THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

October 9, 1922

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee
The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 1 P.M. this date, with the following members present:

Mr. Deming, Mr. Prosser, Mr. Geddes, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Brooks, Judge Matson, Dr. Crane, Mr. Fuller and the Secretary.

Absent: Mr. Brooks, Dr. Croft, Mr. Elliott, Governor Carey and Mrs. Morton.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees were read and approved.

President Deming then introduced Dr. Crane, the incoming President of the University. Dr. Crane rose and made a fitting reply.

Following this Mr. Deming introduced Judge Matson of Cheyenne, recently appointed member of the Board of Trustees succeeding Mr. Beach. Judge Matson made a short talk in which he expressed his pleasure in becoming a member of the Board.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, which had occurred since the last meeting of the Board, were next read and approved.

Dr. Crane read his report and spoke of the different topics which the report covered.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Prosser, that the Executive Committee, in conference with Miss Davis and Dr. Crane, be authorized to purchase the furniture and equipment needed in the new Library. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks that Dr. Crane should study the situation, and, with the assistance of the Executive Committee, present recommendations at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees regarding the advisability of extending our Summer School into a twelve
weeks session. This motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Hamilton moved that the University should loan the Alumni Association from the Building Fund, a sum not to exceed $3,000 needed for the completion of the stadium now under construction. This loan is to be secured by note, signed by the officers of the Association, and bearing 5% interest, to be refunded, if the note is paid by July 1st. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Brooks and carried.

Mr. Fuller told of his inspection of the grazing land adjoining the Agronomy Farm. Mr. Prosser and Dr. Hamilton were appointed a committee to assist Mr. Fuller in inspecting and investigating this grazing land, and a recommendation is to be made at either the Committee or Board meeting as soon as possible.

Mr. Fuller then spoke of the difficulty he is experiencing over the Diamond Cattle Company's lease on Sections 24 and 2b near Rock River. The hay on this land has been cut and stacked, without the consent of the University, and the rental has not been paid. It was decided to hold this matter over and bring it up before the joint meeting of the State Land Board and the Board of Trustees, scheduled for October 12th.

It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Prosser, that President Deming be authorized to sign a certificate of purchase to Harry Free for 80 acres of land near Casper, the legal description of the land being the South one-half of the South-west quarter Section 2, Township 33, Range 79.

In the event a quorum of the Board of Trustees might not be able to attend the joint meeting with the State Land Board, to be held in Cheyenne, October 12th, it was moved by Mrs. Brooks and seconded
by Mr. Prosser that those present would be considered a quorum, and be authorized to voice the will of the Board as a whole.

Mr. Fuller then mentioned the need for a winter supply of feed at the Stock Farm, and expressed the wish that he might be able to purchase in quantities at the cheapest prices. Mr. Fuller was instructed to use his best judgement in this matter, having consideration for the temporary shortage in the State University fund.

Letters written to and received from Governor Carey regarding University finances were then read to the Board, and at the suggestion of Mr. Deming, it was decided to hold this over to be taken up with State officials at the coming meeting in Cheyenne.

Mr. Fuller then recommended to the Board that oil burners be installed at the University Power Plant. After discussion, it was moved by Judge Matson that Mr. Fuller and the Executive Committee investigate the situation, and be given power to act in this matter, if they thought it advisable.

The Board then approved the agreement which Mr. Fuller and Mr. Smith had made with Mr. McWhinnie as Manager of the Campus Bookstore.

Gardener Zeller was then called before the Board to answer to the charge of selling University property, and retaining the money. Mr. Zeller presented his defense of this charge, and after being questioned by President Deming, left the room. The case was discussed at length. It was moved by Mr. Prosser, seconded by Dr. Hamilton that Mr. Zeller's services be dispensed with at once, and that he be paid for the full month of October. This motion was carried.

Dr. Nelson then read a letter to the Board from Mrs. Alice W. Merica expressing her deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon
Dr. Merica by naming the former Women's Hall, Merica Hall.

Dr. Nelson showed the Board a very valuable copy of the Dante Memorial Volume, Il Codice Trivulziano Della Divina Commedia, presented to the University by the Italians of the United States, and read the letter which accompanied the donation.

Dr. Nelson also read a letter from Dr. Grace R. Hebard, which accompanied her report of the part taken by University students and faculty members in the World War. This is a very complete record, properly indexed, and contains service records and the University service flag. She requested that the records and flag be preserved for all time in the vaults of the new Library.

Dr. Nelson requested a leave of absence for three months, effective November 1st, to study Botanical problems through the states of Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and California. Mrs. Brooks moved that this request be granted, and that a resolution be prepared by President Deming and Dr. Hamilton to express the deep appreciation which the Board has for Dr. Nelson, and, further, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and copies transmitted to Dr. Nelson.

WHEREAS, Dr. Aven Nelson after five years as president of the University of Wyoming, resigned at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, his activities as president ceased October 2, upon the arrival of his successor Dr. Arthur G. Crane of Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson has served this University in various capacities from the infancy of the institution, in all of which he has succeeded to a high degree, and,
WHEREAS, his industry, his patience and his scholarship were controlling factors in carrying the University of Wyoming through the World War and the reconstruction period thereafter to its present success,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming that we appreciate more fully than we can express his splendid loyalty and labors; that we extend to him our sincere wishes for a continued pleasant relationship upon his return to his former position as Professor of Botany; that we bespeak for him and Mrs. Nelson a long and happy life and all the joy and satisfaction which come from real service and the knowledge of a duty well done.

RESOLVED, that this expression of our good will be made a part of the permanent records of this Board, and a copy thereof be transmitted to Dr. Nelson.

Mr. Prosser was instructed to prepare a similar resolution regarding Mr. Beach.

WHEREAS, the death of the Hon. Charles S. Beach occurred on September 23, 1922, at his home in Kemmerer, after a brief illness from pneumonia, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Beach was a graduate of the University in the Class 1899, and was always its consistent friend, and

WHEREAS, he had been for more than twelve years the Alumni Representative on the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this Board, there has been lost

1. By the Alumni Association not only a loyal and worthy member but a forward looking leader;

2. By the State a citizen of unblemished character who was actively promoting its educational and economic development;

3. By the Board of Trustees a counsellor who by reason of his
kindness of spirit, his directness and sincerity, his tactful analysis of difficult situations, his courage and wisdom, one who commanded not only its respect but its support, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming that there be spread upon the minutes of this Board an expression (1) of appreciation of that fine manhood which won for him the love of his fellow-men; (2) of indebtedness to him for his faithful services to his State and its University; and (3) of genuine sympathy and good will for his estimable bereaved family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family, to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, and to the State Board of Education.

Dr. Hamilton moved that a resolution be prepared for Dr. Hebard, and for Luigi Carnevale of the United States covering their recent gifts to the University. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Brooks and carried.

WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, Secretary of the Board of Trustees from February 24, 1891 to June 13, 1908, Librarian Emeritus, Professor of Political Economy and head of the department, has completed and presented to the University a record of the faculty and students who participated in the World War, and

WHEREAS, this indexed record was only compiled after much correspondence, research, and labor, and

WHEREAS, the historical value of this work, is known to the Board, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming that we appreciate the excellence of her services, not only in this instance, but for her many loyal activities, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our good will be made a part of the permanent records of this Board, and a copy thereof be transmitted to Dr. Hebard.

WHEREAS, Luigi Carnovale of the Italians of the United States has presented the University of Wyoming with a rare and valuable copy of the Dante Memorial Volume II Codice Trivulsiano 1080 Della Divina Commedia, of which there are only 70 copies in America, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees recognizes the honor conferred upon the University by being made the recipient of such a beautiful memorial volume of Dante's immortal masterpiece, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming that this expression of thanks and appreciation be included in the minutes of this Board and a copy transmitted to Signor Carnovale.

Dr. Hamilton reported on the physical examination of girls entering the University for the first time. He stated that the results of this examination, as far as it had gone, showed that it is very much worth while and necessary. He believes that it should be continued.

Dr. Crane, Mr. Fuller, and the Secretary were requested to look into the matter of erecting a garage at the President’s residence, and to submit figures and data at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

It was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Dollars in cash be advanced out of the University Land Income Fund to Elizabeth J. McKittrick, Head of the Home Economics Department, for purchasing small foods in training of students in marketing.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Secretary.