

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

November 10-12, 1944

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

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 1944 by President Simpson. The following members were present: President Simpson, Mr. Sill, Mrs. Cope, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McGuckin, Mr. Burwell, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. Keeney, Mr. McCracken, Miss Anderson, and Dr. Morrill.

It was moved by Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the minutes of the Board meeting September 2, and the Executive Committee minutes of October 16 be approved.

The Board then received Mr. Gordon Raab of the firm of Cordle, Raab and Roush of Casper who reported on his audit of the Comptroller's office. Mr. Raab reported no irregularities but recommended that the accounting system should be improved. After discussion Mr. McGuckin moved that the services of Mr. Raab be retained under the direction of the Comptroller to install, as soon as possible, an accounting system which will pass the requirements of a full audit including a general ledger, central receiving station for freight and materials purchased, and other improvements required by good accounting and business practice. This motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.

Mr. Johnson then moved, and it was seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried, that further audit of University accounts by the firm of Cordle, Raab and Roush be discontinued until further notice.

Mr. Frederic Hutchinson Porter, architect from Cheyenne, then appeared before the Board with sketches of the new Federal Petroleum Research Laboratory. After the departure of Mr. Porter, Mr. Johnson moved that Mr. Porter be requested to prepare preliminary sketches for the proposed College of Education, that Mr. Porter be paid for such sketches, and that this fee be deducted from any payments to be made to him later if he is retained as architect for this building when it is

Roll Call

Minutes Approved

Audit

*Report of Audit
By
Cordle, Raab, + Roush*

*Audit
Discontinuation*

constructed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sill and carried.

The Board then received a delegation from Casper composed of Mr. Hume Everett, Chairman, Dr. Dixon, President of Weber Junior College, Ogden, Utah, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Gould, and Mr. Edwards. The trustees also invited in Dr. Reusser of the College of Education. This committee wishes to discuss the state-wide system of Junior Colleges sponsored by the Casper group. After the hearing, President Simpson appointed a committee composed of Miss Anderson, Mr. Keeney, and President Morrill to draw a resolution for consideration by the Board. After discussion and upon the motion of Mr. McGuckin and seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried, the following resolution, above authorized, was adopted:

Junior College

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, having had the privilege of discussing with a committee from Casper their proposal for establishment of a state-wide system of junior colleges, expresses the tentative judgment:

1. That the basic arguments presented by the Casper committee urging a wider extension of educational opportunity for Wyoming youths are worthy of fullest support.

2. That, in the opinion of the Board, such greater opportunity will be more surely and widely secured in the State by the enactment of enabling legislation to permit the local school districts to make additional levies, if desired, for the purpose of expanding their present high school offerings along vocational, continuation and adult education lines than by the restricted establishment of junior colleges in the relatively few counties or districts with a minimal tax duplicate of \$30,000,000 as proposed by the Casper committee.

3. That the Board should, therefore, appoint a committee to study the possibilities of alternative legislation which might not only meet the major needs envisioned in the Casper proposal but might also extend new educational benefits to communities which could not qualify under the legislation proposed by the Casper committee.

4. That this committee of the Board be instructed to confer further with the Casper committee and with the State Educational Planning Committee in respect to such alternative legislation.

(The committee appointed by President Milward Simpson, under the Resolution, to consist of Mr. A. L. Keeney, Chairman, Mr. James T. McGuckin, and Mr. Earle G. Burwell.)

President Morrill then presented the various legislative budget requests. Mr. McGuckin moved that the budget request of the Agricultural Extension Division for \$124,500 be approved. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried.

Mr. Johnson moved that the budget requests covering the main university for \$1,208,316.32 be approved. This was seconded by Mr. McGuckin and carried.

Dr. Cunningham moved that the student health fee be increased from \$3.50 per student per quarter to \$4.00 per student per quarter, effective at the beginning of summer school 1945. This motion was seconded by Mr. Keeney and carried.

Mr. Johnson moved that a special appropriation of \$9,500 be provided to remodel the east Cowboy dormitory to make the building suitable for use as a Trade and Industrial Teacher Training Department, provided equivalent dormitory space be provided for the use of the athletic department when needed, possibly Dray Cottage. This was seconded by Mr. Sill and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried that \$800 be provided for the purchase of a new portable public address system.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Keeney and carried that the Attorney General be requested to draw a bill for introduction into the coming Legislature which will permit the Comptroller to authorize payment of bills on behalf of the Board, and authorize the State Auditor to accept his signature.

It was then moved by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the following appointments and salary changes be approved:

*Budget
Agricultural Ext.*

Main University

*Fees
Increase in Student Health Fee*

*East Cowboy Dormitory
Trade & Industrial
Teacher Training Dept.*

Public Address System

*Legislative Bills
Authorization of
Comptroller*

*Appointments
Salary Increase*

1. That the salary of Miss Evelyn Swain, Teacher Trainer in Vocational Home Economics, be increased, effective November 1, 1944, from \$2,820 for eleven months' service to \$3,000.
2. That there be authorized the part-time employment of Miss Margaret Van Wageningen at \$30.00 per month, effective October 1, 1944, for eight and one-half months to give instruction in instrumental music to University High School and Training School students.
3. That there be authorized the return to active service, effective upon his discharge from the United States Army, of Captain Michael Sedar, Instructor in Physical Education for Men, at a salary rate of \$2,520.00 for three quarters' teaching service.
4. That there be authorized the appointment of Mrs. Marjorie Jewell Gorman as part-time temporary Instructor in Home Economics, at a salary of \$153.33 per month for the Autumn Quarter (and longer if need be) of the academic year 1944-45.
5. That there be authorized, effective February 1, 1945, the appointment of Dr. Andrew Van Hook, upon an eleven months' basis, at a salary of \$3,600.00 with the rank of Associate Professor, to serve as Research Chemist on the staff of the Natural Resources Research Institute.
6. That there be authorized, effective December 1, 1944, the appointment of Mrs. Ruth Eaton Yarling as Home Demonstration Agent-at-large, upon an eleven months' basis, at a salary rate of \$2,100.00 per year.

Mr. McCracken moved and it was seconded by Mr. Keeney and carried that Dean Hamilton of the Law School be requested to return to University service July 1, 1945 in order to re-open the Law School on a restricted basis next fall.

*Evelyn Swain
(increase in salary)*

*Margaret Van Wageningen
part-time employment*

*Captain Michael Sedar
Physical Educ (Men)*

*Mrs. Marjorie J. Gorman
part-time Instructor
Home Economics*

*Dr. Andrew Van Hook
Research Chemist*

*Mrs. Ruth E. Yarling
Home Demonstration
Agent-At-Large*

*Law School
Return of Dean
Hamilton*

Upon the motion of Dr. Cunningham, the Board requested President Morrill to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. W. C. Deming of Cheyenne for his generosity in making annual cash awards to encourage tree planting and home beautification on the farms and ranches of Wyoming. This was seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Burwell and seconded by Dr. Cunningham and carried, that President Morrill be asked to convey the thanks of the Board of Trustees to Mr. Roy Conover of Laramie for his interest in the establishment by the University of a Trout Propagation Research Laboratory at the State Fish Hatchery at Red Buttes, together with an explanation of the reasons of the University's inability to proceed with the project as suggested.

Mr. Johnson then moved that the schedule of fee concessions and remissions as appearing in the President's report be authorized and adopted. This was seconded by Dr. Cunningham and carried.

Mr. McCracken moved that the budget for the A. S. U. W. for the current year be approved as prepared by the Student Senate. This was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.

The Board then received the Faculty Retirement Committee composed of Dean Schwiering, Chairman, Professor Hall, Professor Hultz, and the Comptroller. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Sill and carried that the Retirement Plan be approved as presented by the committee, and that the sum of \$121,000 necessary to carry the plan through the coming biennium be included in the requests to the Legislature. Authority is granted to present the matter of the Governor and Attorney General.

