

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

March 22-24, 1921

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

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The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order this date with President Hamilton presiding. There were also in attendance, Mr. Deming, Mr. Geddes, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Prosser, Mrs. Morton, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Fuller and the secretary.

Roll Call

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Elliott, Mr. Geddes and Mr. Prosser, who were then qualified to act as members of the Board.

Oath of office

The minutes of the special Board meeting of November 12th were read and approved. The minutes of the Committee meetings held on December 9, 17 and 23, and January 25 and February 21 were likewise read and approved.

Approval of minutes

Mr. Fuller read applications from Mr. H. W. Hawkes for a lease on certain lands in Section 9, Township 33, Range 76, for garage purposes and from Mr. B. F. Stewart for a picture show. After some discussion, Mr. Deming made a motion that this Board approve these applications at a minimum rental of \$1.00 per month in each case, and for a maximum rental, which, in the judgment of Mr. Baker, Commissioner of Public Lands, the applicants for leases would pay for the use of this land. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prosser and carried.

Lease of land

The application of Mr. Maurice E. Flavin for an extension of time to July 1st. within which to begin drilling, was read and approved. Mr. Flavin also made application for an assignment of the West one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the South-West quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 1, Township 33, Range 76, containing 80 acres, to Mr. George C. Flavin, and after some discussion this application was approved. Dr. Hamilton reported that George C. Flavin had recently reviewed the purpose of this assignment with him, and Dr. Hamilton was convinced that Mr. Flavin was making every possible effort to raise funds to drill this land.

Flavin Extension
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Reference was also made by Mr. Fuller to the joint meeting held in Cheyenne with the State Land Board on July 17th, and he reported that Mr. Corthell

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would appear at 10 o'clock the next morning to present a copy of the resolution to be adopted by this Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Geddes, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the Board approved the application for a lease of eighty (80) acres adjoining the Kinney lease in the Big Muddy Field at a rental of \$12.00 per year.

Lease

Mr. Fuller reported that the oil companies in the Big Muddy field were metering the gas produced from wells, and for the year 1920 an additional sum of \$313.00 had been collected and paid into the University Permanent Land Fund. At the present rate of production, the increment to this fund for the year 1921 should average \$100.00 per month.

Return on gas

After some discussion of the application for a renewal of the lease on 562.12 acres of University land located in the Goshen Hole Country, legally described as Section 2, Township 21, Range 62, the application was granted at a minimum rental of 15¢ per acre. The previous rental had been 5¢ per acre, and was increased at Mr. Fuller's suggestion.

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Mr. Fuller also reported that of the original grant of seventy-two (72) sections of University land, there remained 1.76 acres to be selected.

Selection of new land

The value of an automobile to be used by Mr. Fuller in the discharge of his duties was also discussed, and upon motion made by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Elliott, Mr. Fuller was authorized to purchase a car under the best possible conditions.

Automobile for

The January oil royalties were reported as amounting to \$27,496.56.

Oil Royalty

At this time the President introduced Mr. J. C. Fitterer who submitted maps and estimates of the cost of the installation of drainage projects on the Stock farm and the Graonomy farm. Upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mrs. Morton, Dr. Hamilton appointed Mr. Prosser, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Geddes as a

Drainage Project

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committee to investigate the existing conditions at these two farms, and to report further to the Board.

President Nelson then read a brief summary of Mr. Fuller's activities for the year 1920.

The rest of the afternoon was then taken up with the discussion by President Nelson of the policy to be carried out by the State Farm Board for the next biennium. The State Farm Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor, with the Dean of the Agricultural College as ex-officio chairman of the Board. The annual meeting had been held in Cheyenne on March 14th, and at this time the future policy was discussed. Some of the lands now being withheld from sale (pending an investigation by the Agricultural College for use in connection with their range experiments), adjoins the State Industrial Farm at Worland, It was thought that this land could be selected and a cooperative agreement entered into between the State Industrial Farm and the University, whereby experiments could be conducted both on University and State Farm land.

State farm Board.

Worland State farm

The hour of 6 o'clock having arrived, the Board adjourned to President Nelson's home for dinner, and to meet again at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

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9:00 P. M.

The Board again resumed its session with the same members present as at the afternoon meeting, with the exception of Mrs. Morton.

Mr. Hoefer, Professor of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, and Mr. John Bernzen of the City Plumbing and Heating Company of Boulder, Colorado, were also in attendance, and Mr. Hoefer outlined his plans for the proposed heating plant. Mr. H. R. Byers, representing the Babcock & Wilcox Company, then submitted to the Board a proposition from his company for Babcock & Wilcox boilers and stokers, together with prices of other equipment necessary to a power plant,

Power Plant

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with the exception of the building. The heating plant and the Babcock & Wilcox proposition were discussed for the remainder of the evening, and at 11 P. M. the Board took adjournment to meet at 8 A. M. the following morning.

March 23, 1921.

The Board again resumed its session with all the members present as on the previous afternoon.

President Nelson then proceeded with a brief report in which he touched on registration matters for the year, the University High School, and recent efforts to have the Agricultural College removed, and the future of the Extension Division and his own personal relationship to the Presidency. (Correction by Board of Trustees, June 13) He also submitted the following salary schedule for the next academic

President's Report.

year:

- DeansSalaries to be fixed according to responsibilities and duties.
- Professors.....\$2700 to \$3600
- Associate Professors...\$2400 to \$3000
- Assistant Professors...\$1800 to \$2400
- Instructors.....\$1200 to \$1800

Proposed Salary schedule

The President having completed his report, the Board considered some of the recommendations made therein. Upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Prosser, the following resolution changing the name of the University High School to the State Training Preparatory School was adopted:

Change in title of Univ. H. S.

WHEREAS, for many years there has been conducted in connection with the University of Wyoming, a University High School, for the benefit of students from communities in which no high schools exist, and for the training of teachers in the public schools, and

WHEREAS, students have been admitted from communities in which high schools do exist, thus adding to the expense of conducting the University High School, and



Correction in minutes, made by Board of Trustees,
June 13, 1921.

President Nelson, in a written statement quoted from a committee report, signed by W. C. Deming, Mrs. Katharine Morton and Dr. A. B. Hamilton, relative to his services as President. In the report Dr. Nelson was quoted as suggesting that he bring up the matter of his tenure of office at the March, 1921 meeting. In pursuance thereof, President Nelson while not offering his resignation, stated that his future plans were contingent upon knowing his status for the following college year. He said if he were to resume the teaching of Botany, it would not be necessary to engage a new instructor for that department.

*President.
Discussion of
Change.*

Dr. Nelson retired while the matter was being discussed. Upon his return he was advised that it was the sense of those present at the March meeting that he should continue as President.

Dr. Nelson thanked the Board for its courtesy.

Whereas, the name University High School is misleading and causes criticism,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective after the end of the present school year the name University High School be abandoned, and in its place the name State Training Preparatory School be adopted and thereafter be made the official designation of the said training school.

After some discussion of the policy with reference to the attendance at the High School, the following resolution was, upon motion by Mr. Porsser, seconded by Mr. Elliott, adopted:

In view of the present crowded condition of the State Training Preparatory School, and in order that this school may serve more adequately the needs of those communities not yet provided with high school facilities,

BE IT RESOLVED, that students be not accepted from towns or communities having fully organized high schools, unless for exceptional reasons, and then only upon the urgent recommendations of the Superintendent or Principal of such schools, and for reasons that secure the approval of the President of the University.

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The inadequacy of compensation paid to college professors and instructors was discussed, and upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the President was authorized to prepare the budget to be submitted at the June meeting of the Board on the basis of the new salary schedule prepared by him. The Board also voted to increase the President's salary \$500.00 for the next academic year.

See Correction below.

