

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

September 17, 1917

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

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met at four o'clock in the afternoon on this date, pursuant to the call of the President, with Judge T. F. Burke present in the chair, and also in attendance Mrs. Mary B. David, Mrs. Mary N. Brooks, Mr. C. D. Spalding, Mr. W. S. Ingham, Dr. A. B. Hamilton, Mr. C. S. Beach and Acting President Nelson. The minutes of the meeting of August 14th were read and approved.

Judge Burke reported on behalf of himself and Judge Carey, the committee on presidential possibilities, that they had no written report to make and that they did not have much that was new, but further presented further letters with reference to Dr. Nalder and Dr. Kingsbury, and also considerable information with reference to Dr. Phillips of the University of Denver and Professor Frye of the University of Washington. The Secretary read all these letters and many single ones with reference to other candidates. There was much discussion of this correspondence.

At this point Mr. Spalding offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Ingham and carried, Judge Burke voting "No":-

RESOLVED: That the Board believes that harmony and good feeling among the members of the faculty and the President of the University would be helped if the faculty be given a voice in appointments and dismissals of its members.

With this end in view, it is hereby resolved that a committee of the faculty be elected by the faculty to confer with the President of the University upon all matters relating to the personnel of the faculty and his recommendations to the Board upon such matters. The President of the Board is hereby requested to appoint a committee to work out the details of this resolution.

The Board again returned to the discussion of the presidency. Mrs. David

moved that the Board to proceed to elect a President at this time. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and after discussion was put to a vote, the members of the Board voting as follows:- "Aye" -- Mrs. David, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Burke. "No" -- Mr. Beach, Mr. Ingham, Dr. Hamilton. Not voting -- Mr. Spalding. The President ruled, therefore, that the vote was a tie and the motion lost.

Mr. Spalding moved that Dr. Nelson be made Acting President for the year ending June 30th, 1918, at the compensation hitherto paid the President -- a salary of \$5,000 per annum, together with the use of the President's residence, the salary to become effective September 1st. This motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Ingham and carried:-

RESOLVED: That the University of Wyoming employ a competent man to inspect all lands belonging to and subject to lease by the University, and to make a detailed report on each parcel of land, such report to include grazing, agricultural, irrigation or mineral possibilities.

Judge Burke then stated that he found it necessary to resign the presidency of the Board of Trustees, owing to the fact that he would be absent from the ^{state} city for the next six months. He said that he had decided that he would remain a member of the Board, although he had told the Governor that he was willing to surrender his position if the Governor so desired it, but he stated that the Governor had urged him to remain on the Board. Mr. Spalding moved that the Board accept with regret the resignation of Judge Burke. This was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried.

Mr. Spalding nominated Mrs. David as President of the Board, and this nomi-

nation was seconded by Dr. Hamilton. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Mrs. David as President of the Board of Trustees, and she was declared elected. Upon motion of Mr. Ingham, seconded by Mr. Spalding, Dr. Hamilton was nominated as Vice President. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board for Dr. Hamilton as Vice President of the Board, and he was declared elected.

Dr. Hamilton moved that the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Acting President, be empowered to carry out the details of his resolution with reference to the lands. This motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Spalding likewise moved that the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Acting President, be considered the committee mentioned in his resolution. This motion was seconded and carried.

At this point the Board adjourned, the supper-hour having arrived, to meet again at eight o'clock in the evening.

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The Board re-assembled shortly after eight o'clock with all present except Dr. Hamilton, who came in later.

It was reported to the Board that Mr. Hughes, who had been elected State Extension Specialist in Animal Husbandry had declined the position, and Dr. Nelson brought in the name of Mr. Earl B. Krantz to fill this position. Dr. Nelson stated that Mr. Krantz had been picked out by Professor Faville and had the endorsement of Director Bowman and Dean Knight. Mr. Krantz, Dr. Nelson recommended, should receive a salary of \$2,000 per

annum, with traveling expenses while away from headquarters, his appointment to begin on
Owing to the extraordinary circumstances and the difficulty in securing this
man, Professor Faville also recommended that his necessary traveling expenses be paid from
Pullman, Washington, to Laramie. Upon motion, this appointment was approved.

