

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

January 21, 1957

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

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order in the Board room at 10:10 a.m. on January 21. The following members were present: Hansen, Reed, Sullivan, Patterson, Jones, Newton, Chamberlain, Peck, McIntire, Bush and, ex-officio, Humphrey. Absent were: McCracken, Brough and, ex-officio, Simpson. Miss Linford joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

President Hansen asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 7-8 meeting of the Board. None being presented, he stated that the minutes would stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Peck seconded, and it was carried that the following appointments be approved:

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mr. Lawrence C. Patterson as Assistant County Agent trainee in Albany County, effective February 1, 1957, at a salary rate of \$200 per month.

Patterson

2. Miss Mariel Sims as Home Demonstration Agent in Lincoln County, effective February 1, 1957, at a salary rate of \$334 per month.

Sims

3. Mr. William P. Roberts as Research Assistant in Agricultural Economics, effective January 15, 1957, at a salary rate of \$400 per month.

Roberts

4. Dr. H. B. McFadden as Acting Dean of the Graduate School during the period of Dean R. H. Bruce's sabbatical leave--September 10, 1957 to June 10, 1958, at a salary rate to be determined when the budget for 1957-58 is prepared.

McFadden

Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Chamberlain seconded, and it was carried that the Board authorize the following changes in leaves of absence already approved:

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. That the leave of Mr. John A. Shultz, County Agent in Natrona County, be extended, without pay, from July 1 to August 15, 1957.

Shultz

2. That the beginning date of the sabbatical leave of Mr. Orville Nicholls, County Agent in Converse County, be changed from September 1 to October 15, 1957.

Nicholls

3. That the place at which Dr. V. J. Varineau, Professor of Mathematics, will study high speed computers during the sabbatical leave granted him for the second semester of 1956-57 be changed from the University of California to the Bureau of Standards in Washington.

Varineau

1. Department of Animal Production. Mr. Newton moved that the Board authorize an appropriation of \$3,967.26 from the Experiment Station Sales Fund to cover the cost of bringing a Pure-Pak machine from Buffalo, Wyoming, to the campus, installing it, and operating it until July 1, 1957. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was carried.

BUDGET CHANGES

Department of Animal Production

2. Department of Animal Production. Mrs. Bush moved that the Board authorize an appropriation of \$1,179.35 from the Experiment Station Sales Fund to provide additional funds needed to cover the cost of improvements made at the Stock Farm, for which a previous appropriation of \$8,696.13 proved to be insufficient. Mr. Chamberlain seconded the motion and it was carried.

Department of Animal Production

3. College of Arts and Sciences. Mr. Reed moved that the Board authorize an appropriation of \$4,991, which, together with the \$5,226 available in the budget of the College, would provide for emergency teaching funds during the second semester of 1956-57, as follows: English, \$825; Languages, \$488; Mathematics, \$6,767; and Speech, \$2,137. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peck and carried.

College of Arts and Sciences

4. Department of Mechanical Engineering. It was moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried that an appropriation of \$200 be authorized to provide the additional amount needed (above the \$100 set up in the budget) to cover the cost of inspecting the

Department of Mechanical Engineering

curriculum of the Department of Mechanical Engineering for accreditation by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development.

5. Catalogs and Diplomas. Mr. Reed moved that an appropriation of \$1,250 be authorized to permit ordering 1,500 to 1,750 additional catalogs for the 1957-59 biennium, the additional copies to be distributed by the Field Relations office. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was carried.

Catalogs and Diplomas

6. Cafeteria Main Dining Room Ventilation. Mr. Newton moved that the Board authorize an appropriation of \$612.04 from the Building Improvement Fund to cover the labor charges in connection with installation of an improved ventilation system in the Cafeteria main dining room, since the original estimate did not cover labor. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was carried.

Cafeteria Main Dining Room Ventilation

7. Army ROTC Assistants. Mr. Chamberlain moved that an appropriation of \$325 be authorized to provide for necessary additional student assistance in the Military Property Department for the remainder of the 1956-57 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Patterson and carried.

Army ROTC Assistants

8. Gymnasium Wrestling Room Heater. Mr. Peck moved that the Board authorize an appropriation of \$116.26 to cover the labor charge involved in the installation of a special heater in the wrestling room of the Gymnasium, since the original estimate did not provide for labor costs. Mr. Chamberlain seconded the motion and it was carried.

Gymnasium Wrestling Room Heater

The Trustees considered a proposal from a committee appointed by President Humphrey to study the advisability of establishing a computing laboratory on the campus that the University participate in the Western Data Processing Center located at the University of California in Los Angeles. The report presented by President Humphrey pointed out that

PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN DATA PROCESSING CENTER

U.C.L.A. and the IBM Corporation had jointly contracted to install a large-scale data processing center, with primary emphasis on teaching and research in the fields of business, that one-half of the machine time would be used by U.C.L.A. and the remaining half would be used by participating schools, of which there would be perhaps 50. Dr. Humphrey assured the Trustees that the University's participation in the Center would involve no cost, except for travel to Los Angeles (estimated at \$600 per year) and that he felt it would be advantageous to the University to participate. He stated that there was a likelihood the National Science Foundation or some other organization would establish a statistical center in the Rocky Mountain region and that he felt Wyoming would have a better chance of being selected as the location for the center if it had staff members trained in the use of the machines available at the Western Data Processing Center. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Chamberlain that the Board approve the University's participation in the Western Data Processing Center, provided the Computing Laboratory Committee could give assurance that such participation would further rather than retard the institution's chances of being selected as the location for a future statistical center in the Rocky Mountain region. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bush and carried.

President Humphrey presented a letter which he had received from the Vice President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. P. J. Lynch, setting forth the terms under which the Company would be willing to sell to the University 80 acres of land lying east of the University's present holdings. The letter called attention to a five-year lease by the City of Laramie on part of the land desired, to the easements given for power and telephone lines, and to the mineral reservation without right of entry. Mr. Lynch concluded his letter by stating that he would

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recommend sale of the 80 acres to the University at a price of \$500 per acre. After careful consideration of the matter, it was moved by Mr. McIntire that a committee be appointed, on which Mr. McCracken and the Governor should be asked to serve, to negotiate for a two-year option on purchase of the land and attempt to secure a lower price than that quoted by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was carried.

There was some discussion of the approach to be made to the Legislature on the question of purchasing the 80 acres of land owned by the Suburban Improvement Company east of the present campus, on which the University earlier secured an option. Dr. Humphrey asked that final decision be delayed, since Messrs. W. E. and C. A. Hitchcock had arrived for a discussion of the question of remodeling the old Library building.

Before the architects were invited into the meeting, Dr. Humphrey reminded the Trustees that the amount of \$209,000 had been reserved for remodeling the old Library building and explained that when the preliminary plans were completed the estimated cost had totaled \$408,125. He stated that he had explained the situation to the Ways and Means Committee and had asked for the privilege of returning with a recommendation for the use of the \$209,000 reserved for the remodeling.

Messrs. Hitchcock and Hitchcock joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and explained in some detail the reason for the high cost of the remodeling. The principal cost, they pointed out, would be in building additional floors--in the present reading room and in the area now occupied by the stacks. Even by constructing the extra floors and utilizing all the available space, they added, the departments and college scheduled to occupy the building (Department of Botany, Herbarium, and College of Commerce and Industry) would not have all the space they felt they needed. Answering a question from one of the Trustees, they

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REMODELING OF OLD
LIBRARY BUILDING

stated that they thought the building could be remodeled for use by the Department of Botany and the Rocky Mountain Herbarium (including remodeling of the heating system) for approximately \$200,000. Dr. Humphrey pointed out that it would be late in 1958 or early in 1959 before the old Library would be vacated and ready for remodeling, and that if the Trustees wished, the money set aside for the remodeling could be used for something else and then money could be set aside in the next biennial budget for the Library remodeling.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:15 and reassembled at 1:15, with the same members present who were present for the morning session. Miss Linford left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

As soon as the meeting was called to order after lunch, Mr. Reed moved that the remodeling of the old Library building be referred to the Committee on Physical Plant and Equipment for further study and report to the Board. Mr. McIntire seconded the motion and it was carried.

