

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

January 10-11, 1947

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Friday, January 10, by President Simpson. The following members were present: President Simpson, Mrs. Cope, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Burwell, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. McCracken, Mr. Sullivan, Miss Stolt, and Dr. Humphrey.

Dr. Cunningham moved, it was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried, that the minutes of the meeting held November 8, 9, 10 be approved.

Upon the motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Cope and carried, the following appointments were approved:

1. That there be authorized, effective January 15, 1947, the appointment of Mr. Marlin Kurtz as Assistant Director of Adult Education and Community Service with the rank of Assistant Professor, at a salary rate of \$4,000.00 per year for eleven months' service.
2. That there be authorized, effective January 1, 1947, the appointment of Miss Gertrude Boyd as Associate Professor of Guidance Education at a salary rate of \$3,000.00 per year for three quarters' service.
3. That there be authorized, effective January 1, 1947, the appointment of Mrs. Marjorie Gorman as an emergency instructor in Home Economics for the winter and spring quarters at a salary rate of \$2,700.00 per year.
4. That there be authorized, effective December 1, 1946, the appointment of Mr. Edwin H. Fitch as Instructor in Engineering Drawing, on a temporary basis, at a salary rate of \$2,700.00 per year for three quarters' service.
5. That there be authorized, effective December 15, 1946, the appointment of Mr. Willet Keyser as County Agent in Crook County at a salary rate of \$3,600.00 per year for

Roll Call

Minutes Approved

Appointments

MARLIN KURTZ

Gertrude Boyd

MRS. MARGORIE GORMAN

Edwin H. Fitch

Willet Keyser

eleven months' service.

6. That there be authorized, effective January 13, 1947, the reinstatement of Mr. Donald A. Ritter in his position as Extension Soil Conservationist at a salary of \$3,900.00 per year, \$3,500.00 of which will be contributed by the Soil Conservation Service and \$400.00 of which will be provided by the Extension Service.
7. That there be authorized, effective December 1, 1946, the appointment of Mr. Harry E. House, Jr., for the position of Instructor in Mechanical Engineering at a salary of \$1,600.00 for the remainder of the school year.
8. That there be authorized, effective February 1, 1947, the appointment of Mr. Maynard Bemis as Assistant Professor of Educational Administration, at an annual salary of \$3,600.00 on a nine months basis.
9. That there be authorized, effective February 11, 1947, the appointment of Miss Rozelle Beck as Head of the Reference Department of the Library, with the title of Reference Librarian and the rank of Instructor, at a salary of \$2,850.00 per year for eleven months' service.
10. That there be authorized, effective February 1, the appointment of Mr. Harold W. Benn as Administrative Assistant in the office of the Dean and Director of the Agricultural College and Experiment Station, at a salary rate of \$4,000 per year for twelve months' service, including one month of vacation.

Donald A. Ritter

Harry House, Jr

Maynard Bemis

Rozelle Beck

Harold W. Benn

*Leave of Absence
Dean R.R. Hamilton*

Mr. Sullivan moved that Dean R. R. Hamilton of the College of Law be granted leave of absence for the period June 9 to June 30, without pay, to enable him to accept an invitation to teach in the College of Law

in the University of Illinois from June 9 to August 2. He will take his annual vacation during the month of July. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson, J. M. Nicholls, County Agent Park County, is granted a salary increase of \$300.00 per year (from \$3,600 to \$3,900), effective January 1, 1947. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

Salary Increase
J. M. Nicholls

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson the sum of \$473.00, listed as follows, is appropriated for equipment for the new Music Department quarters in the basement of Knight Hall Cafeteria. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

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| Carpets for the two studios (\$100.00 each) | \$200.00 |
| Pads to be placed under six upright pianos for purposes of sound-proofing (\$12.00 each) | 72.00 |
| Venetian blinds for 2 studio windows, @ \$8.00 | 16.00 |
| Window shades for 5 practice rooms, \$3.00 each. | 15.00 |
| Shelves for band and orchestra libraries (to be built in) | 100.00 |
| Seven double lockers, \$10.00 each | <u>70.00</u> |
| Total requested | \$473.00 |

Upon the motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried, a contract between the Union Pacific Railroad and the University of Wyoming covering the operation of railroad equipment used by the Transportation Corp of the R.O.T.C. on the tracks of the Laramie, North Park and Western Railroad, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific, is approved and the President of the Board and the Comptroller are authorized to sign. The Comptroller was instructed to see that the University is protected by purchasing public liability or other insurance.

