

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

**May 6, 1970**

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

President Hollon called a special meeting through means of a conference call to discuss the petition which was signed by University of Wyoming students and faculty and presented to Mr. Hays, Vice President for Finance, acting for Dr. Carlson. All Trustees were on the conference call as were President Carlson and Mr. Hays.

The petition was read in its full content as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby request that the University of Wyoming lower the flag to half-mast in a gesture of sorrow and sympathy for those who recently lost their lives in the Kent State Tragedy. This flag shall fly at half-mast at least until the funerals of all four victims. We also ask that classes be dismissed on Thursday so that all may reflect on what has happened and on what can be done to prevent such a tragedy from occurring here."

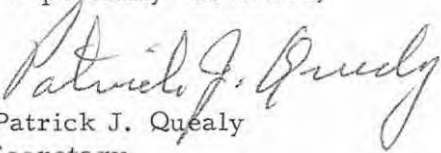
Dr. Carlson advised the Trustees that the petition had been reviewed with Bob Archuleta, President of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW), and with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and their recommendations were to grant the requests contained in the petition with the stated view that the matter of flag protocol was outside the University's purview.

After lengthy discussion of the two requests presented in the petition, it was moved that the Trustees acknowledge receipt of the petition; that they concur in the need for a time to reflect on what has happened and on what can be done to prevent such a tragedy from occurring here and to express sorrow and sympathy and, therefore, authorize dismissal of classes; that in regard to display of the U. S. flag, they must conform to flag protocol.

The motion was seconded and carried, Mr. Brodrick recorded as voting nay.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patrick J. Quealy  
Secretary