to the Legislature for the State to fund the UCCSN

Safety program have been turned down. With the growth, additional research projects and continued increases in regulations governing toxic materials, the Safety program has become much more expensive.

Ms. Berkley remarked that the Campus Environment Committee had recently heard reports from the Campus Safety Officers and there are some dire needs in this area on all Campuses. Again, the UCCSN has requested funding in its 1997-99 Biennial Budget Request for various safety programs throughout the System. It was agreed that more emphasis should be placed on the necessity for State funding of these programs.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to approve the System borrowing from the Campuses the \$1.3 million for the SIIS fund, with payback to occur when the State refunds the dollars, and that the Estate Tax Committee consider allocating \$500,000 per year for a 2-year period.

Mr. Klaich seconded.

Further discussion ensued. It was pointed out that UNR has had a number of inspections in the toxic

waste area and has made a commitment to resolve the issues with the resources available. The fines imposed on violations are very, very high. In answer to a question from Regent Klaich, President Crowley stated that at some time there could be personal liability involved as well; however, that has not occurred to date.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Cardinal pointed out that UCCSN has very low rates in comparison to many State agencies. Chancellor Jarvis assured the Board that the program will be monitored and rates will be increased, but wanted to keep the increase as low as possible, and to use a combination approach to the problem. He stated that a more radical rate increase could be a solution, but felt a progressive increase is more responsible.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to approve the System returning to the Retrospective Plan for SIIS. Mr. Klaich seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Dorothy Gallagher reported on the meetings held
October 29 and November 7, 1996.

The following item was presented for information only:

The Committee met on October 29 and selected Dorothy Gallagher as Chair. The Committee then reviewed the Handbook policies, Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 23, but was unable to finish deliberations and requested another meeting, which was held November 7, 1996.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to accept the report. Dr. Eardley seconded. Motion carried.

15.1A Approved Recommendations

Mrs. Gallagher presented the following Handbook
changes:

Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 23 as
contained in Ref. 15.1A on file with the
permanent minutes.

Deletion of current Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5;
changing Section 4 to 1; and adding an (a)
and (b) under current Section 4.b(5).

Chancellor Jarvis explained that the current policy
and procedures as stated in the Handbook, Title 4,
Chapter 10, Section 23 had not been followed since
1989. The grant process was followed the first year;
however, the Governor and Legislature did not support
the outcomes submitted by the institutions. He rec-
ommended that Estate Tax funds be utilized to support
EPSCoR, libraries and student incentive grants.

Mr. Klaich moved to approve Handbook changes as rec-
ommended. Ms. Berkley seconded.

Mrs. Sparks questioned where in the wording of the
Handbook was it stated that the endowment would be
maintained equal to the CPI. Chancellor Jarvis
stated that was identified in item 15.1B under
recommendations "Identification of Priorities".

Motion carried.

15.1B Identification of Priorities

Mrs. Gallagher stated that the \$2.5 million from the Estate Tax Budget 1997 would be distributed as follows:

Student Incentive Grants	\$ 232,000
EPSCoR	1,918,000
Libraries	350,000
Total	\$2,500,000

Mrs. Sparks stated her concerns regarding protecting the endowment at least at the CPI level explaining that she felt UCCSN was not being "fiscally prudent" if they did not continue to contribute to the fund. Mr. Klaich agreed and stated he felt that today's priorities could spend down every dollar available and he wanted to insure that CIP protection for this fund is determined so it is protected for future generations. He stated he would not endorse this item if it only allowed for CPI, and he felt it was also necessary to establish a method to increase the size of the fund for the future.

Mr. Dan Oster stated that he agreed that something needed to be done so that the \$2.5 million would be maintained and that same amount would be available in the future.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how the proposal must address today's critical budget priorities or UCCSN may be in jeopardy of losing the money if the Legislature feels the System is not prudent in its usage. The ownership issue of the endowment fund is at stake and if it is not handled correctly now, it will affect the future of the fund.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to approve Identification of Priorities for the use of the Estate Tax funds. Dr. Eardley seconded. Mrs. Sparks and Mr. Klaich voted no. Motion failed.

