

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**September 5, 1918**

**For the confidential information  
of the Board of Trustee**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, was held this date pursuant to call, with Mrs. David, the President, in the Chair, and also in attendance:

Miss Edith K. O. Clark,  
Dr. A. B. Hamilton  
Mr. W. S. Ingham

Judge Jos. M. Carey  
Mr. C. D. Spalding  
President Aven Nelson.

Mr. Brooks wired that it was impossible for him to be in Laramie on the 5th and Mr. Beach also wired as follows:

"Not feeling well but will try to be present".

The Secretary reported that he had not heard from Mrs. Brooks and that the meeting had been called too recently to make it possible to reach Judge Burke.

President Nelson addressed the meeting as to the purpose for calling it which he stated was for the necessity of providing suitable housing and eating quarters for the men that would be brought to the University, if the University should undertake to handle a Unit of the Students' Army Training Corps. The President stated that they had, in fact, entered upon such agreement, and upon motion of Dr. Hamilton, the Board unanimously approved of making such a contract with the United States Government for a Unit of the S. A. T. C. of 250 men. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ingham and carried.

President Nelson stated that Mr. Burrage on Saturday, August 31st, on his way to Estes Park, in passing through Fort Collins, had called upon President Lory of the College of Agriculture at that place, and that gentleman had showed he and Dr. Vass, who was with him, what the Colorado Agricultural College was doing to meet this situation.

The President stated that Mr. Burrage had been so impressed that he had at once called him upon the 'phone, and that the following day, in company with Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Spalding and Capt. Daly, he had motored to Fort Collins and that they had made a thorough inspection of the equipment at that place. President Nelson stated that the gentlemen who had accompanied him, and himself were of the opinion that the University should undertake some construction work at once.

It was, therefore, decided, after much discussion, upon motion of Mr. Spalding and seconded by Dr. Hamilton, that the University build a Mess Hall on such lines and plans as may be determined, to accommodate 500 people. Carried.

Mrs. David appointed as the Committee to have charge of the matter of the plans and to attend to the construction equipment of this building and other necessary alterations, the executive committee, making Dr. Hamilton Chairman of the same and adding as members of the Committee, Mr. Spalding and President Nelson.

The Board discussed the matter of building a barracks but decided at present not to undertake the erection of such a structure. However, upon motion of Mr. Ingham, the building committee was empowered, in case the government should not approve of the accommodations that at present are contemplated, to build additional barracks. This motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried.

The plan for barracks as outlined, to take care of the men when they should report, was to make use of the Gymnasium by extending the running track about ten feet on either side which would practically add another story to that building, and also make use of as much of the basement of the Agricultural Hall as necessary and also the two available Fraternity Houses. President Nelson also suggested, that temporarily, the men might be fed in the basements of two or three of the churches until the Mess Hall should have been completed.

Mrs. David reported that the Executive Committee which had been empowered to do so, had chosen Mr. Ingham to act as Secretary during the absence of Mr. Burrage, with the understanding that he should resign from the Board. Upon motion, this appointment was approved.

President Nelson reported that there had been a mis-understanding with reference to Mr. Laney's salary and that Director Bowman had practically promised him a raise, therefore we should stand by the Director, and upon motion of Mr. Spalding, this raise was approved.

The Secretary then submitted bids for Coal from C. L. Houston and Willis Jensen, which were as follows:

Willis Jensen

Will deliver to you at University coal bins, coal or slack at actual cost for the same on board cars at the mines, plus freight to Laramie, hauling same and weighing on City Scales at an additional cost of \$1.25 per ton. Above from the Central Coal and Coke Co. or what is known as Peacock Coal.

C. L. Houston

Will furnish coal for School year at the following price for slack plus freight and war tax and \$1.25 per ton for delivery, weighing shortage demurrage, etc.

Present Govt. maximum price.....	\$1.25
" Egt. & War tax.....	2.06
Delivery, etc.,.....	1.25
Present price,.....	\$5.16

Per ton-

The Secretary also read a letter written to Mr. Houston by the Central Coal & Coke Company, in which they guaranteed that gentlemen that they would take care of this contract. In view of this fact, together with the fact that Mr. Houston had so splendidly looked after the University's interests in the coal matter for the past two years, the Board, upon motion, awarded the contract to Mr. Houston.

The President stated that it was absolutely necessary to raise the salaries of the head janitor and also the other janitors, if the University were to retain their services. He stated, that in reality, three of these men were not Janitors, but were engine men; that they had been with the University for years and that their services were valuable. The following raises were approved:

John Prahl, Head Janitor from \$110.	to \$125.
John Beacham, " 95.	to 115.
George Hunt " 95.	to 115.
Robert Lundgren " 95.	to 115.

The President stated that Mr. Pilger wished to retire. He was, therefore, authorized to get a man in his place on the best possible terms.

Upon motion of Judge Carey and seconded by Mr. Spalding, Professor Harrison C. Dale, was appointed Acting Registrar during the absence of Mr. Burrage. Carried.

The Board then discussed the matter of offering some of its royalty oil for sale, and upon motion of Dr. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr. Ingham, the following resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved, that we offer for sale to the highest bidder, the royalty oils of the University of Wyoming in the Big Muddy Field for the ensuing six months, beginning October 1st."

The Secretary was accordingly instructed to send copies of this resolution to the following companies:-

The Midwest Refining Company, Casper, Wyoming.  
The Mutual Refining Company, Glenrock, Wyoming.  
The Producers & Refiners Corporation, Denver, Colo.

The matter of the fourth Liberty Loan was brought up and upon motion of Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Ingham, it was decided that the State Treasurer be requested, when that loan should be made, to <sup>invest</sup> pay \$50,000.00 of the University Permanent Land Funds <sup>in</sup> for it, and also <sup>invest</sup> \$50,000.00 of the same funds in Farm Loan Bonds. The Secretary was also instructed, in writing to the State Treasurer, to request that the Women's State Committee be given credit for this. <sup>\$50,000</sup> Carried.

Upon the recommendation of President Nelson, the following appointments were made:

Mr. W. H. Carrington, Jr., of Lyman, Wyoming, to the position of County Agricultural Agent for Uinta County, with headquarters at Evanston, at a salary of \$1,700.00 per annum and official expenses, to be effective September 1, 1918.

Miss Hazel McCrory as Assistant Clerk in the office of the Extension Division, at a salary of \$70.00 per month, beginning August 26, 1918. Miss McCrory's appointment is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Aileen Anderson.

Miss May Kinney as Assistant in the Wool Department for the coming year and to begin work September 15th, at a salary of \$100.00 per month for the balance of the fiscal year.

Mr. P. T. Miller, as Professor of Chemistry, for the academic year ending August 31st, 1919, at a salary rate of \$2,520. per annum, effective September 1st, 1918.