Dr. Nelson also brought in the name of A. E. Webb to be County Club Leader
of Sheridan County at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, the appointment to become effective
September 8th, 1917. Dr. Nelson stated that Mr. Webb's salary would be paid entirely from
Federal emergency funds with the exception of \$100 to come from the University Extension
funds and \$100 from County funds. Mr. Webb, Dr. Nelson stated, was the choice of Director
Bowman and Dean Knight. Upon motion, this appointment was also approved.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Nelson, Mr. A.-C. Cross was made Principal
of the University High School, his salary being raised from \$1,300 to \$1,400 per annum.
Dr. Nelson explained that he did this on the solicitation of Dr. Butterworth, who was made
Acting Dean of the College of Education following the resignation of Dean Creager and found
that it was not practicable for him to continue to act as Principal of the High School
in addition to all the duties incident to his new work. Upon motion of Mr. Spalding, sec-
onded by Mr. Ingham, this recommendation was approved.

Dr. Nelson recommended that Paul H. Dupertius of Chehalis, Washington, be
appointed Assistant State Club Leader, the appointment to become effective September 18th.
Dr. Nelson stated that the budget provided the necessary arrangements for this appointment.
This appointment also had the approval of Director Bowman and Dean Knight. Upon motion of
Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, this appointment was approved.

Dr. Nelson stated that no provision had been made for an instructor to take
the place of Mr. Kolstad. There is also no one as yet provided to take the Manual Train-
ing work in the Grade School, for which \$350.00 had been provided in the budget. He stated

that Mr. Edwin Hitchcock could be secured at a salary of \$1,000, that is, \$100 per month for the academic year, which would mean an extra expense of \$650.00. He stated that it seemed now as if all the classes in Mathematics would have to be given, so it looked as if Mr. Hitchcock would have to be employed to handle the work, but the matter was left to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Nelson stated that owing to the fact that he must take over the duties of the President, it would be necessary for him to have assistance in his work in the Department of Botany. He said he wished to keep the classes in Freshman Botany, but he was sure that Dr. Groves could take care of the other classes, and he felt that by so doing, Dr. Groves' salary should be increased. It was therefore voted to add \$200.00 to his salary for the year, making his total salary \$1,800 instead of \$1,600.

Dr. Hamilton moved that a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions with reference to the retirement of Judge Burke from the presidency of the Board, and the President appointed Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Ingham as this committee.

The Secretary reported that, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the previous meeting of the Board relative to the rental of Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 77 West, the land had been leased for a period of five years to Dan Miller of the Diamond Cattle Company at a rental of \$225.00 per year.

The Secretary said that he had two bids for the erection of fire-escapes on the University buildings, but that he had a telegram from the E. Burkhardt Company of Denver asking that the matter be delayed until the following day, when they would have a representative present to bid in person. Upon motion of Mr. Spalding, this matter was left to the Executive Committee to be acted upon the following morning.

The Secretary presented a bid of F. G. McConnell for the west half and the west half of the east half of Section 2, Township 33 North, Range 78 West. Upon motion, the lease was awarded to him, with the understanding that it should have the necessary approval of the State Land Board.

The Secretary also presented a request for an oil lease on the west half and the south half of the north-east quarter and the southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 21 North, Range 62 West from Hugh M. Olds of Burns, Wyoming, and was instructed to follow the usual procedure with reference to the disposition of this.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Corthell and request him to expedite the matter of rendering the opinions for which he had been asked at previous meetings.

The Secretary was also asked to write each candidate for the presidency and inform him of the decision of the Board with reference to the postponement of the election and of the fact that Dr. Nelson had been made Acting President for the year ending June 30th, 1918.

At this point Dr. Nelson made some remarks, saying that he appreciated greatly the confidence reposed in him by the Board, but not only would he endeavor to do the best that he could, but that he would carry on the work, not merely with the idea of trying to keep things going during the year, but to strengthen and put forward the work of the coming year as much as possible. He asked the hearty and active co-operation of each and every member of the Board, and this was assured him.

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

Secretary.