Mr. Klaich moved amending wording of the priorities 15.1B 3rd paragraph as follows:

The Chancellor be given the authority to explore with the Executive and Legislative Branches protection AND ENHANCEMENT of the endowment by

reserving each year an amount equal to OR GREATER
THAN the CPI, and that ...

The motion now reads as follows:

There be 3 co-equal priorities: research,
technology and student financial aid.

The Chancellor be given the authority to negoti-
ate with respect to those priorities based on
information regarding the intentions of the
Executive Branch regarding the Biennial Budget
Request, and

The Chancellor be given the authority to explore
with the Executive and Legislative Branches
protection and enhancement of the endowment by
reserving each year an amount equal to or great-
er than the CPI, and that

The Chancellor report back to the Committee and
the Chair of the Board.

Motion carried with amendments.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:45 P.M. and reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with all Regents present except Mr. Alden, Mr. Graves, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Price.

8. Approved Amendment, Promissory Note, UNR (continued)

Approved amendment to an existing promissory note dated April 23, 1993 to permit the advance of principal by Zions National Bank to the University of up to the maximum principal amount on or before December 31, 1996.

Mr. Klaich asked Dr. Ken Hunter, Vice President for Research, how the loan has been drawn down and what has been purchased. Dr. Hunter stated that UNR has drawn down approximately \$600,000 of the original note for the purchase of research equipment primarily for the Chemistry Department, and also, that some principal and interest has been paid over the last couple of years.

Mr. Klaich moved to approve the amendment of an existing promissory note dated April 23, 1993 to December 31, 1996.

Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

16. Approved Consent Agenda

(1) Approved the minutes of the meeting held October 3 & 4, 1996.

(2) Approved President Harter's recommendation for emeritus status to the following:

Dr. Charles L. Adams, Emeritus Professor of English, effective upon approval by the Board of Regents

(3) Approved Capital Improvement Fees, CCSN - Approved Capital Improvement expenditures in the amount of \$122,495 for miscellaneous Campus improvements at CCSN as listed below:

Boulder City Remodeling	\$ 24,000
Cheyenne Bus Stop	9,995
Charleston - Additional Lighting	24,000
Storage of Furniture - Sahara West	6,000
Storage & Movement of Equipment - Sahara West	15,000
Cheyenne Campus Signage	18,000

Charleston Campus Signage	7,500
Henderson Campus Signage	18,000
 Total Request for Expenditure	 \$122,495

(4) Approved the following Interlocal Agreements:

A. Parties : Board of Regents/UNR and the Nevada

Division of Health

Purpose : Behavioral Risk Factors Assessment.

\$\$: Maximum of \$187,000 through September

30, 1997

Eff. Date: Date approved by Board through

September 30, 1997

B. Parties : Board of Regents/UNR and the Nevada

Department of Human Resources

Purpose : Latchkey Program - after-school child

care services.

\$\$: \$81,900 to UNR

Eff. Date: Date approved by Board through June

30, 1997

C. Parties : Board of Regents/UNR and the Nevada

Division of Environmental Protection

Purpose : Churchill County Hazardous Waste

Disposal Day.

\$\$: \$20,000 to UNR

Eff. Date: October 1, 1996 through December 31,
1997

D. Parties : Board of Regents/School of Medicine

and the Nevada Division of Child and

Family Services

Purpose : Joint Sponsorship of Graduate Medical

Education Programs/Psychiatry Residency

Training.

\$\$: \$7,040 to UNR

Eff. Date: July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

E. Parties : Board of Regents/School of Medicine

and the Nevada State Health Division

Purpose : Consultation regarding infectious and

communicable diseases to be provided

by Trudy Larson, M. D.

