

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

March 23, 1927

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

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was called to order by President Elliott at 3 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, March 23rd. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Holliday, Mr. Geddes, Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Haggard, Mr. Quealy, Mrs. Grieve, Mr. Schwoob, Mr. Lynn, Governor Emerson, Mrs. Morton and Dr. Crane.

Roll Call

The minutes of the last meeting and for the intervening meetings of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

Mr. Corthell came before the Board and outlined at length the controversy between the Board of Trustees and the gymnasium contractor, J. A. Johnson. It was agreed that Mr. Johnson should be given a hearing before the Board at 1 o'clock the next day and that the following men should be invited to be present at this hearing: Mr. J. A. Johnson, Mr. John Hay, Architects W. A. Hitchcock, William Dubois and Fred Ambrose and our Attorney Mr. N. E. Corthell.

Gymnasium

Dr. Crane then presented his report.

After a discussion of the football situation Mr. Quealy moved that further discussion of an appointment to fill this position be postponed until the following morning. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Football Coach

Upon the motion of Mr. Marshall, Mr. Harry D. Linn was appointed County Agricultural Agent in Carbon County, at a salary of \$2,400. per year, with increases in salary in July, 1928 and July, 1929; this appointment to become effective April 15, 1927.

Appointments
Mr. Linn
Mr. Reeves

Mr. Edgar A. Reeves, County Agricultural Agent in Niobrara County, at a salary of \$2,600. per year, with an increase in each of the two succeeding years; this appointment to become effective April 1, 1927. This motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

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It was moved by Mrs. Haggard that the Foreman's residence at the Agronomy Farm be accepted upon certification by the Architect of its satisfactory completion. This motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

Agronomy Farm Residence

Upon the motion of Mr. Quealy the Executive Committee was authorized to accept the Engineering Building upon the certification of the Architect of its satisfactory completion. This motion was seconded and carried.

Engineering Bldg.

At this point the Board adjourned for lunch and to meet downtown for a group photograph to be used in the WYO.

Upon the motion of Mr. Marshall the Willet Legacy and the Swenson award were both accepted and the Secretary was instructed to consult with our Attorneys as to the form of the formal acceptance to the donors and to mention the appreciation of the Board for these gifts. This motion was seconded by Mr. Schwoob and carried.

Willet Legacy Swenson Award

Upon the motion of Mr. Holliday, seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried, the following leaves of absence were approved:

Leaves of Absence
Dr. White
Dr. Payson

Dr. Laura A. White, head of the Department of History, from September 1, 1927, to August 31, 1928 at 60% of her present salary and with a guaranty of no loss of natural increments that would come to her if she were not on leave.

Dr. Edwin B. Payson, Professor of Botany, from September 1927 to September 1928, at 40% of his present salary.

Upon the motion of Mr. Schwoob the purchase by Mr. Fuller of ten acres of land adjacent to the Torrington Farm was approved, five acres are embraced in each of the following tracts which have been leased with option to purchase:

Land - Purchase adjacent to the Torrington Farm

(A) The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 5, T. 24N., R. 61W., containing forty acres, Rex L. Oliver land.

(B) The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 5, T. 24N., R. 61W., containing forty acres, John L. Sawyer land.

Under the option given, the purchase price of (A) above is to be \$175.00 per acre and of (B) \$150.00 per acre.

Upon the motion of Mr. Holliday, Mr. Fuller's negotiations for the purchase of land embraced within the Archer Farm were approved as follows:

Negotiations have been concluded for the purchase of a part of the land embraced within the Archer Experimental Farm and the lease of the remainder with option to purchase of approximately 120 acres annually. The land involved is described as the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and the north 226-2/3 acres of Sec. 27, and the north 133-1/3 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 28., T. 14N., R. 65W, containing in all 660 acres. Of the above area 120 acres, described as the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 27 has been purchased. The total price to be paid for the entire 660 acres tract is \$13,000. The rental is to be at the rate of four percent per annum on the amount of the unpaid purchase price.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Mr. Quealy moved that a committee be appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the Eden Valley Farm, the price of the land to be based at \$10.00 per acre and the water at \$25.00 per acre, and the committee be instructed to make the best deal possible first securing an agreement for the purchase of the water before buying the land. President Elliott appointed Mr. Quealy and Mr. Geddes to serve as members of this land committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Holliday and carried.

The Board then adjourned to reconvene the following morning.

