

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

**June 16-17, 1919**

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

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was held this date, pursuant to call, with Dr. Hamilton in the Chair, and also in attendance:-

Mrs. B. B. Brooks, Mr. C. D. Spalding, Mr. C. P. Arnold,  
Mr. W. C. Deming, Mr. L. H. Brooks, Mrs. Katharine Morton,  
President Nelson.

The Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee from June 13th, 1918 to June 11th, 1919, also the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of April 8th, 1919, were read. After the reading of the Minutes, it was moved and seconded that the proceedings of the said Committee, as read for the year, be ratified and accepted. The motion was carried. Upon motion, the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 8th were also approved.

President Nelson announced that an invitation had been extended by the Alumni Association of the University, to the Board of Trustees, asking that they become the guests of the Association at Dinner on Tuesday evening. Upon motion, the invitation was accepted.

At 4:30 P. M., the Board re-assembled with the same members present as in the afternoon.

President Nelson stated that he would like the Board to consider a proposal made by a real estate company of this City, that the University purchase eight acres of land adjoining the University Campus in its northeast corner. This matter was discussed at some length. At eight o'clock adjournment was taken until nine o'clock Tuesday morning.

At 9:20 A. M. on Tuesday, June 17th, the Board re-assembled being called to order by the President, Dr. Hamilton, the following members being present:-

Mrs. B. B. Brooks, Mr. L. H. Brooks, Mr. W. C. Deming,  
Mr. C. D. Spalding, Mr. C. P. Arnold, Mrs. Katharine Morton,  
President Nelson.

President Nelson began the reading of his Annual Report. At the conclusion of the reading of this report, a motion prevailed that we unanimously approve and ratify the appointments as recommended by the President in his report, for services on the faculty.

The appointments were as follows:-

Miss Kathaleen Hayes, as Instructor in Latin in the University High School, effective September first, at a salary of \$1,320.00 per annum.

Miss Bess Chappel, as Assistant Professor in Home Economics Education, at a salary of \$1,860.00 per annum.

Mr. L. R. Davies, as Associate Professor of Teacher Training for Vocational Agriculture, at a salary of \$2,520.00 per Annum.

Mr. W. L. Quayle, Director of Experiments, at a salary of \$2,640.00, with an Assistant Professor's rank.

Miss Winnie E. Wheeler, as Instructor in Geography in the Training School, at a salary of \$1,140.00 per annum.

A motion prevailed that the following resignations, as presented in the report of the President, be accepted:-

Professor A. E. Bellis, of the Department of Physics,

Professor H. L. Eby, of the Department of Rural Education.

Dr. John I. Hardy, of the Wool Department,

Miss Beatrice Thomson, of the Department of Home Economics.

Miss Julia Schulte, of the University High School.

A motion prevailed that the leave of absence, requested by Miss Ruegnitz, be granted upon the President's recommendation.

A motion prevailed that an advancement in title be granted to the following Faculty members:-

Mr. R. E. Berry to the rank of Associate Professor of Commerce,

Mr. Earl C. O'Roke, to the rank of Assistant Professor of Zoology and Assistant Parasitologist.

Miss Katherine A. Waller to Assistant Professor in Home Economics.

Mr. A. C. Cross, to Assistant Professor in the Teaching of History and Principal of the University High School.

A motion prevailed that the matter of Professor Knight's status in relation to the University and his proposed new work be referred to the Executive Committee, subject to the recommendations of the President.

The President stated that Dr. Hebard had offered her resignation as Librarian after twenty-five years of service, as she wished in the future to devote her entire time to her Chair of Political Economy and Sociology. Upon the recommendation of President Nelson, the Board conferred upon Dr. Hebard the title of Librarian Emeritus in recognition of her long and meritorious services.

At twelve o'clock noon, the Board adjourned to meet again at one o'clock, the members accepting the invitation of Mrs. Knight to take luncheon at the University Commons.

The Board re-convened at one o'clock with the same members present as in the morning, with the exception of President Hamilton, Vice President Deming assuming the Chair.

The following motion prevailed:- That Mr. N. E. Corthell be retained as Attorney and Counsel for the Board of Trustees at an annual fee of \$500.00, such fee to cover all ordinary advice and consultations, and attendance when requested, at meetings of the Board, or of the Executive Committee, and with such proper and suitable additional charges as may be made for extra services to be rendered.

Mr. Deming, as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to confer with the State Officials, handed in a written report, which has been placed on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Deming, in this connection, made the following recommendation:-

" I would recommend the Institution, at an early date, of a friendly suit involving the various questions which the experience of the past indicates, will rise between the University and the State Land Board, and other State Officials from time to time. A settled policy will avoid controversy and stabilize the State's growing land business"

Attached to Mr. Deming's report, was a letter dated April 24th from President Nelson, a letter dated May 29th, from the State Land Commissioner, Mr. A. Baker, a copy of extracts from the Minutes of the State Land Board Commissioners of the Meeting of Jan. 25th, 1917, also a copy of letter written to Governor Carey under date of June 9th, 1919.

