

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

January 27-28, 1951

For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order in the Board room on January 27 at 10:15 a.m., with the following members answering the roll call: Simpson, McCracken, Del Monte, Sullivan, Burwell, Watenpugh, Hansen, Patterson; ex-officio, Stolt, Humphrey. President Humphrey stated that Governor Barrett would not be present for the meeting but that Mr. Reed would join the meeting later.

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried that the minutes of the meeting of December 2 be approved.

President Humphrey announced that a preliminary meeting of the Faculty-Trustee Committee on Honorary Degrees should be held during this meeting of the Board and suggested the appointment of Trustee members of the Committee. President Simpson asked for nominations, and the following nominations were made: Sullivan, Hansen, and Patterson. Mr. McCracken moved that nominations be closed and that the three named be elected to serve. The motion was carried. A meeting of the Committee was set for 1:00 p.m.

A discussion of events connected with the Gator Bowl game on New Year's Day followed, with various members of the Board reporting on their own observations and the many favorable comments they had heard in respect to the trip made by the Band and other Wyoming representatives to Jacksonville for the game. In connection with the discussion of the fine public relations for the University and the state brought about by the Band's making the trip to Florida, the Board instructed President Humphrey to write a letter to the Band on behalf of the Board of Trustees, commending the members individually and as a group for their fine conduct during the entire trip, which reflected credit on their home and University training. President Simpson also asked

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON
HONORARY DEGREES

GATOR BOWL GAME

President Humphrey to write a letter to Mr. R. W. Woodruff, President of the Coca Cola Company, expressing appreciation for the contribution made by his Company to the success of the trip. Mr. Burwell moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the Board go on record in expressing to Mr. McCracken sincere appreciation for his fine leadership in raising the money which made it possible for the Band to go to Florida.

President Humphrey reported that a balance of more than \$1,400 remains in the fund collected to send the Band to Florida. He recommended that, with Mr. McCracken's approval, a part of the money be used to send the Concert Band on tour in the state some time during the spring. Mr. McCracken having signified his approval, Mr. Del Monte moved, Mrs. Patterson seconded, and it was carried that the recommendation be accepted.

President Humphrey then presented his report. Mr. McCracken moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried that the following appointments be approved:

1. Mr. Robert E. Quade as Assistant County Agent in Big Horn County, effective January 1, 1951, at a salary of \$3,300 per year.

2. Mr. Robert O. Gilden as Extension Agricultural Engineer, with the rank of Assistant Professor, effective February 1, 1951, at a salary of \$5,208 for eleven months' service.

3. Mr. Max Merle Mortland as Assistant Professor and Research Assistant in Soils, effective February 1, 1951, at a salary of \$4,800 for eleven months' service.

4. Mr. Guy Brock and Mr. Paul Petzoldt as Research Assistants under the agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the University,

USE OF MONEY
REMAINING FROM
BAND TRIP

APPOINTMENTS

Quade

Gilden

Mortland

Brock and Petzoldt

effective January 1, 1951, at a salary of \$350 per month for each of the men (plus field expenses) all salary and expenses to be reimbursed to the University by the Bureau of Reclamation.

5. Mr. Donald Burzlaff as Acting Superintendent of the Gillette Substation, effective March 15, 1951, at a salary of \$3,600 per year.

Burzlaff

For the information of the Trustees, President Humphrey presented the following resignations:

RESIGNATIONS

1. Miss Agnes R. Neylan, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, effective December 31, 1950, because of dissatisfaction with her work; she would have been released at the end of her contract.

Neylan

2. Dr. D. G. Denning, Assistant Professor of Entomology, effective January 15, 1951, to accept a position with the Velsicol Corporation.

Denning

3. Miss Doris Eck, Instructor in English, effective March 21, 1951, to accept a business position; she would have been released at the end of her contract.

Eck

4. Dr. D. S. Turner, Assistant Professor of Geology, effective December 31, 1950, to accept a position with the Carter Oil Company; he would have been released at the end of his contract.

Turner

5. Dr. V. V. Vesselovsky, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, effective December 31, 1950; he would have been released at the end of his contract.

Vesselovsky

1. With regard to the request of Miss Aleta McDowell, State 4-H Club Agent, for a leave of absence for the period February 6 to June 8, 1951, one month at full salary as her annual leave and the other three months on sabbatical leave at forty per cent of salary, Mr. McCracken moved that Miss McDowell be granted a leave of absence but that, because of the precedent which would be established in granting her sabbatical

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

McDowell

leave when she has not been employed at the University the required number of years, and because of the likelihood that the permission sought in this case would, if granted, bring many other similar requests in the future, the request for sabbatical leave be denied. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Patterson and carried.

2. Mr. Watenpaugh moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried that Mr. Melvin E. Lynch be given a military leave of absence without pay beginning February 1, 1951, and continuing for the length of his period of service with the U. S. Marines.

Lynch

President Humphrey read a letter from Miss Elizabeth J. McKittrick, Chairman of the Division of Home Economics, requesting that she be placed on limited service effective at the end of her present contract, August 31, 1951, together with a recommendation from Dean H. M. Briggs that Miss McKittrick's request be kept in confidence until he is ready to announce Miss McKittrick's successor. Mr. Hansen moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded, and it was carried that the request be approved.

LIMITED SERVICE

McKittrick

Recommendations with regard to budget changes were acted upon as follows:

BUDGET CHANGES

1. Chemistry Department. Mr. Del Monte moved, Mrs. Patterson seconded, and it was carried that the amount of \$235 be appropriated to pay the cost of repairing and paying transportation charges on an Abbe Refractometer No. 343, which has been used by the Chemistry Department for twenty-five years.

Chemistry

2. Agricultural Substations. Mr. Sullivan moved, it was seconded by Mr. Burwell and carried, that \$2,037.93 be appropriated as indicated below from the balance of \$6,678.11 in the Sales Fund of the Agricultural Substations:

Agricultural Substation

Torrington Substation	\$1,237.93
Afton Substation	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$2,037.93

3. University Architect. Mr. Watenpaugh moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded, and it was carried that an appropriation in the amount of \$240 be made to the "Personal Services" budget of the University Architect for the remainder of the fiscal year 1950-51.

University Architect

Summer School. Mr. Hansen moved that visitors to the central courses of the Creative Arts Workshop and the International Affairs Institute be charged a fee of \$5.00 instead of the \$1.00 fee now collected. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was carried.

FEE CHANGE

Summer School

General. For the information of the Trustees, President Humphrey presented a report on the scholarships given by the University, totaling an estimated \$66,920 for this year. When a question was raised about the large number of scholarships given by the University, President Humphrey brought out the fact that the greatest number (the 300 High School Honor and County Commissioners Scholarships and some of the athletic scholarships) are authorized by state law.

SCHOLARSHIPS

General

The discussion of the scholarship program led into a discussion of the possible enrollment in the University for next year, which President Humphrey stated had been estimated at approximately 1,800 to 1,850, and the possible deferment of students doing satisfactory work to complete their college courses. President Humphrey reported that the University had been inspected by the Air Force and the Navy for possible establishment of training units on the campus and that he had made application to the Department of Civil Defense for one of the training schools to be established by that Department.

POSSIBLE ENROLLMENTS,
MANPOWER SITUATION,
DRAFT, ETC.

President Simpson reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of Governing Boards and the American Council on Education which he recently attended. He expressed the opinion that practically all students doing satisfactory work would be deferred to complete their courses, since the national military and educational leaders take the view that the war is a long-range proposition and not an emergency, and that the United States can not expect to defeat Russia with manpower alone but must depend upon technical knowledge.

Music. Mr. Del Monte moved, Mrs. Patterson seconded, and it was carried that a total of fifteen term scholarships, each covering \$37.00 in tuition fees for in-state and out-of-state students alike, be granted for the first term of the summer school to insure well-rounded instrumentation in the Band, it being understood that no scholarships would be offered in the second term of the Summer School.

Pharmacy. Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Burwell seconded, and it was carried that remission of fees in the amount of \$400 be authorized to match the contribution of \$400 from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education, to be used in granting scholarships in the College of Pharmacy.

President Humphrey presented next the proposed agreement between the University and the Carbon Power and Light, Inc. for furnishing electrical service to the Animal Production Department buildings located in the pasture area south and west of the Laramie airport. Mr. Burwell moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried that the President and Secretary of the Board be instructed to sign the agreement for the Board of Trustees.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Music

Pharmacy

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY AND
CARBON POWER AND
LIGHT, INC.

Mr. Del Monte moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded, and it was carried that the following recommendations in respect to the field summer schools for the summer of 1951 be approved:

1. That a survey be made in the areas of Powell, Sheridan, Torrington, Gillette, and Afton to determine the number of prospective field summer school students in each area, and that field summer schools be conducted in areas where they can be made self-supporting.
2. That no field summer school be conducted in Casper.
3. That the past policy of offering 600 courses by extension in field summer schools be continued.

In connection with the request of the Steele Construction Company for the payment of the \$20,140.44 being retained on Units A, B, and D of the Agriculture Building, President Humphrey read a letter from Mr. Paul Towne, local superintendent for Porter and Bradley, indicating that practically all of the items on the punch list have been completed. After discussion, during which Mr. Del Monte read to the Trustees the action taken at the July, 1950, meeting denying a similar request on the grounds that the Agriculture Building is one unit and not four separate units, Mr. Hansen moved, Mr. Burwell seconded, and it was carried that the \$20,140.44 being retained on Units A, B, and D be released to Mr. Steele.

President Humphrey presented a letter from Mrs. A. H. Michelson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, recommending that the new Education Building be named Maxwell Hall in honor of the late Dean C. R. Maxwell. After some discussion of the recommendation, the Trustees agreed that President Humphrey should write to Mrs. Michelson and explain to her the Board's policy of declining to name University instructional buildings for individuals.

After discussing the request of Mr. S. R. Clark, Executive Secretary of the Wyoming High School Athletic Association, that members of the Physical Education staff of the University be permitted to officiate

FIELD SUMMER SCHOOLS

PAYMENTS TO STEELE
CONSTRUCTION CO. ON
UNITS A, B, & D OF
AGRICULTURE BUILDING

NAMING OF
EDUCATION BUILDING

OFFICIATING AT HIGH
SCHOOL GAMES BY
MEMBERS OF PHYSICAL
EDUCATION STAFF

at high-school games for the next few years, the Board agreed that the present policy of cooperating with the Association in the training of officials but of declining to permit University staff members to officiate for high-school games be reaffirmed.

President Humphrey explained briefly the "Proposed Experiment in Higher Education," which provides for giving tests in the high schools to boys fifteen years of age and over and giving those who are capable of carrying college work an opportunity to enroll at the University and be given special supervision in a dormitory apart from other students. He stated that the plan had been approved by the Administrative Council but that the faculty had not yet approved it, that before any action was taken the plan would also be presented to the State Department of Education and to the school administrators of the state, and that the final decision as to whether or not students should participate would be left to the parents. It was the consensus of the Board that the proposed plan would not be a good one to follow. Many objections were brought out, including the fact that it would take students away from their home influence at a time when they badly need it and would deny them many of the extra-curricular activities which are an important part of college life.

When the Board reassembled at 2:30 p.m., the proposed bill providing for a system of community colleges was discussed at length. President Humphrey explained that the proposed bill amends the bill considered at the last session of the Legislature and sets up certain standards of control. President Humphrey explained that the proposed bill did not commit the University to any policy that had not previously been approved by the Board, and President Simpson called attention to the fact that the University itself had advanced the proposals under which the Centers were set up at both Powell and Sheridan, and that any substantial change in this policy would be regarded as a breach of faith by the people of both of those communities. Some members of the Board opposed the expansive establishment of a system of community colleges, feeling that, unless limited in number, these colleges would be injurious to the growth of the

EXPERIMENT IN
HIGHER EDUCATION

COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BILL

University. Also, the feeling was expressed by some members that facilities for the elementary and secondary schools are inadequate in many parts of the state and that money should be spent for improving these facilities rather than for increasing facilities on the local level for higher education. A motion made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Burwell was approved providing that President Humphrey should appear before the Education Committee to explain the University's attitude with respect to the establishment and state financing of a system of community colleges in the state.

For the information of the Trustees, President Humphrey presented reports prepared by the Wyoming Civil Defense Board with regard to the progress of the Civil Defense Plan for Wyoming.

Also for the information of the Board, President Humphrey presented financial statements as of December 31, 1950, which were prepared in the office of the Business Manager.

In the Addendum to the President's Report, President Humphrey called attention to the resignation of Mr. J. E. Chatelain, Instructor in Physics, effective January 26, 1951. Mr. Chatelain resigned to do graduate work at Lehigh University; he would have been released at the end of his contract.

Mr. Hansen moved, Mr. Del Monte seconded, and it was carried that the following requests for extension of leaves be approved:

1. Miss Edna Furness, Assistant Professor of Language Education, an extension of her leave without pay to cover the spring quarter of 1950-51 to permit her to continue her graduate work.

2. Miss Mae Baird, Extension Specialist in Field Studies and

CIVILIAN DEFENSE
RADIOLOGICAL
TRAINING PROGRAM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESIGNATION

Chatelain

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Furness

Baird

Planning, an extension of her sabbatical leave from March 15 to June 1, 1951, in order that she may complete her graduate work at the University of Chicago.

1. Faculty Travel. Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Watenpaugh seconded, and it was carried that the amount of \$112.40 be appropriated to Faculty Travel to permit Dr. W. R. Steckel, Assistant Professor of History, to accept an invitation to attend and address the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at its meeting in Cincinnati in April.

2. Workmen's Compensation. Mr. Reed having joined the meeting, President Humphrey asked that consideration be given to the items in the President's Report which were deferred pending Mr. Reed's arrival. Following some discussion, Mr. Reed moved, Mrs. Patterson seconded, and it was carried that the amount of \$3,000 be appropriated to the President's Emergency Reserve to reimburse that fund for the transfer which had to be made to cover the deficit in the University's deposit with the Workmen's Compensation Department, the deficit having been brought about by the injury to Mr. Bryan Roberts, University Stock Farm employee, which resulted in the amputation of his leg.

In accordance with the instructions given by the Board of Trustees at the meeting on December 2, President Humphrey presented a report prepared by Mr. C. B. Jensen, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, regarding the amortization of the cost of the new steam tunnel in Fraternity Park. Mr. Jensen had figured the amortization over a period of thirty years, and he recommended the charge of 2¢ per KWH for electric lights and power and 45¢ per 1,000 pounds of steam. After thorough discussion, it was moved by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Watenpaugh that the report be approved, with the exception of the cost for steam, which

BUDGET CHANGES

Faculty Travel

Workmen's Compensation

UTILITIES FOR
FRATERNITY AND
SORORITY HOUSES

should be 50¢ instead of 45¢ per 1,000 pounds, and with the understanding that the University may find it necessary to adjust these rates each year in the light of current costs of fuel and labor. The motion was unanimously carried.

President Humphrey reported to the Board that Head Football Coach Bowden Wyatt had received very good offers from three other schools, namely, Kansas State College, the University of Southern California, and Duke University. He stated that Coach Wyatt would prefer to remain in Wyoming and would undoubtedly do so if he could be assured of the percentage increase in salary given to other University employees and if the University would provide a house, rent-free, for his use. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried that the University arrange to provide a house for Mr. Wyatt and that he be given the same percentage of salary increase given to other University employees.

COACH WYATT'S
CONTRACT

President Humphrey next presented a report on the Al Robbins property on East Grand Avenue, which is for sale at the present time at a cost of \$75,000 for the 3.989 acres, including the Robbins home and other improvements as follows: garage, shop and water well, greenhouse, and storage cellar; or \$30,000 for 3.245 acres and not including the home. President Humphrey listed some of the possible advantages of owning this property as follows: (1) the property adjoins present University property on two sides, and if it were cut up into lots (as contemplated by the present owner) and sold for filling stations, night clubs, or other activities which might be objectionable to the University, the Trustees might later find it necessary to purchase the land at considerably more than the present price; (2) the land would be ideal for use by a Department

AL ROBBINS PROPERTY

of Horticulture, which the University does not now have but which President Humphrey felt it should institute; and (3) the house could be used by a University employee as a part of his salary. Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was carried that President Humphrey be instructed to endeavor to secure a sixty-day option on the property on the best possible terms and report on the same at the next Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and reassembled on January 28 at 10:40 a.m.

Mr. Burwell explained in some detail the situation with respect to the scarcity of gas in Laramie and Rawlins because of insufficient gas supply through the present system, and inadequate pipe line facilities connecting the available sources of supply with these towns. He stated that to furnish sufficient gas for the needs of Laramie and Rawlins would require a sizable investment of new capital which would include the expenditure of approximately \$900,000 for the construction of a new pipe line. This outlay of funds would necessitate an increase in the gas rates to the University of approximately 33 1/3 per cent. The effect this increase would have upon the University was discussed, and it was revealed that the estimated cost to the University for each year of the next biennium would be \$44,000 additional as a result of the increase in the number of buildings to be heated, and a further additional amount of \$40,000 as a result of the aforementioned increase in rate, or a total annual estimated increase of \$84,000.

FUEL SITUATION

Mr. Reed brought up for discussion the desirability of having the Board make a definite decision as to the proper fuel for future use in producing heat for the University campus buildings. Mr. Reed then made the following motion: (1) that President Humphrey be instructed to contact competent

engineers at once and arrange for a study of the relative cost and efficiency of gas, oil, and coal, having the survey include (a) comparative costs covering the several fuels with the University furnishing steam from the University plant over a period of ten years and a period of twenty years on a BTU basis for each fuel, including power plant labor and equipment depreciation, (b) the cost of purchasing steam from outside sources on a ten-year and twenty-year basis eliminating power plant labor, and (c) costs of maintaining present equipment on a stand-by basis in the event (b) was the economic solution to the University's long-range heating problem; (2) that the Trustees accept President Humphrey's recommendation that for a minimum of two years, or until the requested study can be completed and put into effect, the University plan to use gas and stand-by fuel oil. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

President Humphrey presented a letter from Mr. C. B. Jensen, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, recommending that an engineering firm be employed to prepare plans and specifications for the enlargement of the Power Plant as soon as money is made available by the Legislature for the work. Mr. Watenpugh moved that the recommendation be accepted. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion and it was carried.

A report from Business Manager L. G. Meeboer with respect to the possibility of securing group insurance for medical care of students on tour was presented and discussed. It was the feeling of the Trustees that the estimated cost of \$8,400 per year for a blanket policy covering all University students (the only type of group policy Mr. Meeboer could secure) would be excessive, that it would not be advisable to purchase such a policy, and that the University should continue as in the past to insure student groups while away from the campus on trips representing the University.

ENLARGEMENT OF
POWER PLANT

MEDICAL CARE OF
STUDENTS ON TOUR

President Humphrey read to the Trustees a letter which he had received from Dr. H. D. Thomas, State Geologist, with regard to the possibility of getting the state to make some appropriation for the work of the State Geologist, in view of the fact that the University now pays his full salary and his work as State Geologist is done without additional remuneration. President Humphrey asked for and was given permission to inform the Ways and Means Committee that if no provision is made for the salary of the State Geologist without charging the salary against the budgeted funds of the University, there will be no obligation on the part of the University to insist that a member of the Geology Department assume the added responsibilities of that position.

STATE GEOLOGIST

President Humphrey next read a letter from Dean H. M. Briggs with regard to the experiment farm at Sheridan, to which the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering now contributes \$8,480 annually and which the Bureau is willing to permit the University of Wyoming to take over and operate, contributing the \$8,480 per year to the University Experiment Station rather than directly to the farm. Mr. Watenpaugh moved that the University accept the transfer of funds to the Experiment Station, with the understanding that a like amount be added to the appropriation for the Sheridan farm and that the University assume full responsibility for the farm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and carried.

STATE FARMS--SHERIDAN

President Humphrey reported to the Trustees that a bill had been introduced in the Legislature providing for the sale of the three inactive farms at Eden, Lyman, and Lander, and he asked the Trustees to instruct him whether they wished him to protest the sale or to agree to the sale with the understanding that the proceeds would be placed in the State

SALE OF INACTIVE
STATE FARMS

Farms accounts to be used for capital improvements at the other farms. Mr. Watenpaugh moved that the University approve the sale of the three farms in question, with the understanding that bids be taken on the farms, that the University have the right to reject any or all bids, that the proceeds of the sales be placed in State Farms funds to be used for capital improvements at the remaining farms, that oil and mineral rights on the farms be reserved, and that the University get the returns from any income derived from these rights. Mr. McCracken seconded the motion and it was carried, three members voting no.

Briefly President Humphrey explained that the University had presented to the Governor a request for the appropriation of \$8,188,872.93 for the next biennium and that the Governor had reduced the amount to \$5,622,881.94 in his recommendations to the Legislature, the reductions being as follows:

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Main University	\$ 400,000.00
Agricultural Extension	50,000.00
State Farms	50,000.00
Building Construction and Equipment	<u>2,565,990.99</u>
Total	\$2,565,990.99

He explained that his two principal requests of the Ways and Means Committee for raises above the Governor's recommendations would be: (1) for sufficient money to equip the new buildings on the campus; and (2) for sufficient money to retain members of the staff who have not already been released for next year in order to be able to take care of training programs which the University may secure from the Army, Navy, Air Force, or other branch of service. These training programs would be self-supporting. The Trustees expressed general approval of President Humphrey's plans for presentation of the budget requests to the Ways and Means Committee.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees was set for February 26, with tentative plans for March 13 as the date on which tenure and promotion recommendations would be considered.

Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Watenpaugh, whose terms expire following this meeting, expressed appreciation to other members of the Board for the opportunity of working with them and for the friendships they had formed during their terms of service. Other members expressed their regret that the terms of Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Watenpaugh had expired and the hope that all of them would be reappointed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



H. D. Del Monte
Secretary

NEXT MEETING

EXPRESSIONS FROM
TRUSTEES ON
EXPIRATION OF TERMS
OF THREE MEMBERS