Mr. McCracken moved that the Legislature be requested to appropriate 1/5 of the cost of the 10-year building program of the University which is

Awards
W.C. Deming

Trout Propagation
Research Laboratory
Red Buttes

Fees
Fee Concessions
& Remissions

A.S.U.W.
Budget Approved

Faculty
Retirement Com.

Building
Program

\$755,297. This was seconded by Dr. Cunningham and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Sill and carried that no land be purchased for the Powell Experiment Station at this time, but that the small farm now available to the University be operated, and that the Legislature be requested to appropriate the sum of \$21,550 for this purpose for the coming biennium.

Mr. Johnson moved that the State Farms budget be approved with the Legislature request of \$90,000 for the coming biennium. This was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried.

The Trustees then declared that the request for money for the building program be made to the Legislature by means of a separate bill, and that in the event that materials and labor cannot be obtained, the money appropriated shall be used to retire bonds of the University now outstanding on other buildings, and that the University be authorized to issue new bonds in an equivalent amount at some later date when the buildings can be constructed.

The Board adopted the report of the State Examiner as follows:

Re: REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS June 30, 1944

Norris E. Hartwell
State Examiner
Supreme Court Building
Cheyenne,
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, constituting a quorum of the

Board of Trustees of the University

of Wyoming

acknowledge receipt of the Report of Examination as above noted, made under the supervision of your Department.

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*Land
Powell Exp. Station*

*State Farms
Budget Approved*

*Building
Program*

*State Examiner's
Report*

After careful consideration of this report, we concur with the Examiner in the suggestions he has made, and we have requested the officials to adjust their methods in compliance therewith, to-wit:

A copy of this acknowledgment has been placed on record with the Minutes of our meeting on November 12, 1944.

Harold M. Johnson	P. M. Cunningham
Milward L. Simpson	Earle Burwell
A. L. Keeney	Mary Edelman Cope
Tracy McCracken	Peter Sill

President Morrill then stated he had received the invitation to become the President of the University of Minnesota, effective July 1, 1945; that he had come to the decision, with genuine regret, that the opportunity is one he could not decline provided the Board of Trustees should feel it proper and possible to grant release from his contract with the University of Wyoming which does not expire until June 30, 1946.

*President
Granting Release
From Contract*

The following resolution, prepared by Mr. McCracken and Mr. Johnson, was adopted unanimously upon motion by Mr. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. Keeney:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, James Lewis Morrill, President of the University of Wyoming since January 1, 1942, with his inimitable combination of energetic, efficient, sincere, honest and sagacious executive ability, has established a firm foundation of organization upon which the superstructure of a really great University only awaited the cessation of hostilities in the present world catastrophe, and by conduct which few could equal and none excel, has gained and held the complete and honest confidence, admiration and loyalty of his Board of Trustees, the Faculty and student body of the University, as well as the entire state, and

WHEREAS, President Morrill has requested that the Board relieve him from his contract with the University in order that he might accept an invitation to become Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, unquestion-

ably one of the ten greatest institutions of higher learning the in nation, and while the Board is fully aware of the irreparable loss to the University which will follow the termination of President Morrill's services, yet on the other hand in recognition and appreciation of the inestimable benefits which have already accrued to the University from his untiring, capable and wise administration, it feels that in good conscience it should not prevent or delay his acceptance of the greatest challenge in the educational field of America today; and it is the sincere desire of every member of the Board to assist Dr. Morrill in ultimately winning for himself the distinction of being one of the greatest educators of this age, and honor which the Board proudly believes he will justly earn;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming that its contract with James Lewis Morrill, President of the University, by and with his consent, and not otherwise, be cancelled and terminated as of August 15, 1945, and that he be permitted the usual six weeks vacation immediately preceding termination of said contract, and that his salary be apportioned to said date of August 15, 1945.

The date for a meeting of the Executive Committee was fixed for December 11, 1944.

*Exec. Committee
Dec. 11 - 1944*

The date for the next meeting of the Board of Trustees was set for January 15, 1945.

*Board of Trustees
Jan. 15 - 1945*

The Board adjourned at 6:00 P.M., Sunday evening, November 12.

Respectfully submitted



Fay E. Smith
Secretary