Dr. Humphrey referred briefly to the plan for trying to secure funds from the Legislature for an addition to the Engineering building, toward the cost of which Vice Admiral E. S. Land had already promised the sum of \$50,000. He stated that a further report on this matter would be made after he and Mr. McIntire had been able to talk by phone with Mr. W. T. Nightingale of the Mountain Fuel Supply Company. He pointed out that the Board might wish to assign to the Engineering addition the \$209,000 set aside for the Library remodeling.

Dr. Humphrey then mentioned the possibility of securing \$250,000 from the Federal Government toward the cost of constructing a Student Health building, provided the necessary matching funds could be secured. He stated that he had hopes of securing the additional amount

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needed for this building from an individual in the state but that if he were unsuccessful the Board might also wish to consider using the \$209,000 for that purpose or asking the Legislature for sufficient appropriation to provide the necessary matching funds. Action on both questions was deferred pending completion of a telephone call to Mr. Nightingale.

The Trustees then turned their attention to a letter from Mr. Phil Dickens, Head Football Coach, requesting that he be released from his contract to permit him to accept the head coaching position at Indiana University. Dr. Humphrey read a letter from Mr. G. J. Jacoby, Athletic Director, recommending that Coach Dickens be released from his three-year contract subject to final departmental clearance. At the request of Mr. McCracken, who was absent on account of illness, the Trustees were given copies of a statement which Mr. McCracken had released to the newspapers expressing his personal protest against releasing Coach Dickens. After some discussion, Mr. Jones moved that Coach Dickens be released from his contract subject to final departmental clearance. Mr. Peck seconded the motion and it was carried, Mr. Reed and Mr. Hansen voting no and Mr. McCracken, through his verbal request to Mr. Hansen, also registering disapproval.

The possibility of purchasing the 80 acres of land owned by the Suburban Improvement Company east of the campus was brought up again, and Mr. Chamberlain moved that the Board recommend to the Ways and Means Committee the purchase of the 80 acres, or any part thereof, from the Suburban Improvement Company, and that a committee be appointed to negotiate on the terms of the purchase. Mr. Newton seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Chamberlain stated that appointment of the committee, of which he suggested that Mr. Sullivan be one member, need

RESIGNATION OF COACH
PHIL DICKENS

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not delay the request to the Ways and Means Committee. Dr. Humphrey stated that the Committee had agreed to come to the University and look at the land, and that he would present the Board's recommendation to the Committee.

Mr. McIntire moved, Mrs. Patterson seconded, and it was carried that the following change orders be approved:

- 1. Geology Building Remodeling - Spiegelberg Lumber & Building Company - Change Order No. 1:

Add: Revise and enlarge pier footings and fill existing trench excavation with 2 Bag Mix Concrete according to our drawing No. 101, dated December 17, 1956, and your bid of December 19, 1956. \$1,893.00

- 2. Service Building Unit III - Spiegelberg Lumber & Building Company - Change Order No. 1:

Add: Plastering of West Wall of Paint Room. \$ 92.00

Dr. Humphrey informed the Board that the Attorney General had disapproved of a provision in the memorandum of agreement approved by the Board on May 26, 1956, by which the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission sought to transfer to the University certain tracts of land known as the Red Buttes property and the Merrihew property for future use by the Department of Zoology in establishing and operating fish and wildlife experimental and training projects. He stated that the objectionable provision had been removed and that a quit claim deed had been submitted covering the transfer. Mr. Chamberlain moved that the Board accept the property on behalf of the Department of Zoology and the University. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was carried.

Dr. Humphrey reported that the further negotiation authorized by the Board at the December meeting with regard to certain provisions in the proposed contract with the Pacific Power and Light Company had not

CHANGE ORDERS

TRANSFER OF LAND TO UNIVERSITY BY WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CONTRACT WITH PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

resulted in any change in the contract and that, in accordance with the Board's direction, approval of the Executive Committee had been secured for signing the contract.

President Humphrey called attention to a letter sent to the Trustees some weeks ago in which he asked permission for Mr. Elliott Hays, Deputy Director of Finance and Budget, to have access to the University's safety deposit box at the bank in the absence of Mr. L. G. Meeboer, Director of Finance and Budget, it being understood that one other person would always be present when it was necessary for him to gain access to the box. He stated that there had been some question on the part of the Treasurer of the Board regarding this procedure and that, although a majority of the Trustees had approved the recommended procedure, he thought perhaps it should be discussed again. Mr. Meeboer was invited into the meeting and explained the reasons for the recommendation. After some discussion, Mr. McIntire moved that the Director of Finance and Budget (presently Mr. L. G. Meeboer) be authorized to enter the safety deposit box in the presence of one of the following authorized personnel of the Division of Finance and Budget: the Deputy Director of Finance and Budget (presently Mr. Elliott Hays), the Chief Accountant (presently Mr. Leonard Helzer), or the Supervisor of Student Organizations and Loans (presently Mr. Harold Van Blair); that the Deputy Director of Finance and Budget likewise be authorized to gain access to the safety deposit box in the presence of one of the other persons named above; and that a certified copy of this motion be placed on file with the First National Bank. Mr. Newton seconded the motion and it was carried.

Consideration was given next to a bill which President Humphrey had had prepared at the suggestion of Mr. Reed authorizing the University to construct dormitories, student apartments, dining halls and cafeterias,

ACCESS TO SAFETY
DEPOSIT BOX AT FIRST
NATIONAL BANK

PROPOSED DORMITORY
BILL

and to issue securities to finance such construction, the securities to be payable from the revenues of the buildings. It was the consensus of the Board that introduction of such a bill might jeopardize other, more pressing, legislation and that it would be better to hold the bill until action had been taken on the request for the addition to the Engineering building.

Dr. Humphrey presented a recommendation from Mr. Larry E. Clark, Supervisor of Auxiliary Enterprises, that, in order to standardize guest rates on the campus, the following rental rates be authorized for Hoyt Hall:

- A. For conferences and conventions of less than two weeks duration:
 - 1. Student organizations: \$1.25 per person (two persons per room)
 - 2. Non-student organizations: \$1.75 per person (two persons per room); \$2.25 per person (one person per room)
- B. For conferences and conventions of a full two weeks and longer:
 - 1. \$7.50 per person per week (one person per room)
 - 2. \$5.00 per person per week (two persons per room)
 - 3. Additional cot for children in parents' room-- \$1.00 per week

Mr. Reed moved that the increases be approved as recommended, effective immediately with the exception of any commitments that might have been made at the old rates. Mr. Chamberlain seconded the motion and it was carried.

For the information of the Board President Humphrey reported on the several meetings he had held with the heads of the junior and community colleges in the state in an effort to arrive at legislation agreeable to all concerned. He gave the Trustees copies of bills containing the provisions on which he was under the impression all of the college heads had agreed and then told them about the bills which had been introduced

RENT INCREASES,
HOYT HALL

JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE BILLS

without his prior knowledge by members of the Sheridan and Casper delegations. He stated that he had just received copies of the latter bills, having sent to Cheyenne for them; later he gave copies to the members of the Board. He pointed out that the bills as introduced asked for an appropriation of \$500,000 (instead of the \$130,000 agreed upon in his meetings with the junior and community college heads) and that the constitutional amendment on which all had apparently agreed had not been introduced.