The following motion was made by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Spalding and carried:-

"WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming has expended the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the supervision and care of the lands of the University, and in the investigation and report on its oil and royalties, no part of which has been refunded from gross receipts on account of oil royalties,

NOW THEREFORE, we respectfully request the State Treasurer to refund said sum so expended, so that it can be restored to the fund from which it came, to the end that the sum invested in permanent funds, be net proceeds only."

The recommendation regarding the appointment of a business manager, was then taken up and the following Resolution, made by Mr. Deming, was carried:-

"WHEREAS, President Nelson in his Annual Report, recommends the employment of a Business Manager, having native ability and adequate training sufficient for securing for the University a maximum income from all legitimate sources, and to study questions of investments, and to secure from expenditures, the largest possible returns;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the position of Business Manager for the University of Wyoming be, and is hereby created, at a salary to be fixed by the Board.

The Executive Committee is hereby directed to engage such Business Manager at an early date."

The following motion prevailed:-

"That the President of the Board of Trustees ask the City authorities of Laramie, to employ a night Watchman for the University grounds during the months of June, July and August, also September. If the City will not provide a man, that chains be put up at the entrances to the Campus grounds.



Upon the recommendation of the President and Faculty, the Board unanimously authorized the granting of the following diplomas and degrees:-

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS--

Bachelor of Arts:--

Lloyd A. Buchanan  
Edith R. Fessenden,  
Eleanore Louise Larsh  
Amy E. Matheson  
E. Mary Osmond  
Rajendra Singh  
Bertha Mae White

Bachelor of Arts with honor:--

Maude L. Avent  
Sara L. Baisinger  
Katherine June Cloos  
Dorothy M. Smith  
Ruth Swanson

Bachelor of Music:--

Carrie Blanche Hitchcock  
Jane Ninde

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE--

Bachelor of Science:--

Agnes E. Avent  
Jennie Mae Ayers  
Margaret Longshore  
Wright L. Hess  
Ruth E. Nash  
Leoti Muriel Patrick  
Edith June Peters

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING--

Bachelor of Science:--

Art G. Burckert

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION--

Bachelor of Arts:--

Della Crosbie Landis  
Merton Willer

Bachelor of Arts with Honor:

Morna Alma Wood

Bachelor of Science:--

Emily Harriet Anderson

Upon the recommendation of President Nelson, Mr. Elwood Johnson was appointed Bookkeeper for the University, at a salary of \$1,800. per annum.

The Board then proceeded to discuss the revised form of oil and gas lease as presented by the Committee appointed to take care of this matter. During the reading of this revised form of lease, Mr. Jos. M. Carey and Governor Robt. D. Carey came into the meeting and sat with the Board. At the conclusion of the reading of the form of lease, the following motion prevailed:-

"That Mr. Arnold and Mr. Deming be appointed as a Committee to take up the form of lease and confer with the State Land Commissioner, with a view to harmonizing the provisions of the oil and gas lease, with the lease of the State Land Board as closely as possible.

At Five-thirty P. M., the Board adjourned until eight o'clock, the members wishing to attend the Alumni Supper at Cathedral Hall. The Board re-convened at 9:30 in the evening, being called to order by President Hamilton.

Mr. Deming read a tentative form of Resolution which was drawn up concerning the moneys of the University derived from oil royalties. Mr. J. M. Carey spoke at length upon the question of royalties and their use by the University. He stated that the move to utilize money derived from oil royalties in buildings at the University or in current expenses, would be the worst thing the Institution has ever done. He cited instances of other States disposing of such funds and thereby depriving coming generations of the endowment which should be theirs. He said that if the University should succeed in getting from the State Treasury, oil royalty money to be used for current expenses, every county in the State would get after the Board. Judge Carey stated that Public opinion was against any such use of royalty moneys, and that the procedure spoken of in the aforesaid tentative Resolution, would bring the University in the law courts and would be most unfortunate. Governor Robert D. Carey also spoke against the form of Resolution in regard to oil royalty moneys, saying that it would be better for the University to be content with the present  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill tax levee which would soon become a fixed policy and enable the University to be entirely free from politics.

He said that it would be foolish to use royalty money in this way and thereby throw the University into politics. The question would go much further he said, than the University, and would involve the whole state, embarrassing the State Officials in their endeavor to build up an endowment for educational purposes. Mr. Arnold and President Nelson then spoke of the great needs of the University, in the way of heating plant, new dormitories, Library buildings, etc. After considerable discussion, the following revised Resolution was presented by the Committee and adopted:-

"WHEREAS, By reason of conflicting interpretations of the State Constitution and Statutes, the money derived from oil royalties on University land has since January 1918 been credited to the Permanent Land Fund, AND WHEREAS, under such interpretations, only the interest on said moneys is available for use, AND WHEREAS, the one-half mill tax levied by the State for maintenance and new buildings, yields only about \$136,000. per annum, AND WHEREAS, the rapid growth of the student body necessitates a new heating plant, and a fire proof library, AND WHEREAS, the expense of operating the University has increased and the purchasing power of money, involving the cost of buildings, has so materially diminished,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees, of the University of Wyoming, in open session, that it is the present desire of the Board, to avail itself of  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  of the money of the University derived from oil leases, for the urgent purposes aforesaid.

