

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

December 10, 1918

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, was held on December 10th, 1918, pursuant to call, at 3:30 P. M., the following members being in attendance:-

Mrs. David, President of the Board,
Mrs. Brooks, Miss Edith K. O. Clark,
Mr. Brooks, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Carey,
Mr. Spalding, Dr. Hamilton, President Nelson,
W. S. Ingham, Secretary.

Mr. Beach was unable to attend on account of the Influenza epidemic. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting in June were read and approved, also the Minutes of the Special Meeting in July, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held in September.

The matter regarding fees to be paid by Students in the Physical Training classes at Cheyenne, conducted by Miss Clement, the Instructor in Physical Education for Women, was taken up. It was stated that the fees amounted to a little more than the expenses and, upon motion, it was decided that the fees should be checked against the expenses and that Miss Clement should receive any sum paid in excess of the expenses.

A letter was read from the Midwest Refining Company, concerning the Walker and Wood Leases, and the Secretary stated that Mr. Raynor of the Midwest Refining Company was in waiting and requested permission to appear before the Board. Mr. Raynor was, thereupon, invited to appear before the Board. Mr. Raynor in speaking on behalf of the Midwest Refining Company, stated that it was proposed to put down a well on the Walker Lease to the Second Wall Creek Sand, and that his Company had made an appropriation for that purpose, having spent many thousands of dollars in the development already accomplished. He asked for an extension of time upon both leases, as the proposed well would prove the value of the second wall creek sand upon both. A discussion followed, in the course of which, Mr. Raynor answered a number of questions proposed by the members of the Board. Mr. Raynor left and there was a further discussion.

The Secretary then stated that Mr. Gibson and Mr. Poole of the Interstate Exploration and Oil Company were also waiting. They were, accordingly, invited to appear before the Board, Mr. Gibson speaking in behalf of the Interstate Exploration & Oil Company

Lease, the A. C. Sloan Lease, W. L. Loveland Lease and the Arthur Hughes Lease, stating that none of the leases were nearer than two miles from the Ohio Company's producing well. He stated that his Company had been delayed for a long time by the refusal of the Government to grant permission to purchase material. He also stated that during September they were given permission to get supplies and had been working hard to get ready since that time. They had built bridges, roads and camps, using four carloads of materials; getting rigs and tools from Casper; and working in every way to get ready for development. They had also been very much hindered by the impossibility to get suitable labor. Mr. Gibson promised for his Company that they would begin drilling directly after the holidays, concentrating their efforts on Section 24. Mr. Gibson further stated that they considered Section four a very doubtful value.

It now being six P. M., the Board adjourned to meet again at 7:00 P. M., the Secretary being requested to ask Mr. Corthell, the Attorney, to meet with the Board at this time.

At 7:15 P. M., the Board resumed its meeting, with Mr. Corthell in attendance. Mr. Corthell was then asked for his opinion, as to what the action of the Board should be in the matter of the Walker and Wood Leases. Mr. Corthell advised immediate cancellation of the leases and the re-advertising of them in the usual manner.

The following motion was made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brooks and carried:-

"The Board having given formal notice to the holders of the Walker and Wood Leases, and no satisfactory reasons having been presented as to why these leases should not be cancelled, said leases are hereby declared terminated for non-compliance with the terms thereof."

Upon motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Secretary was directed to re-lease the land, the Board to advertise same in the usual manner upon their application. Upon motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Spalding, the Secretary was directed to write to the Commissioner of Public Lands at Cheyenne, and ask if the rental for this year, was paid upon the Walker and Wood Leases, the Board feeling that only an amount proportionate with the operation of the leases should be retained.

Mr. Corthell then addressed the Board upon the leases of the Interstate Exploration

and Oil Company, stating that since the leases had been granted, the prospective value of the Rock River Field had increased enormously. A discussion followed. Mr. Arnold introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Brooks and carried:-

"The matter of the showing of diligence by the Interstate Company, coming up for action by the Board, it is moved and carried that the showing made is insufficient. Leave is hereby granted to said Company, for additional showing, accompanied by vouchers, within thirty days hereafter."

The Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. Homer Mc Gee in regard to his lease but had received no reply and that he understood, from information received from the Commissioner of Public Lands, that the fees had not been paid. The Secretary also stated that the Laramie Shale, Refining & Oil Company had sent in a report stating that Government restrictions had prevented them from accomplishing anything in the way of development on their lease but that they expected to go ahead shortly with it.

