

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

December 11, 1917

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was held this date at nine o'clock in the morning, pursuant to call, with the following members present:- Mrs. Mary B. David in the chair, Mrs. Mary N. Brooks, Judge J. M. Carey, Messrs. C. D. Spalding and W. S. Ingham, Dr. A. B. Hamilton, and Acting President Nelson. State Superintendent Edith K. O. Clark, and Messrs. Burke, Beach and Brooks were absent. The minutes of the annual meeting of June 12th and 13th were read and approved, and also those of a special meeting of the Board held on ^{August 14th +} September 17th.

Acting President Nelson then proceeded to read a report, which was listened to with interest by the Board, and afterwards, upon motion of Judge Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, this was accepted and ordered placed on file. The Board then went into a discussion of the matters in Dr. Nelson's report which required action.

Dr. Nelson first presented the resignation of Henry G. Knight as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, to take effect February 1st, 1918. In his letter, Dean Knight stated that he resigned to accept a similar position in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Oklahoma. He also thanked the members of the Board for their kindnesses, and expressed keen regret at leaving the University after his fourteen years of service here.

Dr. Nelson also presented the resignation of Miss Lulu A. Condon, to take effect January 1st, 1918. Miss Condon stated that she was leaving the University to get married. Upon motion of Mr. Ingham, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, these resignations were accepted.

President Nelson recommended that Professor A. D. Faville, who has been

serving as Acting Dean and Director because of the frequent absences of Dean Knight incident to his position as State Chairman of the Council of National Defense, be made Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station from February 1st, 1918, at a salary of \$2,750.00 for the balance of the academic year. This recommendation was unanimously approved.

Dr. Nelson stated that he was not as yet prepared to name a successor to Miss Condon. Upon motion of Judge Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, he was empowered to select a suitable person at a salary not to exceed that paid at present.

President Nelson stated that Professor Lukken, the Director of the Department of Music, Mr. Frisbie, Instructor in Piano and Organ in the same Department, and Mr. E. N. Hitchcock, Instructor in Manual Training and Mathematics in the Junior High School, would in all probability be leaving early in January for the Third Training Camp. He stated that they were of draft age, and had decided that they would enter the service in this manner, were they to be successful in receiving appointments. Dr. Nelson recalled to the minds of the Board the fact that Professor Lukken had previously been told that he might have a leave of absence for the purpose of studying in New York City during the second semester. It had at that time been arranged that his brother, Mr. John Lukken, should come to take charge of the work while he was gone. Dr. Nelson said that he wished that this same arrangement might be made for the remainder of the academic year, and therefore, upon motion of Mr. Ingham, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, it was decided that Mr. Albert Lukken be granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the academic year, and that his brother, Mr. John Lukken, be appointed to take the place thus made vacant, it being left to them to arrange for a division of the salary attached to the position. Dr. Nelson stated that he was not prepared at this time to recommend successors to Mr. Frisbie and Mr. Hitchcock, and

it was, therefore, upon motion of Judge Carey, seconded by Mr. Spalding, left to the Acting President to bring in the names of suitable persons to the January meeting of the Executive Committee for their approval.

Professor S. H. Knight was then called in and made an informal report with reference to the University lands in the Big Muddy Field. A summary of this report follows:-

In the report of April 18th, 1917, it was reported that there were 4,760 acres of the University's land in the Big Muddy field, of which 1,920 lie within the productive area. This has been increased to 2,000 acres, or about forty percent of the total University holdings.

This 2,000 acres will be drained by 312 wells in each horizon, making a total of 624 wells. Each one of the 312 in the Shannon sand will produce 25 barrels per day, or a total production of 7,800 barrels per day. The other 312, in the Wall Creek, will produce 100 barrels each, or a total of 31,200 barrels per day, thus making a total production on University lands of 39,000 barrels per day. The University's royalty of 10% of the production will amount to \$3,900 per day, or \$117,000 per month. Thus, in a period of five years, the University should realize \$7,020,000 from its oil land.

As for present development, there are 75 producing wells in the Big Muddy-- 65 in the Shannon and 10 in the Wall Creek-- of which 32 are on University land, showing that the University lands are getting 42.6% of the total production. There are also 70 wells drilling, of which 23 are on University lands, which shows that 32.6% of the development is on University lands.

These 32 producing wells and 23 drilling are located as follows:-

	<u>Producing</u>	<u>Now Drilling</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>
Section 1 (Glenrock)	--	3	--
Section 4 (Kinney)	11	7	--
Section 5 (Elkhorn)	4	1	3
Section 5-6 (Dakota-Wyoming)	--	1	1
Section 5 (Walker)	1 (?)	11	1
Sections 8-9-10 (Merritt)	18	10	1
Totals	<u>32</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>6</u>

The Board discussed this report fully.