The Board of Trustees, as at present organized, does, therefore, rescind any former action which may have been taken by the Board, and recalls any previous requests made by it to any state official, which in terms or in effect, converted all of the said money derived from oil leases to a Permanent Fund.

In pursuance of this Resolution, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, hereby respectfully requests the State Treasurer of Wyoming, to credit said  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  of all money derived from oil leases not heretofore actually invested in permanent securities, to such funds as will render it available for use, which action, as the Board of Trustees, believes is in accord with the intent of the law and the needs of the University."

The following motion prevailed:



President Nelson brought up the matter of the appointment of Mr. W. L. Quayle, as Director of Experiments. A motion prevailed that the recommendation of the President be endorsed and the proper action taken.

Mr. J. M. Carey spoke of a splendid collection of Indian curios, owned by the late Mr. Whitcomb, stating that this collection should be obtained for the University if possible. Upon motion, Mr. Carey was appointed as a committee of one to secure the collection for the University.

In connection with the resignation of Professor Eby, upon the recommendation of President Nelson, the position of Director of Correspondence Study was combined with the chair of Rural Education.

Matters in regard to the personal conduct of Professor Nasmyth, the Director of the Division of Music, having been brought up by President Nelson, and confirmed by the other members of the Board, the following motion prevailed:

That the President of the Board be directed to give Professor Nasmyth notice that he must tender his resignation, his services being no longer required by the University.

Upon motion, President Nelson was authorized to secure a new Director of the Music Division.

The Board then proceeded to take up the discussion of the yearly budget as presented by President Nelson, carrying the re-appointments of the University faculty and other employees. Upon motion, the budget with the recommendation that only such salaries under \$2400. be raised, as in his judgment are deemed necessary, and that the budget be made to conform with the probable income of the University, was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the faculty and employes as stated in the budget, be re-employed for the ensuing year, with such changes in their salaries as may be found necessary.

Upon motion, the Secretary, in consultation with the President, was authorized to re-appropriate the unexpended balances as appearing upon the Secretary's books at this time.

In view of the fact that there has been some public criticism, largely unwarranted, of the form in which the University's accounts are kept and published, President Nelson raised the question as to whether the statements of the several accounts could not be made as to further facilitate their compilation and publication.

The discussion that followed showed that the University's system of book-keeping is accurate and has the approval of expert accountants but, for the purpose of clarifying the situation in the public mind, the following resolution was proposed and adopted.

RESOLVED, that the reports of the University be so segregated as to make clear even to the lay mind the difference between the uses of the several funds: i. e., which are used for resident instruction, which for experimentation, for research, for extension, for the maintenance of state farms, for permanent improvements, and for the administration of the University's properties, and further that the question of the publication of a detailed financial statement be left for future consideration.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 P. M. to meet again at 8:30 on Wednesday morning.

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The Board met again on Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, there being present, the following:- Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Morton, Mr. Spalding, Mr. Deming and President Nelson.

President Nelson brought up the great need of additional heating facilities, also of the difficulty found in housing the employes at the stock farm, and the lack of farm buildings. Mr. Carey and Mr. Brooks came in at this time. Upon motion, an expenditure on the farm, to the extent of \$6,500 was authorized.

Upon the recommendation of President Nelson, a Resolution prevailed that the degree of bachelor of commercial sciences be offered by the University.

President Nelson stated that he had received a letter from the Manager of the Diamond Ranch in Platte County, stating that he wished the University to remove the Rainsford Collection of old carriages, harnesses, saddles, etc., which were stored there. It was decided to refer this matter to Dean Faville, asking him to find a place, if possible, for the storage of the Rainsford Collection.

Upon the recommendation of President Nelson, the following date was decided upon for the opening of the University fall term:-

Tuesday, September 16th, 1919.

President Nelson reported that Dr. Stromquist, after having visited the Mayo Brothers Sanitarium, had been able to take up his duties again and was very much improved.

Upon motion, Mr. Spalding was appointed as a Committee of one to secure the best possible price and terms upon the eight acres of land offered to the University adjoining the Campus, the price not to exceed the sum of \$500.00 per acre. An aye and no vote was called for. The following members answered aye:- Mr. Spalding, Mr. Deming, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Carey and Dr. Hamilton: No:- Mr. Arnold.

The President announced that the election of the officers of the Board for the coming year was in order. A motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for the re-election of the present officers, including the re-election of Mr. F. S. Burrage as Secretary. The Secretary so cast a ballot for the re-election of the present officers, including the re-election of Mr. F. S. Burrage as Secretary:

President, Dr. A. B. Hamilton, Vice-President, Mr. W. C. Deming, Secretary, Mr. F. S. Burrage, Treasurer, Mr. C. D. Spalding.

Dr. Hamilton announced the re-appointment of Mr. C. D. Spalding, Mr. C. P. Arnold, with himself, as members of the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed that the Board meet every three months in the future, to become effective at such time as may be fixed by the President of the Board.

Upon motion the executive committee was empowered to transact all necessary routine business between the sessions of the Board.

Upon motion, the Board adjourned sine die.

Acting Secretary.