

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

February 26, 1951

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The February 26 meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order in the Board room at 10:10 a.m., with the following members answering the roll call: McCracken, Reed, Del Monte, Sullivan, Burwell, Hansen, Patterson, Bush, Jones, Newton, and Brough; ex-officio, Stolt and Humphrey. Absent were: Simpson and, ex-officio, Barrett.

In the absence of President Simpson, Vice-President McCracken presided and extended a cordial and hearty welcome to the new members of the Board --Mrs. Bush, Mr. Jones, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Brough--and expressed his feeling of pleasure that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Simpson were retained on the Board.

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and it was carried that the minutes of the January 27-28 meeting be approved with corrections as follows:

1. On page 8 under "Community Colleges," delete the word "passed" in the second sentence and substitute therefor the word "considered." After the second sentence, insert the following sentence: "President Humphrey explained that the proposed bill did not commit the University to any policy that had not previously been approved by the Board, and President Simpson called attention to the fact that the University itself had advanced the proposals under which the Centers were set up at both Powell and Sheridan, and that any substantial change in this policy would be regarded as a breach of faith by the people of both of those communities."

2. On page 12 under "Fuel Situation," delete that part of the motion beginning with (a) on the last line down to (2) on the top of page 13 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "(a) comparative costs covering the several fuels with the University furnishing steam

WELCOME TO NEW
MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

from the University plant over a period of ten years and a period of twenty years on a BTU basis for each fuel, including power plant labor and equipment depreciation, (b) the cost of purchasing steam from outside sources on a ten-year and twenty-year basis eliminating power plant labor, and (c) costs of maintaining present equipment on a stand-by basis in the event (b) was the economic solution to the University's long-range heating problem."

Following his announcements, and a word of welcome to the new members of the Board, President Humphrey presented his report.

Mr. Hansen moved, Mrs. Patterson seconded, and it was carried that Mr. Arthur V. Edsall be appointed County Agent in Campbell County, effective February 20, 1951, at a salary rate of \$4,236 per year.

APPOINTMENT

Edsall

For the information of the Board of Trustees, President Humphrey presented the following resignations:

RESIGNATIONS

1. Mr. W. F. Bellman, Instructor in Speech, effective August 31, 1951, in view of the fact that he had been notified he would not be re-employed next year.

Bellman

2. Mr. G. W. Holborn, Instructor in Journalism, effective March 31, 1951, to enter journalistic work in England. Mr. Holborn had been notified that he would not be re-employed next year.

Holborn

Included in the motion made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, and carried, was approval of leaves of absence as follows:

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. Mr. Donald M. Barnard, Assistant County Agent in Goshen County, a military leave without pay beginning March 1, 1951, and continuing for the period of his active service in the Army Air Corps.

Barnard

2. Mr. Conrad M. Sutton, a painter in the Buildings and Grounds

Sutton

Department, a military leave without pay beginning February 1, 1951, and continuing for the period of his active service with the Army.

3. Following some discussion of a request by Dr. L. L. Smith and Dean O. H. Rechard that a sick leave for Dr. Richard L. Hillier, Professor of English, for the period February 7 to March 21, 1951, carry with it full salary for the entire period, it was moved by Mr. Del Monte, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and carried that Dr. Hillier be granted a sick leave for the period in question and that he be paid full salary for only one month and forty per cent of salary for the remaining two weeks of his leave, as provided by present regulations.

Hillier

At this point President Humphrey reported that the oath of office which had been prepared for the new Trustees was ready. Secretary Del Monte asked Mrs. Bush, Mr. Brough, Mr. Jones, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Sullivan to rise and repeat after him the following oath:

OATH OF OFFICE
FOR NEW MEMBERS

OATH OF OFFICE

"I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of this state, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity; that I have not paid or contributed, or promised to pay or contribute, either directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, to procure my appointment, except for necessary and proper expenses expressly authorized by law; that I have not, knowingly, violated any election law of the state, or procured it to be done by others in my behalf; that I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law."

1. Faculty Travel. Mr. Burwell moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded, and it was carried that an appropriation of \$170.05 be made to permit travel by members of the faculty as follows: Dr. William B. Owen the amount of \$80.70 for a trip to Chicago to attend a meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association on March 4-9; Dr. L. Floyd Clarke the amount of

BUDGET CHANGES

Faculty Travel

\$89.35 for a trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to attend a meeting of the Alpha Epsilon Delta, honorary pre-medical fraternity.

