

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes November 15-16, 1958

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## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REGENTS MEETING November 15, 1958

The Board of Regents met in Room 205, Morrill Hall, University of Nevada, on Saturday, November 15, 1958. Present: Regents Anderson, Bastian, Broadbent, Elwell, Grant, Hardy, Lombardi, Thompson; Comptroller Hayden, President Armstrong. Regent Sawyer was unable to be present. The newly elected Regents had been invited by the Chairman to attend the meeting, and Weld Arnold, Newton Crumley and William Tyson were present. Mr. Humphrey of the Nevada Taxpayers' Association and Mrs. Wohlfeil of the Legislative Counsel Bureau were present as observers. Reporters Armstrong, Mount and Hall covered the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grant at 9:15 A.M.

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of October 11, 1958 were approved upon motion of Dr. Lombardi, seconded by Dr. Anderson, and unanimous vote.

### 2. Comptroller's Claims

Comptroller Hayden presented the following claims, and the President recommended approval:

Regents Checks, numbers 89-69 to 89-89 inclusive for a total of \$404,544.24 for October.

State Claims, numbers 89-54 to 89-70 inclusive for a total of \$239,066.50 for October.

Motion by Mr. Elwell, seconded by Mr. Broadbent, carried unanimously that the claims be approved.

### 3. Gifts

Gifts which had been received by the University were presented for acceptance by the Board, as follows:

#### Miscellaneous

From Dr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Orvis, Reno - \$1000 to establish a discretionary fund for the Dean of the Orvis School of Nursing, and \$20,000 as the 3rd payment on the agreement to provide \$100,000 for the Orvis School of Nursing.

From the family of Dr. E. B. Todd, Eureka, Nevada - the entire personal library of Dr. Todd, as a gift from the family of Dr. Todd for the Orvis School of Nursing (approximate value \$4000).

From the Harwood Endowment for Education, New York - a grant of \$1000 list-price of such books of various publishers as the Endowment chooses to send to the University of Nevada over the years to come.

From Harold's Club, Reno - a chartered bus to transport members of the Art classes and Art faculty to the Bay Area to view outstanding Art exhibits now on display.

From Miss Rae M. Boyles, Reno - several albums of 78 r. p. m. records for the record library of the Audio-Visual Communication Center of the University.

From the Curtiss-Wright Corporation - \$2083 as the November payment on Curtiss-Wright Research Project No. 1.

From Dr. George Tunell, University of California, Los Angeles - reports of the Office of Naval Research: (1) The Crystal Structures of the Gold-Silver Tellurides, and (2) Geochemical and Petrographic Aspects of Mercury Ore Deposits, for the Mackay School of Mines Library.

From Mrs. Francis L. Bacon, Santa Barbara, California - valuable books and periodicals from the Estate of Dr. Francis L. Bacon, for the Nevada Southern Division Library.

From the Women's Auxiliary of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, Southern Nevada Section - check for \$50 to be used for purchase of books for the Nevada

Southern Library.

## Scholarships

From Zions First National Bank, Salt Lake City - \$2250 to be credited to the Josephine Beam Scholarship Fund.

From Grand Lodge of Nevada, I. O. O. F. - \$300 to cover the scholarships offered by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, I. O. O. F. for the current school year.

From Mrs. Hilda Klute, Reno - \$300 to cover the Klute Scholarship in Foreign Languages for the current school year.

From the El Capitan Club, Hawthorne - \$1000 to be credited to the El Capital Scholarship Fund.

From the Estate of Alma M. Holshaw - \$4500 to be credited to the Harry F. Holmshaw Scholarship Fund.

From General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan - \$1900 to be used as scholarships for General Motors sponsored students at the University of Nevada.

From the Indian Education Division of the State Department of Education - \$250 as a special scholarship for Donovan Garcia in the College of Engineering.

From Dick Graves, Sparks - \$4000 to be applied to the Dick Graves Scholarship Fund.

From Fred Herz, Reno - \$100 to cover the C. O. Herz Memorial Scholarship for the current school year.

From the Nevada State Press Association - \$250 to cover the Nevada State Press Association Scholarships for the current school year.

Motion by Dr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Thompson, carried unanimously that the gifts be accepted and the Secretary write a note of thanks to the donors.

## 4. Personnel Recommendations

President Armstrong presented the personnel recommendations and recommended approval, as follows:

## STATEWIDE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Appointments for the Evening Division, Fall semester 1958,  
as follows:

(In Reno unless otherwise indicated)

B. Blain Bradford, Lecturer in Mathematics - \$250 (Ely)  
Russell L. Chimente, Lecturer in Chemistry - \$500 (Ely)  
Richard Dana, Lecturer in Psychology - \$412.50  
(Hawthorne)  
William F. Day, Lecturer in Psychology - \$412.50  
(Winnemucca)  
Samuel Jacobs, Lecturer in Psychology - \$375 (Elko)  
Sara Kilian, Lecturer in Art - \$300  
Carolyn Mathis, Lecturer in Education - \$337.50  
Harold A. Mitchell, Lecturer in Business Administration  
- \$225  
Burton Newbry, Lecturer in Education - \$225  
Donald G. Potter, Lecturer in Education - \$337.50  
Calvin Reed, Lecturer in Education - \$375 (Lovelock)  
W. A. S. Smith, Lecturer in Psychology - \$337.50  
Jackson Trippy, Lecturer in Education - \$375 (Fallon)  
R. De Verl Willay, Lecturer in Education - \$450 (Elko)  
Edward Yates, Lecturer in Art - \$225

## NEVADA SOUTHERN REGIONAL DIVISION

Appointments for the Evening Division, Fall semester 1958,  
as follows:

Lee Muir, Lecturer in Geography - \$375 (Henderson)  
John R. Morgan, Lecturer in Education - \$412.50  
(Henderson)  
Glenn M. Butterfield, Lecturer in English - \$337.50  
(Las Vegas)

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Appointment as follows:

Robert Ernst Moran as Graduate Assistant in Physics at  
a salary of \$1500 for the academic year 1958-59 (new  
position under the Fleischmann Foundation Grant).

## MACKAY SCHOOL OF MINES

Appointment as follows:

Robert M. Wigglesworth as Metallurgical Research Associate for the Turbo Dynamics Corporation Research Project, at a salary of \$650 per month, effective October 9, 1958 for the duration of the contract with Turbo Dynamics corporation.

#### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Appointment of Supervising Teachers for the Fall semester 1958 as follows:

Virginia S. Cottam, Northside Junior High School	\$35
Michael G. Horan, Sparks High School	75
R. E. Walker, Carson High School	75

#### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Reappointment as follows:

Charles E. Fleming as Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station for the year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried unanimously that the personnel recommendations be approved.

Dr. Armstrong presented the following letter, received from the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure:

October 28, 1958

The Honorable A. C. Grant  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Grant:

This letter is sent in reply to questions raised by the Board of Regents in their meeting of September 6, 1958, relative to the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure that the appeal of Mr. James Hunter be granted. Our answers follow the order of the questions in the letter of September 22, 1958, prepared by Miss Terry on behalf of the Board, and addressed to the Committee.

1. Mr. Hunter must have possessed the necessary

qualifications for professional status in the judgment of his past Supervisors in the College of Agriculture. The factual evidence for this statement has accumulated in Mr. Hunter's personal file over several years in the form of satisfactory fitness and rating reports from various Supervisors while he served the University in a professional status. There is also a letter of commendation from Dean Bertrand.

2. Mr. Hunter commended his services on a professional status and continued satisfactorily at this level for several years. His being offered a technical contract in 1957 was nearly a unilateral action by the Department of Animal Husbandry. Restoration of professional status to Mr. Hunter will make him eligible for tenure consideration at an early date. Whether or not he is granted tenure or is promoted are not questions before the Committee at this time. Judgment along these lines should follow procedures established in March 1958. It may be noted that these procedures carry no guarantee of promotion. "It is recognized that any of the academic ranks may be an appropriate terminal rank." (Faculty Bulletin #684, P 4.)
3. The Committee believes Mr. Hunter does possess the necessary qualifications for professional status in a rank equivalent to Instructor.

The Committee feels that Mr. Hunter was discriminated against by his Supervisors in the College of Agriculture. We find no basis on which to demote him to a technical level other than the fact he is currently assigned duties that could be handled by a non-professional employee. It is clear in this case that Mr. Hunter's position was reclassified from a professional to a technical level, but that Mr. Hunter as an individual was never formally reclassified from the level of a professional to that of a technician. Rather, he was placed in the new job at the lower level. The Department of Animal Husbandry may presumably use a professional man at a technician's level, but to remove him from a professional status of several years' standing with insufficient cause is not only fundamentally unfair to the individual concerned, but threatens as well the status of every professional employee in the University. This precedent could result in a morale

loss which the University cannot afford.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, since receiving your communication, have talked with Mr. Hunter on an informal and unofficial basis. It is evident that Mr. Hunter's personal concern in bringing the appeal is (1) to be dealt with justly, and (2) to obtain security. He states he has not aspiration for the higher professional ranks, for which he realizes he is not qualified. Rather, his ambition is to receive tenure in one form or another in order that he may continue his loyal service to the University and be assured of employment in work that he personally enjoys.

The University now uses 4 classifications for positions carrying professional status, with 4 ranks in each classification. If Mr. Hunter is retained on a professional status, as recommended by the Committee, his education and present duties appear to qualify him for rank 1.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ R. E. Worley, Chairman  
Faculty Committee on Academic  
Freedom and Tenure

Motion by Dr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Hardy, carried unanimously that the report and recommendation be accepted, and that Mr. Hunter be given professional status with rank equivalent to Instructor.

#### 5. Nevada Art Gallery

Dr. Armstrong read a letter from Dr. J. E. Church, President of the Nevada Art Gallery, as follows:

Nevada Art Gallery  
Reno, Nevada  
October 10, 1958

President Charles J. Armstrong and  
Regents of the University of Nevada

Many years ago the Trustees of the Nevada Art Gallery and the Regents of the University formed a cooperative plan to establish an Art Gallery in the park on University Terrace between West and Nevada Streets.

The Trustees of the Gallery had obtained the land by gift subject to the construction of a Gallery on the area or return of the land if a Gallery was not constructed within a reasonable time. The Legislature accepted the land on these terms.

Since that time the attitude of the Regents has changed. A Fine Arts Gallery has been authorized by the Legislature on the central Campus and active planning has begun. Thus the original agreement has reached its end. The Trustees and members of the Nevada Art Gallery at its Quarterly Meeting, October 6, therefore requested that the University initiate the return of the property to the Nevada Art Gallery, which already for some years has given the land moderate care.

Whatever the early vicissitudes of Art instruction on the Campus and in Nevada may have been, the rebuilt Nevada Art Gallery on Ralston Street and the Fine Arts building on the Nevada Campus of the University now assures steady progress.

J. E. Church, President  
Nevada Art Gallery

The President recommended compliance with the request of the Nevada Art Gallery.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried unanimously that the Board of Regents favors the return of the property and will secure an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether or not the matter will require legislative action.

#### 6. Citizens Advisory Committee for Student Affairs

President Armstrong presented with his recommendation, list of proposed members for a Citizens Advisory Committee for Student Affairs, as submitted through Dr. Wood by the Dean of Student Affairs.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Thompson, carried unanimously that the Committee be approved, and that the President be authorized to extend invitations to the individuals, as follows:

William Beko



Tonopah, Nevada  
(District Attorney, Nye County)

Marvin A. Creech  
500 Mary Street  
Carson City, Nevada  
(State Supervisor of Guidance)

A. Todd Davis  
35 1st Street  
Mc Gill, Nevada  
(Personnel, Kennecott Copper Corporation)

Carl Dodge  
Fallon, Nevada  
(Lawyer, School Board member)

Eugene T. Evans  
610 West Birch  
Elko, Nevada  
(Newspaper Editor)

Emery Graunke  
Gardnerville, Nevada  
(Insurance Agent, Chairman Nevada Republican  
Central Committee)

Mrs. Procter Hug, Sr.  
436 12th Street  
Sparks, Nevada  
(Nevada graduate, active in civic and University  
affairs)

Walter Johnson  
410 Rancho Road  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
(formerly Superintendent of Las Vegas Schools)

Mrs. Louis Peraido  
302 West 4th Street  
Winnemucca, Nevada  
(Nevada graduate, active in civic affairs)

Edward C. Reed, Sr.  
915 Gordon Avenue  
Reno, Nevada  
(Retired staff member, Agricultural Department,  
Extension Division, University of Nevada)

Mrs. Gene Segebloom  
Boulder City, Nevada  
(graduate of University of Nevada, active in civic  
functions)

Mrs. Vern Stever  
Pioche, Nevada  
(Native Nevadan, daughter at University of Nevada)

#### 7. Re-Evaluation Report, Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools

The report will be presented to the Commission on Higher Schools of the Northwest Association at its annual meeting on December 1, 1958. The Commission is expected to make a recommendation to the Northwest Association and the recommendation will then be released to the Press. The University of Nevada will be able to make whatever use or distribution of the complete report it desires.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried unanimously that the report be given widespread distribution.

#### 8. Food & Drugs Department

Dr. Joe Moose came into the meeting to discuss administrative matters connected with his position as Acting Commissioner of Food & Drugs.

a) In regard to classification of personnel by the State Personnel Department, Dr. Moose reported that members of the State Personnel Department have interviewed the individuals, having studied the jobs and have assigned temporary classifications. Dr. Moose favored State Personnel classification if the University is to retain control of the Food & Drug Department.

Motion by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Thompson, carried with Mr. Hardy voting "no" and all other Regents voting "aye", that it is the intent of the University to classify Food & Drugs personnel if they remain under the jurisdiction of the University.

b) Dr. Moose reported that he had designated the following persons to handle the work in the specified areas in his absence: Carl Stroud in Weights & Measures, Stanley

Johns in Petroleum Products Inspection, and Ed Randall in Food & Drugs and Dairy & Water Inspection.

- c) Dr. Moose called attention to the notice received some-time ago that the present lease expires July 1, 1959, with no chance for renewal. Mr. Randall has studied the situation and discussed the needs with the State Planning Board. The proposal favored by Mr. Randall and recommended by Dr. Moose is a building which would be built to specification and which could be leased for a period of 5 years. The matter was discussed and Dr. Moore was asked to get a letter from the Planning Board that they would not object to this type of lease arrangement.
- d) The Legislative Commission has invited Dr. Moose to meet with them on November 24 in regard to the Food & Drugs Department. The Regents instructed Dr. Moose to meet with the Legislative Commission and to express the thinking of the Board of Regents as expressed in this meeting, and try to bring back to the Regents the thinking of the Legislative Commission.

Mr. Grant thanked Dr. Moose for his report to the Board.

## 9. Building Program

Mr. Rogers was present for this item of business. Mr. Isbell and Mr. Bissell represented the State Planning Board; Dean Mobley and Professor Sheppard represented the faculty committees on the building projects.

- a) Gas Distribution System - Mr. Rogers reported that he has been working with the Power Company and that they have been doing some testing and have replaced some 130 feet of pipe plus section valves, so that the University can check more easily in the future. A letter from Mr. Tracy of the Sierra Pacific Power Company has been received stating that the system is now reasonably tight and free of leakage, but asks that the Power Company not be requested to do further repair work on the University Campus.
- b) State Planning Board - Mr. Isbell discussed methods of financing University buildings, and proposed possible change in the laws to permit borrowing from the Nevada Industrial Commission, or other State agency, rather than pledging student fees, as currently proposed. The

Regents discussed ways of cooperating more closely with the State Planning Board to expedite construction of building projects. The Regents asked that the Planning Board let them know of ways in which they might assist in expediting the building program of the University.

The following priority recommendations for the University Capital Outlay Program were included in recommendations for the Capital Outlay Program for the State of Nevada as adopted by the State Planning Board in meeting of November 10, 1958.

Priority for 1959-60

For Direct Appropriation

- 5. Structural Corrections, School of Mines  
Building, Reno                      \$ 31,827
- 11. Rehabilitation-Extension of Utilities,  
Reno                                      59,000
- 16. Utility Distribution, Las Vegas              52,000
- 22. Land Acquisition, Reno                      150,000
- 27. Landscaping, Las Vegas                      12,000
- 28. Landscaping, Reno                              10,000

For Construction from University Bonds

- 1. Life Science Addition to School of  
Agriculture, Reno                      \$ 665,000
- 2. Greenhouse, Reno                              130,000

For Direct Appropriation for Design

- 2. Health and Physical Education Building,  
Las Vegas                              \$ 28,182
- 4. Science and Technology Building, Las  
Vegas                                      26,400
- 6. Central Heating Plant, Reno                      18,612
- 9. Engineering Building, Reno                      118,800
- 10. Social Science Classroom Building, Reno      67,584
- 11. Library Building, Reno                              106,088

For Advance Planning through the Federal Housing and Home Finance Administration "Pre-Planning Program"

- 5. Nursing and Student Health Building,  
Reno

Priority for 1960-61

For Direct Appopriation

2. Health and Physical Education Building,  
Las Vegas \$ 496,818
4. Science and Technology Building, Las  
Vegas 473,600
6. Central Heating Plant, Reno 281,388

For Construction from University Bonds

1. Engineering Building, Reno \$2,881,200
2. Social Science Classroom Building, Reno 1,212,416
3. Library Building, Reno 2,572,912

For Direct Appropriation for Design

2. Remodel Old Agricultural Building,  
Reno \$ 24,420
7. Nursing and Student Health Building,  
Reno 11,316

Mr. Bissell discussed these recommendations, and the President recommended approval.

