

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
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The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

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

OTHERS: Neil Anderson, Computer Center  
Don Jessup, University of Nevada System  
Donald H. Baepler, President, UNLV  
Max Milam, President, UNR  
Charles Donnelly, President, Community College  
Neil Humphrey, Chancellor, University of Nev. System  
Tom Mayer, UNR Studentbody President  
Howard Barrett, Budget Director  
Cy Ryan, UPI

COMPUTER CENTER

Mr. Neil Anderson gave the opening remarks on the University Computer Center. Mr. Anderson said that from 1970 to the present, the Center has averaged 9,000 jobs per month, with a twenty-four percent increase annually, at an average of \$4.08 cost per job. Mr. Anderson said that the Center requested eight new positions in the administration, and the Governor recommended four; and the Governor recommended three in "hardware".

Senator Lamb asked if the computer ever makes mistakes. Mr. Anderson said that it did, but there are strict security checks. Mr. Neil Humphrey said that at times the students will try to re-program the passwords, and that causes errors.

Senator Raggio asked about the service profits. Mr. Anderson said that the Center receives \$6,800 per month from school districts, DRI, and trial judges. Senator Raggio asked about the private sector. Mr. Anderson said that the Center only received about \$400.00 to \$500.00 per month. Mr. Humphrey said that the Attorney General's office says that the Center cannot cater to private service, if it is possible for them to go elsewhere.

Senator Raggio asked about the "hardware". Mr. Anderson said that the computer must meet standard requirements. Mr. Anderson

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elaborated by saying the computer needed to increase the central memory, increase the storage capability, and expand the in-put and out-put devices. Mr. Anderson said that it costs \$130,000 per year for the "hardware" lease.

Senator Gibson said that there appeared to be one administrative position for every classified person, and that there were too many "chiefs" and no "indians". Mr. Anderson said that all the employees are workers, and that even he, himself, does some programming.

Senator Walker asked Mr. Anderson to define the type of jobs the Center handles. Mr. Anderson said that the computer can handle anything from a large payroll to small student jobs.

Senator Gibson asked if the Center services the Colorado River Commission. Mr. Anderson said that they did, and the Center charges the Commission through the CDP. Senator Lamb asked why the Legislative Counsel Bureau used the University Center, and not the State Center. Mr. Howard Barrett did not know why.

Senator Gibson asked how the Center was monitored. Mr. Anderson said that the Advisory Commission meets and evaluates the service and workload. Mr. Anderson said that the Data Processing and Planning Board has to approve the projected workload for the coming two years, and requires a monthly progress report.

Senator Young commented on the increase in the current Biennial request. Mr. Barrett said that the increase is substantial, but the past requests were based on the idea that the University Center might combine with the State, and now that isn't being considered.

Senator Lamb asked why there was such a workload increase for the Center. Mr. Anderson said that there has been an increase in students at the University, and therefore more users for the Computer. Mr. Humphrey said that there has been an increase of thirty percent in one year in the studentbody headcount, and many more of the students have the ability to program.

NURSING

Mr. Humphrey said that five campuses in Nevada have some level of nursing. Mr. Don Jessup said that there are one hundred and twenty-five nursing students at UNR; seventy at UNLV; seventy at Clark County Community College; ten at Northern Nevada Community College; and fifty-five at Western Nevada Community College.

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NURSING (Cont.)

Senator Lamb asked each of the President's to comment on the nursing programs at their schools.

- a) Mr. Donald H. Baepler said that UNLV offers an Associate Degree, and a Baccalaureate Degree.
- b) Mr. Max Milam said that UNR has a four year accredited Baccalaureate program.
- c) Mr. Charles Donnelly said that the Community Colleges have two types of programs; a LPN program for one year, and an Associate Degree two year program. Northern Nevada C.C. has one LPN program; Clark County has two LPN programs; and Western Nevada has five LPN and one Associate Degree programs.