2. Knight Hall Cafeteria Overdraft Liquidation. Mr. Del Monte moved, Knight Hall Cafeteria Overdraft Liquidation Mr. Sullivan seconded, and it was carried that, in order to liquidate the overdraft of \$30,978.55 in the Knight Hall Cafeteria and Dining Room operating account, which was created by the construction of the first addition to the Cafeteria during the fiscal year 1946-47, appropriations be made as follows: \$11,700 from the appropriation in the current budget for stockpiling of building stone for future buildings; \$13,307 from the reserve carried for the construction of the Agriculture building; and \$5,971.55 from the University Building Fund.

For the information of the Trustees, President Humphrey reported that the Wyoming Wool Growers Association has authorized a fellowship for the Wool Department of the University in the amount of \$1,700, this amount to be used to finance for a period of seventeen months an assistantship for one graduate student, whose duties will consist of compiling facts concerning all aspects of the sheep and wool industry and conducting an economic survey of the sheep and wool enterprises in Wyoming.

President Humphrey next presented a copy of the option which, in accordance with the Board's instructions, he had secured on the Al Robbins property on East Grand Avenue. The discussion which followed revealed that it was the general consensus of the Board that the price of \$73,000 for the property was too high, and, in view of the decreasing enrollment, that no new enterprises should be attempted at this time. There appeared to be little real danger of any undesirable establishment being permitted to locate on the property, and it was the further opinion of the Board that the Robbins house is not particularly desirable for

WYOMING WOOL GROWERS
ASSN. FELLOWSHIP

AL ROBBINS PROPERTY

use of a member of the University staff. Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried, that the option not be considered.

For the information of the Board, President Humphrey presented a financial summary of the Wyoming War Memorial funds, revealing that 84 per cent of the pledges to the fund had thus far been collected. He also presented financial statements as of January 31, 1951, prepared in the office of the Business Manager.

In the Addendum to the President's Report, President Humphrey presented first a summary of the legislation which affects the University, as follows:

1. Schools of Nursing. He discussed at some length the Act providing for two schools of nursing to be established, operated, and maintained by the Board of Trustees of the University. He explained that a study should be made to determine the location of the schools, in two of the communities chosen from the locations listed in the bill, as follows: Rock Springs, Casper, Sheridan, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Powell, Kemmerer, and Laramie. President Humphrey also explained that, in making provision for the University to establish, operate, and maintain the schools, Mr. Anselmi (who introduced the bill) hoped to insure credit being given at the University for work done in the schools. President Humphrey stated that he believed there should be a collegiate nursing program at the University in addition to the R.N. schools authorized by the Act. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, and carried that President Humphrey be authorized to proceed with having a study made as provided for by the Act, and that Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Del Monte be appointed to serve as representatives of the Board of Trustees on the committee. Asked who would be appointed to serve from

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Schools of Nursing

the faculty on the committee, President Humphrey stated that Miss Gertrude Gould would be one of the members, and that he believed either Dr. R. H. Denniston or Dr. L. F. Clarke would be the other member.

2. Community Colleges. After a discussion of the Act providing for community colleges, which President Humphrey explained in some detail, it was moved by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Del Monte, and carried that President Humphrey be authorized to proceed with the organization of the Community College Commission authorized by the Act. The Commission is composed of the following members: the President of the University, the Dean of the Division of Adult Education and Community Service (who will serve as Executive Secretary), the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Education, the Director of each Community College, and one member of the staff of each Community College, appointed by the Board of the Community College from a list of persons nominated by the Director of the College.

Community Colleges

3. Increasing the Size of the Board of Trustees. President Humphrey explained the provisions of the Act increasing the size of the Board of Trustees from nine to twelve members, no two of whom may be residents of the same county, and not more than seven of whom may be registered in the same political party.

Increasing the Size
of the Board of
Trustees

4. General Appropriations. Next President Humphrey presented a summary of the requests made of the Legislature by the University, the amounts recommended by the Governor, the amounts actually appropriated by the Legislature, and the decreases in the amounts requested. He revealed that the appropriations authorized by the Legislature totaled \$5,719,100, divided as follows:

General Appropriations

Main University	\$4,500,000
Agricultural Extension	501,000
State Farms	180,000
Medical Education	58,000
Capital Outlay	376,525
Equipment	103,475

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:10 and reassembled at 2:00 p.m.

President Humphrey read the following telegram from Mr. Simpson, who was unable to be present for the meeting:

TELEGRAM FROM
MR. SIMPSON

"Sorry for my inability to be present. Please extend my congratulations to the newly appointed members. Feel sure that our Board can and will meet the challenge presented by the present day crisis. Regards to all."

Mr. F. H. Porter, Architect, was invited into the meeting for a presentation of the final plans and specifications for the Library building. Following a brief explanation of the floor plans and a discussion of the exterior of the building, a picture of which Mr. Porter showed to the group, it was recommended by the President that the Board approve the plans and specifications so that they might be submitted to the Community Facilities Service, from which the University has secured or will secure funds for the preparation of the plans and specifications. Mr. Hansen moved, Mr. Burwell seconded, and it was carried that the following resolution be approved:

LIBRARY PLANS

"WHEREAS, The Trustees of the University of Wyoming accepted an offer from the United States Government for an advance for plan preparation of a public work described as Library Building; and

"WHEREAS, Porter and Bradley was engaged to prepare plans and specifications for the aforesaid public work, and said architect and/or engineer has completed the plans and specifications and submitted them for approval; and

"WHEREAS, the completed plans and specifications have been carefully studied and are considered to comprise adequate planning of the public work essential to the community

and within the financial ability of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming to construct;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The Trustees of the University of Wyoming, the governing body of said applicant, that the plans and specifications submitted by Porter and Bradley for the construction of the Library Building dated February 24, 1951, in connection with Community Facilities Service Project No. Wyo. 48-P-1005 be and the same are hereby approved; and that certified copies of this resolution be filed as a part of the final report of plan preparation."

The Trustees next considered the problem of meeting the decreases in Legislative appropriations in preparing the operating budget of the University for 1951-52. President Humphrey presented two suggested plans for meeting the \$652,000 decrease, both of which included removing the four new enterprises which had been planned. It was the consensus of the Board that it would be the responsibility of the administration to decide just where reductions should be made. As one means of meeting the decrease, however, Mr. Hansen moved, Mr. Burwell seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the student fees be increased \$5.00 per quarter for all non-veteran students, beginning with the fall quarter of 1951-52. The Board then approved the statement of general procedure which President Humphrey outlined as follows: (1) raising fees \$5.00 per quarter as indicated; (2) giving salary raises as proposed in the budget requests; and (3) reducing staff throughout the University wherever possible.

For the information of the Trustees, President Humphrey explained that a study is being made at the present time to determine the feasibility of offering a year-round program of four quarters, making it possible for students to graduate in three years. He stated that considerable pressure is being brought to bear by both the Army and the Air Force to get colleges and universities to adopt plans for accelerated programs,

LEGISLATIVE
APPROPRIATIONS
TO UNIVERSITY

ACCELERATED PROGRAM

but that he felt the expense of an accelerated program in the face of budget reductions might be prohibitive. He promised to have the results of the study being made by a faculty committee for presentation to the Board at the next meeting, together with his recommendations as to procedure.

President Humphrey presented a letter from Mr. C. G. Skartvedt, President of the Fuel Oil Company of Rapid City, South Dakota, asking if the University is interested in exercising its option to purchase the storage tank constructed on the campus by the Fuel Oil Company, the cost of which was listed at \$3,200.15. After some discussion, Mr. Burwell moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried that President Humphrey be authorized to negotiate with Mr. Skartvedt to see if he would be willing to leave the tank on the campus for another year to give the Trustees an opportunity to have a complete study of the fuel situation made, and, should the negotiations prove unsuccessful, that President Humphrey be authorized to purchase the tank.

FUEL OIL CONTRACT

The question of purchasing a new boiler as a stand-by in the Power Plant was discussed, and President Humphrey recommended that some action be taken on the matter. Mr. Reed expressed the feeling that no action should be taken until the engineering firm employed to make the proposed survey has made a report. President Humphrey then made the following proposal: that he be authorized to contact several engineering firms and secure their estimates on the survey (stipulating that the first part of the survey should include a recommendation as to whether or not the University should discard its old boilers and buy a new one for a stand-by). He stated that he would then present his findings on the two or three best proposals to Mr. Burwell, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Jones

POWER SURVEY

for their selection of the firm to be employed. He added that all recommendations made by the engineers selected would be submitted to the Board of Trustees as soon as possible for their approval.

Returning to a discussion of the bills acted upon by the 31st Legislature which affect the University in some way, President Humphrey commented briefly on the following:

5. Rules and Regulations. Senate Enrolled Act No. 27, which passed the House and the Senate, President Humphrey explained, would, if finally approved by the Governor, require the University to submit all rules and regulations to the Attorney General for his study and ruling as to their legality.

6. Wyoming Natural Resources Board. The President of the University serves as an ex-officio member of the Board provided for in this Act, which was passed.

7. Workmen's Compensation. This Act, which passed, is a rather lengthy one, and President Humphrey did not have sufficient information to report on it.

8. State Library and Historical Board. The Act providing for a State Library and Historical Board, which was passed, was amended a number of times, and a copy of the final Act, which at the time of the report had not been signed by the Governor, was not available.

9. Per Diem Increase. This Act provided for an increase of \$1.00 per day on per diem for state employees, making per diem rates \$7.00 per day for in-state and \$9.00 per day for out-of-state travel for all except department heads, for whom the new rates will be \$9.00 per day for in-state and \$11.00 per day for out-of-state travel. It was passed by the House and Senate and signed by the Governor.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Rules and Regulations

Wyoming Natural
Resources Board

Workmen's Compensation

State Library and
Historical Board

Per Diem Increase

10. Higher Education Compact. President Humphrey expressed disappointment that this bill, which provided for the selection of Commissioners to draw up a compact for regional cooperation in higher education in the eleven Western states and the territories of Hawaii and Alaska, died on the General File in the House. He explained, however, that the Act passed by the special session of the Legislature in 1950 will enable the University to proceed with its program of cooperation in the training of medical students.

Higher Education Compact

11. Centralized Accounting System. This Act, which passed, provided for a study of a system of centralized accounting for the state and an appropriation of \$20,000 to cover the cost.

Centralized Accounting System

12. State Employees Salary. Had this bill passed, the Board of State Supplies would have had authority to set salaries of all employees of the University except the teaching staff.

State Employees Salary

13. Advertising for Bids on Public Works. Had this bill passed, it would have required all state institutions, school districts, etc. to secure bids on all labor and materials exceeding \$1,000 in the repair, remodeling, or construction of any building.

Advertising for Bids on Public Works

As Chairman of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, President Humphrey presented the recommendations of the Committee, composed this year of Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Hansen from the Trustees, and Mr. Barr, Dr. Burns, and Mr. Trelease from the faculty. The Committee recommended that the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws be offered to Mr. Charles M. Smith, Judge T. Blake Kennedy, and Mr. J. J. Early, with no names being carried forward for consideration next year. Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Del Monte seconded, and it was carried that the recommendations of the Committee be accepted.

HONORARY DEGREES

Charles M. Smith

T. Blake Kennedy

J. J. Early

Mr. Del Monte raised a question concerning the bill presented in the Legislature providing for the sale of the three inactive farms. President Humphrey reported that the bill was killed in committee and that the University still has the three farms.

SALE OF INACTIVE
STATE FARMS

President Humphrey presented to the Trustees copies of a map of the state showing the location of all land owned by the University. President Humphrey was asked to express to Mr. Fay Smith the appreciation of the Trustees for his fine work in preparing the maps.

LAND MAPS

For the information of the Board, President Humphrey presented a report of the committee composed of Mr. F. R. Hall, Dean M. C. Mundell, and Dean H. T. Person, appointed to make a study of the Buildings and Grounds Department. Since the Trustees had not had opportunity to study the report, President Humphrey suggested that they take it with them and if they had any questions to ask or any comments to make on the report that they do so at the next meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
STUDY

Mr. Reed spoke of the complaints received by several members of the Board of Trustees criticizing the University magazine, "Snipe." As none of the Board members present had seen a copy of this publication, Mr. Reed requested President Humphrey to have one copy of each of the last few issues of "Snipe" mailed to each Board member so that they may read them before the next Board meeting and be prepared to discuss the matter at that time.

SNIFE MAGAZINE

Mr. Jacoby came into the meeting and reported to the Board that the game between Wyoming and Denver University this year will be played

WYOMING-DENVER GAME

on September 29 in Laramie instead of Thanksgiving Day in Denver. The Trustees expressed hearty approval of this arrangement.

The Board adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to reassemble at 10 a.m. on March 13.

Respectfully submitted,



H. D. Del Monte
Secretary