\$\$: \$2,000 to Medical School

Eff. Date: July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

F. Parties : Board of Regents/UNLV and the Nevada

Office of Traffic Safety

Purpose : Random-Digit-Dial (RDD) Telephone

Interview Survey

\$\$: \$4,082 to UNLV

Eff. Date: October 1, 1996 through September

30, 1997

G. Parties : Board of Regents/UNLV and the Nevada

Division of Health

Purpose : Sexual Assault and Prevention Educa-

tion

\$\$: \$8,640 to UNLV

Eff. Date: Date approved by Board through

September 30, 1997

H. Parties : Board of Regents/TMCC and the Washoe

County Detention Facility

Purpose : Adult Basic Education Literacy and

English as a Second Language Classes.

\$\$: \$0

Eff. Date: August 26, 1996 through June 30, 1997

I. Parties : Board of Regents/TMCC and the Washoe

County School District

Purpose : Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement.

\$\$: Cost of services provided by each
entity in the use of its property
shall be charged to the other party.

Eff. Date: Date approved by Board for 2 years

J. Parties : Board of Regents/DRI and the Nevada

Division of Environmental Protection

Purpose : Urban Strategy for the Truckee Meadows

Non-Profit Instream Flow Bank. Amend-
ing original contract extending time
and amending 3rd party match record
keeping requirements.

\$\$: \$65,000 to DRI

Eff. Date: Date approved by Board through December
31, 1997

Dr. Eardley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Klaich
seconded. Motion carried.

17. Approved Registrar of Voters for Institutions

Approved each institution which registers students to apply

to the Nevada Secretary of State to be designated a "voter registration agency", and authorized those institutions so designated to take measures to register students to vote.

Ref. H on file in the Regents Office.

Chancellor Jarvis stated that this proposal was initiated by ASUN, that he has discussed it with the Council of Presidents and that each Campus President may choose to participate on an individual basis.

Mr. Klaich stated he thought this was a fantastic idea and appreciated ASUN bringing it to the Board.

Mr. Dan Oster, ASUN President, stated that this would not have a financial impact on the Campuses since Student Government would absorb any costs. He also thanked NFA and Student Government leaders for their support.

Dr. Eardley moved approval to authorize each institution to apply to the Nevada Secretary of State to be designated a "voter registration agency". Mrs. Gallagher seconded.

Motion carried.

Approved changes to the Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 15,
Regulation for Determining Residency Charges as contained
in Ref. I on file with the permanent records.

Chancellor Jarvis reviewed the highlights of the changes
and stated that in 1995 the Residency Policy was established
and this is an attempt to "fine tune" it as well as bring
it in line with peer Western States and to preserve the
original intent of the policy. The changes will also at-
tempt to support the economic development issues of the
State. These changes will go into effect Spring, 1997.

Chancellor Jarvis stated the most significant changes are
in Section 4 with the definition of resident students in
Sections 3 and 4. (3) "A financial independent person who
has relocated to Nevada for the primary purpose of perma-
nent full-time employment" and (4) "A financial dependent
person whose family or legal guardian has relocated to
Nevada for the primary purpose of permanent full-time
employment."

Mr. Klaich asked if this would include a spouse, to which
the Chancellor answered yes.

Mrs. Gallagher asked what would be needed to prove residency to which Dr. Pat Miltenberger, Vice President for Student Services, gave examples of verification such as: voter registration, driver's license, Nevada income tax forms, vehicle license registration. Recent Nevada high school graduates only need submit an application which includes an affidavit form.

Mr. Foley moved approval for changes to the Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 15, Regulation for Determining Residency Charges. Mr. Klaich seconded.

Mrs. Sparks questioned the admission policy to the Medical School since the Residency Policy has been changed. Dr. Miltenberger stated she would clarify this and provide the information to the Regents.

Dr. Derby asked if this would have an impact on tuition.

Dr. Crowley stated that there was no way of knowing the impact on tuition. He stated this will help new business moving into Nevada and will promote economic development Statewide.

