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BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM

April 17, 1987

The Board of Regents met in a spe

Mrs. June F. Whitley

Others present: Chancellor Mark H. Dawson

President Joseph N. Crowley, UNR

President John Gwaltney, TMCC

President George Hidy, DRI

President Maxson, UNLV

Chancellor

General Counsel

Secretary

Chairman Kl... meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.,

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in covering the costs for bonding service, engineering review, and for Department of Public Works assistance. These expenses were not provided for within the initial \$4.5 million limit. DRI intends to structure the building design and construction concept to minimize its costs. Therefore, it was projected that the entire \$5 million would not be used unless absolutely necessary.

Mrs. Gallagher moved approval to raise the upper limit for a bond issue for the Dandini Research Park at DRI from \$4.5 million, not to exceed \$5 million. Mrs. Kenney seconded.

Motion carried.

2. Considered Proposal for Acquisition of Old College

Chairman Klaich stated that on April 10, 1987, he received a proposal from the Board of Trustees of Old College requesting affiliation of its school, including the School of Law

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Laxalt, dated April 16, 1987, requesting serious consideration of the proposal. (Copy filed with the permanent minutes.)

Dr. Allan De Giulio, President of Old College, distributed a letter addressed to the members of the Board of Regents from the Board of Trustees of Old College, dated April 17, 1987, filed with the permanent minutes, referring to two recent studies which point out the need for a law school in Nevada, and pledging assistance during a transition period should the System decide to absorb Old College.

Mr. Bill Boyd, a trustee for 3 years, discussed

ing became available. Gannett agreed to give the building to the school, although the deed has not yet transferred inasmuch as Gannett is still awaiting authorization from the Internal Revenue Service. Old College renovated the building with a \$1.254 million grant which also included acquisitions for the library. Mr. Nelson described the facility as worth approximately \$8.2 million, and assured the Board that if UNS decided to acquire Old College, the building also would be transferred to the System.

There is as yet an undetermined debt owed by Old College through a loan with First Interstate Bank, secured by the signatures of a number of the trustees of Old College. The building cannot be used as collateral for the debt inasmuch as the deed has not been transferred to Old College.

Mr. Nelson stated his concern is for the students who have graduated, particularly those who have been in the Law School. He emphasized that current studies done by Old College for accreditation purposes indicate that there is a need for a law school in Nevada. Further, he stated the courses taught are geared to Nevada law and gaming in particular, which stud

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College graduates to take the Bar exam when they graduate.

However, the State of Nevada does not allow an attorney to practice law unless he has graduated from an accredited law school.

In discussing accreditation of the law school, Mr. Nelson stated that the American Bar Association (ABA) is concerned that the Gannett deed of trust for the building has not been forthcoming. Old College will appear before the ABA April 23 and 24, 1987, for an accreditation hearing.

Mr. Nelson urged the Regents to consider the acquisition of Old College.

In answer to a question from Regent Foley, Mr. Nelson stated he could guarantee that the Gannett property would transfer to the UNS should the Regents agree to absorb Old College, and that he would volunteer to continue discussions with Gannett on this matter.

Mr. John Flanigan, a trustee for 5 years, related that Old College has made a good deal of progress, having paid the price of starting law and humanities schools. He spoke of the substantial library, the solid curriculum and the good

faculty at the College. As a trustee, he stated the demands of the College have reached beyond their capabilities, and that the ABA would only be satisfied if Old College were affiliated with UNS.

Dr. Elaine Wynn, Chairman of the UNLV Foundation, related that she has high regard for Mr. Nelson and the trustees of Old College, and their considerable generosity. She urged the Regents to thoroughly investigate and analyze the need for a law school at this time, stating that probably some time in the future a school would be needed. She pointed out that the integrity and accountability of the Board has strengthened the System that the prioritized needs of the System have enabled the Foundation to draw on community support. Dr. Wynn also stated that the State Legislature is looking to the Board for leadership in higher education.

During a legislative public hearing in Las Vegas, Dr. Wynn and Mr. Steven Wynn testified concerning the need for increased salaries of System employees. They are working with the Clark County School District to recruit teachers to the Las Vegas area.

on these priorities. She stated that when a law school is established, she felt it should be housed at UNLV but that, in light of other priorities, such a school is premature.

Mr. Robert Hibbs, former member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and practicing attorney in Reno and Las Vegas, stated he was testifying as an individual.

He has served on evaluation teams for thes

informed him that if UNS did acquire the College, an accreditation visit would be in order at that time. Also, Dean White relayed that while the accreditation report was confidential, the Regents could request a copy.

Mr. Hibbs suggested several areas the Regents should explore prior to a decision on Old College: admission standards, LSAT scores of students, retention of students, facu

it would be much easier for UNS to acquire the accredita-

islative session is critical for UNS budgets and that the Regents' first priority is for increased salaries for current employees.

Chairman Klaich asked for comments from the Regents.

Regent Foley complimented Old College for offering all assets as they now stand to a public system, but stated that a definite answer could not be expected from the Regents until the staff had time to review finances, programs, etc.

Further, he stated he has always favored a law bc

grams within the System can take up to 2 years.

Mr. Karamanos questioned whether Old College would be able to continue through the Fall semester, with Mr. Nelson replying that under the present circumstances it would continue only through the Spring semester.

Mrs. Kenney stated she agreed with Dr. Elaine Wynn's statements, reiterating that the 1st priority of the Board is for increased salaries, and that she favored a study of the situation prior to making a decision.

Mrs. Sparks stated she had a number of questions, and began with how U[^] bb

College.

Mr. Foley moved that the Board of Regents reaffirm the action of the Board that should the University System establish a law school, it will be located in Las Vegas. Mrs. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Foley moved that the Board of Regents commend the officers and trustees of Old College for their most generous offer to the University of Nevada System and their pledge for transition, and to immediately refer this offer to the Chancellor and staffA .

pre-supposition to the recommendation or decision is made
by the Board at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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