At this time the subject of a football coach was again under discussion. Coach Corbett and Professor Knight were called in to consult with the Board. After discussion Mr. Quealy moved that this subject be again deferred until the arrival of Governor Emerson. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

land
Eden Valley Farm

Football Coach

The new State Farm Budget was then placed before the Board. Dean Hill and Director Bowman were present. After discussion Mr. Quealy moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried, that this budget be approved.

State Farms

Thursday noon - Governor Emerson arrives.

Messrs. Johnson, Dubois, Corthell, Hitchcock, Hay and Ambrose sat with the Board and the Gymnasium contract was again under discussion. The Secretary read a bill of complaints submitted by Contractor Johnson in which he asked relief amounting to \$25,861.29 and in addition to the contract. Mrs. Haggard then moved that the chair appoint a committee of two to discuss with Mr. Johnson and ascertain what kind of a compromise can be made and the committee was granted authority to make final offer. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried. Mr. Quealy and Mr. Marshall were appointed as members of this committee.

Gymnasium

The committee appointed to interview Mr. Johnson as to a possible settlement of his claims reported by Mr. Marshall the following proposition of final settlement from Mr. Johnson and moved its acceptance: that in addition to the amount heretofore due Mr. Johnson on the Gymnasium contract he shall receive credit for \$1650.00, one-half of the penalties heretofore charged against him; additional credit of interest at 6% per annum on payments not made on the 10th of each month under the terms of the gymnasium contract during such periods as the delay was chargeable to the University (estimated to be approximately \$1250.00) \$40.00 for two blocks of stone salvaged; and in addition interest on the amount heretofore conceded to him under the gymnasium contract from September 1st, 1926 at 6% per annum to date for such period and upon such amount during that time as the Board would have been compelled to borrow the money if it had paid him and that 2% per annum for such part and upon such amount of said time in which the Board had sufficient money available with which to have paid him, interest to cease on March 25th, 1927.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Schwoob and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Marshall that Mr. Corthell prepare an agreement between the Board and Mr. Johnson and that if further negotiations become necessary the Executive Committee is authorized to act. This

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motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr. Schwoob the Extension Budget was approved with the provision that it is to be revised, if possible, to take care of the desirable items suggested by Governor Emerson and reported to the Board for final adoption in June. This motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

Extension Division

The Building Fund Budget was then presented to the Board in a somewhat condensed form. Upon the motion of Mr. Schwoob this budget was approved to be submitted in detail at the June meeting. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Haggard and carried.

Building Fund Budget

The following new appropriations in the present Building Fund Budget were approved:

Campus	\$8,000.00
Campus Team.	75.00
Repair Contingent and moving	800.00
Little Theatre	2,000.00

As evidence of the efforts of the Administration towards economy along academic lines, the President presented charts which show the courses given, size of classes and faculty load. The Board was informed of the reduction in the number of small classes, the reduction of courses and the small ratio of faculty increase compared with student enrollment.

The Operating and Instructional Budget was then taken up for discussion and consideration, at the conclusion of which it was moved by Mr. Quealy, seconded by Mr. Schwoob and carried, that the budget be adopted as presented. Dr. Crane was authorized to make any necessary adjustments and to negotiate contracts with employees and to resubmit the budget to the Board at the June meeting.

Budget - 1927-8

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Upon the motion of Mr. Quealy, Dr. Crane was offered a renewal of his contract for the coming year under the same terms as the present year, namely salary \$10,000., use of the President's residence and a contingent account for entertainment of \$500. This motion was seconded by Mr. Geddes and carried.

Dr. Crane

At this point the matter of the football coach was again the topic of consideration. Upon the motion of Mr. Geddes, President Crane was instructed to get an outside man for the position of Head Football Coach, and the Executive Committee was granted authority to approve this appointment. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Grieve and carried.

Football Coach

The working drawings for the Men's Dormitory were then placed before the Board by Architect Hitchcock and Dr. Crane. After discussion Mr. Schwoob moved that the plans as submitted be approved and the Secretary was instructed to call for bids to be received at the June meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Quealy and carried.

Men's Dormitory

The Secretary then read a supplementary contract between the Board and Mr. Johnson, increasing the final payment on the gymnasium from \$37,675.25 to \$43,974.13, and the President and Secretary of the Board were authorized to sign this agreement.

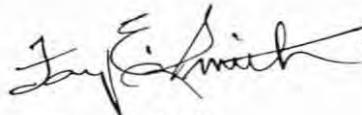
Gymnasium

Upon the motion of Mr. Schwoob the Albany National Bank was designated as a University depository, this motion was duly seconded and carried.

University
Depository

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

Adjournment



Fay E. Smith
Secretary