

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

**December 2-3, 1910**

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

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University was held this date pursuant to call. There were present Mr. Gramm in the chair, Judge Clark, Colonel Crawford, Messrs. Jones, Coffeen and Tidball, Mrs. Stone and Dr. Merica. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary presented the report of the Treasurer, dated June 14th, 1910, for the year ending June 30th, 1910, also the State Examiner's report for that same year, and the same were, upon motion of Colonel Crawford, approved and ordered filed. The Secretary further reported with reference to the University lands and said that he had the matter about ready for a report which would thoroughly cover the land question.

Dr. Merica read a report, supplementary to his annual report, devoted entirely to a study of University needs with reference to legislative action. This was discussed at length, every member of the Board present taking part in the discussion.

At half-past five the Board adjourned until the following morning.

Secretary.

The Board re-convened at this time, there being present the same members as on the previous afternoon.

Mr. Jones introduced a resolution which was seconded by Judge Clark. The resolution was as follows:

RESOLVED: That this Board of Trustees ask the coming Legislature for the following legislation with reference to the University of Wyoming:--

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) under the half-mill tax for current expenses.

Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the construction of a University hospital.

The submission to the people of Wyoming of a proposition for a University bond issue amounting to \$300,000; And, that the President of this Board appoint a committee composed of the President of the Board, the President of the University and two other members of the Board to formulate this request in the form of a report from the Board of Trustees to the Legislature.

This resolution was further discussed. A vote being taken, Messrs. Clark, Tidball, Crawford and Jones voting "yes", but Mr. Coffeen voted "no" on the first two items, but in favor of the bond issue.

Mr. Gramm again brought up the land matter and urged the necessity of an investigation that the Board might stand cleared of any neglect in the matter in the eyes of the public. Mrs. Stone approved of this position and upon motion of Mr. Coffeen, seconded by her, it was decided to ask the Governor to make an investigation. After further discussion, however, on motion of Judge Clark, the whole land matter was referred to a committee. The resolution was as follows:

Inasmuch as there has been much public criticism of the action of the Board of Trustees with regard to the University lands,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a statement of facts regarding all acts of this Board in relation to University lands and the general policy of the Trustees in relation to the same, and, after approval by the Board, take necessary steps for the publication of the same.

✓ Mr. Gramm appointed on this committee, Dr. Merica and Messrs. Clark and Tidball.

✓ Mr. Gramm appointed Dr. Merica and Messrs. Clark and Jones members of the legislative committee. This committee was to endeavor to carry out the policies as outlined by the President and endorsed by the Board, but the committee was given power, should it not seem wise to try to carry out that program, to do whatever should seem best to them under the circumstances. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Coffeen:

In view of the fact that the General Government set aside 260,000 acres of lands in the State of Wyoming for penal, charitable, reformatory and educational purposes, and that that the University is entitled to a proportion of said lands, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the legislature be asked to set aside for University purposes at least 50,000 of said lands.

Carried.

There being no further business, Colonel Crawford moved that the Board adjourn.

Secretary.