Most of the remainder of the afternoon was spent in a discussion of the problems involved in exercising some control over the establishment of two-year colleges in the state. Some Trustees felt that the bills which President Humphrey stated the college heads had agreed upon should be introduced; other Trustees felt that such a procedure would be unwise. Miss Linford stated that she felt much of the misunderstanding and misapprehension on the part of the junior college people could be cleared up if arrangements could be made for a joint meeting of the University Board of Trustees, the State Board of Education, and the Boards of Trustees of the two-year colleges. After this suggestion and other suggestions had been discussed at some length, it was moved by Mr. Chamberlain that the President of the Board of Trustees and the President of the State Board of Education issue a joint invitation to the University Board of Trustees, the State Board of Education, the Boards of Trustees of the two-year colleges, and the administrative heads of the University and the two-year colleges to meet in Cheyenne on a date to be selected by the two Presidents. Mrs. Bush seconded the motion and it was carried.

President Humphrey spoke briefly on the question of a possible addition to the Engineering building, which he had mentioned earlier

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in the meeting. He stated that the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association had appointed a committee, composed of Mr. McIntire, Mr. W. T. Nightingale, and Mr. Glenn Nielson, to study the possibility of establishing in the Rocky Mountain region a strong program of instruction and research in petroleum engineering. He stated that he had met with the committee and the Governor during the previous week and that plans for establishment of such a department at the University of Wyoming had been presented. He pointed out that the proposed addition would cost approximately \$650,000, of which \$50,000 had been promised by Vice Admiral E. S. Land, and that provision of the additional space would enable the University to secure accreditation for some of its engineering curricula not now accredited. He suggested that the \$209,000 set aside for the remodeling of the old Library might be used toward the cost of constructing the addition if the Trustees wished to designate it for that purpose.

Mr. McIntire then pointed out that the Governor had stated his willingness to recommend an appropriation by the Legislature for the proposed addition on the condition that the oil and gas industry in the state would provide funds for equipping it, the cost of which had been estimated at \$500,000. He stated that he and Dr. Humphrey had hoped to secure final commitment on that point from Mr. Nightingale and, through him, Mr. Percy Spencer, President of Sinclair Oil and Gas Company, but that Mr. Nightingale had told them, when they talked with him by phone during the afternoon, it would be Thursday before he could give them a definite answer.

Dr. Humphrey called the Board's attention again to the possibility of securing \$250,000 from Federal funds toward construction of a Student Health building and suggested that that possibility be kept in mind in deciding on the use of the \$209,000 reserved for the remodeling of the old Library building.

Mr. McIntire then moved that Dr. Humphrey be authorized to commit the \$209,000 either as matching funds for the Student Health building or as part of the cost of the addition to the Engineering building; that the gift from Vice Admiral E. S. Land be applied toward the Engineering addition; and that if the petroleum industry gives the Governor satisfactory assurance of its intention to equip the proposed Engineering addition the President be authorized to request the full appropriation necessary to complete the Engineering addition and provide necessary matching funds for the Student Health building, it being understood that the \$209,000 might be used to apply toward the cost of either building. Mr. Chamberlain seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Peck then moved that, if it proved impossible to secure necessary funds for either the Engineering addition or the Student Health building, the \$209,000 be assigned to construction of Unit IV of the Buildings and Grounds Service building. Mrs. Patterson seconded the motion and it was carried.

Dr. Humphrey reported that a news article carrying information about the inclusion of hotel rooms in the plan for the proposed addition to the Wyoming Union had brought a flood of protesting telegrams from hotel and motel owners in the state. He added that the bill providing for the addition was being revised to omit the rooms in question so as to prevent its defeat.

President Humphrey reported that he had had a very fine hearing with the Ways and Means Committee and that, while he could not know what the Committee's recommendation would be, he felt the Committee had gained a good understanding of the University's needs.

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WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The date for the next regular meeting of the Board was set for
March 8-9.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. R. Sullivan
Secretary

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING