

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

October 1, 1919

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The first of the regular quarterly meetings 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 Messrs. Arnold, Beach, Carey, Deming, Spalding, President Nelson and the Secretary. Mr. Fuller, the Fiscal Agent, was also invited into this meeting.

The minutes of the June meeting of the Board were read and, with one or two necessary changes, adopted.

Judge Carey reported with reference to the Whitcombe collection of Indian curios, to secure which he had been appointed as a committee of one, that he had not as yet done anything about it.

With reference to the Rainsford donation of old carriages, harnesses, etc., which at the June meeting had been referred to Dean Faville, a letter was read from that gentleman saying that he had been unable to find any place, either on the University campus or at the farms which would be adequate to store them.

Dr. Nelson stated that a very extensive and vigorous campaign for students had been carried on; that extensive repairs had been made to the various buildings; that it had been a very serious problem to find adequate housing facilities for the students; he also reported that the Military situation was complicated owing to the fact that the authorities at Washington would not allow any of the University High School students to count towards the required number of one hundred and further that in this hundred, no seniors or juniors could be included, nor any men who were on the reserve rosters of any military organizations.

The president recommended Miss Beulah Warner as an instructor in Mathematics in the University High School at a salary of \$100.00 per month from month to month, the appointment being made necessary by the great growth in that department in the High School. Upon motion of Mr. Beach, the appointments above referred to were unanimously approved.

President Nelson made a brief verbal report. He first recommended Dr. F. M. Foster as associate Professor of Rural Education and Director of Correspondence Study at a salary of \$2400.00 a year, effective on the first of October, Dr. Foster to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Professor H. L. Eby.

The Registrar submitted figures for the enrollment of the University to date as follows:

	College	H. S.	Total
Male	181	63	244
Female	168	48	216
	<u>349</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>460</u>

President Nelson presented a request of Director Bowman for a three months' leave during which time he would study extension problems in Idaho, Oregon, California and one or two other Western states. The president stated that this recommendation had been approved by Washington and also had the endorsement of Dean Faville and himself. It carried with it Mr. Bowman's salary during his absence and his necessary travelling expenses. After discussion, upon motion of Judge Carey, seconded by Mr. Beach, the leave was granted.

The Secretary presented a revised summary of the budget, which is incorporated herewith.

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1919 - 1920

<u>Estimated Income</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
State Funds		State Funds	
I. Taxes		I. Salaries and Labor	---- 119,009.16
3/8 mill tax	---- 132,000.00	II. Department Equipment	
1/8 mill tax	---- 44,000.00	Supplies	---- 15,982.20
II. Lands		III. Administrative Depts.	--- 17,585.00
Agricultural	---- 19,000.00	IV. Buildings and	
University	----	Improvements	---- 74,000.00
Omnibus	---- 6,000.00	V. Sheridan and Lander	
III. Balances	---- 6,835.00	Farms	---- 1,550.00
IV. Building Fund	---- <u>30,000.00</u>	VI. Unappropriated	----- <u>9,708.64</u>
Total	---- 237,835.00		237,835.00

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V. Extension

Supplementary Balance--	1,210.00
Balances -----	1,731.00
Direct Appropriations--	13,000.00
Reserves -----	9,979.22
Supplementary -----	45,056.00

VII. Extension Budget 70,976.22

Total 70,976.22

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Grand Total 308,811.22

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Smith-Hughes Fund ----- 3,905.00

Salaries accounted for above

Miscellaneous Fund

I. Balance -----	5,000.00
III. Interest -----	500.00
II. Sales -----	3,000.00
IV. Fees -----	7,500.00

I. Equipment and Supplies--	4,745.00
II. Administrative Depts -	11,025.00
III. Unappropriated ---	230.00

Total 16,000.00

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Morrill Fund

I. United States Government - 50,000.00

I. Salaries and Labor ---	47,245.00
II. Departmental ---	2,755.00

Total 50,000.00

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Hatch Fund

I. United States Government 15,000.00

I. Salaries and Labor ---	9,172.50
II. Equipment, Supplies ---	4,845.00
III. Administrative Depts -	982.50

Total 15,000.00

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Adams Fund.

I. United States Government 15,000.00

I. Salaries and Labor ---	12,025.00
II. Equipment & Supplies --	2,175.00
III. Contingent ---	800.00

Total 15,000.00

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Sales Hatch-Adams Fund

I. Balance -----	1,850.00
II. Sales -----	1,650.00

I. Equipment & Supplies ---	1,280.00
II. Administrative Depts --	600.00
III. Unappropriated ---	1,455.00
IV. Salaries & Labor ---	165.00

Total 3,500.00

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Smith-Lever Fund			
I. Direct Appropriation	15,413.20	---	18,536.20
II. Supplementary Appropriation.	3,123.00		
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Total	18,536.20	Total	18,536.20
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Grand Total	425,637.42	Grand Total	425,637.42
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He stated that he had found upon investigation, that certain items of income had been overlooked, and also others had been incorrectly estimated. Because of the extra funds made available by this summary, President Nelson stated that he wished to recommend some increases in salaries. He presented the names of forty eight members of the faculty whom he thought should be given a raise of \$5.00 a month for the balance of the fiscal year, the raise to be effective September 1st, and two whose rate of increase should be \$10.00 a month also effective September 1st. Upon motion of Mr. Spalding, seconded by Mr. Beach, this recommendation was unanimously approved.