Dr. Nelson then asked Mr. Knight to read a letter which he had received from the Professor at the head of the Department of Physiography in Columbia University. This Professor Knight did. In this letter, the Columbia professor invited Mr. Knight to join him in an expedition of great importance for the Government, which would take him to France for six months. Mr. Knight decided that he must accept this call as a patriotic duty. He then withdrew. Upon motion of Judge Carey, Professor Knight was granted a six months' leave of absence on full pay. This motion was seconded by everybody and unanimously carried.

President Nelson next called the attention of the Board to that part of his report in which he urged that part of the railroad fares above a certain amount be refunded to Summer School students in order that the attendance at that session might thereby be increased. He stated that this policy had the earnest recommendation of Dr. Butterworth, the Acting Dean of the College of Education, and that he felt that nothing before the University was more vital than this matter. The President went on to explain that because of the school legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature there would be in all probability about five hundred teachers of the state who would have to attend

Summer School somewhere this summer. He said that Dr. Butterworth had shown him conclusively that in twelve counties of the state, Summer Schools of other colleges and Universities or Normal schools were much more readily accessible than the University of Wyoming. He felt that it was necessary, therefore, to take steps which would put the University of Wyoming Summer School on the same basis as those others and make it available to all the teachers of the state in practically the same way. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Spalding, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, it was decided that there should be refunded to any students coming to the University their railroad transportation over and above ten dollars for the round-trip. This motion was unanimously carried.

Judge Carey stated that he felt that if an effort were made, a student rate might be obtained for the University within the state, not only for the Summer School, but for the other sessions as well. Mrs. David appointed Dr. Nelson a committee on this matter.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Board adjourned to meet again at 1:30.

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The Board re-convened at 1:30 o'clock with the same members present as at the morning session.

Dr. Nelson brought up the matter of co-operation between the Ivinson Memorial Hospital and the University in the matter of a Nurses' Training Course. He stated that he recommended there be appointed a committee representing the Hospital, consisting of Dr. Hamilton and Miss Dunlap, head nurse of the Hospital, and that he wished to appoint as a committee representing the University Dr. Scott, Dr. Loy and Professor Whitcomb, with him-

self ex officio, as a member. Upon motion, this recommendation was approved.

The President again brought up the matter of the training of radio or buzzer operators which he had mentioned at the November meeting of the Executive Committee. Upon motion of Judge Carey, he was authorized to employ someone to put the above course into operation and to incur the necessary expense incident thereto.

Dr. Nelson next went into the matter of the Smith-Hughes Law for Vocational Training. He stated that this, for the state of Wyoming, was being handled by the State Department of Education, and that that department had designated the College of Education of the University of Wyoming as the school for the training of teachers. Dr. Nelson explained to the Board with great care that the only interest of the University in this matter was in the training of teachers to teach these vocational subjects -- that vocational schools might be established in different parts of the state, but that all the University was to do was to train teachers to teach in those schools. With reference to this Smith-Hughes Law, Dr. Hamilton moved that the University carry out the provisions of this law and undertake the work in accordance with its terms. This motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Nelson said that the only thing needed to be done at the present was to secure a Director for this work. He stated that the State Department of Education and Dr. Butterworth were ready to recommend a Dr. James A. Coxen, and that this recommendation met with his approval. He was therefore, upon motion, empowered to secure the services of Dr. Coxen at a salary not to exceed \$2,700.00, his term of service to begin February 1st, with the further proviso that if Dr. Coxen were not available, Acting President Nelson should fill the position with some other man.

Dr. Nelson called the attention of the Board to the fact that the travel funds had largely been depleted because of the many meetings of the Board of Trustees, and that therefore the amount appropriated might be insufficient. The Secretary stated that other funds were available which might be added to this, and it was decided that if it were necessary, to make a further appropriation for this expense.

The matter of obtaining a suitable picture of Dr. Duniway, the recent President of the University, was brought up, and upon motion, the Secretary was authorized to purchase the framed picture now hanging in Photographer Svenson's studio.

Dr. Nelson stated that the the necessary changes in the Extension budget should be made at this time, and therefore, upon motion of Judge Carey, seconded by Mr. Ingham, the revised budget as recommended by Director Bowman and approved by President Nelson was adopted.

Dr. Nelson said that he wished that the Board would appoint Professor Soule to act as President in his absence, and therefore, upon motion, Professor Soule was designated to act as President in the absence of Dr. Nelson, from January 1st, 1918, at a salary of \$200.00 per annum additional during his term of service.

The committee appointed with reference to drawing up suitable resolutions relative to the resignation of Judge Burke as President of the Board of Trustees brought in the following resolutions, which, upon motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Judge Carey, were unanimously adopted:-

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, in accepting the resignation of Timothy F. Burke as President of the Board, wish to record the feelings of the members that they do so with deep appreciation of his long and successful service as President.

