

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

June 5-6, 1912

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was held this date, pursuant to call. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Mr. Burke in the chair. There were present Colonel Crawford, Dr. Hamilton, Messrs. Tidball and Ingham and Dr. Merica. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved, as were those of the special meeting held May 2nd, 1912. The minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board since December were read and approved.

The first business taken up was the consideration of the Budget for the year 1912-1913. Dr. Merica, President of the University, said that owing to his early departure, he had made no recommendations with reference to the future policy, but had simply brought to the Board the usual salary list and departmental appropriations; the latter being based on the reports of the various members of the faculty. Dr. Merica brought up the matter of an assistant for Dr. Nelson for the year January 1, 1913 to January 1, 1914; the assistant being asked for by Dr. Nelson in order that he might have more time free to publish a book. Dr. Merica said that at his suggestion, Dr. Nelson had addressed a letter to each member of the Board so that they were familiar with what Dr. Nelson wanted. Colonel Crawford moved that Dr. Nelson be allowed an assistant beginning January 1, 1913, at \$60 per month for the balance of that fiscal year. Carried.

Dr. Hamilton moved that the salary of Miss Adsit be raised from \$1,400, as indicated in the Budget, to \$1,600. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ingham and after some discussion, was carried.

Colonel Crawford moved that the balance of the Salary Budget as recommended by the President be adopted. Motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and unanimously carried.

After further consideration of the departmental appropriations as recommended by Dr. Merica, that was also unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ingham moved that the degrees and diplomas recommended by the President and Faculty be conferred at the Commencement on June 13th be granted. Carried.

Following is the list of degrees and diplomas:

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

'Mary Ethel Biddick

'Jesse Menander Mann

Lee Anthon Wolfard

Dorothy Worthington

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Bachelor of Science

'Leon C. Excelby

'Samuel Morton Fuller

'Charles Arthur Jones

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science

'Cloyd Crone

'Laurence Archibald Goines

'Wilbur Arthur Hitchcock

'Eugene Parkhurst Willson

'Iven I. Price

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Diploma

'Harriet Elizabeth DeForest

'Alice Helena Hardman

'Lulu E. Marquardt

THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Diploma

'Edith Mae Blue

'Claribel Bowman

'Sarah Loretta Butler

'Alice Elizabeth Cary

'Gladys Eloise Cortshell

'Ann Theresa Dunn

'Einna Dene Eggleston

Dr. Hamilton moved that the same Secretary's contingency fund of \$300 be continued. Carried.

Mr. Tidball moved that a committee be appointed to draw up resolutions upon the death of Dr. John W. Hoyt, the first President of the University of Wyoming, and that said resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of the Board. The chair appointed Colonel Crawford to act as such committee.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee was authorized and empowered to re-appropriate all unexpended balances appearing upon the books of the Secretary at this time and also to exercise power and authority over the routine matters arising between the adjournment of this meeting and the next annual meeting of the Board.

The Secretary presented an invitation from Miss Amy Abbot, Secretary of the Alumni Association of the University of Wyoming, to attend the annual banquet of said Association to be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 1912. Upon motion of Mr. Ingham, duly seconded and carried, Mr. Burrage was instructed to acknowledge this invitation and thank the Association for its courtesy.

Colonel Crawford, as a committee to draw up suitable resolutions with reference to the death of Dr. John W. Hoyt, presented the following resolutions, which, upon motion of Mr. Tidball, were unanimously carried.

WHEREAS: It has come to the knowledge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming that Honorable John W. Hoyt, who was the first President of this University, died at his home in Washington, D. C., on May 23rd, 1912, and

WHEREAS: This Board hears of the demise of this learned man whose name added honor and prestige to this institution, Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Board express its sincere regrets on the death of this distinguished personage, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this preamble and resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of the same to his son, Kepler Hoyt, at Washington, D. C.

(Signed) J. F. CRAWFORD,

Committee.

It being six o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet at half past eight o'clock on the following morning.

Secretary.

The Board re-assembled this morning with Mr. Burke in the chair and the same members present as before, with the exception of Mr. Tidball, who had to leave the city, and the addition of Judge Clark, who had come in one of the evening trains.

The Secretary was appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions with references to the services rendered to the University by Dr. Charles O. Merica during his term of office as president of the institution. Mr. Burrage presented the following minute, which, upon motion, was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED: That in accepting the resignation of Dr. Merica as President of the University, this Board desires not only to express its keen regret at losing his services, but also its sincere appreciation of the great work he has accomplished during the four years and three months of his administration.

The Board feels that Dr. Merica assumed charge of the University at the most critical period in its history, and by his courage, untiring energy and devotion, coupled with much common sense, has put it on its feet and started it far on the way to serve the purpose for which it was founded.

The Board further feels that at present the University occupies a stronger and more friendly position among the people of the state than it ever has before, and that the credit for this belongs in large part to Dr. Merica.

In its internal administration, the Board is profoundly impressed with the changes wrought by Dr. Merica. The institution is now so organized as to command the respect and admiration of educators everywhere; but what is more, its organization as at present constituted seems to fit it to meet and serve the needs of all the people of Wyoming in the most efficient manner.

Mention might be made of numbers of other things that Dr. Merica has accomplished, but the Board feels that in placing the University in the right relation before the people of the state and in re-organizing it for efficient service, he has done his greatest work and for this he will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

The Board wishes Dr. Merica the greatest success in the work that now lies before him.

The election of officers was next taken up and upon motion of Judge Clark, seconded by Mr. Ingham, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board's present officers for the year 1912-13. Carried. The Secretary, therefore, cast the ballot and Mr. Burke was declared elected President, Colonel Crawford, Vice President, Mr. A. C. Jones, Treasurer, and Mr. F. S. Burrage, Secretary.

Judge Clark made the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the President of this Board, together with Dr. Hamilton and Mr. V. J. Tidball, be and that they are hereby appointed the Executive Committee of the Board for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Dr. Merica stated that Professor Merz wished to try to be enrolled on the Carnegie Fund for another year and that he desired, therefore, the recommendation of this Board to that fund. Dr. Hamilton moved that the Board recommended Professor Merz to the Carnegie Fund in the customary manner. Unanimously carried.

The Secretary presented a proposition from a Cheyenne party with reference to weather-strip the buildings of the University. Dr. Merica stated, that at the present time, it did not appear that there were funds to undertake this work. Judge Clark, accordingly, moved that the Secretary be instructed to write the gentleman making the bid, that the University, at the present time, was not in a position to consider the matter. Carried.

Judge Clark moved that Dr. Merica and the Secretary be appointed a committee to adjust and fix the insurance on the new President's house. Carried.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned sene Die.

Secretary.