Union Pacific Railroad

Upon the motion of Mr. Burwell \$600.00 is appropriated to cover the expenses of the tax assessors school to be held on the campus for five days in January. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

Upon the motion of Mrs. Cope authority was given the President to

have introduced into the Legislature a bill that would permit a bond issue of \$65,000 to enlarge and remodel the Book Store. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

*Legislature 1947
Book Store*

President Humphrey then reported on a bill to be introduced into the Legislature providing for the retirement of all state employees, including the University employees. The University Faculty Retirement Committee has made a study of this bill and proposes certain amendments. Without formal action the Board agreed that these amendments be left to the discretion of the faculty committee for discussion with the committee of the Legislature to which the bill may be referred.

*Legislature 1947
Retirement*

Upon the motion of Dr. Cunningham authority is granted for the creation of a revolving fund not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase of surplus government property subject to the availability of funds as determined by the President and the Comptroller. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

Surplus Property

Mr. Sullivan moved that upon the recommendation of President Humphrey a College of Commerce and Industry, including the following departments, Accounting, Business Administration, Secretarial Sciences and Statistics, be established and ready for operation by September 1947. It is further authorized that a Bureau of Business Research be created within and as a part of the College as soon as the necessary funds can be provided and as soon as seems feasible. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Cope and carried.

*Commerce
College of Commerce
and Industry*

Dr. Cunningham moved assessment of a fee of approximately \$5.00 be required of students desiring to take "Graduate Records and Medical Aptitude Examinations", and that the fee be listed in the catalogue; and that the contract with the Veterans Administration be amended accordingly. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried.

*FEES
Graduate Records &
Medical Aptitude
Examinations*

President Humphrey then offered a resolution adopted by the Union Managing Committee having to do with the allocation and use of student and faculty dues together with a minority report submitted by Professor W. E. Daniels protesting the action of the committee. Mr. Daniels submitted his protest with documentary evidence, including quotations from Chapter 82, Session Laws of 1937; Board of Trustees Resolution of October 21, 1937 and the indenture of the Union bonds. After discussion Mr. Sullivan moved that the Comptroller be instructed to take the matter up with the Attorney General of Wyoming for an opinion and that the University would be governed in the distribution and use of the fees above mentioned by such opinion. This motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried.

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The report of Powell Center was presented by the President and the recommendations concerning the regular program were approved as follows:

- I. Selection and promotion of staff members will be determined by the Advisory Committee to the Committee on Adult Education and approved by the Deans and the Board.
- II. Approved.
- III. Ten per cent salary raise approved or to conform as near as possible to the salaries of staff members of comparable rank on the campus.
- IV. Approved.
- V. Approved with the provision that those recruiting describe the program of the University as well as the program of the Center and make it clear that the Center is a part of the University. At the present time no money is available to pay expenses of speakers. It has been customary for the expenses of speakers to be borne by the organization desiring a speaker. However, an effort will be made to include funds for this purpose in the budget for next year.
- VI. Approved with the exception of the last sentence. The amount is to be determined according to need, as approved by the Director of Adult Education and Community Service.

Wyoming Union

POWELL CENTER

See minutes
for April 29-30
1949
as amended

VII and VIII. Eliminated because they had already been approved by the local district.

Recommendations Concerning the Summer Quarter:

I. and II. Left to Dr. Reusser.

Housing:

I. The Governor has approved the request which will be submitted to the Legislature regarding an appropriation for developing an experiment station at Powell on the land owned by the University in or near the town of Powell. The Board is not ready to take action on the Heart Mountain project.

Upon the motion of Mr. Sullivan the following additional distribution of the Wyoming Blue Books is approved. This motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried.

One copy to General Irwin as Director of Alumni Relations.
One copy to Registrar McWhinnie.
One copy to the Agronomy Department.
Two copies to the Department of Economics and Sociology.

Mr. McCracken moved that a fire escape be installed immediately at the south end of Hoyt Hall at an estimated cost of \$1,534.50. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

President Humphrey then mentioned the proposal of Mr. J. K. Black to convert the Heart Mountain relocation administration camp into a University center to take the place of the Northwest center located at Powell. After discussion, Mr. Burwell moved that the transfer of the center was inadvisable at this time. This motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried.

Mr. Sullivan then moved acceptance of a \$100.00 gift from Admiral Emory Scott Land to be used at the discretion of the President and the Board for the benefit of the "Brees-Land" section of the University library, and that a proper expression of gratitude be forwarded to the Admiral. This motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken and carried.

Dr. Cunningham then moved that an appropriation of \$700.00 be added

Wyoming Blue Books

*FIRE ESCAPE
Hoyt Hall*

Heart Mountain

*Gift
Adm. Emory S. Land*

to the President's travel fund and \$800.00 be added to the President's office contingent. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried.

The Board then received Mr. Gordon Raab of the firm of Cordle, Raab, and Roush, Certified Public Accountants of Casper, who reported on the new audit made by that company of the Comptroller's office.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Department of Athletics will participate in no athletic contests not under institutional control in strict conformity with rules recently promulgated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This motion was seconded by Dr. Cunningham and carried.

Mr. McCracken then moved that the following statement of the Board of Trustees concerning the basketball game played between the University of Wyoming and City College of New York at Madison Square Garden, December 28, be issued to the newspapers. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried.

Audit
Cordle, Raab, Roush

Athletics

Coach Shelton
C.C.N.Y.

The Board of Trustees and the President of the University of Wyoming today released the following statement:

With respect to the recent so-called Shelton-Holman incident in Madison Square Garden, the Board of Trustees and the President of the University of Wyoming have made a thorough investigation and make the following report:

At a very tense period of the game, Coach Shelton felt that the officials were not calling what he regarded as obvious fouls committed by CCNY. Whereupon, he made the statement: "The Jews are getting away with murder." This statement was not even heard by Holman.

The great amount of national publicity to the contrary notwithstanding, that is the only statement Mr. Shelton made. The controversy that has come of the incident came entirely from that one assertion.

Here in Wyoming we regularly play Utah teams. They are frequently referred to, both by the press and by sports followers, as the Mormons. Last month when Brigham Young University played in New York, New York papers carried the headline: "Holub Lost to L. I. U. for Mormon Game." (N. Y. Mirror, Jan. 1, 1947)

Denver University is frequently referred to as the Methodists. It is common practice to call Notre Dame the Irish, Carlisle University the Indians, etc. Nothing disrespectful or prejudicial is conveyed in these appellations. Similarly, nothing venomous or deprecating or anti-semitic was meant by Mr. Shelton when he used the term "Jews" in a purely descriptive manner.

The Board and the President congratulate Mr. Shelton on having publicly stated in New York that, while he meant no slight or prejudice in his statement, nevertheless if it was interpreted in an unfavorable light he was deeply sorry he made the assertion. Mr. Shelton is also to be commended for not replying in kind and not conducting himself in kind when Coach Holman, as testified by several witnesses, used language of such base obscenity and vileness and depravity as to be unprintable here or anywhere. The Board and the President can not escape the reflection, however, that could the press, especially the press of New York, publish a verbatim report of Coach Holman's remarks to Shelton, even those New Yorkers who have villified Mr. Shelton would think entirely differently of the whole matter.

In this connection, the Trustees and the President of the University of Wyoming consider Holman's conduct so un-

becoming of a gentleman and a coach of young men that they would welcome a complete investigation by the ethics committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association to determine whether Holman should be continued as a member of that Association and whether members of the Association should schedule Holman-coached teams.

On University of Wyoming athletic teams have been men of many religious, color, and racial backgrounds, including Jews, Catholics and Protestants, Indians, and Negroes. The University of Wyoming is a democratic institution and brooks no religious or racial intolerance. We are sure in this regard that Coach Shelton has been an able exponent of this policy. Too, his qualities of sportsmanship and gentlemanliness are as widely known from coast to coast as has been his extraordinarily successful basketball record at Wyoming, which includes a national collegiate championship, a Madison Square Garden Invitational Tournament championship and several conference titles.

So far as this Board and the President of this institution are concerned, the so-called New York incident is hereby definitely and finally closed.

The next meeting of the Board will be called for February 28 and March 1. The evening of March 1 Utah University will play a basketball game with Wyoming at Laramie.

During this meeting of the Board there were two Executive sessions at which the proposed Agricultural College at Sheridan was discussed and

*Next Meeting
Febr 28 - Mar. 1*

certain matters having to do with the Department of Athletics.

The Board adjourned at 6:30 P.M., January 11.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fay E. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Fay E. Smith
Secretary

Adjournment