THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

March 17, 1926

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee
The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 17 by President Elliott. Mr. Holliday, Mr. Geddes, Mr. Prosser, Mrs. Haggard, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Quealy, Mrs. Grieve, Mr. Schwoob, Governor Ross, Mrs. Morton and Dr. Crane answered roll call. All members were present.

The minutes for the special meeting in January and for the February meeting of the Executive Committee were approved as read.

Bids for the grading of the Open Range were then opened and read as follows:

- Laramie Cash Coal Company - $2,222
- E. M. Hicks - 2,584
- Alfred Nelson - 2,390
- William Smith Coal Company - 2,279

After discussion Mr. Quealy moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes, that the bid of the Laramie Cash Coal Company for $2,222 be accepted. This motion carries with it approval of a $5,000 appropriation in the University Building Improvement Fund Budget, which is sufficient to pay for pipe, fertilizer, seed and other necessary items. Motion was carried.

Dr. Crane then presented his report.

Mrs. Haggard moved that in view of the extraordinary expense of administering the building program during the present year the officers are directed to allot the proper proportion of administrative expenses of the current year to the University Building Improvement Fund, not to exceed an aggregate of $10,000. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Mr. Marshall moved that the Executive Committee be instructed and authorized to complete details of the budget, consummate agreements with employees and report complete budget for final formal adoption by Board of Trustees at June meeting. It is further instructed that the Committee
endeavor to include necessary amounts for radio program and the 50% refund for High School Week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr. Marshall the appropriation for Public Exercises was increased from $1,000 to $1,500, this addition is partly offset by the gate receipts of the Ernest Davis and Paul Whiteman concerts amounting to $375. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Mr. Geddes moved that $250 be appropriated for academic costumes at Commencement. One-half of the rental of these costumes will be paid by the faculty and the other half borne by the University. This motion was seconded by Mr. Holliday and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr. Schwoob the President's office contingent is increased from $450 to $600 made necessary by money spent for advertising. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr. Quealy the Secretary was instructed to remit $875 to the State Treasurer for use in the Department of Agriculture. This sum represents the Horticultural fees collected by Dr. Nelson as Secretary of the Agricultural Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried.

Mr. Ward Hildreth then came before the Board to urge the purchase of land adjacent to the Torrington Farm. The need of this land has been known to the Board and under consideration for sometime. After discussion Mr. Marshall moved that the Board enter into no land contracts or purchases without first obtaining the approval of the Attorney-General of the State of Wyoming. This motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Quealy that we purchase or contract for the purchase of the NW¼ SEC1, Section 5, Twp. 24, Range 61.
acres known as tract number one adjacent to the University Experimental Farm at Torrington at a price of $175 per acre, contract to be drawn so that the University preserves its equity if subsequent finance or legislation are such that it cannot complete the purchase. In compliance with a resolution of this Board of Trustees previously adopted, this proposition must first be approved by the Attorney-General of the state. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Marshall that this Board of Trustees purchase the 

section 5, Twp. 24, Range 61. Forty acres known as tract number two for a price of $150 per acre, provided our offer for tract number one is accepted. It being understood that payments for each tract would be $1000 plus interest per annum. This purchase is also subject to the approval of the Attorney-General and the same contract provisions as tract number one. This motion was seconded by Mr. Holliday and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Marshall seconded by Mr. Quealy that the chair appoint a committee to cooperate with Dr. Crane in submitting a report on the possible consolidation of Administration offices. Carried.

President Elliott appointed the following committee, Mrs. Haggard, Chairman, Mr. Quealy and Mr. Holliday.

Mr. Marshall moved that we enter into a contract with Dr. Crane to employ him as President of the University for a term of three years from June 30, 1926, at a salary of $10,000 per year plus a contingent fund for official entertaining of $500 per year with the understanding that in March 1927 the salary for the next year may be increased to $10,500 if in the discretion of the Board such increase is justified by the financial situation and the growth of the University at that time, and
that in March 1923 the salary for the next year may be increased to $11,000 if at that time such increase is justified in the judgment of the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Marshall that in view of the statement by Dr. Crane, that it would be more satisfactory to him to enter into a contract with the Board to be employed for one year only as President of the University with a salary of $10,000 for the year together with a $500 contingent fund for official entertainment, that such a contract be accepted in lieu of the one mentioned in the preceding paragraph. This motion was seconded by Mr. Quesly and carried.

After discussion of the bill submitted by Architect Hitchcock for payment to him for supervision of 5% of the cost to the University for operating the Stone Quarry, it was moved by Mr. Haggard and seconded by Mr. Marshall that this bill be allowed. Carried.

At the request of our Attorneys, Mr. Holliday moved that the Gymnasium be formally accepted by the Board at this time. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Mr. Fuller then presented his report, showing Oil Royalty accruals to the University. The injury to Mr. H. F. Martin, cook at the University Commons, was discussed but owing to the short time he has been in our employ no action was taken. The opinion was expressed that if he remains in our employ a sufficient length of time he may then come under the compensation ruling, and be reimbursed accordingly.

There being no further business the Board adjourned sine die.