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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 6, 1951

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met in the President's office on Thursday, December 6, 1951. Present: Regents Hardy, Lombardi, Ross and President Love. The meeting was called to order at 4 P.M. by Chairman Ross.

Heating Plant

The President presented a proposal from Russell Mills, covering the Heating Plant items now contemplated. The report was accepted for further study, and later action.

Sheeketski

The Regents discussed the letter which has been received from Mr. Furrh, Attorney, concerning the salary contract of Mr. Joe Sheeketski. It was the unanimous decision that the Chairman request the opinion of the Attorney General on the following questions:

- (1) Do you think the Board of Regents have the power or the right to settle a contract, as suggested by Mr. Furrh?
- (2) If it is proper for us to make a settlement, do we have the authority to use funds appropriated by the Legislature for the budget of the University? (Understand that if Mr. Sheeketski had been retained as Football Coach the funds for paying his salary would come from receipts in the Athletic Department. Without a football program, these receipts are considerably reduced and there is no balance in that Department which can be used for that purpose.)
- (3) If a settlement is not made in accordance with this request of Mr. Furrh, it is quite evident that a suit will be brought by Mr. Sheeketski for the recovery of his salary under the contract. Is it possible for an

individual to sue the State? Under what circumstances would an individual be able to sue the State?

- (4) If it is not possible for an individual to sue the State what liability, if any, accrues to any agency other than the University of Nevada or to any individual concerned with the athletic program of the University? What liability, if any, would accrue to the members of the Board of Regents as individuals, or to members of the Board of Athletic Control as individuals?
- (5) If a suit is carried and damages are allowed, how would the money to pay such damages be obtained from State funds?
- (6) Would the Attorney General's office be legal counsel for the Board of Regents in event of suit? If so, could the Attorney General retain additional counsel if requested by the Board of Regents, and are funds available in the budget of the Attorney General's office to defray such costs?

Communications

The following communications were read by the President:

- (a) Mrs. Fleischmann

It is with deepest appreciation I send my sincere thanks for the worthy tribute to the Major in your resolution of October 26. Also for the beautiful flowers at both of the services and the kind note with the lovely red roses when I was in Reno. I am most grateful for all of your expressions of esteem and they are a comfort to me. They make me feel very close to the University. With kind regards, yours sincerely,

Sarah H. Fleischmann

- (b) Mrs. Thompson

May I express for myself and my family, our thanks to the Board of Regents for their expression of appreciation of Mr. Thompson's years of service to the University. Such acknowledgement of the affectionate regard in which he was held warms our hearts.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thompson