

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes June 27-28, 1983

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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

June 27, 1983

A special meeting was held on the above date in the Pine Auditorium, Student Union, University of Nevada, Reno.

Members present: Mr. John R. Mc Bride, Chairman

Ms. Frankie Sue Del Papa

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher

Mr. Chris Karamanos

Mrs. Joan Kenney

Mr. Daniel J. Klaich

Mrs. Jo Ann Sheerin

Mrs. June F. Whitley

Others present: Chancellor Robert M. Bersi

President William Berg, NNCC

President Joseph Crowley, UNR

President Jack Davis, WNCC

President Judith Eaton, CCCC

President V. James Eardley, TMCC

President Leonard Goodall, UNLV

President Clifford Murino, DRI

Mr. Donald Klasic, General Counsel

Ms. Mary Lou Moser, Secretary

Also present were Faculty Senate Chairs William Cathey (UNR), Joan Doggrell (CCCC), Michael Hardie (WNCC), Mary Ann Lambert (TMCC), Allen Mori (UNLV) and Joseph Warburton (DRI), and Student Association Officers Clarence Lee (UNLV), Ertis North (CCCC) and Bill Siegel (UNR).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mc Bride at 3:50 P.M.

1. Adoption of the Consent Agenda

Adoption of the Consent Agenda (identified as Ref. A, and filed with the permanent minutes) containing the following items as recommended:

(1) Approved the gifts, grants and contracts as listed in

Ref. C-1, filed with the permanent minutes.

a) President Goodall requested approval of the acceptance of the gift of land described as follows:

Unit 10, Block 9, Lot 30 of the Calvada Valley
Subdivision, as the same is shown on the map
filed in the Nye County Recorder's Office, File
No. 36872, Book NB, Page NP on 6-5-73.

This land was donated by Mr. Gilbert K. Tauscher,
Box 3053, Padre Isle, Texas 78597, to UNLV for use
by the Museum of Natural History, and if sold, the
proceeds are to go to that Museum.

b) President Crowley requested acceptance of the gift
of a 493 acre parcel of land in Churchill County
that was willed to UNR in the Estate of John J.
Platt. The land presents no liability to UNR and
there are no deed restrictions.

Mrs. Fong moved for adoption of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Del

Papa seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Student Fee Increases

As requested by the Board at its meeting on June 16-17, 1983

the Officers presented the following recommendations for

student fee increases, effective Fall semester, 1983:

- 1) All Campuses - \$100 per semester increase for out-of-state students;
- 2) NNCC, WNCC and CCCC - recommend a \$3 per credit registration fee increase;
- 3) TMCC - recommend a \$5 per credit registration fee increase.
- 4) UNR, UNLV - recommend a \$5 per credit undergraduate registration fee increase and a \$10 per credit registration graduate fee increase, and that the \$75 per credit registration fee for the doctoral program Ed. D. be abolished, and that the application for admission fee be increased from \$5 to \$20 to be effective at the end of the current application period of July 1, 1983

at UNR and July 15, 1983 at UNLV.

These increases are in lieu of the \$1 student fee increase and the \$6.50 graduate student fee increase approved by the 1983 Nevada Legislature.

See Ref. B, filed with the permanent minutes, for outline of the distribution of these fees.

The Board then agreed to consider each Campus request separately.

Truckee Meadows Community College - \$5 increase

President Eardley announced that TMCC has had a 50% growth during the last 3 1/2 years and currently has the highest student/faculty ratio in the System. In 1980 the Northwest Accrediting Association recommended additional staff in the library. At this time, TMCC has 1 director and 1 librarian for 8700 students. His request includes a Nursing Director, an Admission Coordinator, teacher assistants for the laboratories, 1 counselor, a library assistant, an assistant in payroll and personnel, and an audio visual technician.

There is also requested an allocation for wages for hiring

students in various areas throughout the Campus.

