

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

**March 19, 1920**

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

A quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was held this date pursuant to call.

In the absence of Dr. A. B. Hamilton, president of the Board, who had been called out of the city on professional business, Mr. W. C. Deming of Cheyenne, the vice-president, presided. There were also in attendance Messrs. Arnold, Beach, J. M. Carey, Spalding, Mrs. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Katharine A. Morton, President Nelson, Mr. Fuller, the Fiscal Agent and the Secretary.

The minutes of the semi-annual meeting of January 15th were then read and, with one or two corrections, approved. The Secretary next proceeded to the reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee from the January meeting to date. They were those of the meeting of January 27th, February 20th and two special meetings of February 25th and March 11th. With one or two changes these minutes were, on motion of Mr. Beach, approved as read.

Mr. Arnold moved that the matter of the sale of the land at Torrington be brought before the Board. Carried. After a full discussion, Judge Carey moved that the land be offered for sale for not less than the appraised price. This motion was seconded by Mr. Spalding and carried.

Land at Torrington

Mr. Cecil Bon of Casper appeared before the Board and made an offer for the 320 acres of University land located on the outskirts of the city of Casper, more particularly described as the S $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 2, Twp. 33, R. 79. Mr. Bon said if he were to buy only part of the land, he would be willing to offer \$12,000.00 for the four forty's lying next to the town, or if he took the entire tract, he would make an offer of \$62.50 per acre for the 320 acres. Mr. Bon withdrew and the Board considered the matter at length and decided to refer it back to Mr. Fuller, the Fiscal Agent for further investigation and report.

Mr. Cecil Bon makes offer for Univ. land.

President Nelson made an informal report and stated that the adjustment of the salary schedules, as carried out at the last meeting of the Board, seemed to give satisfaction. He said at this time he was not ready to recommend any definite building plan.

Salary schedule Adjustment

He referred to the Board's action with reference to Professors Boyle and Kline and said that Professor Kline had accepted it without opposition, but that Dr. Boyle had requested a hearing with the President's Advisory Committee which had been granted. The President said further that he and the Committee had not seen fit to alter their former views and that the matter would stand as had been decided upon. The President reported with reference to Professor Pease that he had taken up his case with the Advisory Committee as per instructions, and that he had then conferred with Professor Pease, who himself had also discussed the matter with individual members of the Committee. The President stated that Professor Pease had suggested that he be given a year's leave of absence, but that the matter of deciding whether or not he should return to the University should be left as an open question until after the expiration of the year's leave of absence. The President said that he would like to recommend that Professor Pease be granted a year's leave of absence with a salary of \$1110.00 for the year, which amount would be 40% of his salary from September 1st, 1919 to September 1st, 1920. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Beach moved that the recommendation of President Nelson with reference to Professor Pease be approved, it being understood that Professor Pease is to be granted a leave of absence from the University of Wyoming for the year ending August 31st, 1921 at which date his connection with the University shall terminate. This motion was seconded by Judge Carey and carried.

Prof. Boyle + Kline

leave - Prof. Pease

The President presented the resignation of Professor Joe L. Robinson, who resigned to accept a position at a larger salary in Iowa. Upon motion this resignation was accepted.

Prof. Robinson resigns

Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Emma Howell Knight, the Dean of Women was granted a leave of absence for the academic year ending September 1st 1920 to August 31, 1921 under the usual conditions at a salary of \$1000.00 per year. Carried.

leave of absence Mrs. E.H. Knight

The President reported that in the College of Engineering there had been a lack of harmony between the different divisions. He said he regretted this. He stated that the matter had resulted in an unfortunate incident on Registration Day which

coll. of Engineering lack of harmony

had caused him to write a letter to the various professors in this college, a copy of which letter he read to the Board. The President stated that he thought the only solution of the matter was to reincorporate the College of Engineering with the Agricultural College and name the reconstituted college the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. This, he said was simply returning to an organization which had previously prevailed in the University. He further recommended that Dean Faville who is now the Dean of the College of Agriculture be made the Dean of the reconstituted College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. President Nelson stated that he felt that Dean Faville could handle the situation. Mr. Beach moved that the president's recommendation be adopted. To which recommendation, on motion of Mr. Arnold, the following minute was added. The Board regrets that it feels impelled to say that it is not pleased with the evidence of personal antagonism which is inconsistent with the spirit of true scholarship. Carried. The Secretary was instructed to write letters to Professors Fitterer and Hoefer conveying this expression of opinion on the part of the Board.

The President presented a request of Professor Dale to assist the Governor as Chief Budgetarian during the fall term of 1920-21 in preparing the budget for the next session of the Legislature. After much discussion the following resolution offered by Mr. Arnold was unanimously adopted. The request of Professor Dale to serve the Governor of the state is granted provided that Professor Dale furnish and pay a substitute at his own expense, and that during his said outside work, he be paid by the University such lesser amount of his salary as shall be proportional to the lessening of the courses in his department.

Prof. Dale  
assists Gov.

President Nelson presented a report on the Law School. This report was received and ordered placed on file and upon the recommendation of the President, the Board unanimously decided to inaugurate a School of Law beginning next September, and appointing Professor Harrison C. Dale as Acting Director for the first year.

Law School -  
To be inaugurated

Upon the recommendation of the President, the Board authorized the resumption of the teaching of German at the beginning of the next academic year.

The President presented a recommendation from Dean Faville that Professor Hays be allowed gasoline to run his car to the farm while on University business. Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, this motion was allowed.

Upon recommendation of the President, the Board approved the appointment of Professor Charles H. Hunt as Associate Research Chemist to succeed Professor Karl Steik resigned, at a salary of \$2460.00, the appointment to be effective as soon as Professor Hunt can appear for duty. Carried.

Appointment  
Hunt, Chas.

At this point the Board took up the matter of the election of a secretary. Mr. Burrage and Mr. Fuller retired from the room. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Mr. Elwood P. Johnson was made acting Secretary at a salary of \$2400.00 per annum, effective April 1st. Mr. Ralph McWhinnie was made acting Registrar for the balance of the year at a salary of \$125.00 per month, effective April 1st.

Johnson, Elwood  
made Acting Sec

McWhinnie, R.  
Acting Registrar

The Board further decided that all persons in the office handling money must be bonded at the expense of the University.

Bonds

The Board decided by resolution that the Executive Committee be empowered to select sufficient and competent clerical help to carry on the business of the office. Mr. Arnold moved that Mr. Deming, the Vice-president, be made a committee to draw proper resolutions with reference to the long services and resignation of Mr. Burrage.

Mr. Burrage,  
resignation

By resolution, the Board adopted the following communication to the Alumni Association: To the Alumni Association of the Wyoming State University. The Board of Trustees of this ~~of this~~ University respectfully and very earnestly asks for the aid of the Association because this institution needs your help. Without that help, your Alma Mater can never hope to fill her days with usefulness and with honor. She wants to know, first, that she has a place in the affection and respect of the common people of this state, whose destiny it is her mission to serve. And she wants to know, too that those who speak for the state, as they come and go, speak truly. She is not a beggar with cap in

Appeal to  
Alumni Assn.

hand. Only a part of her income is the gift of the taxpayers of this state. Other agencies have placed her in the sun. Her graduates are her assets. She looks to them to see to it that public sentiment continue to advance to the end that higher education in this state will take its fitting place above local jealousies and national politics and policies. This year an election will be held. Will you help so that every candidate for the Legislature will, if elected, take office with a mind free from prejudice and with some sympathy for the leading educational institution in the state.

Mr. Burrage expressed his thanks to the members of the Board for their kindnesses to him during his term of office and also bespoke the same hearty support for his successors. Mr. Burrage went on to say that he felt that the one thing that was needed more than anything else was sufficient and adequate help in the University office. He stated that the office had never had enough of such help. The members of the Board all expressed themselves as being in favor of remedying this condition and stated that such was the purpose of the motion adopted earlier in the meeting.

President Nelson then spoke in commendation of Mr. Burrage's services. There being no further business, the Board adjourned, sine die.

Secretary.