

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

**June 3, 1920**

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

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming convened this day with President A. B. Hamilton presiding. The roll call showed the following members in attendance: Dr. A. B. Hamilton, Mr. C. P. Arnold, Mrs. Mary N. Brooks, Mr. C. D. Spalding, Mr. J. M. Carey, Mr. L. H. Brooks, Mr. W. C. Deming, President Nelson, Mr. E. O. Fuller and the secretary. Mr. C. S. Beach Mr. E. W. Croft and Mrs. Morton were absent.

Roll Call

The minutes of the quarterly board meeting held on March 19" were read and approved. The minutes of the regular Executive Committee meetings held on April 20, 1920 and May 28, 1920 and the special meeting held on April 8, 1920, were read. Upon motion by Mrs. Brooks seconded by Mr. Deming the minutes were approved and the action of the Committee ratified. Carried.

President Nelson then began the reading of his annual report which he continued until 6 o'clock.

Mr. C. D. Oviatt and Mr. H. Ralph Hall being in waiting they were granted an audience with the Board and spoke at length upon their understanding of the facts in the case of the "sneak day" at the University High School and the punishment administered by Mr. Cross and Dean Maxwell. After stating their case these two gentlemen retired from the room, and the Board adjourned to convene again at 8 P. M.

Sneak Day

At 8 P. M. the Board re-convened, the same members being present as at the afternoon session. Mr. John D. Clark, General Counsel for the Midwest Refining Company, was admitted to the meeting and spoke at length with reference to the operations of the Midwest Refining Company on the Walker lease, more particularly described as lands in Section Six, Township Thirty-three, Range Seventy-six. Mr. Clark told of several wells which had been drilled on this land and which proved conclusively that the first Wall Creek sand was non-productive in this area. For some time past the company had been endeavoring to sink a well to the second Wall Creek sand on other lands in this field, and a short time ago instituted the program of keeping in continuous operation two wells

Midwest Refining  
Company - Ref.  
Walker lease

headed for this second Wall Creek sand. Mr. Clark asked for the reinstatement of the Walker lease, not for its present value, but in the event the second Wall Creek sand was proven productive the lease may have some value since the second sand may underlie this land where the first sand did not. It was further brought out that the Midwest Refining Company had expended \$109,000 in drilling on this lease. It was the spirit at this meeting of the Board of Trustees that the Walker lease be reinstated, and that Mr. Arnold and Mr. Fuller be authorized to prepare a proper resolution covering the reinstatement of this lease.

Upon considering the facts as presented by Mr. Clark, and upon the motion of Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Brooks the Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED - That the so called Walker lease for lands in section six (6) Township thirty-three (33), Range seventy-six (76) be re-instated for the unexpired term of said lease, providing the lessee and the Midwest Refining Company enter into a written agreement to the following:

(1) That the Midwest Refining Company will diligently and continuously push the drilling to the second Wall Creek sand on other University lands in the Big Muddy Field.

(2) In the event that the well now drilling to the Second Wall Creek Sand on University lands in the Big Muddy Field is abandoned, that the Midwest Refining Company will at once start another well to the Second Wall Creek sand on University lands in said field.

(3) In the event that oil is found in the Second Wall Creek sand as the result of this drilling on the University lands in the Big Muddy Field, that the Midwest Refining Company will within ninety days thereafter begin drilling on the land embraced in the Walker lease and continue said drilling thereafter continuously until the Second Wall Creek sand is proven or disproven on the Walker lease.

Walker lease  
resolution

(4) That all back and past due payments on the Walker lease be paid up at once.

(5) That the University Executive Committee be authorized to take any necessary action to carry these resolutions into effect.

Mr. Fuller reported that he had received an offer of \$12,000 for the half section of land lying near Casper. This offer was considerably less than the one made by Mr. Bond at the March meeting. He further reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Algeo in which Mr. Algeo told him that he would look up the land and make a bid on it if his company had any use for it.

Several points which had been presented by Dr. Nelson in the first part of his report were then taken up and disposed of as follows:

Upon motion duly made and carried the Board authorized a maximum expenditure of \$750.00 out of University funds to pay part of the expenses for the boys and girls round up to be held June 14- 19, 1920.

Upon motion by Mr. Arnold, duly seconded and carried, the library and incidental fee was increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per term, and the charge for music instruction was increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per <sup>half</sup> hour lesson, or from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hour lesson.

The President spoke of the necessity of completing the re-classification of the library to the so called Library of Congress Catalog Cards which it uses, and recommended the employment of a cataloger to complete this work which was authorized at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 12, 1915. Upon motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, the President's recommendation was approved, and he was authorized to employ a cataloger.

Upon motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Deming, and carried, Mr. Fuller was instructed to write Mr. Baker, Commissioner of Public Lands, which reference to the \$700.00 rentals now being held by the University Board of Trustees.

Mr. Arnold further moved that the President of the Board of Trustees be requested to find a convenient date for the members of the Board and to arrange for a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees with the State Land Board at Cheyenne, and that as many of the Board as may attend the meeting will constitute a select committee from the Board for the transaction of business.

The President recommended that the University cooperate with the public schools and the State Board of Education in carrying on special classes for training Atypical children. This recommendation brought forth much discussion, and upon motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Deming, the matter of special classes was laid on the table. Carried.

Special  
classes

The Board then adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock in the morning.

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The Board again resumed its meeting on the morning of June 4, with the same members present as on the previous day. President Nelson continued reading his report, and spoke at length to the Board with reference to the adoption of a basic salary and the adjustments to be made thereon with reference to instructors work on the nine and eleven months basis. It being the understanding of the Board that the salary increases granted at the March meeting settled the question of salary increases for the year, the following motion made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Brooks prevailed:

Basic salary

It is the sense of the Board that further increases in salaries be postponed until the September meeting unless it is necessary to make individual recommendation in order to retain the services of desirable people.

Upon recommendation of the President, the following appointments were made:

Appointments

Miss Laura Ramsey, Big Horn County Home Demonstration Agent, effective June 7, 1920 at a salary of \$1700 per annum.

Ramsey, Laura



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## School

Miss Lucy Federson, Instructor in mathematics in the University High

Federson,  
Lucy

Miss Hazel Everingham, Instructor in Piano at a salary of \$1080 per annum, effective September 1, 1920.

Everingham  
Hazel

Miss Helen C. Moore, Instructor in Piano and Organ at a salary of \$1020 per annum, effective September 1, 1920.

Moore, C. H.

The resignations of Prof. C. B. Ridgaway, Prof. A. C. Boyle, Prof. R. B. Pease, Prof. E. K. Kline and Roger C. Frisbie were presented and accepted and the President was authorized to fill these positions. It was with regret that the Board accepted Prof. Ridgaway's resignation, and the President was instructed to convey to Mr. Ridgaway the appreciation of the Board for his long, faithful and untiring service during the twenty-four years of his connection with the institution.

Resignations  
Ridgaway, C. B.  
Boyle, A. C.  
Pease, R. B.  
Kline, E. K.  
Frisbie, R. C.

The President further recommended leaves of absence for one year to James P. Poole, O. A. Beath, and R. E. Berry. Upon motion by Mr. Arnold seconded by Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Poole was granted leave of absence for one year without salary, and the President was instructed to convey to Mr. Poole the appreciation of the Board for his work during his two years with the University. Upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, leaves of absence for one year were granted to Mr. Beath and Mr. Berry, each to receive 40% of the salary which he would receive for the next academic year were he on active duty.

Leaves -  
Poole, Jas. P.  
Beath, O. A.  
Berry, R. E.

President Nelson presented a recommendation from Mr. A. E. Bowman, Director of Extension, recommending that the compensation paid to County Agents for the use of their cars be increased 1 1/2¢ per mile. Upon motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mrs. Brooks this recommendation was adopted.

The President next presented a letter from the president of the senior class of 1920 in which the class expressed its desire to compile a history of the University of Wyoming, providing the Board of Trustees would finance the proposition and

pay for the printing and binding. Funds not being available for this work at the present time, the following motion was made by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Arnold and carried:

The President of the University is hereby requested to confer with the senior class or their representatives and ascertain if they would not be willing to prepare the history as outlined in their letter. The manuscript would be preserved in the archives until such time as the Board felt that funds were available for printing the history.

Upon motion of Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, the following resolution presented by Mr. Arnold was adopted:

WHEREAS the public servants who have given their life to the cause of education, have suffered because of the decreased purchasing power of their salaries in a greater proportion, as we believe, than any other class, and whereas the wise and constructive policy of providing a pension for retired teachers has been adopted in many states and is rapidly becoming a permanent feature of the American Educational System. Be it resolved that Mr. Fuller, Fiscal Agent of the University of Wyoming, is hereby requested to submit at our September meeting a report of ways and means to the end that the University of Wyoming adopt the policy, providing the pension system for its retiring teachers.

Pension system  
for retiring  
teachers.

Mr. Deming then presented his resolution with reference to Mr. F. S. Burrage, and upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, the resolution was adopted and spread upon the minutes:

Resolution—  
F.S. Burrage.

WHEREAS Frank S. Burrage, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, severed his relations with the University of Wyoming April 1, 1920 to enter business for himself,

WHEREFORE be it resolved that this Board takes great pleasure in acknowledging the intelligent, industrious and loyal service Mr. Burrage gave to the University of Wyoming for nearly twelve years in the various capacities of Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Secretary to the President and Registrar.

In all these positions Mr. Burrage rendered faithful and efficient service. His unfailing courtesy and alertness to duty rendered him especially valuable to the University, and we bespeak for him success in his new field.

Be it resolved that this testimonial be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees, a copy transmitted to Mr. Burrage and copies furnished the newspapers of Laramie.

Signed:

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING.

By A. B. Hamilton, President.

Mr. Corthell was called into conference and spoke with reference to the liability of the University of Wyoming under the Workmen's Compensation Act with special reference to the injury incurred by John Jerich at the stock farm. The secretary submitted a letter from the Treasurer of the State of Wyoming requesting that the University furnish to the State Treasurer's office a certified copy of pay rolls used in connection with this drainage work at the stock farm.

Workmen's Compensation

John Jerich

The Board was also informed that Judge V. J. Tidball had ordered an award of \$650.00 paid to Mr. Jerich.

Upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried, this matter was left in the hands of the attorney. Mr. Corthell then instructed the secretary to write to the State Treasurer informing him that it was our understanding that the University of Wyoming is not liable under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

For some time past there has been a feeling that resident extension workers should be given a definite standing in the institution according to their position and responsibility. Upon motion by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Brooks, the following recommendation made by Mr. A. E. Bowman and approved by President Nelson was adopted, and the following titles were conferred:

Resident extension workers

Lane, F. P., Professor of Extension Agriculture.

Dupertius, Paul H., Professor of Extension Agriculture.

Parsons, T. S., Associate Professor of Extension Agriculture.

Rokahr, Mary, Associate Professor in Extension Home Economics.

Linhoff, Emily, Assistant Professor in Extension Home Economics.

Bennitt, Katherine, Assistant Professor in Extension Home Economics.

Mr. Arnold next presented the following resolution which, upon motion of Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Spalding was carried:

Resolved that the President of the Board of Trustees be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee from the members of the Board of Trustees to be known as the Wyoming Book Committee, to report at the next meeting on the preparation

Wyoming Book Committee



and publication of a bound volume, containing articles prepared by selected members of the faculty of the institution dealing with historical and scientific material of permanent and cultural value.

President Nelson was not ready at this time to recommend any definite Building plan building program, but he impressed upon the Board the necessity of increasing the seating capacity of the auditorium and the rearrangement of the offices as now used by the administration. Tentative plans were submitted, showing a new office layout, and also how a balcony could be erected in the auditorium which would increase the seating capacity, according to that plan, by 142. Upon motion by Mr. Spalding, seconded by Mrs. Brooks and carried by the Board, the President and the secretary were authorized to obtain estimates of the cost of this work and report at the next Board meeting. This concluded the President's report and it was ordered accepted and placed on file.

The Board then took up the matter of the "sneak day" at the High School, and spoke at length with reference to the action of the students and the penalty imposed by Mr. Cross and upheld by Dean Maxwell and the President. The President stated that he did not think it was in his province to reverse the decision of Mr. Cross. Upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Brooks and carried, the President was instructed to deliver the diplomas to the high school seniors on behalf of the Board of Trustees and at the same time to inform the students that the Board disapproved of their action. "Sneak Day"

Upon motion made by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the President and faculty as recommended by the President, were re-employed for the ensuing year.

The Board next proceeded with the election of its officers for the current year. Upon motion made by Mr. Deming and seconded by Mrs. Brooks, Dr. Hamilton was nominated for president. Upon motion duly made and carried, the nominations were closed, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Mr. Hamilton as president. Election of officers  
Mr. Hamilton, Pres

Mr. Arnold nominated Mr. Deming for vice-president, and this nomination  
Mr. Deming, V. Pres

was seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Upon motion duly made and carried, the nominations were closed, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Mr. Deming as vice-president.

Mr. Arnold nominated Mr. E. P. Johnson as acting secretary, and this nomination was seconded by Mr. Brooks. Upon motion duly made and carried, the nominations were closed, and the President was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Mr. Johnson as acting secretary.

E. P. Johnson.  
Acting Sec.

Mr. Deming nominated Mr. Spalding as treasurer, and this nomination was seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Upon motion duly made and carried, the nominations were closed, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Mr. Spalding as treasurer.

Mr. Spalding.  
Treas.

Mr. Spalding nominated Mr. Fuller as fiscal agent, and this nomination was seconded by Mr. Brooks. Upon motion duly made and carried, the nominations were closed, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Board for Mr. Fuller as fiscal agent.

Mr. Fuller,  
Fiscal Agent.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Spalding, the recommendation of the President and the faculty that the following degrees and diplomas be granted was approved:

The College of Liberal Arts.

Degrees &  
Diplomas

Bachelor of Arts.

Anderson, Leo Dewey  
Banner, Mary Norah  
Beck, Betty Goodloe  
Bellamy, Beth Cary  
Coolidge, Charles Bryant  
Coughlin, Anne Loretta  
Delapena, Valentin A.  
Enick, Glenn Oscar  
Hasbrouck, Gladys  
Knight, Edwina Hall  
Laird, Glendon D.  
Langheldt, Meredith Lyle  
McWhinnie, Ralph E.  
Marquis, Martha E.  
Miller, Virginia

Bachelor of Arts.

Nicholas, Thomas Arthur Lee  
Olson, Theodore  
Phelps, Dawson A.  
Scholz, Albert J.  
Shingler, Don G.  
Spencer, Hazel Isabelle  
Young, Charlie Conrad

Division of Music.

LaPash, Edith Cairn May.

The College of Agriculture.

Bachelor of Science.

Burns, Robert Homer  
Crawford, Leslie Samuel  
Hitchcock, Samuel  
Marston, Burton Winfield  
Revell, Irven Louis  
Willis, Andrew Wesley

The College of Engineering.

Bachelor of Science.

Krueger, Louis Tevis

The College of Education.

Bachelor of Arts.

Fisher, Norma Annette Penland, Charles William  
Potts, Nettie Viola

Elementary Diploma.

Ekstrom, Sylva Kelley, Beth  
Larson, Lillian  
Ripley, Adelaide

Rural Diploma.

Bell, Agnes Wren, Margaret

The School for Nurses.

Gertrude Greaser

Celestia Dalles

Gertrude Wichmann

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

*E. P. Johnson.*  
Secretary.