Faculty Senate Chair Mary Ann Lambert spoke in support of the increase and of the distribution of funds.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to accept the \$5 per credit increase at TMCC. Mrs. Sheerin seconded. Motion carried.

Regent Klaich commended President Eardley on his presentation and was particularly pleased that the increases were providing services to the students. Ms. Del Papa agreed, and added that raising student fees was not a pleasant task for the Board, but is necessary at this time given the State appropriations the System has received for the biennium.

Mr. Karamanos questioned whether the Community Colleges should have different fees, to which both Chairman Mc Bride and President Eaton replied that the needs of the Campuses are now different and suggested that perhaps in future years the fees could again be brought in line for all Campuses.

Northern Nevada Community College - \$3 increase

President Berg stated the increase would address their

critical needs request, namely instructional equipment and teacher assistants for the laboratories. In addition, \$6000 would be allocated to grants-in-aid to bring those awards in line with actual fees and to assist more students.

Mr. Klaich objected to any portion of the fee increase being allocated to grants-in-aid on the basis that those who can afford to pay the greater fee would also be paying for those who cannot. Chairman Mc Bride explained that the appropriated amounts in Campus budgets for grants-in-aid do not take into account a raise in student fees; therefore, the number of grants-in-aid on a Campus would have to be reduced. Mr. Klaich replied that he would object to this, and other requests in the area of grants-in-aid.

Mr. Klaich moved to approve the \$3 increase at NNCC with the \$6000 listed under grants-in-aid shifted to teacher assistants (as outlined in the NNCC critical needs budget). Mrs. Kenney seconded.

President Crowley asked to speak to this issue inasmuch as several other Campuses would be affected by a shift away from grants-in-aid. He stated that historically the System has continued to increase fees, while the dollars allocated

by the State to scholarships and grants-in-aid have stayed the same or been less. For example, the Legislature reduced the UNR allocation to less than that for the current year; therefore, either the Campus will give fewer awards or will have to give an amount less than the cost of the fees.

Dr. Goodall explained that UNLV has the same philosophy, not only for undergraduate students, but also for the graduate students and staff. Graduate students are paid a certain stipend plus student fees; therefore, when fees are raised there is an impact on the Campus.

Vice Chancellor Dawson explained that the Board of Regents policy states that as a condition of employment all professional staff members receive a registration fee grant-in-aid for spouses and dependents, and they can take up to 6 credit hours themselves. All graduate assistants receive a grant-in-aid which includes out-of-state tuition. A classified employee taking a job-related class is entitled to 100% of the cost of the class. A paper transfer is made from the budgeted category in the operating budget to the revenue item.

Mrs. Sheerin spoke against Mr. Klaich's motion stating that

her reason for doing so was that this is a contractual expense for the Campus which the Presidents are addressing.

Ms. Del Papa amended the previous motion to accept the fee increases at NNCC in accordance with President Berg's recommendation. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried. Voting no: Mr. Klaich, Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Kenney.

Western Nevada Community College - \$3 increase

President Davis stated that he and President-elect Calabro were recommending \$31,000 be allocated to communications and utilities, \$33,420 to part-time instructors, 1 counselor and maintenance and updating of data processing equipment. Faculty Senate Chair Michael Hardie supported the increase and the allocations.

Mrs. Fong moved to approve the \$3 increase at WNCC. Mrs. Kenney seconded.

Mr. Klaich questioned the amount for utilities, with Dr. Davis replying that an additional 20,000 square feet of building was opened for which the Legislature made no allocation inasmuch as they had based their formula on

amounts prior to the additional square footage being opened for student use. Ms. Del Papa agreed, reminding the Board that the appropriations were critically underbudgeted in the utilities area by the State Budget Office, and that Campus Presidents have made several requests to use Capital Improvement Funds to cover these expenses.

Motion carried.