A letter was read from the State Fair Board of Managers, thanking the University for its participation and help in the fair and stating that but for its active cooperation the fair would not have been the success that it was.

Judge Carey moved that all money derived from oil be placed in a fund until it should amount to \$100,000.00 when that sum should be used for the erection of a heating plant; and that thereafter it should be allowed to accumulate further until it reached the sum of \$200,000 and that then that amount should be used for the construction of a library. This motion was not seconded.

The Board then adjourned for luncheon to reconvene at 1:30.

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At 1:45, the Board came together again with the same members present as in the morning except Mr. Spalding who appeared later.

President Nelson recommended the following changes of titles.

Mr. J. L. Robinson, to be assistant Professor of Agronomy and assistant Station Agronomist.

Also that the title of Assistant Professor of Extension Agriculture be added to the titles of Messrs. F. P. Lane, and Paul H. Dupertuis, respectively State leaders in County Agent and Boys' and Girls' Club work.

Upon motion of Mr. Beach seconded by Judge Carey, this recommendation was approved.

Mr. Fuller made an informal report with reference to his activities since assuming his position with the University and stated that he had examined all of the University lands in the Muddy Field, except two tracts, and those two tracts are non-producing ones. Upon motion, it was decided that Mr. Fuller should also include in his examination, the so called Agricultural College lands---such examinations to be made at his reasonable discretion and convenience.

With reference to the decline in the production of the Muddy Field, Mr. Fuller stated that not as many wells were being drilled as should be, nor were the wells being cleaned as carefully as they might be. He said he had taken up the matter with both the Ohio and the Midwest people and that the former in particular were making attempts to remedy the situation.

The Board decided to continue its former policy with reference to grazing lands. It also decided that in every instance where possible, when University lands were to be offered for sale that prior to being appraised, they should be inspected by Mr. Fuller.

The new form of oil lease was at this point, read through to the Board and upon motion of Judge Carey, the committee, consisting of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Deming and Mr. Fuller was authorized to go ahead and put it in print and as soon as proofs could be had, to send one to each member of the Board, with the request that it be returned immediately with any suggestions or corrections that he or she desired to make. The Committee was further authorized to approve and adopt this amended form if it should see fit to do so. Carried.

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It was moved by Judge Carey and seconded by Mr. Deming that a friendly suit be instituted if possible in the Supreme Court for the purpose of settling, by judicial decision, the legal status of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming in the handling of University funds derived from the sale of its lands and the proceeds of its oil leases; to determine with what duty, if any, the Trustees are charged under the law in the care and investment of its permanent funds; to ascertain what is the legal obligation of said Trustees in the granting of leases to drill for oil on University lands, and to what uses and purposes the funds so derived may be applied. Carried.

The Board, at this point, took up the matter of the assignment of the McNiff lease on the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 14, Twp. 19, R. 78W, to Mr. Will McMurray. (During these proceedings, Mr. C. P. Arnold retired from the room) Mr. Thurman Arnold appeared for Dr. McNiff and Judge Lacey for Messrs. Armstrong and McMurray. On behalf of Dr. McNiff, Mr. Arnold presented a protest to the assignment of the lease. After counsel had made their arguments, upon motion of Judge Carey seconded by Mr. Deming, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. The attorneys then withdrew.

That the assignment of the P. C. McNiff oil and gas lease to the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 14, Twp. 19N, R. 78W to L. M. Kiplinger be approved, with the proviso that the Board shall receive in writing from the Ohio Oil Co., through its proper officers, a guarantee of the performance of the conditions of the lease on the part of the lessee and his assigns.

Upon motion of Mr. Deming seconded by Mr. Beach, the Board decided to proceed with the Flavin Lease.

Mr. Thurman Arnold and Judge Lacey again appeared before the Board and Mr. Arnold stated that Dr. McNiff withdrew his protest without prejudice. Mr. Woolery of the Ohio Oil Company said he would have the proper officials of that organization write as to their responsibilities, etc.

Upon motion of Mr. Spalding, the Board authorized the application for sale of Laura L. White for all of Section 22, Twp. 20, R. 77, with a minimum cash price of \$12.00 per acre, all oil and mineral rights being reserved to the Board.

There being no further business, upon motion of Judge Carey, the Board adjourned, sine die.



Secretary.