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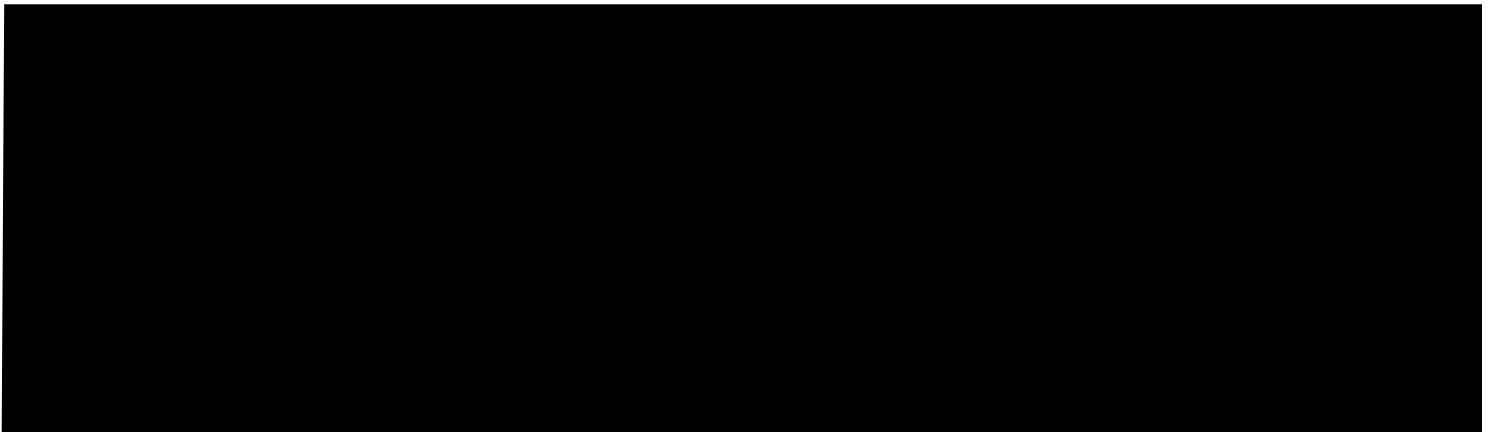
BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

January 23, 1981

The Board of Regents met on the above date in the Center for
Religion and Life, 1101 North Virginia, Reno.

Members present: Mr. Robert A. _____ / _____ m



December 17 and December 30, 1981, and the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 1981.

(2) Acceptance of gifts and grants.

(3) Reappointment of the following members to the College of Arts and Science Advisory Board for three-year terms:

Steve Brown, Sparks

Fred Davis, Jr., Reno

Mary Gojack, Reno

Clark Hamilton, Reno

Moya Lear, Stead

ja Kay Winters, Dayton

(4) Appointment of Regent Dorothy Gallagher as liaison to the College of Agriculture Citizens Advisory Board and of Regent John Mc Briden

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President Crowley reported an offer by Mrs. Louis E. Lomax of a gift of her late husband's working papers, library, manuscripts and memorabilia to UNR, with her request that the collection would be available as a resource to UNR students,

ect. Dr. Crowley noted that the project is funded with \$2 million from the Fleischmann Foundation and \$2 million in gift funds from Mr. Claude Howard.

Mrs. Fong moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Whitley, carried without dissent.

3. Revision of Board of Regents Bylaws

Chancellor Baepler recalled that in October, 1980, the System Administration Study Committee submitted a final report containing a recommended position description for the Chancellor. This description was approved by the Board and, together with an amendment to the Presidents' duties and responsibilities, was incorporated into a proposed amendment to the Board of Regents Bylaws and submitted for first reading at the November 6, 1980 meeting. As a result of a proposal by the Chancellor Search Committee, approved by the Board at the December 13, 1980 meeting, a further revision to the Bylaws was proposed and treated as a "first reading", with final approval to occur following the necessary 30 days notice. Chancellor Baepler reported that the Bylaws amendment was now ready for adoption (proposed revision included with agenda, ident

Ms. Del Papa moved approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc
Bride, carried without dissent.

For the purposes of the minute record, Article VI of the
Board of Regents Bylaws, as amended by the above action, is
reflected below.

ARTICLE VI

Officers of the University of Nevada System

Designation Section 1. The Officers are the Chancellor
of Nevada System and Presidents of the Uni-
versity of Nevada, Reno the University of
Nevada, Las Vegas the Desert Research Inso

making such appointments the Board shall

follow the recruiting and screening for these

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- c. To coordinate the presentation of all University System matters to the Governor's Office and the State Legislature
- d. To sign all contracts and other instruments requiring execution on behalf of the Board of Regents
- e. To be the Treasurer of the University and to provide for internal and independent audits however, appointment of independent auditors shall be subject to approval of the Board of Regents
- f. To review the execution of all University budgets to insure that the intent of the Board of Regents and the Legislature has been carried out
- g. To coordinate the preparation of the agenda t d e

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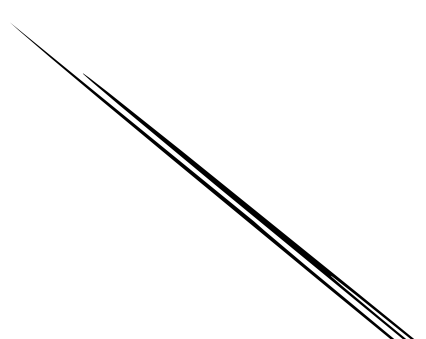
cations on behalf of the Board of Regents, excepting personnel actions

i. To be the appointing authority for all professional personnel not assigned to a member institution. The member institutions are autonomous with respect to their own personnel decisions

~~vOP~~ j. To evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Regents concerning the performance and conditions of employment of the Presidents of member institutions and

k. To perform such additional duties as the Board may direct.

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a. To provide leadership in the planning and implementation necessary for the successful operation of the member institution and to insure that the institution develops to its potential

b. To be the appointing

appropriate contingency reserve and to transfer budget credits from the contingency reserve to functional accounts, subject only to the condition that transfers of \$10,000 or more or which cumulatively equal \$10,000 or more within each object code during one fiscal year shall require Board approval

- f. To authorize the transmission of applications or requests for grants, contracts of gifts to individuals, foundations, corporations, and the Federal government

- g. To be the principal spoke

of the that the Officers work together for the best
Officers interests of the University of Nevada System
and the achievement of its objectives. The
Chancellor shall have no authority over, nor
make any recommendations concerning, person-
nel decisions within a member institution or
curricular decisions involving existing pro-
grams within a member institution. In these

areas, the Chancellor shall transmit the
President's recommendations to the Board
without comment, assuring only that the
Board's policies are followed in the pres-
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At its meeting of March 28, 1980, the Board directed that an ad hoc committee of the Board, in consultation with the Chancellor and the Presidents, develop a procedure for Officer assessment/evaluation. Mrs. Fong, who Chairs the committee, reported that an evaluation document for the Chancellor had been developed, had been reviewed by the Officers

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was to determine if there are ways in which the Board can

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planning for the Biennial Budgets and for implementation of any recommended systematic approach.

Mr. Ross moved approval for the establishment of the Committee as proposed. Motion seconded by Mr. Mc Bride, carried without dissent.

Chancellor Baepler reported that the Committee would be composed of Mr. David Wilkins, representing TMCC, WNCC and NNCC Keith Evans, representing CCCC Vice President Jessup, representing UNR and Vice President Westfall, representing UNLV, with two students, one from the Universities and one from Community Colleges.

7. Agreement for Water Service

Mr. Lessly reported that Sierra Pacific Power Company has requested an agreement be executed whe

ed upon the transfer of sufficient water rights from the
University to Sierra Pacific.

Ms. Del Papa moved approval. Motion seconded by Mrs.
Gallagher, carried without dissent.

8. Scholarship Report for 1979-80

Dr. Robert Mc Queen, UNR Scholarship Chairman, presented a
summary of the 1979-80 Scholarship Report which was dis

Stanford with respect to this matter, which he said he would obtain and forward to them.

Chairman Cashell expressed the Board's appreciation and recommended Dr. McQueen for his effective management of the UNR Scholarship Program.

9. Proposed Organization Changes (UNR EP) A gp0 B,qD •p,,qD p y(' A 8 Wx2,qD

President Crowley recalled that one of the reasons for the

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that had not been part of the position previously, when its title was Vice President for University Services.

President Crowley reported that since that time, in consultation with the two Vice Presidents involved, and other interested parties, there has been an opportunity to review the principal organizational issues. Based on that review, he offered the following recommendations:

1. That responsibility for the Office of Continuing Education be transferred from the Vice President for Public Affairs to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, f

semester to determine whether the Pub should be continued,
and, if so, what changes might be necessary in its concept
and operating policies.

Mr. Mc Bride moved approval, with the conditions t

any substantive alteration of the original plans and purposes which were approved by the Board of Regents in that the changes are larg

the Board authorize the Administration to seek legislation

to amend SB 255 to exclude the Un

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the University is pledged to lobby for that. He noted that there are a great many people interested in it and a lot of effort is expected to be expended. He stated that he assumed the counties would introduce the legislation.

Ms. Del Papa suggested that since this is a high priority with the Regents and is a very critical piece of legislation for the whole system, the University ought to request its introduction. Chancellor Baepler agreed to check on its status and if nothing had been introduced, he would seek to have it introduced on ba

It was agreed that the February 27 Board meeting would be held on the Western Nevada Community College Campus.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and a meeting of the Investment Advisory Committee and reconvened at 1:10 P.M. h h h h h

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rather than private foundations. A major problem here is that foundations are considered to be private unless it can be demonstrated that they are public endeavors.

There are two ways to qualify as a public charity, thereby giving the maximum tax benefit to potential donors and avoiding the restriction of limiting a donor's tax benefits to only 20% of his adjusted gross income with no carry-over ~~as from year to year as is true with private foundations.~~

The first requirement applies directly to the University foundations. That is, an organization is a public cha

ments. He believed that this would make sense, but is not a requirement for a tax standpoint.

Mr. Buchanan moved that the firm of Sherman and Howard be authorized to prepare a set of Bylaws and conditions and requirements which are tailor-made to the University System to be approved by the Board of Regents. If the Board approves this set of Bylaws, then the Presidents can come forth with proposals for foundations knowing the parameters.

Mr. Buchanan stated that his motion was to develop a standard set of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and controls and does not include a memorandum of understanding because each Campus may be different.

Mr. Mc Bride seconded the motion.

In response to Mrs. Fong's question, it was agreed that the Bylaws will state the financial responsibility and accountability of the foundations to the Regents.

Mr. Thomas stated that he would propose coming back to the Board in February with Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and a one-page description of what issues a memorandum of agreement might deal with.

Chairman Cashell requested that Vice Chancellor Lessly work with the Presidents to determine what they believed the agreements should include.

Motion carried without dissent.

14. Report of Finance Committee

Ms. Del Papa reported that

Mrs. Fong reported that the Investment Advisory Committee met at noon and that, at Chairman Cashell's request, she had acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Karamanos, with Mr. Mc Bride and Mrs. Gallagher appointed as temporary members to serve in place of the other absent members.

mittee's recommendation concerning NNB's proposals should wait until the regularly appointed Committee members can be present. It was the consensus, however, that the Committee should in any event carefully monitor the performance of the banks which are retained to manage the University's endowment funds.

Mr. Buchanan moved acceptance of the Investment Committee's report. Motion seconded by Ms. Del Papa, carried without dissent.

Mr. Cashell reported that Mr. Ross had declared a conflict which would prevent his service on the Investment Advisory Board. Accordingly, a substitute appointment would be announced shortly.

16. Discussion Concerning 1981-83 Biennial Budget

A Chairman Cashell recalled that the discussion of the Governor's recommendation concerning the University's 1981-83 Biennial Budget Request was not completed at the January 12 meeting. He requested that Chan-

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administration.

Chancellor Baepler recalled that at the previous meeting

Vice Chancellor Partridge had presented an overall review

of the budget picture and had distributed information re-

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with the expected rate of inflation during the coming bi-ennium.

Finally, the critical problem in projecting revenues and projecting student enrollments caused by the question of student fees. If revenues drop because a lower fee than projected by the Legislature is charged, or fees are raised so much that there is a drop in both in-state and out-of-state enrollment, it will have a critical impact on the University's budget.

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There appeared to be consensus that a strong effort should be made to avoid a fee increase, and that any action by the Board to alter its budget request in the area of projected revenues would not occur until after the ad hoc Committee had reported to the Board in February.

President Crowley spoke concerning the problems which are anticipated by UNR should the funding provided by the Legislature be less than requested. In addition to the items mentioned by the Chancellor as having a System-wide effect, President Crowley spoke about the problem which will occur in the grant-in-aid area. In the Executive Budget, fees and tuition are

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be complicated still further by the uncertainty of the tuition and fee problem.

The two Colleges which would suffer most by a limit in enrollment, which

standard type and number of Departments found in a basic State University.

In response to a question concerning the impact on the University in two years, when the mandatory retirement age increases to 70, President Crowley agreed that the problem would be compounded by that factor. He pointed out that the current Executive Budget will require the elimination of approximately 60 positions Systemwide. The cumulative impact of those reductions, plus the implications of the change in policy in 1982 moving the mandatory retirement age upward from 65 to 70, are going to be felt by the University and the State as far in the future perhaps as 10, 20 years.

Dr. Goodall indicated that UNLV was also concerned with the area of faculty salaries and student-faculty ratios plus an additional four areas of specific budget needs, one of which is the Library. UNLV will be opening an addition to the Library very shortly however, no increase was recommended in the book acquisitions budget and a decrease of one profes-

sional position from the present staffing make it very difficult to adequately staff and

of Janitorial and Maintenance services. In addition to the new Library facility, a Fine Arts building is presently under construction and will be completed during the biennium.

The Executive Budget, however, recommends the reduction of the Janitorial staff from 56 to 36. Chancellor Baepler pointed out that the Executive Budget also assumes a 5% vacancy rate at any given time, so that the staff available would be less than 36.

The Alumni and Development Office at UNLV has been, as is also the case at UNR, reinstated in the Executive Budget at a level of 50% funding. Dr. Goodall stated that at the time the Campuses are being requested to go into the private sector to do more and more fund raising, fewer personnel are being provided to do the job.

President Goodall stated that probably the biggest problem area in the budget is the uncertainty about student fees, and agreed with what President Crowley had earlier stated about not being able to predict

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is presently available. Even under the present funding, students are being turned away because classes are already filled. The other Community College Presidents indicated that this is also true at their Campuses.

Dr. Davis referred to the earlier statements made that the new building at Fallon should not be accepted unless additional funds were included in the budget for maintenance and utilities. He stated that if funds are not provided to start a new daytime program in Fallon, the program would continue at night in the local schools and the business programs presently being conducted in lealsi

ommended for the University System for the next biennium.

Ms. Del Papa expressed her concern also of the fact that no funds for litigation expense had been included in the University System request, stating that she believed it to be poor planning to continue to fund this activity through the Regents Special Projects Fund as has been the practice in the past. Chancellor Baepler stated that litigation expenses had never been funded in the past.

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Work Programs later showing some increase.

17. Report on Faculty Workload Study

Mrs. Fong reported that the ad hoc Committee to coordinate

the Faculty Workload Studies had ~~th~~ u

agenda mailing, it not be considered for action until a
subsequent meeting, unless an emergency can be demon-
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