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December 11, 1908

The Board of Regents met at their Office in Morrill Hall at 10 o'clock A.M., Friday, December 11, 1908. Present, Regents Smith, Lewers, Souchereau and Sunderland; also the President of the University. Absent, Regent Henderson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Balance sheets, showing condition of funds to October 31st, read.

Upon motion of Regent Lewers, seconded by Regent Souchereau, the recommendation by President Stubbs of the appointment of Reuben Cyril Thompson as Instructor of Latin in the High School at a salary of Twelve Hundred dollars per annum beginning with the 15th of November, 1908 was approved.

Upon motion of Regent Lewers, seconded by Regent Souchereau, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada appreciate the high purpose of Mr. Andrew Carnegie in establishing the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. They see clearly its far-reaching and beneficial results in advancing the dignity of the teacher's office, in protecting the old age of unselfish public servants, and in increasing the efficiency and promoting the elevation of the standards in American Colleges and Universities.

They therefore desire that the University of Nevada shall participate in the benefits of this Foundation, and hereby make application for the admission of the University of Nevada into all the rights and privileges of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The President of the University read his report, which was ordered recorded in the minutes, as follows:

Reno, Nevada

December 4, 1908

To the Board of Regents,
The University of Nevada,
Reno.

Gentlemen:

I append herewith a list of the claims on the State Fund and on the A & M Fund. This list also includes the payment of salaries to the Professors and students for the months of November and December.

At the last meeting of the Board of Regents, I read a communication to the Governor requesting on behalf of the Board of Regents that the State Board of Examiners allow a deficiency of Nine Thousand dollars for the remainder of this year, on the grounds that this represented money that the Legislature appropriated but, owing to circumstances delaying the building, which we did not receive in time for this year. On that evening I was taken somewhat severely ill with rheumatism which kept me confined to my bed until after the election. Then I went to Bryon Hot Springs and took a course of treatment for three weeks in the hope that I would be pretty well cured. It did not do as much for me as I had hoped.

While I was ill, Professor Lewers, Vice President of the University, had charge of the University and attended to all of its duties. Just before I went to Byron Hot Springs, I wrote to the Governor asking him to appoint a day when Professor Lewers could see him and present in detail the reasons for our request for a deficiency. Professor Lewers met the Governor and Mr. Stoddard and went over the ground very thoroughly with them and understood that the Governor and the Attorney General were both disposed to grant the request of the Board of Regents, and probably this has been done, although I cannot say for certain. At the request of the Governor, Professor Lewers submitted a list of the deficiency claims and the salaries, amounting to somewhere between Eight and Nine Thousand dollars.

I recommended the election of Reuben Cyril Thompson to the Instructorship in Latin in the High School at a salary of \$1200 a year beginning with the 15th of November, 1908. He is a graduate of Harvard University and besides his ordinary testimonials from the State Normal School at Albion, Idaho, he has a very strong letter from John William White of Harvard, which I will submit to the Board of Regents. Mr. Van Nostrand desired to accept the position of private teacher to Senator Nixon's son and, after consideration, I deemed it best to release him. I notified the

members of the Board by letter of the selection of Mr. Thompson and received their approval.

According to the requirements of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in order that we may receive the benefits of the fund for retiring allowances to aged and infirm teachers, recently provided for State Universities by an additional gift of Five Millions of dollars, it is necessary that this Board pass a resolution requesting the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that this University is enrolled among the beneficiaries of that Fund. The rules of the Fund, however, require that besides this resolution by the Board of Regents asking that the University of Nevada be admitted to the benefits of this Fund, we must have the approval of the Governor of the State and the assent, by joint resolution, of the State Legislature.

I herewith submit to the Board of Regents a draft of a resolution which may be taken as a guide for the proper form of the request from the Board of Regents:

At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada on the above date, the following was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada appreciate the high purpose of Mr. Andrew Carnegie in establishing the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. They see clearly its far-reaching and beneficial results in advancing the dignity of the teacher's office, in protecting the old age of unselfish public servants, and in increasing the efficiency and promoting the elevation of the standards in American Colleges and Universities.

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/s/ By the Regents of the

University of Nevada

Geo. H. Taylor, Secretary

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while at Byron Hot Springs Mr. Bliss came out to see me just be-

fore we went to New York in response to a request from Mr. Mackay and we discussed pretty fully the plans which he expected to present to Mr. Mackay for the training quarters and the grandstand. As the Regents know, Dr. Kennedy and the other members of the Mackay Athletic Committee have had in charge the sum of Ten Thousand dollars for preparing the athletic field and this work has been done under the advice of the Committee associated with him. It is probable that to complete this work, the Committee will require about Four Thousand dollars additional. The matter of the training quarters and the grandstand rests upon a somewhat different basis. On November 18th I received the following telegram from Mr. Mackay:

After lengthy interview with Mr. Bliss and Mr. Richardson, have approved of plans for training quarters as well as for grandstand, with minor changes. Have instructed architects training quarters should be built of brick, similar to Mackay School of Mines. This will be additional cost of Four Thousand dollars, but I am willing to assume this in view of my desire to make building permanent and worthy of Institution. Have wired Professor Kennedy on similar lines, stating that work can be proceeded with at once. Letter follows.

The letter, under date of November 18th, says further:

I think that no further comment is necessary, except that I hope no time will be lost in having the work started, and that on completion it will be architecturally, and also from the point of construction, as successful an institution as the Mackay School of Mines.

I have instructed Mr. Bliss as heretofore that all certificates on payments should be passed upon by you and the Athletic Committee, and then forwarded to this office for payment.

I was greatly interested in the letter that you addressed to the Publicity Committee of the Anti-Gambling League of Reno. It was admirably expressed and touched a very deep chord. I saw a little while ago by the papers that you were not so fortunate as to carry your point at this last election, but I feel positive that with the proper influences at work they will in time predominate and a new order of things be established in Reno. You are certainly deserving of every encouragement for the fearless fight that you are waging.

I presume that the meeting of the Board of Regents occurs the

4th of January for the purpose of clearing up business, introducing the new members of the Board, and arranging for its organization. This suggests to this Board of Regents the question of some further conference respecting the report of the Honorary Board of Visitors, especially that part of it referring to the Head of the Mining Department. In conference with the Governor on Monday respecting this report, I found that the Chairman of the Honorary Board of Visitors had already talked over the matter with the Governor, who said that he had also heard some reports in the State unfavorable to the Mining School. Would it not be well to invite the Governor and the Chairman of the Board of Visitors to meet with both the old Board and the new on Monday, January 4th, and talk over fully this matter?

I will probably have my report for the two years ending December 31, 1908, with recommendations for the two years ending December 31, 1910, prepared and ready to submit to the Board of Regents by the 20th of this month. I shall send to each member of the Board of Regents a copy. It will be necessary that the Board of Regents directs the preparation of its part of the report to the Governor so that the report may be submitted to him by the 4th of January.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the faculty of the Normal School, approve the lengthening of the Normal School Course from one year to two years; the new two year course beginning September 1st, 1909, keeping for the present the same requirements for admission that now obtain.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Academic Council, I recommend the approval of the Board of Regents to several changes in the requirements for admission to the Freshman Class of the University beginning September 1st, 1909:
 - a. That Chemistry and Solid Geometry, with 2 1/2 units elective, be added to the entrance requirements for the Engineering courses;

 - b. That ten units elective be added to the requirements of all other courses except the Normal course;

 - c. That the University High School adopt a High School course of four years, beginning with September 1st, 1909;

- d. That the present High School students belonging to the first and second years be held to this four year course;
- e. That the Legislature be asked for a sufficient appropriation to provide for such enlargement of the High School course;
- f. That ten units of History be required for the Liberal Arts and General Science courses, as follows: U. S. History and Civics - 5 units; either English or Ancient History - 5 units; total 10 units.
- g. The statistics of the Freshman Class for this year show that we can advance to a four years' requirement in 1909 as readily as to wait until the beginning of the Fall term in 1910. The only condition that is made is that the Committee on Admission and Advanced Standing shall make arrangements so that High School students who are deficient in High School Chemistry for next year shall have the opportunity to make it up without impairing their standing the first year in College.

