

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

March 14-15, 1964

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

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, called for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the presidency of the University, was held in the Board room on March 14-15, 1964. The following members were present: Messrs. Newton, Jones, Reed, Brough, Chamberlain, Peck, McIntire, Laird, McCracken, Millett, Morgan, and Watt and, ex officio, Dr. Shaw. Governor Hansen and President Humphrey, ex officio members, were not present.

After reviewing with the Trustees a list of the questions to be asked each of the candidates, Mr. Newton invited into the meeting Dr. John T. Fey, President of the University of Vermont. Dr. Fey answered questions asked by Mr. Newton and other members of the Board and then addressed several questions to the Trustees. The interview concluded with expressions of appreciation from Mr. Newton to Dr. Fey and from Dr. Fey to the Board of Trustees.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 o'clock and reassembled at 1:15 p.m. with the same members present who were present for the morning session.

The Trustees considered a letter from Dr. Richard L. Hillier, Acting Head of the English Department, written following notification to him of the Board's action in holding in abeyance approval of his recommendations for two appointments to the faculty of the Department. Dr. Hillier pointed out that it had been the practice in the Department to employ instructors without prior teaching experience and that he had written the two persons in question that Board approval was "merely the last step in the formality of employing" new personnel. It was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Hillier should be asked to change the wording of his letters offering employment so as to make final employment contingent

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upon Board approval. Mr. Chamberlain moved that the Board approve the appointment of Miss Lynne Vincent and Mr. Alvin Schneider to positions as Instructor in English, effective September 1, 1964, at a salary rate of \$6,264 for the academic year 1964-65, and that President Humphrey be asked to inform Dr. Hillier that the Trustees' concern for strengthening the Department had prompted their requesting him to secure better qualified instructors. Mr. Watt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Vincent
Schneider

Board of Trustees. Mr. McCracken moved that an appropriation of \$12,620 be authorized from the General Fund to Board of Trustee budgets as follows: Assistants, \$320; Contractual, \$5,800; Travel, \$6,000; and Extraordinary Expense, \$500. Mr. McIntire seconded the motion and it was carried.

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Mr. Newton read a letter he had received from Mr. Robert Russin, Professor of Art, quoting prices on the art work and the cost of casting the plaque and medallion proposed by the Trustees for the Distinguished Faculty Award to be established in honor of President G. D. Humphrey. Mr. Peck moved that the President of the Board, and any other Trustee he might wish to have with him, be authorized to negotiate with Mr. Russin and attempt to arrive at an agreement on costs. Mr. Laird seconded the motion and it was carried.

DISTINGUISHED
FACULTY AWARD

At 2:00 o'clock the second candidate for the presidency of the University, Dr. John W. Lederle, President of the University of Massachusetts, was invited into the Board room to answer questions asked by members of the Board and to ask questions of the Trustees. After approximately two hours, Mr. Newton expressed

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appreciation to Dr. Lederle for coming to Laramie to discuss the presidency, and Dr. Lederle left the meeting.

The Board adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Governor Hansen was present for the March 15 session of the Board, in addition to those who were present the preceding day. The meeting opened at 9:40 a.m., and at 10:05 a.m. Dr. D. W. Colvard, President of Mississippi State University, was invited into the meeting.

The same procedure which had been followed in interviewing candidates the preceding day was followed in interviewing Dr. Colvard. All Trustees who wished to do so were given an opportunity to ask questions. These were followed by a number of questions from Dr. Colvard, and the interview concluded with expressions of appreciation from both the Trustees and Dr. Colvard.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:20 and reassembled at 1:55 p.m.

Dr. Robert C. Anderson, Executive Vice President of Auburn University, was the last of the candidates invited by the Board for interview. The interview with Dr. Anderson, which followed the pattern of previous interviews, was concluded at 3:30 p.m.

Following a brief recess, Dean H. T. Person, chairman of the faculty committee advisory to the Trustees in the selection of a new President, was invited into the meeting. Dean Person stated that the committee felt any one of the candidates would be acceptable to the faculty and staff. He added that the committee had not had an opportunity since interviewing the last of the candidates to discuss their reactions and arrive at a recommendation. Mr. Newton expressed appreciation to Dean Person and his committee

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for the invaluable assistance given in connection with the visit of the four candidates to the campus, and Dean Person left the meeting.

After some discussion, it was decided that a secret ballot should be taken to determine whether or not a majority favored any one candidate. The results of the ballot indicated that a majority favored Dr. John T. Fey. Mr. Peck moved that the position be offered to Dr. Fey. Mr. McCracken seconded the motion but after some further discussion it was withdrawn.

Mr. McIntire then moved that the President of the Board (and any other Trustee he might wish to have assist him) be authorized to make such investigation of Dr. Fey's background as he deemed necessary and, if the results of the investigation proved favorable, to arrange a meeting with Dr. Fey in Chicago during the week of March 23 for further negotiations in respect to the presidency of the University. Mr. Watt seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. McCracken volunteered and was accepted by the President to meet with him and Dr. Fey in Chicago on March 23 if arrangements could be made.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Newton should have the authority to decide on the terms of the contract to be offered Dr. Fey and that, if he deemed it necessary, he should be authorized to call individual Trustees or to ask for a Board meeting prior to the meeting scheduled for April 11-12.

The Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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