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The Board of Regents met in special session on the above date in the William Carlson Education building, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Members present: Mr. Robert A. Cashell, Chairman

Mr. James L. Buchanan, II

Mrs. Lilly Fong

Mr. Chris Karamanos

Mrs. Molly Knudtsen

Dr. Louis E. Lombardi

Mr. John R. Mc Bride

Mrs. June F. Whitley

Members absent: Mr. John Tom Ross

Others present: Chancellor Donald H. Baepler

I President Joseph N. Crowles n

2. Intercollegiate Athletics

Mr. Cashell stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Intercollegiate Athletics at the two Universities, specifically the area of institutional control of these programs.

Mr. Mc Bride stated that he wished to read a prepared statement which would include a motion.

Mr. Buchanan objected, suggesting that such a statement might go into other items not on the agenda and thereby lead to a violation of the Open Meeting Law, and possible lead into a personnel session as to the professional competence of an individual. He requested that the statement be submitted to the Chair for review before its introduction.

At the request of Chairman Cashell, the statement was reviewed by Counsel. Upon Counsel's assurance that the statement would not violate the Open Meeting Law and did not contain any reference that would more appropriately be handled in a personnel session, Mr. Mc Bride read the following statement:

Approximately one year ago, I was one of two Regents interviewed by several WAC Presidents and the previous WAC Commissioner, Stan Bates, regarding the UNLV application for admission to that conference. One of the questions asked of me was: Did UNLV and the Regents have institutional control over Intercollegiate Athletics? In response to that question, I indicated that since I had been in office for less than a year, I could not speak for the past. I did, however, state that in my judgment, with the recent appointments of Dr. Goodall as President, and Dr. Negratti as Athletic Director, we would have institutional control. I further stated that as a Regent I would have

Department".

I am concerned and distressed that it was necessary for
this Board to meet in special session today to discuss
this subject, but in my judgment, i

any Board meeting minutes or the Board's policy manual.

No single Regent or group of Regents can set Board pol-

icy a majority of the Board must do that. Furthermore,

the Fund Raiser for Athletics carried the title of

Associate Athletic Director, not Associate UNLV Presi-

dent his performance ratings werr

at the next Board meeting. Dr. Goodall has already directed the Fund Raising Office to supply all of the requested information, and I am sure the Board will endorse the two Presidents' actions on reporting lines of the Athletic Fund Raisers today. I wish Friday the 17th had not happened, for I still believe Dr. Negratti has been a breath of fresh air to our University System. He has done a tremendous job in a short period of time.

I am not going to try to talk Al into withdrawing his resignation, for I have tried that and I respect his decision. At the end of our discussion period, I intend to submit a motion to the Board as an action item.

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Pearson's title, making him Associate Director rather than Assistant Director. I was unaware of there being any problem on this subject until t

internal affairs of the University, and what they do with
the money they raise or how they get it is their concern.

The only appropriate control the Regents should exercise is
over the money that comes to the institution for scholar-
~~ships~~

Mr. Mc Bride commented that he did not regard the discussion
as criticism of the Fund Raising operation or of the Rebels

Club, pointing out that the concern stems from the inability

~~of the~~ University to demonstrate that it is fully

dent Goodall's recommendation presented earlier.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Fong.

Mr. Buchanan commented on Mr. Mc Bride's motion, objecting

to the suggestion for commendation of Dr. Goodall and Dr.

Negratti, ~~stating~~ that h

that policy had not been changed.

Dr. Baepler recalled that when he was President of UNLV, Fund Raising was totally coordinated through the President's Office however, he agreed that it was not a Regents policy.

Mr. Buchanan moved to amend the motion before the Board to require that until such time as a new Athletic Director is appointed and assumes his

dence, integrity and credibility to the Athletic

Department

- (3) concur in the recommendations of Presidents Crowley and Goodall in their organizational assignment of Athletic Fund Raising responsibilities within their institutions

- (4) authorize and direct Kafoury, Armstrong to conduct an audit of Athletic Fund Raising activities on both Campuses with particular emphasis on ticket and cash equivalency accountability

- (5) concur in President Goodall's recommendation that the Athletic Fund Raising Office be located where he had placed it prior to the August meeting -- in the UNLV Athletic Department and

- (6) direct that all scholarships sales be handled through the two Universities with all checks made payable to the Board of Regents, with this to become effective at UNR in January, 1981.

Mr. Buchanan requested that each of the points in the motion

\$15,000 that was given to the Department to buy sports awards for the past two years. Mr. Morris noted that these funds are raised through the various activities sponsored by the Rebels Club, such as the Frank Sinatra Concert, the Jogathon, and exhibition games. Mr. Morris also suggested that when the Intercollegiate Athletics Program is funded sufficiently, there may be no need for such an active Boosters organization.

In commenting further, Mr. Morris recalled that in a recent investigation by the NCAA, the Rebels Club had provided photostats of all checks for the past five years, with explanations as to what each one was for, and as a result the NCAA had commended the Rebels Club for the way in which their records were kept. Insofar as an audit of the Club's records are concerned, Mr. Morris estimated that it would cost \$40,000 to go back over the past 13 years to bring an audit forward.

President Goodall expressed appreciation to the Rebels Club, for the kind of support it is giving to the UNLV Athletic Program, suggesting that he did not believe any quality program could remain strong without such support and added that he looked forward to its continuance.