Upon motion of Regent Lewers, seconded by Regent Sunderland, the recommendations in the President's report were approved.

Upon motion of Regent Lewers, seconded by Regents Souchereau and Sunderland, the President was requested to invite the Governor and Chairman of the Board of Visitors to meet with the Regents at its first meeting to be held in January, 1909.

Claims were allowed from the several funds, as follows:

Contingent Fund and Interest Account

October Payroll, Professors & Instructors	\$ 2,293.06
October Payroll, Students	224.90
November Payroll, Professors & Instructors	2,304.86
November Payroll, Students	245.45
December Payroll, Professors & Instructors	2,252.36
December Payroll, Students	193.55
J. E. Stubbs	100.00
Geo. H. Taylor	637.60
Geo. H. Taylor	19.50
C. O. D. Wood & Coal Co.	57.97
Union Oil Co.	221.43
Heywood & Wakefield	180.00
A. W. Holmes	137.75
Standard Oil Co.	47.33

Central Coal & Coke Co.	109.50
C. M. Beckwith	16.55
Nevada Wood & Fuel Co.	76.05
The Argonaut, S. F.	6.40
Harms & Morrill	238.15
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.	16.55
Reno Power Light & Water Co.	532.25
William Wagner	210.93
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	260.18
Reno Mill & Lumber Co.	339.15
Total	\$10,721.47

Cement Walks Fund

Cheney, Massey & Price	\$ 35.00
Joseph Durkee	169.50
Total	\$ 204.50

Mackay Building Equipment Fund

Harron, Rickard & Mc Cone	\$ 320.75
Union Lumber Co.	240.00
J. B. Hastings	75.00
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	150.05

Total	\$ 785.80
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Mackay School of Mines Instruction Fund

October Payroll, Professors & Instructors	\$ 450.00
November Payroll, Professors & Instructors	450.00
December Payroll, Professors & Instructors	450.00
Reno Evening Gazette	8.50
Total	\$ 1,358.50

A & M College Morrill Fund

October Payroll, Professors & Instructors	\$ 2,139.91
November Payroll, Professors & Instructors	2,347.81
December Payroll, Professors & Instructors	2,065.07
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	5.28
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	1.00
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	11.14
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	28.65
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	304.78
Eugene Dietzgen Co.	5.13
Eugene Dietzgen Co.	2.70
Fritz & Goedel Mfg. Co.	3.80
G. E. Steckhert	22.90

G. E. Steckhert	2.25
A. C. Mc Clury & Co.	2.63
Keuffel & Esser Co.	16.15
Electric Controller Mfg. Co.	31.50
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	6.12
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	4.80
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	8.94
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	4.28
John Wiley & Sons	15.15
Nevada Machinery & Supply Co.	2.20
Nevada Machinery & Supply Co.	16.65
Spencer Lens Co.	60.22
Spencer Lens Co.	41.58
A. C. Mc Clury & Co.	24.64
Braun, Knight, Heimann Co.	184.88
Ward's Natural Science Establishment	31.32
W. H. Bidwell	8.00
Geo. H. Taylor	19.30
Sol Levy	3.40
Nevada Engineering Works	4.40
Nevada Engineering Works	5.00
Mott Stationery Co.	4.45
Mott Stationery Co.	3.15
Porteous Decorating Co.	327.00

Porteous Decorating Co.	2.00
Porteous Decorating Co.	5.30
Porteous Decorating Co.	.85
Cleator Dexter Co.	2.60
T. R. Cheatham	.90
John Breuner Co.	64.75
Reno Saddlery Co.	2.00
Riverside Studio	22.00
Union Lumber Co.	5.00
Self & Sellman Mill & Bldg. Co.	13.00
Reno Mill & Lumber Co.	15.80
Reno Mill & Lumber Co.	16.25
Reno Power Light & Water Co.	36.55
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	13.60
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	219.58
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	10.12
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	13.36
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	74.60
Total	\$ 8,284.34

No further business, the Board adjourned to meet at the Office of Mr. Oscar J. Smith, 204 North Virginia Street, January 4th, 1909, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Oscar J. Smith

President

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary