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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING February 14, 1955

The Board of Regents met in regular session in the President's office at the University on Monday, February 14, 1955. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10 A.M. Present: Regents Hardy, Grant, Lombardi, Thompson, Ross; Comptroller Hayden and President Stout.

Reporters who covered the meeting were Robert Laxalt, James Hulse, Carl Digino and Henry Rilling.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the minutes of previous meetings be approved as follows:

- a) Regular meeting of January 22, 1955
- b) Executive Committee meeting of January 29, 1955

2. Comptroller's Claims

Claims which had been approved by the Executive Committee were presented for approval of the Board.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the claims, as follows, be approved:

Regents Checks, Nos. 45-109 to 45-126 inclusive for a total of \$189,252.53.

State Claims, Nos. 45-84 to 45-100 inclusive for a total of \$130,555.32.

3. Personnel Recommendations were presented by the President.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the following recommendations be approved:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Department of Economics, Business and Sociology

- 1) Reappointment of Mrs. June Fant as Assistant in Economics, Business and Sociology for the Spring semester 1955 at a salary of \$700 for the semester.

Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics

- 2) Reappointment of Harold Bailey as Golf Coach for the season March 1 to June 1, 1955, at a salary of \$150 for the period.
- 3) Reappointment of H. A. Nenzel as Tennis Coach for the season February 1 to June 1, 1955, at a salary of \$225 for the period.
- 4) Reappointment of John L. Carline as Graduate Assistant in Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the Spring semester 1955 at a salary of \$375 for the semester.

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- 5) Appointment of Walter S. Palmer, Jr. (supplementary contract) to teach a course in Accounting for the month of January 1955. This course was begun by Mr. Geyer in the Fall of 1954 (minutes of December 10, 1954) who is unable to complete the last month of his contract (January 1955).

4. Out-of-State Tuition Awards

President Stout presented the following recommendation of the Committee on Scholarships and Prizes:

That the out-of-state tuition awards should be qualified in regard to need and scholarship, as follows:

I. NEW STUDENTS

- (1) Must be admitted by the Admissions Office of the University of Nevada.
- (2) Must designate urgent or very urgent need.

II. MATRICULATED STUDENTS

- (1) Must designate urgent or very urgent need.
- (2) Must have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the recommendation be approved.

5. Gifts received by the University were reported to the Regents as follows:

a) Ralston Purina Scholarship

Objective: To give recognition and assistance to outstanding undergraduate students in Agriculture.

I

One scholarship will be available annually in each State and 3 in Canada, for awarding to an incoming Senior in the College of Agriculture at the Land Grant College. Circumstances may exist wherein the local committee may choose to recommend an incoming Junior for the scholarship instead of an incoming Senior.

II

The recipient must qualify as follows:

- Scholastically - Upper 25% of the class
- Leadership - As evidenced by special activities in which he is engaged
- Character - Moral firmness and vigor in all his relationships
- Extra Curricular - A record demonstrating good citizenship
- Sincerity of Purpose - In Agriculture as his chosen field
- Financial Need - Clearly demonstrated

III

Selection to be made by the scholarship or equivalent committee at the institution, with their recommendation

being forwarded to the Ralston Purina Company for final approval.

IV

Each scholarship is for \$500, deposited with the Treasurer in the name of the recipient, payable to him during the year for which the award is made.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the scholarship and its conditions be accepted and turned over to the Faculty Committee on Scholarships and Prizes.

- b) "Pastoral Poets" - written by Professor A. Dandini of the Department of Foreign Languages - 50 copies given by him to the University Library.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the gift of Dr. Dandini be accepted.

- c) From the Max C. Fleischmann Foundation of Nevada, check in the amount of \$600,000 to be added to the \$800,000 previously provided to the University, making a total of \$1,400,000 paid in by the Foundation.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the gift be accepted.

The Secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks, on behalf of the Board of Regents, to each of the donors.

6. College of Agriculture

- a) President Stout read a letter of February 2, 1955, addressed to the Board of Regents, from Mr. Julius Bergen, Executive Secretary, Max C. Fleischmann Foundation of Nevada, stating that the Trustees of the Foundation voted unanimously in favor of the proposal that the Home Economics unit of the Max C. Fleischmann College of Agriculture be named "The Sarah Hamilton Fleischmann School of Home Economics".

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that, in accord with the action of the Trustees of the Max C. Fleischmann Foundation, the Home Economics unit be named "The Sarah Hamilton Fleischmann School of Home Economics".

- b) Mr. Thompson reported the contract with Mr. Parsons, architect for the Agricultural building, had been checked with Mr. Summerfield and with the architect, and that certain changes were made as suggested by the Regents and as worked out in these conferences. The contract being ready for signature, Mr. Ross signed on behalf of the Board of Regents, as authorized in the meeting of the Executive Committee on January 29, 1955.

- c) The Washoe County Agricultural Extension Service has had the use of a storage building located at 1200 East Second Street, Reno, since March, 1939. Approximately \$4000 was paid from funds of the Washoe County Agricultural Extension Service (then called Washoe County Farm Bureau) either for the repair or construction of the building. (None of the funds used were State or federally appropriated money.) The building was constructed on land owned by Washoe County. Under a law passed by the 1947 Legislature, all property which was held under Farm Bureau ownership, but which was purchased or acquired with County, State or Federal funds, was to be transferred to the Agricultural Extension Service. However, there is apparently no legal recording of the storage building being so transferred. In May 1950 Washoe County sold the land on which the building is located to the City of Reno (Vol. 305, page 533, Washoe County Clerk's records).

Recommendation was that the University waive any and all rights to the building with the understanding the proceeds received by Washoe County from the sale of the building be used toward providing satisfactory storage and office facilities for the Washoe County Agricultural Extension Service with the provision that the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Nevada be given until July 1, 1955 to make proper disposition of its equipment that is stored in the building.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that the waiver be signed, on conditions as stated above.

- 7. Mrs. Marcelle Herz presented a letter, in person, expressing the feeling of parents and teachers in the great loss in the field of Child Development, due to death of Miss Virginia Carroll. The letter urged the continuance of her work at as early a time as possible.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi carried unanimously that the Secre-

tary to the Board write a letter to Mrs. Herz thanking her for her interest and telling her that the Board is cognizant of the need for courses in Child Development and that the University is endeavoring at this time to find a suitable person to carry on this work next semester.

8. Student Housing

President Stout distributed a prepared report on "The Importance of Dormitories to the Educational Program and in the Development of the Physical Plant at the University of Nevada", and discussed it with the Board of Regents.

Motion by Mr. Hardy carried unanimously that Regent Thompson be authorized to study the present Housing Act, and to work with Attorney General Dickerson in preparing a bill for introduction in the Legislature requesting permissive legislation for the erection of housing units at the University to be financed on a self-liquidating basis.

The Board recessed at 11:50 A.M. for luncheon, and for tour of Campus area.

The recessed meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3:10 P.M. All persons were present who were at the morning session.

9. Legislative Program of the University was discussed by the President. He reported on his meeting with Mr. Russell McDonald, Bill Drafter for the Legislature, concerning permissive legislation to enable the University to take advantage of social security and group insurance plans. These bills are in the process of preparation. He reported also on a bill being drawn up at the present time which calls for a branch of the University, including a building, in Clark County.

By consensus, it was agreed that the members of the Legislature be invited to visit the Campus to see for themselves the needs of the University.

10. Land - North of Campus

Mr. Ross reported on his meeting with Mr. Capurro, owner of land north of the Campus, as authorized by the Board of Regents. Mr. Ross found that there is land north and northeast of the Campus which Mr. Capurro would be willing to sell.

Mr. Ross was authorized to continue negotiations with Mr. Capurro.

11. Land - Las Vegas Area

Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Wilbourn came into the meeting at 3:25 P.M. Mrs. Wilburn offered to the Board of Regents a gift of 60 acres of land as the site for a branch of the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, the gift to be made as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Anita Julia Cornish, who was an early pioneer of Nevada. In addition to the gift, Mrs. Wilbourn offered an option on 20 additional adjoining acres of land at \$35,000.

President Stout reported on his visit to Las Vegas inspecting various parcels of land which were under consideration for sites for a Southern Branch of the University. He believed that the land offered by Mrs. Wilbourn was the most promising site of all that had been offered.

President Stout recommended that the offer of 60 acres be accepted with full appreciation of the gift and of what it means to the youth of Southern Nevada; and that the option on the additional acres be accepted at \$35,000 until June 30, 1956, to see if money can be raised to purchase it. The President recommended that in the first building constructed on the site, there be a plaque in memory of Mrs. Wilbourn's mother.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that the offer of Mrs. Wilbourn be accepted, both as a gift of land and option on additional land. Mr. Ross was authorized to sign the papers on behalf of the Board of Regents. Regent Grant paid the \$1 called for in the option.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that a letter be written by the President to the Bureau of Land Management withdrawing the protest of the University to giving title of the land to Mrs. Estelle Wilbourn, with copies of the letter to Ernest Brown (Attorney for Mrs. Wilbourn), and to Mrs. Wilbourn; and also that the Governor be notified of the withdrawal of the protest.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the President write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourn, in care of Ernest Brown, Attorney, notifying them officially of the acceptance of their offer.

Motion by Mr. Thompson carried unanimously that the Regents extend thanks and appreciation to Regent Grant, Dean William Wood and President Stout for their research in regard to locations in Southern Nevada and for the information which they brought back to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Grant carried unanimously that letters be sent by the President to those who were especially helpful to him in his work and study of suitable sites in Southern Nevada, namely, Mr. A. W. Magelby of the Las Vegas office of the Bureau of Land Management, Mr. Warren Portenier, and Mr. Ray Germain, thanking them for their interest and help in bringing about the acquisition of this land.

It was suggested that others who have offered sites or who have helped in any way to secure sites for the University should be thanked by the President.

The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

The next meeting was set at the call of the Chair.