

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, SPECIAL SESSION, 1966

Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Gibson at 2:03 P.M., Tuesday, May 17, 1966 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Glaser, Jones, Bunker, Bailey, Young, Johnson, Bastian, Gibson, Pozzi (2:07).

Absent: None.

Also present - Assemblywoman Geraldine Tyson, Assemblymen Lawrence Jacobsen, Mel Close, Joe Viani.

Attending from the University of Nevada were Dr. Charles Armstrong, President; Ed Miller, Chancellor; Wendell Mordy, Vice President; Dean James Anderson, College of Engineering; Neil Humphrey, Vice President, Finance; Harold Jacobsen, Regent; Dr. Fred Anderson, Regent; Procter Hug, Jr., Regent; Donald Moyer, Chancellor, Nevada Southern. Department of Education representatives were John W. Buntin, Director, Vocational Education; John McCarthy, State Supervisor, Vocational Technical Education Division; Byron Stetler, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Chairman Gibson announced the purpose of the meeting was discussion of AB 6, 11, 16; SB 1 and 5 and anything else relating to University and Vocational Technical Bills and Stead Air Force Base acquisition.

Dr. Armstrong was asked to present his requests. He discussed new position needs. Mr. Gibson said money for these is in SB 5. Discussion of need for new positions. Dr. Armstrong said when everything else was taken care of, no money was available for new positions. Money does not include salary increase funds-though badly needed, these will wait until next regular session. Money would just maintain present faculty load. Chairman Gibson asked whether anyone would be deprived of going to school and Dr. Armstrong said yes - where sections are filled up and no teachers available. First preference to regular students - specials take what's left. Dr. Moyer said Nevada Southern turns away quite a few. Mr. Jones asked if Nevada students have priority where student must be rejected. Dr. Armstrong said out of state students if regular students are treated same as anyone else so could be curtailing our own students. Discussion of furnishings at Nye Hall now under construction - SB 1 is corrective legislation. Building won't be ready and no way to store furnishings until - legislation will hold money until next year. Discussion revenue certificates to construct Student Union Building - matching federal money. Dr. Moyer discussed fee to be charged full time students - probably \$12.00 per semester from each student to retire bonds. Would be in addition to regular fees. Mr. Pozzi asked if fee mandatory, thought it should not be.

Mr. Knisley came in - 2:19.

Mr. Glaser asked about breakdown of fees. Discussion of building fee of \$42.00. Mr. Pozzi asked about court decisions on constitutional provision no fees shall be charged. Mr. Humphrey said the law has been amended. Chairman Gibson asked that Mr. McDonald be called in. He came in at 2:27 P.M. He felt that the fees were legal. Chairman Gibson also asked him if there was a provision for refunding on the bond issues and Mr. McDonald

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said that in order to avoid special bills it was recommended that refunding provisions could be built in. Mr. Humphrey said the original question was whether or not they were callable. Mr. Knisley asked if there had ever been an opinion on non-revenue bonds, he said he was opposed to the method of financing the structures and felt they should be paid for out of general obligation bonds. President Armstrong said the bonding ~~counsel~~ had been agreeable to the method presented. Discussion of scholarships to help needy students. Dr. Armstrong was asked to present justification of need for dining hall on Reno campus and second dormitory for Nevada Southern. He said students were being turned away because of lack of facilities. Mr. Humphrey said there is extensive paper work to be done ahead of time which must be begun as soon as possible.

Russ McDonald left the meeting at 2:50 P.M., as did Mr. Close and Mr. Viani.

Dr. Armstrong was asked to discuss plans for Stead Air Force Base use. A map was placed in view of the Committee by Dean Anderson. President Armstrong discussed the proposal for use of facilities. Informational summary sheets were passed out.

Mr. Bastian and Mrs. Tyson left the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

Mr. Johnson was called out for a phone call at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Glaser told Dr. Armstrong the Committee was quite impressed with facilities at Stead but apprehensive about costs. However, were more favorably impressed with cost breakdown given the Committee. Discussion of what would happen to facility in case of national emergency.

Mr. Johnson back, 3:08.

Mr. Young asked about the city of Reno operating sewage plant. Chairman Gibson asked about matching federal funds. Discussion of whether these funds would cut into amount given to Vocational Education should they be at Stead also. Mr. Bunten said it would. Mr. Miller said under Title 1 additional federal funds would be available. Chairman Gibson called a 10 minute recess, at 3:20.

Meeting resumed, 3:34 P.M.

Present: Johnson, Glaser, Jones, Bunker, Young, Gibson. Pozzi (3:38); Bailey (3:39) Absent: Bastian
Reno City Manager Joe Latimore present.

Chairman Gibson announced that he had asked Dr. Armstrong to remain to discuss the problem of the need of public schools for teachers. Dean Anderson, Mr. Morby and Mr. Humphrey also stayed. as did Chancellor Miller and Chancellor Moyer.

Discussion by Armstrong of problem - many teachers taking jobs outside of Nevada after graduation. Discussion of Master's program, contribution of Nevada Southern.

Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Mordy and Mr. Humphrey left at 3:42.

Discussion by Reno City Manager Joe Latimore on what the City of Reno would assume at Stead, just what would be involved in the transfer from Federal jurisdiction. Mr. Latimore said it was recommended that the City of Reno take over operation and maintenance of sewer lines and plant. Discussion of this, as well as arrangements for yard maintenance, street upkeep, police protection.

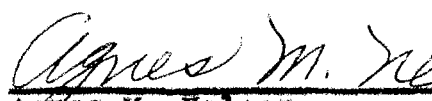
Mr. Glaser left at 3:55. Mr. Barrett left at 3:58, Mr. Latimore at 3:59.

John Bunten, Director, Vocational Education, was asked to present his need for use of facilities at Stead Air Force Base. He passed out a summary of area vocational technical school developments by states. He stated that he and Mr. McCarthy had served on the Stead Air Force Committee. He said that \$200,000 was now need for his program, rather than the \$70,000.00 recommended by the Governor because \$250,000 worth of equipment formerly at the Base which could have been used by the program is no longer available because of the national situation re defense. Discussion of the general situation. Chairman Gibson said he felt complications would result from having one facility under the County and one under the State Department. Discussion of whether they could work with the University. Mr. Gibson said he thought County would be best, wondered if the situation could be explored with them. He wondered whether the setup would be detracting from already functioning programs. Mr. Bunten said he had asked Dr. Russo of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C. to give his evaluation of the proposed program at Stead. If his verdict is not to go into it, Mr. Bunten would withdraw. He said he would not know until Thursday, May 19. Mr. Gibson said the Committee would be interested in knowing of the report.

Mr. Bunten, Dean Anderson left the meeting at 3:58.

Chairman Gibson asked Ernie Johnson to have Prison officials and Mr. Hancock of the Planning Board meet with the Committee at 2:00 p.m. May 18. He announced a Committee meeting for 9:30 A.M., May 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Agnes M. Nelson,
Committee Stenographer


James I. Gibson, Chairman