Motion carried.

19. Approved Merit Pay, Community College Faculty at Top of Salary Range

Approved a proposal for consideration of awarding merit at the Community Colleges to those faculty who are at the top of the salary range. Ref. J on file with the permanent records.

Chancellor Jarvis stated that this proposal affects a very specific group of faculty at the Community College who have reached the top of their appropriate salary range due to longevity and professional development that have advanced them along their schedule. These faculty members are currently excluded from consideration for merit increases in salary. He stated that all faculty should be eligible for consideration for legislative approved increases in salary earned through meritorious performance.

Chancellor Jarvis explained that the proposal consisted of 3 areas:

1. Principals

2. Policy Criteria

3. Process

The Chancellor stated this is a fair proposal and allows for faculty to compete and be considered for merit based upon performance evaluation. Currently there are 24 faculty in this category: 8 TMCC, 8 WNCC and 8 CCSN.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval of the proposed process for consideration of awarding merit at the Community Colleges to those faculty who are at the top of their salary range.

Mrs. Sparks seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Graves entered the meeting and resumed the gavel.

20. Information Only: Bonding for Investment Staff

Chancellor Jarvis stated that upon request from Mr. Foley, the issue of bonding for investment staff has been reviewed by Mrs. Sandi Cardinal, Director of Internal Audit, as follows: a) the staff; b) the safeguards currently in place in the UCCSN at the System level; and c) the implications of current accounting practices and technologies.

Mrs. Cardinal reported that Dr. Anderes, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, reported on a survey prepared by Cambridge Associates as contained in supplemental reference #20 on file in the Regents Office and presented the following information based upon that study:

SURVEY: Cambridge & Associates surveyed 20 institution investment offices, 19 of which did not bond their investment staff, but instead relied on some form of insurance. It should be noted, if staff handle cash, there are safeguards in place to protect the employee. UCCSN has been covered under a similar type of policy since 1986. The issue of bonding individual employees appears most relevant when the handling of cash is involved; no cash is handled in the UCCSN Banking and Investment Office.

RISK POTENTIAL: A number of those surveyed suggested that they feel their risk is diminished by the following factors: 1) the use of external investment managers with no securities purchased internally, 2) the use of internal controls for handling cash receipts and disbursements and 3) annual internal audits.

SAFEGUARDS FOR PROTECTING FUNDS: Wire transfers on the

operating side are made between System accounts, to

operating managers, for semi-annual bond debt service

payments, etc. These wire transfers have numerous

safeguards in place including repetitive codes which

require authorization from those individuals who have

authority to transfer money. Currently, Drs. Jarvis

and Anderes, Ms. Audrey Phelps and Mrs. Stacy Ciesynski

are authorized to transfer money.

Wire transfers on the endowment side are needed to move

additional money to managers, close or open manager ac-

counts, and to cover quarterly endowment spending dis-

tributions made to the institutions. UCCSN maintains

a signed corporate resolution with the holding bank

authorizing specific individuals to request transfers

as well as agreements with the managers that give

specific approval to certain individuals to make trans-

fers to and from the accounts. All requests must be in

writing and signed by the authorized person. In addi-

tion, the Investment Committee approves the movement

of money to close a manager account and to open a new

account.

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES: Strong internal controls and regular audits do not guarantee losses from dishonest employees. Insurance coverage as provided by the UCCSN does offer a means of recovering losses in case of employee theft and is typical of practices utilized by investment offices throughout the country.

Mr. Foley stated that he felt this was not a discussion on professional criminals and that insurance does not cover demarcation. Mrs. Cardinal stated that only dishonesty is covered. Mr. Foley stated that a bonding company would conduct a thorough investigation and he felt it would be very worthwhile of any organization handling large amounts of funds.

Mr. Graves requested that the UCCSN insurance policies be reviewed by legal counsel and that this matter be placed on the January agenda for a full report.

21. Approved Naming of Building, WNCC

Approved the request to name WNCC's Douglas building Bently Hall in honor of Mr. Don Bently of Bently Nevada Corporation, Minden, Nevada.

President Randolph stated that Mr. Don Bently donated 10 acres of land on which the WNCC's Douglas building will be constructed and furthermore the land is valued at over \$1 million.

Ms. Berkley moved to approve naming WNCC's Douglas building Bently Hall in honor of Mr. Don Bently. Dr. Derby seconded. Motion carried.

22. Approved Purchase of Property, UNR

Approved the request to purchase property adjacent to the UNR Campus. The owner of an acre of property at 1670 North Virginia Street has agreed to sell his property to the University of Nevada, Reno for \$425,000. The property is located at the north end of the Campus across the road from the new KNPB-Channel 5 facility, and is in the Campus Master Plan for property acquisition. The property has been appraised at \$425,000.

Mr. Klaich moved approval of the request to purchase an acre of property at 1670 North Virginia Street for \$425,000.

Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

23. Approved Loan, Mackay Mines Library Project, UNR

Request is made for a loan in the amount of approximately \$2,000,000 to complete the Mackay School of Mines Library.

Dr. Crowley made statements refuting the recent derogatory articles in local newspapers which had charged a \$2 million loss in the Foundation. (Transcription on file with the permanent minutes.)

Dr. Crowley, offering further information, stated that a decision he made in 1993 wherein he asked the mining company to make royalty payments to the Foundation, not the University, could be viewed as only a change in the process, not a transfer of the University's assets. He stated that he takes full responsibility for the error - changes were of a technical nature only - and he regrets any confusion this may have caused. He further stated that all of the \$601,000 royalty money received is documented and accounted for and the royalties no longer go to the Foundation.

Dr. Crowley explained the estimated cost of the Mackay Mines Library project is \$2,700,000. This project is the last

portion of the Mackay Mines restoration which, when completed, will be about a \$10,500,000 project. To date \$2,800,000 in gift funds and \$5,000,000 from a Federal grant have been expended in the restoration.

To complete the Library project UNR currently has \$700,000 in gift funds and the balance will come from royalty revenue from Marigold Mines or other funds that may become available. Within the last year the mine operator estimated the University's royalty revenue at about \$3,100,000 over a 5-year period.

Dr. Crowley also reported that an anonymous donor has guaranteed \$500,000 will be available in the 1st year, providing a total of \$1.2 million to proceed with the project.

He is now requesting the \$1,500,000 balance from internal funds in the Housing Reserve Account, an account established to provide funds for refurbishing, major remodeling and improvement costs to dormitories. This will not have a negative impact on residence hall facilities since the projected need of funds for refurbishing and remodeling coincide with the receipt of proceeds from the royalty revenues. All such revenues, as they become available, will be used to repay the Housing Reserve Account.

Dr. Crowley stated that the current Mines Library is located in the Getchell Library; however, they need the space and the Mines Library should be included in the restoration project.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval of the loan for Mackay School of Mines Library project. Dr. Eardley seconded.

Mr. Klaich asked how the interest would be paid back and how it is calculated. Dr. Crowley stated the interest rate is 5%.

Motion carried.

24. Approved Emergency Item: Easement, UNLV

Approved the request to consider an emergency item regarding an easement between UNLV and the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Mrs. Sparks moved approval of the emergency item. Ms. Berkley seconded. Motion carried.

25. Approved Easement, UNLV

Approved 1) Easement, 2) Application for Connection and Request for Service and 3) Construction Agreement. Dr. Harter explained that these documents are necessary to provide permanent water service to the new Architecture building on the UNLV Campus.

Mr. Klaich moved to approve the easement at UNLV. Dr. Derby seconded. Motion carried.

