

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 FEBRUARY 11, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
 Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
 Senator Warren L. Monroe
 Senator B. Mahlon Brown
 Senator William J. Raggio
 Senator Clifton Young
 Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Neil Humphrey, Chancellor, Univ. of Nevada System
 Max Milam, President, Univ. of Nevada, Reno
 Donald H. Baepler, President, U.N.L.V.
 Don Jessup, University of Nevada System
 Senator Hilbrecht
 Senator Schofield
 Howard Barrett, Budget Director
 Cy Ryan, UPI

Mr. Neil Humphrey gave an analysis of the Governor's recommendations. Mr. Humphrey said that there is a twelve and one-tenth percent increase in compensation requested which would be a salary-average of eleven percent, retroactive to January. Senator Lamb asked if the University felt that it's faculty should equate to State employees and receive increases as the State does. Mr. Humphrey said that the percentage differed, but the faculty are working for the State and should receive increases.

UNLV

Mr. Donald H. Baepler said that the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has the following priority problems:

- a) Growth Problem -- Projected a six percent increase in students, but had a ten percent increase.
- b) Inflation
- c) Need for new programs
- d) Faculty compensation increase - to restore buying power to a 1972 level.

Mr. Baepler said that his budget needs included ten new members for the Department of Research; and in the Department of Nursing where the student/teacher ratio should be seven and one-half to one, it is currently twenty to one. Senator Lamb asked if with the inclusion of graduate assistants wouldn't the ratio lower to eighteen and six-tenths. Mr. Howard Barrett said that the assistants are included in this ratio, and that without them, it would be twenty-one to one.

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Mr. Baepler said that there is a need for an increase in full-time faculty; clinical spaces in the Nursing Program; library expansion; and building and grounds improvements.

Senator Raggio questioned if the "formula" was being used throughout the budget. Mr. Barrett answered that regular instructional areas use the "formula", others do not.

Mr. Baepler continued by discussing the "Statewide" programs. Mr. Baepler said, the Museum is currently in a duplex complex, but when the new gymnasium is built the Museum will move into the old building. At that time, Mr. Baepler commented, we will need two new staff members for the Museum. The second area Mr. Baepler mentioned is the advent of women's inter-collegiate athletics (Title 9), which he said will not bring in much revenue, but has wide appeal.

Mr. Baepler said that the Law School is a controversial subject, but Nevada is the only State in continental forty-eight states that does not have a law school. Mr. Baepler said that the Psychology M.A. program is very popular and growing, and needs financial support.

Senator Gibson asked about the Economic Research. Mr. Baepler said that this Department provides a variety of research, but now needs a permanent in-house staff.

UNR

Mr. Max Milam said that the areas of Agriculture, Engineering, Mining, and Health Services have an immediate payoff to society, and need to be maintained.

Mr. Milam said that there has been an extensive growth in graduate enrollments. For instance, Mr. Milam, said that there are forty applications for every one admittance in the Psychology M.A. program. Concerning the Computer Science M.A. program, Mr. Milam said that the salaries recommended will not support the twenty-eight positions now established.

Mr. Milam said that all budget requests were conservative, and that UNR has been living off of capital assets. Mr. Milam said that in order to do that, the University has had to cutback on maintenance on the physical plant, and this is now catching up to us.

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Mr. Milam said that in custodial work in order for one employee to care for 18,000 square feet, the University would need nineteen new employees.

Mr. Milam commented on the utility increases saying that the cost in 1973 was five and one-half cents per therm; and fifteen cents per therm in 1975. To further emphasize, Mr. Milam said that the work program figures for the budget were done last spring, and are not adequate to guide what is currently being spent.

Mr. Milam stated the following areas as lacking in appropriate funds:

- a) Library
- b) Student Services
- c) Inter-Collegiate athletics (Title 9)
- d) Faculty salary and benefit increase

Senator Lamb asked if there isn't a need to cut costs of some fringe programs. Mr. Milam said that the University is facing the probability of "mothballing" some programs that train in areas where there aren't jobs.

Senator Lamb asked what was the percentage increase in the budget since the last Biennial. Mr. Humphrey said that the increase was thirty-seven percent.

Senator Lamb asked how much money UNLV and UNR receive from outside funds for athletics. Mr. Baepler said that UNLV receives \$350,000 from 500 donors. Mr. Milam said that UNR receives \$60,000 per year.

Senator Gibson expressed concern over a general compensation increase for the faculty, and felt that priority should be given to existing faculty. Mr. Humphrey said that he felt the compensation goal was reasonable. Mr. Milam gave an instance in the Department of Agriculture where a position could not be filled because the salary was too low to attract any competent applicants. Mr. Baepler said that the number of applicants does not indicate quality.

Senator Brown discussed the problem of unequal workloads for professors with lower division classes whose curriculum is similar from year to year, i.e., English I. Mr. Baepler said that the average hours spent could equate to the average of eleven and three tenths credits per semester. Mr. Humphrey said that the average workload for regular classes (not clinical, or research) is nine and one tenth per week. Mr. Humphrey said that he realizes that the University has to see that all faculty members have an equitable workload, and

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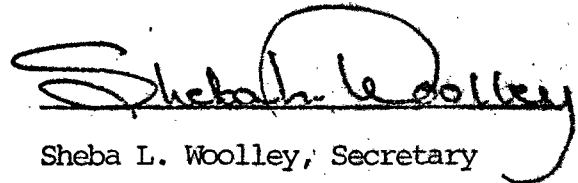
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will be responsible for their time as their contract stipulates.

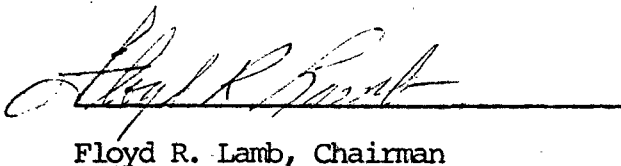
Senator Gibson asked how the ratio of three and one-half to one in the Medical School is possible with four hundred and nine students in the two year program. Mr. Milam said that the budget items relate only to ninety-six students in the two year program; and non-medical, such as technology, are put in the total University budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman