

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes January 12-13, 1981

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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

January 12, 1981

The Board of Regents met on the above date in the William Carlson

Education building, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Members present: Mr. Robert A. Cashell, Chairman

Mr. James L. Buchanan, II

Ms. Frankie Sue Del Papa

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher

Mr. Chris Karamanos

Mr. John R. Mc Bride

Mr. John Tom Ross

Mrs. June F. Whitley

Others present: Chancellor Donald H. Baepler

President William Berg, NNCC

President Joseph Crowley, UNR

President Jack Davis, WNCC

President James Eardley, TMCC

President Judith Eaton, CCCC

President Leonard Goodall, UNLV

President Clifford Murino, DRI

Vice Chancellor Larry Lessly

Secretary Bonnie Smotony

Also present were Faculty Senate Chairpersons and Student Body Officers from each of the Institutions.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cashell at 11:05 A.M.

The Honorable William Beko, District Judge from Nye County, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Regents Frankie Sue Del Papa and Dorothy S. Gallagher, and to reelected Regents Chris N. Karamanos and June F. Whitley.

1. Election of Officers

A. In accordance with the provision contained in the Board

of Regents 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 Cashell asked for nominations for Officers.

Mr. Buchanan nominated Mr. Ross for Chairman.

Mr. Mc Bride nominated Mr. Cashell.

Mr. Buchanan moved that nominations for Chairman be closed. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

Mrs. Fong requested that election occur by secret ballot. Counsel advised that voting for Officers could occur either by voice vote, or by written ballot; however, if by written ballot, the vote of each person must be disclosed.

It was agreed that votes would be cast by written ballot. Ballots were collected and the vote reported as follows:

Mr. Cashell - Mrs. Whitley, Mr. Karamanos, Mrs.

Gallagher, Ms. Del Papa, Mr.

Mc Bride, Mr. Cashell

Mr. Ross - Mrs. Fong, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Ross

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Ross nominated Mrs. Fong for Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Whitley nominated Mr. Mc Bride.

Ballots were collected and the vote reported as follows:

Mr. Mc Bride - Mr. Cashell, Mrs. Gallagher, Ms.

Del Papa, Mr. Mc Bride, Mrs.

Whitley

Mrs. Fong - Mr. Karamanos, Mrs. Fong, Mr. Ross,

Mr. Buchanan

B. Selection of Secretary - In accordance with the provision 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 membership from among a panel of persons nominated by the Chancellor of the University", Chancellor Baepler recommended that Mrs. Bonnie Smotony be so designated to serve for the ensuing two year period.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 1980 were submitted for approval with the following requests for corrections:

- (1) Mrs. Fong noted that on Page 98, with respect to her proposal to seek legislation to limit campaign spending for election to nonpaid positions, the minutes reflect consensus, whereas, she stated, it was Ms. Del Papa who suggested this was not an appropriate project for the Board, and that Mr. Cashell agreed, suggesting that if Mrs. Fong wished to pursue it, she should do so as an individual.

(2) The Secretary reported that Mr. Monte Miller of Valley Bank had requested the following correction with respect to the report of the Investment Advisory Committee, Page 93:

Minutes read: "Mr. Miller requested cancellation of the remainder of the open orders and purchase of the following" (with three stocks listed), and should read: "...requested cancellation of the remainder of the open orders for the purchase of stock which were as follows:...".

Mrs. Fong moved approval of the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

3. Appointment of Athletic Director, UNLV

President Goodall reported that the Search Committee for a new Athletic Director at UNLV had completed its assignment and he commended them for an excellent job.

Dr. Goodall recommended the appointment of Dr. Bradley L. Rothermel as Director of Athletics at UNLV, effective no later than the end of February, 1981, at an annual salary

of \$40,500, on an "A" contract. Information concerning Dr. Rothermel, including biographical data, was distributed and is filed with permanent minutes.

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

4. UNLV Relationship with Western Athletic Conference

President Goodall recalled that at the December 30 meeting, the Board had tabled a motion to authorize UNLV to consider other alternatives to membership in WAC, including affiliation with other conferences or a decision to remain as an independent. Dr. Goodall announced that the WAC Commissioners had placed UNLV's application for membership in an inactive status, and suggested that it was now appropriate to remove this motion from the table.

Mr. Mc Bride moved that the motion be removed from the table and that the Board authorize UNLV to look at other alternatives to membership in WAC, including affiliation with other conferences or a decision to remain as an independent. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

5. Proposed Fee Structure for Off-Campus Videotape Courses,

UNLV

President Goodall requested approval of a special fee structure for off-campus television courses to be offered by UNLV. Consumers of these courses include various industrial firms and governmental agencies such as Nellis Air Force Base. First, for those courses being given at the request of industrial firms which sponsor the courses for employees at their work site \$500 per credit, to be paid by the sponsoring employer, with the students paying regular registration fees.

For those agencies which cannot make such payments (primarily governmental agencies such as Nellis Air Force Base) - \$50 per credit in addition to the regular registration fees.

Dr. Goodall reported that these special fees would be used to help support the special operating cost of the television courses.

Mrs. Fong moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gallaher, carried without dissent.

6. Appointment to TMCC Advisory Board

President Eardley recommended approval of the following appointments to the TMCC Advisory Board:

New Appointments - for two year terms beginning January, 1981:

Holly Crawford, Training Director, Northern Nevada

Educational Electrical Apprentice Program

Edie Cartwright, Businesswoman, Owner of Cartwright

Communications

Dr. Leonard Dalton, Superintendent, Washoe County

School District, Ex Officio

Jim Gardner, Owner Of Rauch-Gardner Engineering

Jackie Jones, Principal, Wooster High School

Judy Kosinski, Training Officer, State Mental Health

Institute

Reappointments - for two year terms beginning January, 1981:

Dr. Lloyd Diedrichsen, Dentist, Member of Washoe County

School Board

Dr. Marvin Picollo, Retiring Superintendent, Washoe

School District

Ted Sanders, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ex

Officio

Frank Titus, Businessman

Shirley Wedow, State Board of Education

Hans Wolfe, Vice President, First National Bank

Paul Bible, Attorney

Reappointments - for one year term beginning January, 1981:

Estela Delgado, Centro De Informacion Latino Americano

Fred Dolven, Architect, Dolven, Larson and Daniels

Jim Elliott, Station and Sales Manager, KCRL Television

Luther Mack, Businessman, Mc Donald's

Mike Newmarker, Administrator, Washoe Medical Center

Ronald Player, Mayor of Sparks

Carlos Romo, Human Relations Officer, Community Services

Agency

Don Stevens, Treasurer/Controller, Harrah's

Mr. Ross moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong,

carried without dissent.

Mrs. Fong commended President Eardley on the Fire Safety Report,

prepared for TMCC, stating that it was very thorough and well-done.

7. Report of Finance Committee

Mr. Mc Bride reported that the Finance Committee had met earlier in the morning for the purpose of receiving a report from Kafoury, Armstrong and Company concerning the audit of UNLV Intercollegiate Athletics as requested by the Board earlier. He stated that the audit report had discounted some of the innuendos which had been circulating concerning the fund raising efforts and had offered several recommendations which President Goodall had agreed to pursue. Those recommendations concerned the present procedure for signing off on uncollected pledges, and an inconsistency in the policy which precludes \$600 donors from buying extra tickets.

Mr. Buchanan suggested that this report had revealed no inadequacies, no irregularities in the Athletic Department and asked why it had been done, how much it had cost and where the funds for it had come from.

Mr. Mc Bride recalled that at its meeting of October 24, 1980 the Board had voted to request this audit and had pro-

vided funds from the Board of Regents Special Projects Account. He suggested that the audit was worthwhile and had cleared up a number of areas where inconsistency in practice and procedure had existed. For example, he stated, the present procedure provides that a \$600 donor does not have the privilege of buying extra tickets, but a \$1000 donor does. The audit revealed that in some instances, the \$600 donor has been permitted the purchase of extra tickets. He suggested that this inconsistency was unfair to the \$1000 donor and should be corrected.

Mr. Cashell suggested that one of the reasons the audit report appears so satisfactory is because of the work that Dr. Goodall and Mr. Westfall and his staff have put into establishing some controls.

Mr. Karamanos agreed and suggested that commendation should also go to Dr. Pearson and his staff. Mr. Karamanos also spoke of a letter he had received questioning the status of 34 tickets which were said to have been given out from the Athletic Director's Office, stating that he has not been able to learn what has happened to those tickets.

President Goodall agreed that he would have a written report

on this matter for the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Karamanos requested that the Board go into Personnel Session, stating that there has been some dissension among the members and he wished to clear that up, and asked for advice from Counsel as to whether such a session is permissible.

Mr. Lessly agreed that it is permissible for the Board to meet in Personnel Session to discuss its own professional competence. The Chair declared the open meeting adjourned, requesting that it reconvene following lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 P.M. with all Regents and Officers again present.

8. Report and Recommendation Concerning 1981-1983 Biennial Budget

Mr. Cashell requested that Vice Chancellor Partridge review for the Board the budget parameters and concepts used in the development of the budget request, and to summarize briefly the material he had distributed to each of the Regents.

Mr. Partridge referred to his memorandum included with the

agenda which reviewed the Governor's Budget Recommendation

for 1981-1983, and which is included here for the record:

The faculty received pay raises of 8% and 6% for last year and for the present year. As all are aware, inflation was significantly higher than these raises.

The Governor's Office is recommending pay increases of 14% and 9% during the next biennium. These increases will restore the purchasing power lost by the faculty during the present biennium, but will provide virtually no relief even if inflation slows to a single digit rate.

The Governor's recommendation includes a 10% increase in the student/faculty ratios. Prior to the last biennium, it was hoped that the ratio for the Universities could be held at 18:1; however, we were funded at a 20:1 ratio and the recommendation will further erode the ratio to 22:1.

The Community Colleges are seeing the same types of erosion in student/faculty ratios, which makes the concept of occupational instruction virtually intolerable.

The increases in student/faculty ratios will place the University of Nevada System among the highest ratios of Universities and Colleges in the United States.

At the same time the registration fees are recommended to increase by \$6 per credit hour at the Universities and \$4 at the Community Colleges. Out-of-State tuition will increase by \$250 each semester. These increases in tuition, along with the decreased quality of instruction, will make the University of Nevada System less attractive, probably resulting in decreased enrollment and revenue.

Some service positions have been eliminated from the recommendation. At the same time, the UNS has seen good increases in enrollment for the past two years.

The positions eliminated will hamper recruiting efforts and slow the processing of students who might elect to continue to come to the University of Nevada.

The Governor's recommendation includes the classified salary adjustment money for the first time. In the past, this has been a separate appropriation which distorts to a degree the amount of money provided to

higher education. In addition, the Budget office has factored in a mandated salary savings which appears to be twice the amount the UNS has realized in the past few years.

Many Janitorial positions have been eliminated throughout the System, which will result in a severe decrease in the maintenance of the buildings. The positions eliminated will result in the displacement of lowered salaried, and in many instances, minority persons. The lack of Janitorial services will ultimately result in increased maintenance costs in years to come.

Throughout the System utility costs appear to be underfunded. With spiraling utility costs, this underfunding could become a very critical problem. The Budget Office has been notified of our concern. In addition, we have asked that a contingency plan be established to provide external relief should our fears prove to be real.

The last problem on a System basis is the elimination of positions to staff new facilities that will be constructed, such as the Fallon Center and the Henderson Campus. This lack of staffing will make it very diffi-

cult to open these new facilities as planned.

Mr. Partridge continued by reviewing the various data included in the distributed material and explaining the procedures which had been followed in the negotiations which have occurred between his Office and the State Budget Office, and in subsequent meetings of the Officers with Budget staff. The most recent meeting occurred between the Chancellor and the Governor, resulting in the restoration of some funding which had not originally been in the Governor's recommendation, and the final recommendation contains \$67,075,442 for 1981-82 and \$75,760,522 for 1982-83, for the total System.

Additional data contained in the material distributed by Vice Chancellor Partridge dealt with the shortfall estimated in positions other than instruction, shortfall in student revenue which will result from the difference between the Governor's recommendation for a fee increase and that which the Officers recommended to the Board; the estimated cost of restoring the institutions to the 1979-1981 Biennium student/faculty ratio; the budget changes required by the new enrollment figures; classified salary adjustment deficit; and operating allocations.

Following Mr. Partridge's presentation and a short discussion among Regents and Officers, Mr. Buchanan moved that the Regents go into Personnel Session. Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong, carried without dissent.

The Regents reconvened in open session at 3:00 P.M.

Discussion resumed on Item 8, Report and Recommendation Concerning 1981-1983 Biennial Budget

Mr. Cashell asked that the position statements prepared by each of the Officers for their institutions be distributed and that further discussion on the Budget be deferred to the January 23 meeting. He also asked that the presentation of the Master Plans be deferred until a later meeting to permit some coordination by the Chancellor's Office.

In response to a question from President Eardley Mr. Cashell stated that it would be the intention of the Regents to take an active leadership role, in concert with the Chancellor, in the advocacy of the University's budget request in the upcoming Legislative Session and he anticipated that several meetings with the Officers would be required as the budget

strategy develops. He also confirmed that it would be expected that each of the Presidents would be expected to present and defend their respective institutional budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Bonnie M. Smotony

Secretary of the Board

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