

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

March 28-30, 1922

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

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was called this date at 3:30 P. M. with the following members present:

Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Deming, Mr. Geddes, Mr. Prosser, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Elliott, President Nelson, Mrs. Morton, Mr. Fuller and the secretary.

Absent: Mr. Beach, Dr. Croft and Governor Carey.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting called December 12th, were read and approved, with the following corrections:

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Nelson's phrasing be substituted in the December minutes, affecting the action regarding the status of Mr. Hitchcock as architect.

It was also regularly moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Nelson's phrasing be substituted in the article appearing in the December minutes with reference to Coach Corbett.

In order to accept Miss Sanford's invitation to tea in the new Hoyt Hall parlors, Mr. Brooks moved, and Mr. Prosser seconded that the Board adjourn until 9 A. M. the following morning. Carried.

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March 29, 9:00 A. M.

The morning session of the Board was called to order at 9 A. M. with the same members present as at the previous session, with the addition of Governor Carey.

The minutes of the four Executive Committee meetings held since the last Board meeting were read and approved, with the following corrections:

In view of the fact that Mr. Paul C. Jamieson had declined the tendered appointment as Poultry Husbandman in Vocational Agriculture,

Roll Call

Mr. Hitchcock
architect

Action re.
Coach Corbett

Action re. Paul
C. Jamieson

the secretary was directed to strike out that reference from the minutes.

President Nelson then read his report, covering his recommendations as to the future building program of the University; the relationship of the Agricultural College and Experiment Station; changes in faculty personnel, and many other matters of general interest, such as the possibility of some day painting the red brick buildings to conform with the general gray color scheme of the other buildings on the campus. He said that some day it might be well to turn the old gymnasium into a women's building, and that ultimately a dormitory should be built to take care of freshman boys.

The first question discussed at length by the Board was on the advisability of separating the Deanship of the Agricultural College from the Directorship of the Experiment Station. This question had been raised by the President in his semi-annual report at the December, 1921, meeting, and had been referred to the Executive Committee for ^{its} ~~their~~ consideration. Mr. Prosser and Mr. Geddes submitted a joint written report, supported by a report prepared by a committee of Messrs. King, Holliday and Arnold of the Laramie Lions Club. This latter report had been prepared after a state wide investigation and embodied the impressions of hundreds of the leading citizens of the State.

Dr. Hamilton then read a letter from E. W. Allen, Chief, Office of Experiment Stations, Washington, D. C. urging that in the case of Wyoming, the position of Dean and Director be held intact. He also read a letter from Mr. Walter Warren of the Fremont County Farm Bureau, commending the work of Director Bowman.

Mr. Prosser recommended to the Board that all state legislative activities be confined to members of the Board of Trustees and to

Dr. Nelson's
report.

Agricultural Coll
& Experiment
Station

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the President of the University. He also recommended that committees composed of members of the Board of Trustees cooperate by advice and personal contact with the heads of various departments.

Governor Carey made the suggestion that the various scientific courses be segregated in one department, thus taking the Engineering department away from the College of Agriculture.

The Board then adjourned at 12 o'clock to accept the invitation of the Lions Club for luncheon at the Connor hotel, agreeing to reconvene as soon thereafter as possible.

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The afternoon session of the Board was called to order at 2 P. M. with the same members present as at the morning session.

The Board then went into executive session, and Dr. Nelson, Mr. Fuller and the secretary retired from the meeting. The executive session lasted until 5:30 P. M. The two following motions were made during the executive session and recorded by Dr. Hamilton.

It was moved by Mr. Prosser, seconded by Mr. Geddes, that Mr. Hoefer and Mr. Hays be not elected for the year 1922-23. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Elliott that the recommendation of Dr. Nelson separating the Deanship of the College of Agriculture from the Directorship of the Experiment Station be not approved. The above motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 2.

It was then regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Fuller be authorized to insure Hoyt Hall for \$50,000.00

It was also moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Stromquist, who is still incapacitated by reason of his stroke, be given a leave of absence until August 31, 1922, at 40% of his regular salary, this leave to

Executive Session

*Motion re.
Prof. Hoefer
& Dr. Hays*

*Decision re.
Agr. Coll. and
Exper. Station*

*Hoyt Hall
Insurance*

*Dr. Stromquist
Leave of absence*

become effective April 1, 1922.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Brooks that Mr. Fuller be instructed to investigate the matter of the University notes held by the Pioneer Canal Company, and arrange, if possible, to take up these notes, using the University Building Improvement Fund for the purpose. Carried.

Pioneer Canal Co. notes.

Mr. Brooks then moved to adjourn until 7:30 P. M. in order to accept the invitation of the basketball team to the banquet at the University Commons.

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The Board reconvened at 7:30 P. M. with the same members present as at the previous session.

The subject of the proposed summer schools or teachers' institutes in the northern part of the State, was then discussed. Mrs. Morton's opinion was asked, and she fully explained the attitude of the State Department of Education. The following motion was the result of this discussion:

Discussion of summer schools or teachers' inst.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Morton investigate this matter, ascertaining, if possible, the number of teachers that might attend one of these institutes, and render a report to the Board through Dr. Nelson. It was further agreed that, if after this investigation, the University has the assurance that enough teachers - fifty or more - will benefit through this experiment, it will be tried out.

The President discussed next year's salary scale, reading a plan formulated sometime since, which he hopes may ultimately be adopted to rectify the handicap in salaries of those rendering eleven months service. Without formal action, on the recommendation of Mr. Prosser, it was under-

Salary rates.

stood that salaries would be so adjusted that those serving the longer year receive proportionately increased pay.

In this connection, it was mentioned that Dean Albertsworth had requested an increase to \$3800. The Board expressed the opinion that under all the circumstances \$3600 is all that we are justified in offering.

Dr. Nelson also asked the Board's opinion as to County Agents' salaries. Mr. Brooks moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes that the maximum salary to appear in the budget for County Agents, be fixed at \$2700. Carried.

The Board then adjourned, to meet at 9 A. M. the following morning.

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March 30, 1922.

The morning session of the Board was called to order at 9 A. M. with the same members present as on the previous day, with the exception of Governor Carey.

Dr. Nelson recommended the appointment of Mr. W. H. McNees as Poultry Husbandman at a salary of \$2400 per annum. This recommendation was approved.

On the recommendation of Dr. Nelson, Mr. Deming moved, and Mrs. Brooks seconded the motion, that \$500.00 be appropriated next year for the purpose of publishing academic papers of a scientific nature. Carries. This recommendation carries with it approval of the inauguration of a new serial to be known as "The University of Wyoming Publications".

Following the recommendation of Dr. Smith, Mr. Prosser moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes, that Mr. H. H. Higgins be appointed instructor in the department of English at a salary of \$1800 per annum, effective September 1st, to work as tentatively outlined by Dr. Smith. Carried.

Dean Albertsworth
salary.

County Agent
salaries.

W. H. McNees
appointment

Publications
appropriation for

H. H. Higgins
appointment

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It was also moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Leo J. Boyle's appointment as Foreman at the Stock Farm be approved.

Leo J. Boyle
appointment

Mr. Geddes then moved and Mrs. Brooks seconded, that \$1,000 be appropriated from the general fund and added to the budget of the department of Animal Husbandry. Carried.

Appropriation
for Anim. Husb.

On the suggestion of Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Brooks moved, seconded by Mr. Prosser that the quit claim deed of the Associated Oil Company covering Section 12, Township 30, Range 77, be accepted. Carried.

Associated Oil
Company.

Mr. Fuller recommended that University hold the tract of land described as the South one-half Section 2, Township 33, Range 79, for which Mr. Wade Fowler had offered \$200.00 per acre. It was agreed by the Board that the land should not be sold at the present time.

Sands.

Mr. Deming then moved, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, that the old hallways through Hoyt Hall be made to conform to the new hallways, the Executive Committee being instructed to see that this is done.

Hoyt Hall

Mr. Deming moved, Mr. Brooks seconding, that Dr. Nelson's recommendation in regard to sidewalks, old entrance and the stairways of Hoyt Hall be approved. This matter was also referred to the Executive Committee.

It was then regularly moved, seconded and carried that the present local banking arrangements be maintained for the ensuing year.

Local banking.

Mr. Brooks moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes that Mrs. Shibley be reimbursed for the loss of her personal property in the recent fire at the Commons, to the extent of \$150.00. Carried.

Mrs. Shibley
reimbursement to

It was moved by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that Mr. E. D. Hunton be granted "sabbatical leave" of absence for the academic year 1922-1923, and that his salary be fixed at 40% of his present salary, for the nine teaching months only, namely \$100.00 per month, - a total

Mr. Hunton
leave of absence

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of \$900.00, without prejudice or obligation on the part of either the University or Mr. Hunton. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Brooks that the old elevator in Hoyt Hall be installed in the new addition.

Dean Faville's letter of resignation was then read, and upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Prosser, it was accepted, to become effective at the end of the present academic year.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fuller, the following motion was made:

That the University be not responsible for damage or loss by fire to personal effects of faculty members or employees. Carried.

Mr. Tyler who holds a lease on University coal lands near Rock River, then came before the Board with the request that he be allowed to purchase this half section of land. It was agreed by the Board that Mr. Fuller and any other members of the Board form a committee to investigate this matter, reporting to the Board before any further action is taken.

Mr. Hitchcock and Miss Davis were then called in to aid in a discussion of the Library plans.

The Board adjourned at noon to attend the Rotary luncheon at the Hotel Connor.

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The afternoon session of the Board was called to order at 2 P. M. with the same members present as at the morning session.

Mr. William Dubois came before the Board to give his final report on Hoyt Hall. He reported the building completed.

Mr. Hitchcock and Miss Davis were again called in. Miss Davis presented her views regarding the new Library building. It was

Hoyt Hall
elevator

Resignation of
Dean Faville

Motion re.
fire losses.

Sands.

Hoyt Hall
Report of Mr.
Dubois.

agreed that a basement be built under the west wing of the Library, and that the plans be altered accordingly.

Discussion of Library.

Mr. Brooks moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes that the Library building face south, the west line of the building to coincide with the west line of the Agricultural building on the proposed site south of the Agricultural building. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Brooks that a copy of the Library plans be sent to some expert to secure his counsel on minor matters that might still be so adjusted as to secure added conveniences and greater usefulness.

It was moved by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Brooks that the architect be instructed to prepare plans showing both types of roofs, namely the flat and tile roofs.

Mr. Brooks moved, seconded by Mr. Prosser, that the Library plans be approved as submitted, subject to such changes as may be authorized by the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Library plans

Mr. Hitchcock was then asked to present his side of the case as regards his status as University architect. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Hitchcock architect

Dr. Hamilton called the Board's attention to the fact that no action automatically put Mr. Hitchcock on the 5% basis.

It was moved by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Brooks that the Executive Committee be authorized to advertise for competitive plans for a combined gymnasium and armory, costing approximately \$100,000, to be built along the lines already suggested. Carried.

Motion re. Gymnasium & Armory.

It was then moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mrs. Brooks that the Executive Committee be authorized to go ahead with the detailed

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bids, specifications, etc. on the new Library.

Dr. Nelson called attention to the fact that at the semi-annual meeting of the Board in December, 1919, at the July meeting in 1920, and again in March 1921, he had expressed his willingness to relinquish the presidency and return to his departmental work at anytime, on the expressed wish of the Board. He then stated that he would formally offer his resignation at the coming annual meeting in June, effective when his successor in the presidency shall have been secured, and shall be ready to assume the duties of the office.

*Dr. Nelson
status as
President*

The proposed By-Laws of the Board of Trustees were then brought up for discussion. Dr. Hamilton appointed Mr. Fuller and Mr. Deming to work over the proposed By-Laws and report at the next meeting of the Board.

*Discussion of
By-Laws*

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Fay E. Smith retain his position as Acting Secretary until the June meeting of the Board.

*Motion re.
Mr. Smith*

It was also regularly moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Nelson's recommendation as to the Department of Engineering be approved, and Prof. Fitterer was appointed Acting Dean of the College of Engineering. This action restores the college to its original standing.

*Engineering Dept
Appointment of
Prof. Fitterer*

It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Prosser and Mr. Geddes be a committee to suggest ways and means of improving the College of Agriculture.

*Coll. of Agr.
Committee*

The Board then adjourned at 6 P. M, subject to the call of the President.

Jay E. Smith
Acting Secretary.