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Members present: Schofield, Lowman, McNeel, Foote, Vergiels,
Broadbent, Barengo

Members absent: None

Guests present: Gary Gray - Clark County
E. K. Grotegut, Professor of Foreign Languages
University of Nevada
Neil Humphrey - Chancellor
Mr. Petroni - Council for Clark County Schools
Dr Ord - Desert Research Institute - Las Vegas

Chairman Schofield opened the meeting with discussion of SB 48, a bill which would shorten coverage of the comprehensive plans of the U. of N. System at 4:00 P.M.

Neil Humphrey, Chancellor of the University of Nevada System, was present and rose to speak on this bill. He said that the history of this bill was that in 1967 Senator Dodge had introduced Legislation which required the University to operate under a ten year plan and they were satisfied at that time as it was the way it was suggested that Universities operate so we prepared three plans at different times. Their problem, he said was that they found this not feasible and although they could make certain projections but to actually do hard planning for ten years has not been productive not only from their own standpoint but that of the Legislature also as none of their plans have caused a ripple or been reviewed. He said that it had only become feasible now to plan for a four year time plan. He said that this bill, SB. 48, had met with their approval.

Chairman asked if there were any questions.

Speaker of the Assembly Ashworth asked if there had been a ten year plan for a Law School.

Mr. Humphrey said that there had been misunderstanding what a ten year plan meant and that there had been on both campuses a projection for a Law School. What it meant, he said, was that it projected a request for a procedure for what they want and that they had presented to the Board their intention to do a feasibility study

Mr. Ashworth said that big business had found the same thing. They took their overall important stuff and then took an overall look at where they were going for a longer period.

Chairman Schofield commented that times were changing so rapidly that it was no longer applicable to plan anything for ten years.

Assemblyman Lowman said he supposed you might compare this with a ten year plan with a public body and that as soon as you announced a plan everybody started rushing in with their ideas and secondly,

Mr. Lowman asked what "public service" meant on Line 7.

Mr. Humphrey explained that it meant one of the three concepts of a land grant institution, namely, instruction, research and public service. Public service meaning such things as the Bureau of Mines, the Nevada Analytical Lab, cooperative extension and such like things that were mutually part of the University System.

Mr. Schofield asked if where they had "public service for research" shouldn't it be "and".

Mr. Humphrey said yes the concept would be "and". But the way it was worded was correct.

Mr. McNeel asked what the ten year plan would cost if they had to make it up again and that its probably true that it would be more costly than a four plan.

Mr. Humphrey said he would hesitate to answer that as most of the work was done in the beginning of either one, as far as the cost he said he would hesitate to tell them that it was cheaper on a four year plan than a ten year plan.

Dr. Broadbent asked how did most land grant institutions plan. Mr. Humphrey answered that most such institutions did it on a much shorter plan. This got going, he said, when the Carnegie Foundation recommended a ten year plan and it made so much sense and it had the advantage of political planning in other countries but it just hadn't made sense and everything is moving too fast.

Mr. Lowman asked the Chairman if they Committee shouldn't have this broken down into costs and percentages for the three areas in the budget. Mr. Humphrey said he could go back to the office and very quickly do this.

Miss Foote moved to do pass.
Mr. McNeel seconded the motion.

Mr. Lowman said that there was a question in his mind whether the Legislature had any input as to the percentages and would propose that they have satisfaction on this.

Mr. McNeel said in that case he withdrew his second.

Mr. Barengo seconded.

Chairman said he would suggest that if they passed this they should have the information before they voted on the floor.

Dr. Vergiels asked what bearing that would have on it anyway. He said that the percentages would be in a separate bill anyway.

Mr. Lowman said that really what they were doing here was acting as a third function of the University but we are putting new language

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into the law. That is the reason I not only asked for an updating but where the responsibility comes from to do this. Mr. Lowman said that it was his understanding that it was the legitimate function of this Committee to be satisfied with the proposed legislation that comes before us now if you are satisfied and I am not then I suppose we will pass the bill but the questions to me are legitimate.

Chairman said that by Friday they should have this information and discuss it on the floor if it was passed out of Committee.

Mr. Lowman said then he would have to be recorded as not voting.

Vote was taken and passed with Mr. McNeel not voting. Mr. Lowman not voting.

Mr. Barengo was asked and accepted to speak on this on the floor.

Chairman said for them to take a look at AB 286* and asked if anyone would like to speak on this bill concerning hiring teachers for foreign languages.

Professor Groteguit from the University of Nevada Foreign Language Department was present to speak on this. He said he was asked by the faculty members to explain the amendment to this bill. He began by saying that in the Foreign Language Department in terms of quality of instruction there is a certain enhancement of the instruction obviously by having foreign nationals, native speakers of that language for instructors in pronunciation, the use of the language and the cultural background. On the other hand the fellowship is a means of supporting future professionals in the United States and in this instance we have to balance this off and decide what percentages should be aliens. He said he would suggest that foreign nationals give instruction on our campuses on a limited basis but not deprive others of this opportunity.

Mr. Vergiels asked if there weren't enough foreign language students being prepared in Nevada to fill these jobs.

Mr. Groteguit answered that this was one of the basic questions that had to be resolved. Frankly, he said, that he did not approve of too many foreign nationals coming over, training and finding it then possible to stay in the States and enter the profession. He said the ideal teacher was the American who had gained a good comprehension of the language and the culture.

Mr. Vergiels asked Mr. Lowman who asked him to introduce this bill. Mr. Lowman answered that Mrs. Hilegard had asked from the UNLV.

Mr. Barengo answered asked how many student helpers there were in the F.L.D. and he was told that there were seven Spanish, three in French and one in German.

* see exhibits I, II, & III

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Mr. Barengo said so you have eleven? Mr. Groteruit answered that they did.

Mr. Barengo said so that under this current 5% you would be able to have one? He answered yes.

Mr. Groteguit said that it would be of advantage to the students to have at least one teacher which taught in his native language continually. The proposal is to have at least one native speaker out of four fairly constantly in their program.

Chairman said he would like to bring something up before they voted on this and read a letter from the UNLV from John D. Lindberg, Chairman of Department of Foreign Languages.

Addendum 1*

Letter from Roman J. Zorn, President of UNLV. Addendum 2*

Letter from Donald H. Baepler, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Addendum 3*

Mr. Lowman moved to do pass AB 286.

Dr. Broadbent seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Broadbent asked to speak on it and it was agreed.

Chairman asked the Committee to take a look at AB 351.

Dr. Ord introduced himself as President of Desert Research Institute speaking on behalf of AB 351 which authorizes desert research institute to perform research concerning solar energy as source of power generation.

He said that if this bill were passed it would be easier to interest the Federal in their research.

Dr. Broadbent asked if every time they wanted money from some other source they came to the Legislature to pass authority to go on with their research.

Dr. Ord said that organizations such as the Atomic Energy Commission would be more cooperative if their work was recognized by the Nevada State Legislature. He said that there was no research such as solar research going on in the State of Nevada now and that it is expensive research but that it has great and tremendous potential and needed more widespread recognition.

Chairman Schofield commented that feet were lagging in the research into atomic energy and since there was talk of our energy supply being depleted this was a good endeavor and it almost took legislative action to give them the push and stimulus needed.

Dr. Vergiels said that all points were well made and that he would like to recommend a "do pass".

Mr. Barengo seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McNeel agreed to speak on the floor.

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Chairman asked them to take a look at AB 371 which would place the community college division of U. of N. on a 12 month fiscal operations year. He said that he had asked Assemblyman Demers to speak on this but he was unable to attend. He said he would like to hold this until he could speak on this.

It was decided to hold this bill until he could speak to the Committee

Chairman asked if they could revive AB 195 as the State Board of Education wanted to be heard on this.

Discussion was held on this matter as to whether it had been discussed enough.

Mr. Barengo moved to rehear AB 195.
Miss Foote seconded the motion.

Miss Foote went on to say that we didn't want several different criteria for graduation throughout the state and since the Senate Bill 170 is going to be considered it threw a new light on the subject apparently and that they should reconsider it.

Mr. McNeel said that they didn't know what action the Senate was going to take and that they should wait and see.

Miss Foote said that regardless of the Senate that requirements for graduation should have serious consideration and made reasonable throughout the State.

Mr. Petroni said if it was any help that the Senate was going to act next week. Chairman asked him if he would care to give any input on this. He answered that whether the Senate passed SB 170 or not this was still a gray area.

Mr. McNeel said that they had heard considerable testimony on this already. He said maybe there would be good grounds for hearing it again later but not at this time.

Chairman said that the day they heard it that they only had two people present to speak on it. He didn't feel it had a fair hearing, he said.

Motion was voted on and failed with Mr. McNeel, Broadbent and Lowman dissenting.

Chairman said that AB 411 was rereferred to us and we will have a hearing on 411 a week from Monday. (not definite).

Chairman that he had a request made to him by the School Board Association and he wanted to find out if the Committee wanted to make a Committee introduction on this.

Motion made by Dr. Broadbent to introduce.

Mr. Barengo seconded.

Motion passed with Miss Foote and Mr. Lowman opposed.

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Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M. after it was determined that there was no further business.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Smith

Geraldine Smith,
Secretary

ASSEMBLYAGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONDate 3/7/73(wed.) Time 4:00 P.M. Room 336Bills or Resolutions
to be consideredSubjectCounsel
requested*This is in addition to previous agenda
of this date.

SB 48	Shortens Coverage of comprehensive plans of U. of N. System.	
AB 286	Removes percentage limitation for foreign language departments on aliens employed by the University of Nevada System for technical, graduate and student help categories.	
AB 351	Authorizes desert research institute to perform research concerning solar energy as source of power generation.	

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.



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Secretary

Exhibit I

College of Arts & Letters
Department of Foreign Languages

March 1, 1973

Assemblyman Zelvin D. Lowman
Assembly District No. 5 (Clark)
1246 Cashman Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Dear Assemblyman Lowman:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23 containing the welcome news that there will be an Education Committee hearing on A.B. 286 which proposes to remove percentage limitation on aliens employed as student assistants by the foreign language departments of the University of Nevada system. Such an amendment to the laws presently in force would be of considerable benefit to our students since it would enable us to recruit from French, German and Spanish universities one or two teaching assistants in French, German and Spanish respectively. These young scholars would, of course, not only have excellent qualifications for teaching what is, after all, their native language but by their interaction with the students at UNLV in general and in the Department of Foreign Languages in particular they would enrich the educational experience of our students who would be exposed to the thinking of students coming from abroad.

My colleagues and I are most grateful for your support in this matter and we sincerely hope that this amendment will be passed by the Nevada State Legislature.

Cordially,

Marie-France Hilgar

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Professor of French

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ADDENDUM 2

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Office of the President

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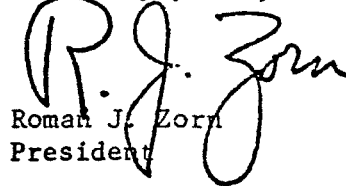
The Honorable Jack Schofield
Nevada State Assemblyman
c/o Nevada Legislature
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Schofield:

Thank you for sending a copy of AB 286, relative to removing the percentage limitation on aliens employed by University foreign language departments. This matter has been referred to the attention of relevant campus academic administrators, and herewith you will find their letters of endorsement.

In view of the distance factor, and because a University of Nevada, Reno spokesman will present similar testimony, we probably will not be represented at the March 7 hearing before the Assembly Education Committee. However, we would like to request that the enclosed letters from Dr. John D. Lindberg and from Dr. Donald H. Baepler be placed on file and made a part of the hearing record. We do appreciate the invitation for comment, and we believe that AB 286 deserves enactment.

Sincerely yours,


Roman J. Zorn
President

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President for Academic Affairs

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ADDENDUM 3

The Honorable Jack Schofield
Nevada State Assemblyman
c/o Nevada Legislature
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Mr. Schofield:

I very strongly support AB 286, which removes the percentage limitation for foreign language departments on aliens employed by the University of Nevada System. In the past we have had the opportunity to employ outstanding students from foreign countries in our language department but have had to refuse them admission to the University since our quota for foreign employed students had been used up. Although I can assure you that the numbers of such students will always be very small, we very much would like to see this Assembly bill passed to make our foreign language program slightly more flexible than it is today.

Sincerely,

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