The Secretary further stated in regard to the Murphy Lease, that he had received word of the death of Mr. Murphy from an attack of Influenza. Upon motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Brooks, the Secretary was instructed to notify the holders of these leases that they were in default in regard to their reports of development, requesting them to show cause as to why their lease should not be cancelled.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Commissioner of Public Lands, to the effect that the Mutual Refining & Producing Company had sent a check for excess royalty upon University oil for the month of November. Miss Clark explained that Mr. Lee had brought up the matter at the meeting of the State Land Board and was rather inclined to the opinion that the contract made by the State for the sale of State oil to the Mutual Company, included University Oil royalties. Miss Clark stated further that both Governor Houx and herself dissented from this opinion. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Lee, the Commissioner of Public Lands, stating that there must be some mistake in the payment of the money for University royalty oils by the Mutual Company.

President Nelson then read his Annual Report to the Board. There followed a discussion of the President's Report, especially regarding matters concerning the Permanent Funds and building requirements. Upon motion of Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was decided that 1000 copies be printed of the very able report of the President, it being understood that he omit any portion he thought necessary and that he use his own judgment in the matter of illustrations and other material he might wish to include. It was the belief of the Board that the Report of the President would appeal to the patriotism and loyalty of the State.

The following degrees as recommended by the President and Faculty, were granted upon motion of Mr. Carey and seconded by Mr. Spalding:-

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS --

Bachelor of Arts:-

Charles C. Marlowe, Geo. C. Atteberry,
 Arnold O. Horning.

NORMAL DIPLOMA--

Elementary Teachers:-

Myra Elenora Greer Blanche Marie Evans,
 Grace Wilhelmina Park.

President Nelson then spoke of the necessity of refunding all Railroad fares above \$10.00 of students coming to the University to prepare for teaching, stating that he believed that such a procedure for those who come for the regular term as well as those who come for the Summer term, would be the best method of combating the feeling that Normal Schools should be built in various parts of the State. Miss Clark stated that the State Board of Education would make such a recommendation to the legislature.

The matter of the use of oil royalties for building purposes, was discussed, Mr. Arnold stating that oil royalties are not the sale of land by Supreme Court decisions. Oil was classed as a fugitive mineral.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, the following resolution prevailed:-

"That the suggestion of President Nelson as contained in his Annual Report, that all railroad fares above \$10.00 for the round trip of those students who come to the regular term of the University, to prepare for teaching, be refunded up to the sum of \$6,000., in case no other funds are available, and that if we decide to ask the legislature for the money, we should do so upon the ground that preparation for teaching such as the University officers, is compulsory."

At 11:40 P. M., the meeting adjourned until 8:30 the following morning.

Wednesday morning, December 11th, the Board re-convened at 8:45, those present being:-

Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Spalding, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Brooks,
Miss Clark, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Carey, President Nelson.

The first matter introduced by President Nelson was the mode of procedure in regard to the Mess Hall and its use. President Nelson stated that if the young women were to be boarded at the Mess Hall, there would probably be 200 people to provide for. He stated that the use of the Mess Hall would considerably increase the expenses of the working force as compared with the present dormitory force. If the Mess Hall should not be used, it would still be necessary to establish a University Commons for the Men. Mr. Carey came in at this point. The Secretary stated that Mrs. Knight, the Dean of Women, was in waiting and he was requested to ask her to give her views on the matter of the use of the Mess Hall for the young women as well as the men. A general discussion followed, Mrs. Knight answering many questions as to the advantage or otherwise, of using the Mess Hall for men and women together.

President Nelson stated that the space given to Home Economics Work in the Dormitory was badly crowded. At this point Dr. Hamilton came in.

President Nelson stated that the Lavatory could be converted into a work shop for the University Mechanic. Upon motion of Mrs. Brooks, the President was authorized to have the lavatory converted into a work shop for the University Mechanic.

Incidentally, President Nelson brought up the matter of the division of the College year into terms, as requested by the War Department, and the relative merits of the old semester system as used heretofore. Upon motion, it was left to the judgment of President Nelson and the Faculty as to which method should be used.

President Nelson mentioned the difficulty experienced in keeping Janitors and Firemen. He stated that he was again forced to ask permission to raise their wages, the situation being further complicated by the death of Mr. Beacham, one of the firemen. Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Brooks, President Nelson was authorized to pay additional compensation to the Janitors and Firemen, raising their wages as we might find it necessary in the future.

Mrs. Knight stated her views to the Board upon co-educational eating, stating she felt sure that the Mess Hall would prove an expensive place to manage, however, in as much as the Woman's Hall Dining Room was now being used at its full capacity, it would probably be necessary to open up the Dining Room at Hoyt Hall. Mrs. Knight stated that it might work out all right to board the young women and men together but that she objected to the cafeteria style of service, it being very wasteful and not conducive to good table manners. Mrs. Knight stated that the Cafateria method was not liked by the young women. President Nelson stated that he would recommend a price of \$22.00 per month for men at the Dining Hall. A motion then was made by Mr. Arnold that Mrs. Knight be asked to visit some co-educational establishment at the earliest opportunity, in order that she might see how the problem is worked out elsewhere.