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hardy, carried unanimously that, in accordance with Dr. Armstrong's recommendation, the Regents approve the University Capital Outlay Program for the next biennium, as recommended by the State Planning Board.

- c) Ladino Dairy - Sale of the Ladino Dairy was discussed, and the Regents were in unanimous agreement that action to sell should proceed, as directed by the Regents in meeting of September 6, 1958.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Broadbent, carried unanimously that the University Administration be instructed to advertise for bids for sale of the Ladino Dairy Farm.

- d) Building Projects - Mr. Rogers reported that design of 5 projects is now in the final stages of substantial completion and will be ready for signature shortly:

1. Flood Control plans have been checked and returned to the Planning Board.

2. Married Housing
3. Dining Hall and
4. Men's Dormitory plans are being checked for safety and code violations. When these plans have been corrected they will be submitted to the Housing & Home Finance Agency for approval.
5. The Fine Arts building plans need very minor changes.

Dean Mobley and Professor Sheppard expressed approval, on behalf of the building committees, of the building plans.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Thompson, carried unanimously that either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign final plans for the 5 projects - flood control, married housing, dining hall, men's dormitory and Fine Arts building.

- e) Capurro Property - Mr. Bissell reported that Mr. Capurro has been notified that upon receipt of an invoice calling for payment of \$43,205 the State Planning Board will issue a State warrant for that amount.

## 10. Report to Legislature

Dr. Anderson suggested that the Board of Regents instruct the Administration to prepare a report for submission to the Legislature on progress accomplished during the past 2 years, especially as regards matters discussed in the Mc Henry Report and also including some of the features in the Accreditation Survey Committee Report, together with progress now under way and planned for the future. It was also suggested that the Deans in the areas which were studied by committees of the Board of Regents in regard to the Mc Henry Report be asked to prepare reports on progress in carrying out the recommendations of the Regents committees. Chairman Grant appointed Regents Hardy, Lombardi and Anderson to work with the Administration in preparing such a report.

## 11. Inauguration of Dr. Armstrong

An inauguration for President Armstrong was discussed and there was unanimous agreement that such a ceremony should be arranged.

Motion by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Thompson, carried

unanimously that the Administration be instructed to prepare and submit plans for a formal inauguration, including the appropriate date, invitations to other institutions, speaker, reception, if desired; and that a faculty committee be asked to handle the arrangements.

## 12. Citizens Advisory Committees

Dr. Anderson asked for discussion on the various Citizens Advisory Committees and their operation. He proposed that there be a set number of meetings per year, that it be made clear who is to call the meetings, method of selection of a Chairman and other officers, who should invite visitors, when and to whom committee reports are to be submitted. Chairman Grant asked the President to formulate his ideas and present them to the Board at the next meeting.

## 13. Legal Advice

Since the new Board of Regents will have no members who are attorneys, and since many legal problems arise in the meetings of the Board, it was agreed that the Attorney General's office be invited to be represented at each meeting of the Board of Regents. The Chair instructed the President to issue the invitation.

## 14. The Board went into Executive Session to consider the following matter:

Honorary Degree - The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the proposal of the President, with the unanimous approval of the Academic Deans, that the honorary degree, Doctor of Letters, be conferred upon Ellen Mackay Berlin in recognition of her literary achievements, especially her books concerning early history in Nevada, and that this degree be conferred upon her at a convocation to be held in connection with Mackay Day 1959, which is also the Silver Centennial of the State of Nevada, thus recognizing the longtime connection of her family with the history of Nevada.

Mr. Hardy asked for the privilege of making the motion in view of the fact that he was one of the first students in the School after it was named "The Mackay School of Mines" and because his son, Royce, graduated from the Mackay School of Mines.

Motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Lombardi, carried

unanimously that the honorary degree, Doctor of Letters,  
be conferred upon Ellen Mackay Berlin, as recommended by  
President Armstrong.

The Board returned to open session and Chairman Grant welcomed  
the new members to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 noon.

The next meeting was set for January 10, 1959.

A. C. Grant  
Chairman

Alice Terry  
Secretary