We feel that his presidency has always been of great service to the University and his advice always of the greatest usefulness to his fellow members of the Board. We appreciate his unflinching kindness and courtesy. *the*

We sincerely hope that the state of his health will soon permit him to assume his full duties on the Board.

Dr. Hamilton presented a resolution with reference to the resignation of Dean Knight, which was seconded by Mrs. Brooks and unanimously carried. A copy follows:

RESOLVED: That the resignation of Dr. H. G. Knight as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station has been accepted with regret by the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming.

The Board feels that the resignation of Dr. Knight entails a distinct loss to the University. During his long service, both as Professor of Chemistry and in his connection with the College of Agriculture, his work has been regarded by the Board with great satisfaction. He has been most useful to the College and to the State. The Board wishes Dr. Knight the greatest measure of success in his new field.

The following resolution was introduced by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, and adopted:-

The committee appointed by the Board would recommend:-

That the Board ask the Acting President to request the faculty to elect five of its members as a committee.

That this committee shall be known as the Advisory Committee of the Faculty, or by some other suitable name.

That the function of the committee shall be to advise with the President of the University upon matters connected with the faculty.

That the whole faculty elect the five members, one for one year, one for two years, and so on, and that thereafter, one member be elected each year.

That the faculty decide how the membership shall be apportioned among the departments of the University.

The attention of the Board was called to the heroic act of Constant Louis Irwin of the class of 1916, now a Captain in the regular army of the United States. Every member of the Board present felt that the University should take some notice of this, and Dr. Nelson and Mr. Ingham were appointed a committee to provide suitable resolutions, as soon as accurate information with reference to Captain Irwin's deeds has been received.

The Secretary presented the following resolution from the County Superintendents' Association, passed at its annual meeting held December 1st, 1917, at Buffalo, Wyoming:-

WHEREAS, the work of the Department of Rural Education at the State University, under the direction of Harvey L. Eby, has already greatly benefitted the rural school conditions of the state, and since there is a great and growing need for the extension of this work, so that direct assistance may be brought to the County Superintendents.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the County Superintendents' Association of the State of Wyoming recommend to the Board of Trustees of the State University of Wyoming that the Department of Rural Education be enlarged and that provision be made for more extension work by this department.

Upon recommendation of the President and Faculty, the following degrees and diplomas were, upon motion, unanimously granted:

Anna B. Sayre, B. A. , H. H. Moyer, B. A. in Education
Lucy Coleman and Ethel Ivey, Two Year Normal Diploma in Elementary Education.

The Secretary presented the application of George S. Walker to be granted an operating lease on the following described land:- Lots 2, 3 and 7: Southwest quarter Northeast quarter: Southeast quarter Northwest quarter: West half Southeast quarter: and East half Southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 33 North, Range 76 West -- on such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Oil and Gas Prospector's lease now held by him, which, by action of the Board of Trustees of the University, was extended to January 1st, 1918. In his petition, Mr. Walker stated that he had found oil in commercial quantities. There was considerable discussion of this matter by the Board, and finally, upon motion of Mrs. Brooks, duly seconded, Dr. Hamilton was made a committee of one to investigate the Walker lease, and if he should find that oil had been found in commercial quantities, a lease should be granted in accordance with the terms of the agreement already made. Dr. Hamilton was given authority to secure the necessary expert assistance and to incur the necessary incidental expenses. This motion was unanimously carried.

The Secretary called the attention of the Board to the fact that the Glenrock Petroleum Company had been granted their lease to Section 1, Township 33 North, Range 76 West, in the Big Muddy Region, on the representation that they had discovered oil there on April 30th last, in commercial quantities. The Secretary stated that in a letter he had received from the Commissioner of Public Lands, the Commissioner had enclosed a letter from the Ohio Oil Company, in which that company admitted that they had not found oil at the time they thought they had. Accordingly, the Commissioner said that the State Land Board had decided to hold up the lease. This matter was referred to the Executive Committee at its last meeting, but the Executive Committee thought that it should be put before the full Board for consideration. Therefore, upon motion of Judge Carey, the Secretary

was instructed to ask the Commissioner of Public Lands to return the three copies of the lease of the Glenrock Petroleum Company to Section 1, Township 33 North, Range 76 West, which are in his possession, for the reason that this Board has been informed and has discovered that the representations made on April 30th that oil had been discovered and produced in commercial quantities were erroneous. The Secretary was also instructed to inform the parties in interest that owing to the fact of their failing to discover oil and that the representations made to the Board were in error, the Board is compelled to repossess itself of the land covered by this operator's lease, and the Secretary is further instructed to request the said Glenrock Petroleum Company to vacate the lands covered by this lease.

The Board decided to continue the services of Mr. E. P. Palmer until an expert and competent man could be secured to take charge of the University oil affairs. The Secretary stated that with reference to the lease which had recently been granted to Mr. W. M. Armstrong, it was noted by the Commissioner of Public Lands that Mr. Armstrong was already the grantee in a lease for 640 acres, and that it was contrary to the law of the state to lease more than one section of land to the same individual and that, therefore, Mr. Armstrong requested that a lease be issued to Section 26, Township 20 North, Range 78 West, in the name of Mr. Will McMurray, and to the east half of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 78 West, to P. C. McNiff, on the same terms as provided for in the previous lease. Judge Carey moved that this lease be granted to the men, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Spalding and carried, with the provision that the Secretary must first ascertain if the conditions as represented by Mr. Armstrong were correct.

The Secretary than called the attention of the Board to the fact that the Commissioner of Public Lands made inquiry if the Board of Trustees wished to be consulted with reference to grazing leases. The Secretary stated that he had brought this matter before the Executive Committee at its meeting in November, and that the Committee decided that the matter should be brought before the full Board. After a discussion, it was decided by motion of Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Spalding, that the grazing leases for the present be left where they were. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Commissioner of Public Lands that the University is having a complete survey made of these lands, and after it had full and definite information, it might like to advise with reference to such leases, but at present the matter should be handled as it had been. Dr. Hamilton was requested at the time he should make his investigation in the Big Muddy field, to look after the matter of towns going up on the Big Muddy lands.

The Secretary called to the attention of the Board that certain prospector's leases would expire on January 16th, 1918, and he was instructed to notify the lessors under these leases that all their rights under the leases had ceased at that date and that the leases were null and void. Upon motion of Judge Carey, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, the Secretary was instructed to notify all parties in advance in the same manner in the case of any lease or leases which might have been granted by the University at any time.



The Secretary presented an opinion from Mr. N. E. Corthell concerning the proper disposition to be made of funds realized from the sale of leases on University lands. The conclusion of Mr. Corthell's opinion is as follows:-

"I advise, therefore, that all monies received from the sale of University lands or from mineral leases thereof be treated as permanent funds and invested as promptly as practicable after they accrue in bonds issued by school districts, or registered county bonds, or in state securities of Wyoming, or of the United States; and that monies received from surface rentals of such lands be treated as part of the income funds available for current expenses".

In accordance with the terms of this opinion, upon motion of Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Spalding, the Secretary was instructed to authorize the State Treasurer to invest all moneys now included in the University Permanent Land Fund not already invested in Federal Farm Loan Bonds.

Mrs. David appointed Mrs. Brooks, Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Ingham a committee to audit the Secretary's books.

Dr. Hamilton moved that in the future all moneys in the hands of the State Treasurer be invested without further action in the proper securities. This motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary reported that in response to his request to the State Treasurer to change the \$15,000 worth of the bonds of the first Liberty Loan which the University had bought, to a corresponding amount of the second Liberty Loan, that that official had declined to do so on the ground that he was not authorized by law to dispose of any bonds that he had purchased. The Board in discussing this matter felt that this was not in accordance with the law and that the Treasurer was wrong in his ruling. Judge Carey was appointed to act as a committee of one to take the matter up with the Treasurer and see if the matter could not be changed.

At this point the Board adjourned to meet again in the evening after the

second number of the University Artists' Course.

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The Board convened at ten o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Nelson presented the name of ^{Mr} L^W P. Reeve to be an Assistant County Agricultural Agent at a salary of \$1,200, in the county yet to be determined. Dr. Nelson reported that there was a great demand in several counties for Assistant County Agents, and that, therefore, upon the recommendation of Director Bowman and Dean Knight, he was urging the appointment of Mr. Reeve, and it was to be decided later where he would work.

Dr. Nelson stated that Mrs. Mary F. Kendrick had resigned as Home Demonstrator in Platte County and that he wished to recommend in her place Miss Marguerite Allen at a salary of \$1,400. Mrs. Brooks moved that both of these appointments be approved, this motion being seconded and carried.

The committee on auditing the Secretary's books submitted the following report, which, upon motion of Judge Carey, was received and placed on file:-

To the President and Members of the Board of Trustees
of the University of Wyoming:-

We, your committee appointed to audit the books of the Secretary of the University of Wyoming, from July 1st, 1916, to June 30th, 1917, report as follows:-

We have checked the totals of the receipts and disbursements and the balances in the various accounts as shown by the books, with the report of the State Examiner for the same period, and find them to agree.

COMMITTEE,
Mary N. Brooks,
A. B. Hamilton,
W. S. Ingham.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned sine die.

Secretary.