The following motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Hamilton:-

"Authority is hereby granted to the President and members of the Faculty as may be selected by him to make use of that building known as "The Mess Hall", which is to be hereafter known by such other name as the Faculty may select, as a Dining Hall for both the young men and the young women attending the University. That the privilege of boarding there be extended to the unmarried members of the Faculty. That fraternities and sororities be granted no special privileges and that the seating of the young men and women be fixed by lot, under the direction of the members of the Faculty in charge; and that Mrs. Knight, Dean of Women, be,

" and hereby is respectfully requested to assume the general supervision and management of the Hall, its conduct and equipment including the selecting and re-employing of labor and assistants, subject to the approval of the President."

The Chairman declared the motion carried but Mr. Carey asked for ayes and noes for the vote upon it. The vote was taken as follows:-

Mrs. Brooks - aye	Mr. Spalding - aye
Mr. Carey - no	Mr. Arnold - "
Dr. Hamilton Aye	Mr. Brooks - "
Mrs. David - "	

The Secretary stated that there were six for the motion and one against it, and it was therefore declared carried.

President Nelson then recommended the following appointments:-

Miss Mary A. Baird of California, to the position of County Home Demonstration Agent in Niobrara County at a salary of \$1,200.00 per year, beginning January 1, 1919, and official expenses:

Miss Laura J. Philbrick, to the position of County Home Demonstration Agent for Lincoln County, effective December 16, 1918, at a salary of \$1,200.00 per year and official expenses.

Mrs. Brooks moved and Mr. Brooks seconded the motion, that the recommendation for these appointments to be made by the President, be confirmed.

President Nelson asked for advice from the Board as to the procedure of the University during the coming session of the Legislature. He called attention especially to the menace to the University of the building Normal Schools in other parts of the State. Mr. Arnold moved that President Nelson be made chairman of the Legislative Committee and that Mrs. David and Mr. Brooks be appointed as the other members of the Committee. This motion was carried.

The President then appointed Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Brooks and Dr. Hamilton as a Committee to audit the books of the Secretary.

President Nelson spoke of the excellent work for the University and the and the S. A. T. C., performed by Professor W. A. Hitchcock on the building work, of Professor Coxen, Professor R. B. Moudy and Mrs. E. H. Knight in the supervision of the Dining Halls. Also of Dr. A. B. Hamilton in the care of the health of the young men. President Nelson stated that the assistance rendered had been invaluable.

The President adjourned the meeting for a short time in order to give the Auditing Committee time to look over the books. Upon the resumption of business, the Auditing Committee presented the following report:-

"We, your Committee, appointed to audit the books of the Secretary of the University of Wyoming, from July 1st, 1917 to June 30, 1918, report as follows:-

We have checked the totals of the Receipts and Disbursements and the balances in the various accounts as shown by the books, with the report of the State Examiner for the same period and find them to agree."

Upon motion, the report of the Auditing Committee was accepted.

The Secretary stated that Dr. S. H. Knight was in waiting and he was thereupon requested to appear before the Board. Dr. Knight read his report upon the situation at the Hjorth property. He stated that there was no development on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and that the well was situated in the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$. Dr. Knight answered a number of questions and explained to the Board several maps which he presented as a part of his report. Dr. Knight was thanked by the Board for this report.

The Secretary was directed to proceed with the advertising of the Hjorth Property as requested by Messrs. West & Hazlette.

Mr. Arnold introduced the following resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Brooks:-

"The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, by unanimous vote, places upon its records, this testimonial of gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. E. H. Knight, Professor Coxen, Prof. Moudy and Prof. Hitchcock for extraordinary service, patriotically rendered in the University War Work program, without extra compensation and with untiring devotion, making possible thereby the work which The University of Wyoming carried on during the war, now brought to a victorious close.

It was further ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them."

Mr. Arnold also made the following resolution:-

"It was moved and carried that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming desires to place upon its records, its testimonial of gratitude and appreciation to Dr. A. B. Hamilton, who with professional skill and unselfish and untiring devotion, so guarded the health of our Student Body during the crisis of the late epidemic that the University escaped without fatality."

The Secretary brought up the matter of the purchase of shares of the Pioneer Canal Company and upon motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Spalding, the President and Secretary were authorized to sign the notes for deferred payments upon the shares.

The Secretary brought up the matter of the need of a house in which to store ice and upon motion of Mr. Brooks, the matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary then brought up the matter of damages claimed by the Austrian, John Jireh, for a broken arm sustained while at work on the University Farm last year. Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, the matter was referred to the County Prosecuting Attorney.

Mrs. David stated that this would be the last meeting attended by Miss Clark who was leaving almost at once for overseas work with the Y. M. C. A. The President then called for a standing vote of thanks to Miss Clark for her devotion and attention to the duties of the Board. All the members then stated their appreciation of the work of Miss Clark and heartily wished her the best of success in her new undertaking. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary.