EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 19, 1956

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met for a lunch- 
eon meeting at the Riverside Hotel on Wednesday, December 19, 
1956. Present: Regents Hardy, Lombardi, Thompson, Ross; Com-
troller Hayden and President Stout. Regent-Elect Anderson was 
present as an observer. Mr. Poolman was present to discuss the 
building program. Mr. Laxalt was present as News Editor. The 
meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by Chairman Ross.

Alumni Petition

William Parish and Sam Francovich, representing the Execu-
tive Committee of the Alumni Association, came into the 
meeting to present the petition for financial assistance 
in the University budget to employ a full-time Alumni 
Secretary and to institute a student aid work program (see 
minutes of December 13, 1956).

University Budget

Recent newspaper articles indicated that the Nevada Tax-
payers Association believed that it should have received 
a copy of the University budget prior to its presentation 
to the Governor on October 1. Mr. Hayden explained that Mr. 
Neil Humphrey, Executive Secretary, had visited the Univer-
sity soon after his appointment in the Fall, that he had 
talked with Mr. Hayden and received information which had 
been presented to the Regents concerning the budget. Mr. 
Humphrey then talked with the President and was promised 
a copy of the budget when copies were available. President 
Stout pointed out that it is not the usual practice to 
submit a budget to any group prior to its being submitted 
to the Governor and the Budget Director, and that the 
budgets were received from the State Printer during the 
weekend just past. It was agreed that a meeting arranged 
with the Executive Committee of the Nevada Taxpayers 
Association to discuss these things and to answer any
questions that anybody might have in regard to the University budget. In the meantime, Mr. Humphrey will be supplied with copies of the budget.

The Regents asked, also, that supplementary information be supplied to the Governor and the State Budget Director as follows: list of buildings indicating priority of need, all salary items including new positions, breakdown in increase in enrollment figures, breakdown of Las Vegas budget separate from budget for Reno Campus.

University Building Program

Mr. Poolman read a letter he wrote on December 4, 1956 addressed to the State Planning Board in which request was made for information concerning the specific type of equipment which might be included in the legislative provision of "erection, furnishing and equipping" the Classroom building. Misunderstanding apparently existed on the part of the State Planning Board as to the University's intent, which was for an opinion from the Attorney General on the matter.

Further discussion of the University Building Program brought out the fact that the State Planning Board had not followed the University's recommendation in its Building Program, nor had the Planning Board consulted with the University Administration concerning changes. At the same time, Governor Russell had stated that he would recommend only the items in capital outlay which the State Planning Board approved.

It was agreed by consensus that a meeting be arranged whereby the Board of Regents and the State Planning Board might discuss these matters.

Alumni Petition (Continued)

Following general discussion, and agreement that careful study should be given to the petition of the Alumni Association,
the Board of Regents, sometime in January.

The date for the January meeting was to be set early in January, if possible, at a time when the members of the Executive Board of the Nevada Taxpayers Association and the members of the State Planning Board can meet with the Board of Regents.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.