Clark County Community College - \$3 increase

President Eaton recommended allocations for staffing, operating costs and equipment needs in high technology, developmental and general education. She stated that 65-75% of student credit hours at CCCC are generated by part-time faculty and that the Campus would be greatly strengthened by utilizing more full-time staff.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval of the \$3 increase at CCCC.

Mrs. Gallagher seconded.

Student President Ertis North supported the need for the \$3 increase so long as it was applied to the instructional and educational environment of the students. He asked that the

Board consider no further increases in tuition fees for a period of years matching the dollar amount of the increase over \$2, and that any future increases be announced in sufficient time for students to plan for the increase. Chairman Mc Bride stated the requests would be taken under advisement. Faculty Senate Chair Joan Doggrell spoke in favor of the increase.

Motion carried.

All Campuses - \$100 per semester out-of-state tuition increase.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval. Mrs. Kenney seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sheerin requested that the Board policy on residency requirements be addressed at a future date.

University of Nevada, Reno - \$5 undergraduate increase; \$10 per credit graduate increase; \$20 admission fee

President Crowley reminded the Board that UNR has received less (\$1.4 million) in their State appropriation for the

coming year than they have for the current year, and that only the Colleges of Engineering and Business, and School of Mines would receive increases over current funding. The recommended increases will be allocated 77% to instruction, 6% to library, would restore 19 positions which were cut from their budget, and move \$256,000 into an unrealized income reserve. This would give UNR a break-even budget and has been based on their comprehensive program review and critical needs budget.

Mrs. Whitley inquired about the Minority Affairs Office on the Campus, to which Dr. Crowley replied that if a \$7 per credit fee was approved, it would, in addition to several other items, provide for a Director of Counseling, and would provide for increased recruitment of minority students.

Upon questioning from Ms. Del Papa as to the effects of student increases as it concerns athletics, Dr. Crowley indicated that after increases are approved, all budgets will be reviewed. There will need to be provisions made for the funding of the athletic scholarships, and also a provision for the \$150,000 decrease in the State appropriation for athletics, and at the same time meet the charge from the

Board on the new athletics policy, which does include increasing the support for Women's Athletics.

Mr. Klaich questioned the necessity for the unrealized income reserve and requested that if the increase is approved that there be an accountability of these dollars to the Board. Further, he stated that it was the intent of the Board for these increased student fees to be allocated to instructional purposes for students. Dr. Crowley explained that the reserve is needed at this time inasmuch as it is impossible to be certain that all income resources will actually be available during the year. He assured the Board that he would make reports to them on its usage and that if it was not needed to make up unrealized income, that it would be allocated to academic programming. Mrs. Gallagher expressed her concern, stating the Board would be requesting an accounting of the funds.

Mrs. Sheerin questioned the need for a \$20 application fee at the Universities, while it remained \$5 at the Community Colleges. President Crowley replied that this increase would help allay some of the expenses of publication of the catalog and the various brochures used for admission purposes. President Goodall related that UNLV and UNR have

worked closely together on this issue and are in agreement that the fee should be raised. UNLV does charge for catalogs placed in the Bookstore, but they do allocate to the Deans and others a number of catalogs for which they do not charge when they are used for recruiting or for use in the Colleges. Dr. Eaton and Dr. Berg both felt the Community Colleges serve different clienteles, their application fee is a one-time charge, and at this time they do not need an increased fee. Mrs. Sheerin agreed with the catalogs being used for advertising, but suggested they then be charged to an advertising budget and not to the admissions budget.

ASUN President Bill Siegel stated that he was a member of the UNR Budget Planning Committee and was informed of the necessity for an increase, but stated that he and his constituency of students felt the \$5 was too high. He stressed the need for the increase to be allocated towards instruction, not for non-academic areas, and further stated that students want affordable quality education.

Faculty Senate Chair Bill Cathey spoke in favor of the \$5 increase, stating that even with this increase some Colleges would be underfunded. He introduced Mr. Richard Arden, President of the Engineering Alumni Association, who spoke

in favor of the increase.

Mrs. Whitley moved to approve the \$5 undergraduate increase, the \$10 graduate increase, and the \$20 application fee.

Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas - \$5 undergraduate increase;
\$10 graduate increase; \$20 application fee

President Goodall stated that UNLV has exceeded its projected growth every Fall over the past 4 years. He reminded Regents that just prior to the meeting he had distributed another breakdown of the allocations of these projected fees which shows two adjustments: one, to reflect the concerns of student input obtained since the June 17 meeting in Las Vegas, \$150,000 will be allocated to the reserve (down from \$200,000), and, two, that the professional advancement monies will be used to help meet actual critical needs as outlined in UNLV's critical needs budget. Also, 10% will be used for utilities which were not covered in the State appropriation. One additional change is for a classified person in the College of Hotel Administration to facilitate the opening of that new building in the Fall.

Mrs. Fong questioned the positions allocated to the College of Engineering, with President Goodall explaining that a total of 4 faculty positions are anticipated: 2 for Math, Science and Engineering, and 2 for the Library to bolster high technology areas.

In answer to a question by Mrs. Whitley concerning the Minority Affairs Committee at UNLV, President Goodall replied that the Committee is currently operating and has not incurred any expense at this time.

Mr. Karamanos requested clarification on student input into the budget preparation. President Goodall stated he had met with the students twice, the latest being Wednesday or Thursday of the past week.

CSUN President Clarence Lee disagreed with President Goodall and stated students did not have an opportunity for input into the budget process, but upon further questioning by Mr. Karamanos did agree that they had, indeed, met with President Goodall concerning the budget. Chairman Mc Bride admonished Mr. Lee for his derogatory statements of the President, stating he realized the students' frustration of a fee increase, but reminding the students and the

audience that it is very difficult on the part of the Regents to have to make such decisions, but given the present circumstances, there appear to be no alternatives if the System is to retain quality institutions.

Upon request by Mr. Karamanos, Mr. Mark Shaeffer, CSUN Vice President, also strongly opposed the \$5 student fee increase, suggesting instead that programs and administration be decreased, and further upbraided Dr. Goodall for not working with students. Chairman Mc Bride gavelled down Mr. Shaeffer's remarks, stating they were most inappropriate.

Dr. Allen Mori, UNLV Faculty Senate Chair, supported the increase on behalf of the faculty.

Regent Klaich stated for the record that the Board would be requiring periodic reports from UNR and UNLV on the allocation of those amounts in the unrealized income reserve.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to accept the \$5 undergraduate fee increase, the \$10 graduate fee increase, and the \$20 admission fee. Mrs. Whitley seconded. Motion carried. Mrs. Fong and Mr. Karamanos voted no.

Mr. Karamanos stated that he was very disappointed and embarrassed with the statements and actions of the two CSUN officers and apologized to President Goodall. Mrs. Whitley and Mrs. Kenney also stated their concern and disappointment and apologized to the Board, the President and those attending.

Mrs. Kenney requested that a future agenda item be a discussion on the student body issue.

Recommendation to Abolish the Ed. D. Fee - \$75 fee, UNR and UNLV

Ms. Del Papa moved approval to abolish the \$75 per credit fee for registration in the education doctoral program (Ed. D.) at UNR and UNLV. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Student Government Bylaws

During the 1983 Legislative Session, AB 411 was passed, which is "An act relating to the University of Nevada; authorizing the establishment of student governments; authorizing the collection of a fee to support student

government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

Mr. Donald Klasic, General Counsel, gave a briefing of this bill, stating that it provides that any of the student bodies within the System may establish a student government, subject to separate governing documents, which are to be voted on by a majority of the students who vote in their elections, and, a vote by the Board of Regents. Further, it also provides for a mandatory fee for the support of the student governments, which is to be imposed upon request of the students and after approval of the Board of Regents. There were no grandfathering provisions made in the bill; therefore, there is a question of whether the current student governments will be legal after June 30, 1983.

A second point of discussion was based on the financial and administrative accountability of student governments to the System and to the System institutions. Case law indicates that when a mandatory fee is imposed, it belongs to the imposing body, and therefore are subject to that body's regulations.

Only the student government bylaws of Truckee Meadows and

Clark County Community Colleges currently contain language which clearly states that all funds collected within the System shall be controlled by the Board of Regents.

Mr. Klasic then discussed with the Board a number of alternatives to the problem which included:

do nothing and accept the status quo;

challenge the constitutionality of the law in the courts;

act to implement the law as set forth by the Legislature.

He then stated that the last alternative, in turn, could be implemented in a number of ways:

abolish student governments as of June 30, 1983, and wait until they reorganize and present new bylaws;

retain student governments, but direct that the bylaws be rewritten and adopted with the necessary financial and administrative control included;

repeal current government documents as of June 30, and adopt provisional governments effective July 1, 1983 to last until December 31, 1983, at which point they would go out of existence unless new governments have been formed.

Mr. Klaich and Mr. Klasic discussed the terms "bylaws" and "constitutions", which are used in the bill and by which the student government operating documents are called. Mr. Klasic stated his opinion that the term "bylaws", used in AB 411 was equivalent to the term "constitution".

Ms. Del Papa stated she had been meeting with members of student governments and there is a great deal of concern on their part, and they have assured her they do intend to cooperate with the fiscal accountability requirements the Board has placed on them.

Ms. Del Papa moved approval of retaining the current student governments, and directing that they work with their Presidents to revise their bylaws to include language adopting the required financial and administrative controls currently in effect, and to present these corrected bylaws to the

Board for approval within a reasonable length of time. The language to be adopted will be comparable to that evidenced in the TMCC and CCCC student government bylaws. Mrs. Kenney seconded.

Chairman Mc Bride stated that he would be in agreement so long as the documents make it very clear that they recognize the responsibilities of the Board of Regents.

Assemblyman Jim Stone, author of the bill and a former UNR Student Body President, was present and explained, from the Legislator's viewpoint, that the bill uses the word "may", rather than "shall" to avoid abolishing the student governments as of June 30, 1983, should the Regents not take action.

Mr. Stone stated that in discussing a grandfather clause for the bill, the Legislature felt that it was a constitutional infringement on the part of the Board, thus it had not been added in the language of the bill.

Mrs. Sheerin requested clarification of the words "bylaws" and "constitutions" as used in the bill. Mr. Stone replied that the reason for using "bylaws" is that some of the

Campuses have bylaws, much like the Board of Regents Bylaws, which are governing documents, and rather than change the constitutions continuously, which should be a base document, that the bylaws would be the appropriate place for these.

Also, he stated, that the Legislature felt there should be student input into their bylaws, and indicated that whenever a change would be necessary that the students would have to vote to approve such changes.

Mr. Klaich inquired whether a Systemwide Bylaws for student government could be used, and it was pointed out that it would then be necessary for a Systemwide vote on adoption or changes.

Mr. Klasic cautioned that if the Board wanted a document other than the constitutions, changes will have to be made in several of those, because the student constitutions provide for bylaws to be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate, with nothing stated about the student vote.

Ms. Del Papa reiterated that the overriding policy would be the policy of the Board of Regents.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Phase I, Ph. D., Tutorial Basque Studies, UNR

President Crowley requested approval of the Phase I proposal for the Ph. D. in Tutorial Basque Studies at UNR. This proposal, cited in UNR's Comprehensive Program Review report as a proposed area of excellence, would build upon the strength of the existing Basque Studies Program which currently holds national and international recognition.

The Degree will be interdisciplinary within the College of Arts and Science with emphasis upon directed independent study and tutorials. Approximately one to two students will be admitted annually. See Ref. C, filed with the permanent minutes.

Mr. Klaich moved approval of the Phase I, Ph. D., Tutorial Basque Studies at UNR. Mrs. Kenney seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Phase II Proposal, Master's Degree in Nursing,
UNLV

President Goodall requested approval of Phase II proposal,

Master's Degree in Nursing.

Phase I, Master's Degree in Nursing, was approved by the Board of Regents on December 11, 1981, and permission to proceed to Phase II was granted. The MSN program will prepare nurses at the Master's level in tertiary care of the adult client. The curriculum consists of 42 credits; 12 in research, 12 in a field of specialization, 9 in teaching or management, and 6 are core courses, as contained in Ref. E, filed with the permanent minutes.

Mrs. Whitley moved approval of the Phase II proposal, Master's Degree in Nursing at UNLV. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approval of System Core Course Requirements

As provided in Chapter 20 of the Board of Regents Handbook, a System core of common courses for Associate of Arts and Baccalaureate degrees was developed and approved by the University of Nevada System Articulation Board and the Academic Affairs Council.

This core of courses consists of 15 credits distributed in

the areas of English, Mathematics, Natural Science and Social Science, or Humanities, to provide a program of general education which will be transferrable throughout the University of Nevada System. See Ref. D, filed with the permanent minutes.

Mrs. Whitley moved approval of the System Core Course Requirements. Mrs. Fong seconded. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Appointments to UNLV Foundation Board

President Goodall requested approval for the appointment of the following individuals to the UNLV Foundation Board.

They have been nominated by the UNLV Foundation Nominating Committee and have consented to serve.

Mr. Bill Bennett

Mr. Cliff Perlman

Ms. Faye Peterson-Johnson

Mr. Bill Boyd

Mr. Charles Ruthe

Mr. Frank Fertita

Mr. Frank Scott

Mr. Bill Morris

Mr. Jay Goldinger

Ms. Marilyn Redd

Mr. Harry Wald

Mr. George Swartz

Ms. Elaine Wynn

Ms. Nancy Houssels

Mr. Wayne Newton

Mrs. Kenney moved approval. Mr. Karamanos seconded. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Expenditures and Renovation Projects, CCCC

President Eaton requested authorization for expenditures and renovation projects at Clark County Community College as identified in the following list. These projects are recommended for implementation through utilization of the CCCC Capital Improvement Fee account and from the unexpended surplus from the construction of the new Learning Resource Center. See Ref. F, filed with the permanent minutes.

I. Authorization to proceed with the following expenditures:

LRC Equipment	\$ 200,000
Telephone System	300,000
Recarpeting	198,000
Resealing Cheyenne Parking Lots	85,000
Sub Total	\$ 783,000

II. Authorization to obtain appropriate review and approval from the State Public Works Board and the Interim Finance Committee for the following:

North Wing Renovation	\$ 427,000
Computer Area Renovation	328,000
Electronics Laboratory Renovation	40,000
AOJ Crime Lab/Science	75,000
Henderson Parking Lot	100,000
Sub Total	\$ 970,000

Grand Total I & II \$1,753,000

Ms. Del Papa moved approval of Item I, and of Item II, but that Item II be contingent upon review and approval of the new President. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

9. Approval to Use Capital Improvement Projects Funds, NNCC

President Berg requested approval of an emergency item.

Mrs. Gallagher moved to accept the emergency item. Mrs.

Kenney seconded. Motion carried.

President Berg requested authorization to use Capital Improvement Project Funds up to \$5000 for utilities for 1982-83.

Mr. Karamanos moved approval. Mrs. Kenney seconded.

Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Mrs. Fong indicated that there were some irregularities in the CCCC registration procedures. Dr. Bersi stated that an audit is underway and that the problems would be resolved.

B. Mrs. Fong queried about the mechanism needed to implement the recommendations of the Engineering Study.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mary Lou Moser

Secretary of the Board

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