26. Information Only: Regents' Workshop: Enrollment Management and Fall 1996 Enrollments

The Board of Regents identified undergraduate access and growth as one of its strategic directions and stated its intent to enhance access and retention and to increase participation rates in postsecondary education. The Fall 1996 enrollments were presented.

Ms. Karen Steinberg, Deputy to the Chancellor for Planning and Policy Analysis, presented a brief review of 3 key elements of Fall 1996 enrollment:

Fall 1996 enrollment is the key to UCCSN's future;

There has been a major shift in student recruitment/
student access which is a key issue with the Chancellor
and Campuses;

As UCCSN enters the pre-budget cycle, major emphasis
on:

State supported vs. non-State supported

FTE rather than headcount

Ms. Steinberg noted that currently UCCSN is budgeted to
serve 37,000 students and that Fall 1996 headcount is
40,016, which is a 7.9% increase. This clearly indicates
that UCCSN is serving Nevada well by providing access to
higher education in that targets have been met and ex-
ceeded. She stated that it is very important that the
System get the additional funding to serve the increase
in students.

Chancellor Jarvis stated that UCCSN's projected 5% per year
budget increase request is under review and emphasized how
critical it is that this increase be approved. He stated

that budget people are skeptical since review indicates that past growth projections have not occurred. He stressed that presently UCCSN has met and exceeded goals. He feels that an additional 3-4% of students will be serviced over the amount budgeted. He stressed how important it is for the Regents to support this message.

Ms. Steinberg stated that a full presentation on enrollment management will be made at the January Board meeting.

27. Approved Resolutions

Approved resolutions as contained in Ref. K on file with the permanent minutes.

Mr. Graves read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 96-9

BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA

IN RECOGNITION OF

REGENT JOSEPH M. FOLEY

WHEREAS, Joseph M. Foley has served as a Regent of the University and Community College System of Nevada for 12 years, being first elected to represent Clark County in 1984 and re-elected in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Foley has given generously of his time and energy to the Board of Regents, serving as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee from 1987 to 1991; as Chair of the Audit Committee from 1986 to 1987; as Chair of the ad hoc Committee on Prisoner Education from 1990 to 1992; and as Chair of the ad hoc Committee on Native American Education from 1991 to 1992, among a myriad of other important assignments and appointments; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Foley has contributed his legal expertise to the cause of higher education in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Foley as Regent has been a champion of faculty and students with particular concern for the critical issue of student retention; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Foley as Regent provided leadership to

a Systemwide study of governance which helped to define and delineate decision-making structures within UCCSN institutions; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Foley as Regent has been a strong advocate for higher education services to prisoners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents extends its sincere admiration and deep appreciation to Joseph M. Foley for exemplary service to the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to approve the resolution for Regent Joseph M. Foley. Ms. Berkley seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Graves read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 96-10

BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA

IN RECOGNITION OF

REGENT DANIEL J. KLAICH

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Klaich has served as a Regent of the University and Community College System of Nevada for 13 years, being first appointed by Governor Richard Bryan in 1983 and subsequently re-elected to 2 6-year terms in 1984 and 1990; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Klaich has given generously of his time and energy to the Board, serving as Chair from 1985 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Klaich has served the Board in numerous capacities, as Chair of the Legislative Liaison Committee from 1987 to 1989, as Chair of the Investment Committee from 1988 to 1995, as Chair of the ad hoc Committee on Admissions Standards from 1990 to 1991; as Chair of the ad hoc Presidential Search Committee for Western Nevada Community College in 1994-95, among a myriad of other important assignments and appointments; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Klaich has contributed his legal expertise to the cause of education in Nevada by serving as a member of the Nevada Higher Education Commission,

a member of the Legislative Commission Study of Funding for Higher Education and as a Visiting Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Klaich as Regent has been a faithful champion of access for all Nevada students and been a strong advocate for containing tuition and fees; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Klaich as Regent has stood for fairness and supported women and diversity in Nevada's Community Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Klaich as Regent has been a voice of consensus, able to find common ground in the midst of diverse opinion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents extends its sincere admiration and deep appreciation to Daniel J. Klaich for exemplary service to the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Dr. Derby moved approval of the resolution for Regent Daniel J. Klaich. Ms. Berkley seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Graves read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 96-11

BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEVADA

IN RECOGNITION OF

REGENT CAROLYN M. SPARKS

WHEREAS, Carolyn M. Sparks has served as a Regent of the University and Community College System of Nevada for 12 years, being first elected to represent Clark County in 1984 and re-elected in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Sparks has given generously of her time and energy to the Board of Regents, serving as Chair from 1991 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Sparks has served the Board in numerous capacities, as Vice Chair from 1989 to 1991, as Chair of the Audit Committee from 1988 to 1989, as Chair of the ad hoc Presidential Search Committee for the Community College of Southern Nevada in 1994, as Chair of the ad

hoc Committee on Health Care from 1989 to 1991, and as
Chair of the Investment Committee from 1994 to 1996,
among a myriad of other important assignments and ap-
pointments; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Sparks has contributed her expertise
as a businesswoman with a long career in the insurance
industry to the cause of higher education in Nevada by
serving as a member of the Statewide Committee for
Funding of Higher Education, a member of the University
of Nevada, Las Vegas, Law School Study Committee, a
member of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Athletic
Hall of Fame Committee and as a supporter of the Com-
munity College of Southern Nevada Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Sparks as Regent has been a faithful
supporter of Nevada's higher education institutions
supporting their growth and the development of new
programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Sparks as Regent has lent her expertise
to the particular areas of investment and audit; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Sparks as Regent has promoted women's

athletics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents extends its sincere admiration and deep appreciation to Carolyn M. Sparks for exemplary service to the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval of the resolution for Regent Carolyn M. Sparks. Ms. Berkley seconded. Motion carried.

28. Information Only: Conversation with Retiring Regents

This was the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Board before the retirement from the Board for Regents Joe Foley, Dan Klaich and Carolyn Sparks.

Mr. Graves stated that many of the Board members felt it would be beneficial to have a conversation with these 3 Regents who have served higher education in Nevada, collectively totaling some 37 years. It was also felt it would be a remembrance for them if a video was made which could be added to their collection and so that their families could share this last meeting with them.

Dr. David Seibert acted as moderator for this discussion.

Dr. Seibert is Chair and Professor of Speech and Theater at UNR. Many will remember that a few years back he served as Chair of the UNR Faculty Senate and spent some memorable times with the Board.

Dr. Seibert presented a few opening remarks then posed the following questions to the Regents:

1. Please share with us your memory of your first Board meeting.
2. What is the biggest change you have seen in the System during your tenure?
3. What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment as a Board member?
4. If there is one piece of advice you could give to a new Regent, what would that be?
5. What are your hopes for the future of the System?

Dr. Seibert thanked Regents Foley, Klaich and Sparks for

sharing their comments.

Mr. Graves thanked Regents Foley, Klaich and Sparks, stating

that it has been a pleasure to work with them on the Board.

He stated, "You have all shown your love of Nevada and the

students, faculty and staff of the System with each action

you have taken. You have shared with us your concerns and

you have voted your conscience on each issue that came be-

fore the Board.

From all of us, our gratitude and best wishes for the

future."

29. Public Comment

Ms. Berkley stated that she would like the Board to consider

a title change from UCCSN to University, Community College

and Research System of Nevada. She stated it would elevate

the status to include "research" in the title.

Mr. Foley stated he felt that would designate UCCSN as a

research institute.

30. New Business

Mrs. Sparks stated that she and Ms. Berkley were involved in the new Home Away From Home program at UNLV. This program has also been used at UCSD. They both felt this was a wonderful program in which families adopt out-of-state or international students. Ms. Berkley stated her participation in this program has been a very enhancing and rewarding experience for her family.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Mary Lou Moser

Secretary of the Board