Mrs. Morton left the Board meeting at this time, since it was necessary that she return to Cheyenne to attend a meeting which had been arranged previous to notice of the Board meeting.

Mr. N. E. Corthell then entered the meeting and spoke briefly with reference to the resolution to be adopted by the Board regarding the control of land matters. Action on this resolution was deferred for further consideration. Mr. Corthell then gave as his verbal opinion on Chapter 43, Session Laws of 1921, that all funds, except those arising within the institution, should be deposited with the State Treasurer, and the Secretary was instructed to act accordingly.

The liability of the University under the Workmens Compensation Act was again discussed, and it was Mr. Corthell's opinion that no change had been made

High School Attendance

Salary Schedule

President's salary

Attorney

Transfer of funds

Work mens Compensation

by the passage of recent legislation.

President Nelson then mentioned the matter of establishment by the Episcopal Church of a girls' school in Laramie, using part of the Church property for housing and the University High School and the Laramie High School facilities for academic training. No formal action, however, was taken on this matter.

Dr. Hamilton stated that with the expiration of the terms of Mr. Spalding and Mr. Arnold, he was the only remaining member of the Executive Committee, and also that the University Board was without a Treasurer. Nominations were declared open for Treasurer, and Mr. Geddes was nominated to this position. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the nominations were declared closed, and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Board for Mr. Geddes as Treasurer. Dr. Hamilton then appointed Mr. Geddes and Mr. Prosser to serve with him as members of the Executive Committee until the annual meeting of the Board in June.

The Board then adjourned to meet again at 1 o'clock P. M.

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The Board, together with Dean Faville and Mr. Fitterer, were taken to the Stock Farm and Agronomy Farm, and spent the hours from 1 to 3 P. M. investigating conditions at the farms with special reference to the land in need of drainage.

After their return from the farms, the Board again resumed the discussion of the heating plant. Mr. John Bernzen, Mr. S. G. Elby, and Mr. Frazer (of the Hendrie & Bolthoff Company of Denver), each presented his proposition for furnishing equipment.

The hour of 6 having arrived, the Board adjourned to meet again at 8 P. M.

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*Episcopal
Girls' School*

*Election of
Treasurer.*

*Appointment of
Executive Committee*

*Drainage
operations*

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8:00 P. M.

The Board again resumed its session with Mr. William Dubois of Cheyenne in attendance, who presented his plans for the completion of Hoyt Hall. After considerable discussion of the plans, Mr. Prosser moved that Mr. Dubois be authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the completion of Hoyt Hall, and the secretary was instructed to advertise for bids on this work, to be opened at the special meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 25 at 4 P. M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deming and carried.

*Hoyt Hall
Plans submitted
by Wm. Dubois.
Employment of
Mr. Prosser*

Mr. Hofer and Mr. H. R. Byers then continued a further discussion of the heating plant.

Power Plant

The Board then adjourned to meet the following morning at 8:30 A. M.

March 24, 1921.

The meeting of the Board was called to order by Dr. Hamilton, who proceeded to report on a visit he had made to the Refinery, and his conference with Mr. J. F. Cullen, the superintendent. As had previously been mentioned by Mr. Byers, the possibility of fuel oil being used in the new heating plant was considered, and after hearing Dr. Hamilton's report on this point, it was moved, seconded and carried that oil burning equipment be installed.

Power Plant

Mr. Cullen's invitation to the Board to inspect the Refinery was accepted, and the Board then made a visit to the Midwest Refinery, to inspect their installation consisting of four 300 H. P. and two 440 H. P. Babcock & Wilcox boilers equipped with oil burners. The Board also visited the Union Pacific power plant, which installation consists of four 256 H. P. Sterling boilers equipped with Green chain grate stokers.

After returning from these trips, the proposition of burning fuel oil was again discussed, and Mr. Hofer was advised to provide for the future possible installation of coal handling and burning equipment. In view of the many propositions and varying prices submitted to the Board for equipment in the power plant,

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it was moved by Mr. Deming and seconded by Mr. Prosser, that Mr. Hoefer be authorized to prepare comprehensive plans and specifications and the secretary to advertise for bids on equipment to be installed. This motion was carried. These bids were to include building, stack, boilers and all other necessary equipment, and the Board felt that this action was necessary in order to obtain comparative and competitive prices.

Employment of Mr. Hoefer

The Board then adjourned to meet again at 1:30 P. M.

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The Board again resumed its session, and the resolutions prepared by Mr. Corthell regarding the future administration of University and Agricultural College lands were read. By motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were then adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Resolution of this Board adopted August 30, 1907, requiring and empowering the State Commissioner of Public Lands, under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Land Commissioners to care for and lease lands of the University, as well as those of the Agricultural College: also the Resolution adopted June 15, 1910, authorizing and empowering the Executive Committee of this Board to sell and dispose of lands granted by the United States to the University, including Agricultural College Lands, be rescinded and repealed.

Administration of University

RESOLVED FURTHER, that henceforth all lands which have been heretofore granted, or which may be granted hereafter by Congress unto the University as such, or in aid of the instruction to be given in any of the Departments with all other grants, including, among others, the grants of lands for University purposes, and the grants of lands for Agricultural College purposes shall be under the management and subject to the control and disposition of this Board, except as ministerial duties may from time to time be especially delegated to agents of the Board.

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WHEREAS, the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands is most efficiently organized and equipped for the performance of the routine and ministerial duties relating to the management and disposal of public lands; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner be requested and authorized under the supervision of the University Board of Trustees to continue the performance of such duties with respect to the University and Agricultural College lands.

The President then presented the budget prepared by the secretary, and upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the budget was adopted. The

Budget

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main purpose of the budget was to transfer unused appropriations to other accounts where the appropriation had been overdrawn, and to properly care for appointments and re-adjustments made in certain departments after the budget for the year 1920-1921 had been adopted.

Applications from the First National Bank, the Albany National Bank and the First State Bank for their appointment as depositories of University funds, were read, and upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the three banks were named depositories for University funds.

Applications of depositories

The President then mentioned the requirements of other institutions with reference to board and room accounts, and laboratory fees. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, laboratory fees were made payable in advance for the entire term, and board and room are payable in advance by the month. The President was instructed to have this regulation printed in the new catalogue.

Payment of fees in advance

Quotations from the Laramie Printing Company and the Wyoming Labor Journal for printing the University catalogue for the year 1921 were read, and upon motion by Mr. Prosser, seconded by Mr. Geddes, the contract for this job was awarded to the Laramie Printing Company.

Bills on file

The drainage project at the farms was then discussed. Upon motion by Mr. Prosser, seconded by Mr. Geddes, Dean Faville was authorized to proceed with the work of leveling and preparing for cultivation the field south of the Colorado, Wyoming & Eastern R. R. track at the Stock farm, and to obtain estimates on the installation of an intercepting ditch at the Agronomy farms.

Drainage project

The following resolution was then introduced, and upon motion by Mr. Deming, seconded by Mr. Prosser, was adopted:

Resolution relating to...

WHEREAS, the terms of office of Judge Joseph M. Carey, Mr. C. D. Spalding, and Mr. G. P. Arnold have expired, and

WHEREAS, their fellow members on the Board of Trustees of the University recognize the high character of their services and their unselfish devotion to

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the best interests of the Institution, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Board spread upon its minutes this memorandum of its deep appreciation of the years of faithful attention given by each to the University's business, and be it further

*Resolution
Board
members*

RESOLVED, that we express to each our regrets because of the termination of the pleasant business and social relations enjoyed with them during the sessions of the Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we extend to each our best wishes and that we express the hope that their counsel and their loyal support may still continue to the great advantage of the state, and finally be it

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to each by the Secretary of the Board.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Johnson
Secretary.