Senator Lamb asked how many students have graduated from the nursing program at the Community Colleges. Mr. Donnelly said that Western C.C. graduated one hundred and ten this year; the program just started in Clark County; and there were seventy-five to one hundred LPN's in Northern Nevada C.C.

BUDGET (General)

Mr. Humphrey discussed the supplemental request of \$200,000 for book acquisition for Western Community College. Senator Raggio asked why the System did not come to the Interim Finance Committee. Mr. Humphrey said that appropriations cannot be transferred from one System division to another, although funds can be transferred intra-divisionally. Mr. Humphrey said that the System tries to avoid asking for supplemental funds, but the System always tries to avoid the Interim Finance Committee who Mr. Humphrey believes is for agencies with less flexible budgets.

Mr. Humphrey also commented that the effect of inflation has had very severe consequences for the campuses, especially in the case of utility costs.

Mr. Humphrey wanted to give the System's priorities for "New Programs" not recommended by the Governor:

- a) UNR:
  - Nursing - Priority 2.
  - Computer Science - 4
  - Speech Pathology - 6

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BUDGET (General - Cont.)

- b) UNLV:
  - School of Arts - 5
  - Architecture & Urban Design - 3
  - Psychology - 8
- c) Clark County C.C.:
  - Dental Hygiene - 1
- d) Western C.C.:
  - Dental Hygiene - 7

Senator Raggio could not understand the need for such a high priority for the Nursing M.A. program. Mr. Milam said that hospitals and public service organizations prefer that the supervisor nurses they hire have a M.A. degree.

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Humphrey distributed an Organizational Chart showing the four divisions of the University and the two units involved in administration.

Senator Lamb asked why the Presidents don't report to the Chancellor. Mr. Humphrey said that the Presidents report through the Chancellor to the Board of Regents, but the Chancellor is not allowed to make personnel Department decisions.

Mr. Humphrey said that the Board of Regents is elected and serves without salary, although the members receive per diem to attend Board meetings.

Mr. Humphrey said that there are two attorneys contracted by the University for counsel. Mr. Humphrey went on to say that the Attorney General's office pays \$20,000 of the fees, and the University pays \$20,500; \$27,500 of which goes to Proctor Hug, and \$13,000 of which goes to Tom Bell. Mr. Humphrey said that the attorneys do have a private practice as well, and the University is awaiting the Legislative decision on this matter. Senator Young wondered what would happen if the University hired counsel without going through the Attorney General's office. Mr. Humphrey said that then the full \$40,500 would have to come out of the University Budget.

Senator Lamb asked if other agencies are required to pay half for their counsel. Mr. Barrett answered that the State Prison does not pay for their counsel, but all other agencies who have Deputies do pay for them from their budgets.

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SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

In discussing the new positions, Mr. Humphrey said that the one main increase is the 'Consultant for Employee Relations'. Mr. Humphrey said that the University is currently using a faculty member for this, and they would like to have a professional. Mr. Humphrey said that Federal grants are inconsistent, but if federal monies are received, a like amount in appropriations will revert.

Senator Brown asked Mr. Humphrey to give his salary, and the salary of the Presidents. Mr. Humphrey answered the following:

- a) Chancellor's salary -- \$37,500
  - Housing -- 3,000
  - Automobile -- 2,000
  
- b) President's salary -- \$36,500
  - Housing -- 3,000
  - Automobile -- 2,000

Senator Raggio was concerned that the 12.1% increase for compensation will be given generally without individual consideration. Mr. Humphrey said that the Board of Regents sets the salaries, and the increase is shown on the budget in case such a raise is appropriate.

Senator Gibson asked if Mr. Humphrey is on contract. Mr. Humphrey said that his contract is annual with the Board of Regents, from July 1st, to June 30th.

ATHLETICS

Senator Lamb asked the University System to explain the athletics budget.

Mr. Baepler said that the men's athletic division has reached a plateau, and is only in need of more expanded gymnastics. Mr. Baepler said that the women's program needs three or four more coaches due to the implementation of Title Nine, which states that women must have equal educational treatment.

Senator Gibson asked about the rationale in using the General Fund for coaches. Mr. Baepler said that the coaches play a dual role as instructors.

Senator Lamb asked about the salary of the football coach, and if the coach received any outside salary. Mr. Baepler said that the coach's salary is \$25,000, and that he did not know of any outside salary.

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Senator Lamb asked about the outside revenue from the box office. Mr. Baepler said that it is about \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year.

Senator Brown felt that not enough priority is given to general admission, and that too many block seats are given out to large donors. Mr. Baepler said that the donors keep increasing, but the convention center remains the same size, and the only solution he can see, is a new pavillion.

Senator Gibson said that he still has a quarrel with the athletic use of the General Fund, because the more successful the Nevada teams, the less they serve Nevadans. Mr. Humphrey said that no matter what the University has done with the General Fund, it has been wrong. Mr. Humphrey said that this year their concept was based on an average from the Western State's Conference and their funds appropriated per sport. Mr. Humphrey said that this did not include large universities or private schools.

Senator Gibson said that he felt the women's athletics would not pay for itself. Mr. Baepler said that hopefully aquatics, football, and basketball will bring in enough box office revenue to cover the others.

Senator Lamb asked about the possibility of not accepting some donations from an undesirable group or person. Mr. Baepler admitted to accepting funds from certain undesirable areas, and felt that it would be best if the team did not accept some of these donations.

Senator Brown asked about tenure with coaches. Mr. Baepler said that a coach used to teach as well, and was eligible for tenure; now, a coach is hired with the understanding that coaching is his/her only job, and there is no tenure involved.

Senator Young asked about the cost of students. Mr. Baepler said that the cost is approximately \$1,500 per student, per semester. Senator Gibson asked about the student fees. Mr. Baepler said that the fees used to allow students to attend games free, but now the University wants to abolish this, and allow the students to buy tickets at a reduced rate.

Senator Gibson asked about the effect of federal money in athletics. Mr. Humphrey said that if federal compliance to certain statutes are required and not followed, then the grants are in jeopardy. Mr. Humphrey said that he would get the exact figure of federal funds involved for Senator Gibson.

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ATHLETICS (Cont.)

Mr. Max Milam in speaking for UNR said that the Governor's recommendations will barely allow the University to carry on their current program in athletics. Mr. Milam said that they too are concerned about the source of some of the donations they receive. Mr. Milam concluded by saying that the University's major effort is to add new sports, and meet federal requirements.

Mr. Humphrey said in response to earlier questions that the total amount in federal receipts for the University System is \$10,294,367, which is 24.1% of total expenditures. Mr. Humphrey also said that the Director of the Computer Center makes \$27,875, and the Director of the University Press makes \$25,175.

STUDENT SERVICES

Tom Mayer said that the main problems in this area are in the wages of the Resident Directors and Resident Assistants in the dormitories, and the upkeep of the dormitories. Mr. Mayer said that \$38,419 is needed to renovate the dormitories, and that this should be done from year to year.

Mr. Humphrey said that bonds covenants provide that in the dormitories all debts are to be met by facility revenue, and therefore the main solution will have come out of student fees.

Mr. Mayer felt that the University has a responsibility to the upkeep of the dormitories and to the students living there, because of the requirement of approved housing by the University for out-of-state, and non-local students. Mr. Mayer said to Senator Lamb that vandalism is caused in part because the students figure the University doesn't care, so why should they.

Senator Gibson asked about the "Discretionary" funds. Mr. Humphrey said that this covers an endowment fund of \$10,000,000; unrestricted bequests and gifts; and the Board of Regent's projects fund. Mr. Humphrey said that the System expects \$200,000 this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
 SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
 FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN