

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes
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Members absent: Dr. Jill Derby

Others present: Chancellor Mark H Dawson (Reno)

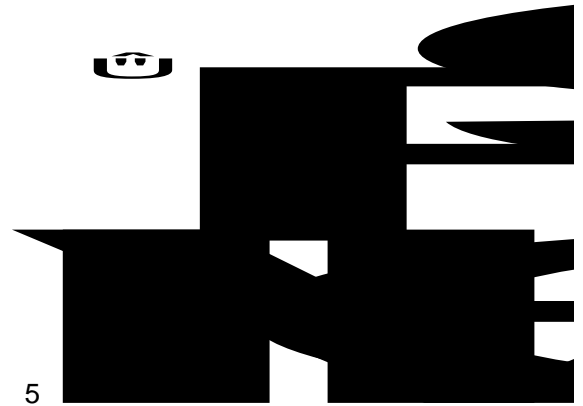
President Anthony Calabro, UNCO (Reno)

President Joseph Crowley, UNR (Reno)

President John Gwaltney, TMCC (Reno)

President Paul Meacham, CCSN (Las Vegas)

President Robert Maxson, UN




This unforeseen event and the need to take immediate action before January 7, 1992 required an emergency meeting of the Board of Regents to discuss this matter and to take action if neces-

sary. The two University Presidents were unavailable to meet with the Board from Sunday, January 5, 1992 through Thursday, January 9, 1992 because of attendance at the NCAA Convention.

General Counsel Klastic stated that the Attorney General's Office had been contacted and recognized the emergency status in holding this meeting.

Chairman Sparks made the following ~~opening~~ ~~statement~~



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Chancellor Dawson stated that the Campus reduction plans have been submitted and the 12% reduction plan indicates a very severe scenario. The 12% reduction plan would require the System to maintain the hiring freeze which would

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plan was to be implemented. The Legislature would then be able to address the issues of additional revenue, equitable treatment, and rescinding the cost-of-living salary increase.

Mr. Foley stated that he agreed with Chancellor Dawson's remarks. Although it is a matter of opinion, Mr. Foley stated that he felt if the Legislature approved new taxes beyond the employer tax, which was approved, then the State would be in the position.



by 9.6% the first year of the biennium and 6% the second year. This budget increase was the smallest through the M CSN inspections. MR has established a Planning Committee which consists of 2- faculty, Administrators and students. This Committee has discussed different possibilities in handling the reductions. He indicated that at each possibility affects another area i. e., if enrollment caps are instituted, it will affect the quality of faculty due to layoffs. The more faculty that are laid off, the more increase in class size and an increase workload for remaining faculty. If layoffs occur, the faculty population would be at 370, which was the faculty population in 1970/71. Há in ca Ma i ok six yá rs achiá e e v faculty/student ratio of 21:1. If a student fee surcharge was implemented it would retain the quality of the faculty without the surcharge.

Mrs. Gallagher questioned whether the Board should declare a financial exigency. General Counsel Klasic stated that it was a contractual right of the students who are enrolled, although the catalog language states that UCCSN may declare financial exigency. He stated that the Board of Regents may choose to perform immediate cuts, although the UCCSN Code is flexible in dealing with emergency situations.

Dr. Eardley stated that the Governor will be declaring budget reductions throughout the State of Nevada, and it is the Board's responsibility to relay pertinent information to the Governor prior to his official statement. Then, after the Governor's statement has been made, the Presidents should report back to the Board with their final plans for implementation. He requested additional information regarding student fees and the effect of non-teaching faculty being eliminated.

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Chairman Sparks indicated that the Board of Regents needed to determine whether UCCSN would submit the 8.5% and 12% reduction plans to the Governor, or let the Governor make his own decision. Then at the regularly scheduled Board of Regents' meeting, the Campus detail information would be discussed.

Dr. Hammargren entered the meeting.

Mr. Klaich stated that the Board should forward the requested information to the Governor and should not deny the Governor any valuable input regarding the reduction plans, but that the Board o

cuts on UCCSN and reserve the authority to allocate cuts mandated by the Governor as the Board of Regents see fit.

And if the proportion of cuts allocated by the Governor to UCCSN is greater than our share of the General Fund, the Board of Regents call for the Governor to convene a special session of the Legislature to address this budget crisis.

Dr. Eardley seconded.

President Maxson stated that UNLV's situation is very similar to UNR. They have spent a number of hours in addressing this issue. He stated that the University is "people driven" however, if UNLV was requested to make dramatic reductions, it would have to lay off employees. By limiting enrollment the part-time faculty would also have to be released. He stated that students are attending UNLV, but with the current hiring freeze and without filling the vacant positions it will pose a problem in teaching these students.

President Maxson stated that he had mixed feelings about the student fee surcharge. Several UNLV students are working to support their education and if an additional surcharge is required of these students for the sake of employing teaching faculty, it then becomes an unending cycle of events.

And if the operating budgets are reduced, Campus safety,
Library operations, and other vital support functions to
students would be affected.

President Meacham stated that there is no such th

would be destroyed at a 12% reduction. It would be devastating to lose the support funding which the System has fought hard to obtain.

General Counsel Klasic explained the process in which a financial exigency could be declared.

Upon request, Mr. Klaich divided the original motion into two parts.

Mr. Klaich moved that the Board of Regents forward to the Governor the budget reduction plans of 6%, 8.5% and 12% as submitted by the Campus Presidents. Further, that the Boar

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President Crowley stated that there is no way to reduce the budgets without pain. The UCCSN has spent years in building the System and the reductions will impact the research institutions, economic development programs, and faculty recruitment efforts. He related a scenario in which student wages may have to be reduced which would effect employment of students, who in turn would have, in some way, given the wages back to the economy. Again, this causes a cyclical reaction. It will not be easy to devise an overall balance. He felt that it was the Board of Regents' responsibility to submit to the Governor the reduction plans along with scenarios which have been discussed

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supported the Regents' motions. A special session should

be called if UCCSN is requested to supportt

has. Going into a special session may jeopardize UCCSN's budget plans.

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then what would replace that income for the State? She felt that a special session could be dangerous for UCCSN and agreed to table the motion until next week.

Mr. Hammargren moved to table the motion until the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents on January 9-10, 1992. Mrs. Whitley seconded.

Motion carried on roll call vote:

Aye: Regents Berkley, Eardley, Gallagher, Hammargren,

Whitley and Sparks

Nay: Regent Klaich

Absent: Regents Derby and Foley

Chairman Sparks thanked everyone for their time and bringing questions before the Board of Regents. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

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