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The recessed meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:30 on May 9th.

Present: Regents Curler, Baker, Sullivan and Abel, and President Clark. Absent: Regent O'Brien.

Mr. Curler reported for the committee named to look into the claim of Dr. James for \$600 for Summer School, as follows:

That in accordance with the understanding of the Board of Regents at the meeting on Tuesday, Chairman Abel and myself yesterday (May 8) called on Mr. Price, of the firm Cheney, Price and Hawkins, with respect to the claim of Dr. James. We found the attitude of Mr. Price to be that he desired to take up this matter and discuss it with us in a dispassionate way and with the idea of seeing if the misunderstanding existing between the Board and Dr. James could not be cleared up and to see if they could not arrive at an amicable settlement of the matter without any legal controversy. Chairman Abel and I stated, on behalf of the Board of Regents, that we certainly wanted to clear up any misunderstanding if it could be done and that we would be pleased to listen to Mr. Price's contention in the matter.

He (Mr. Price) stated that it was clear that the difference between Dr. James and the Board amounted to \$600 growing out of the question as to whether or not the contract and the understanding with Dr. James was that he was to be paid from July 1, 1915 to July 1, 1916, \$3600 irrespective of whether he conducted a Summer School in 1915 or not.

Mr. Abel and I stated to Mr. Price that as we understood it, more particularly from the conversation of the present members of the Board who were members of the old Board, that Dr. James was to be paid \$3000 for acting as Dean of Education in the University and \$600 for holding a Summer School. It was the un-

derstanding of the Board, as we gathered it, that he (Dr. James) was not to have \$600 unless he held a Summer School, and as he did not hold a Summer School in 1915, he was not entitled to the \$600.

After a more or less protracted discussion, which went into a construction of the letters and telegrams which passed between the President of the University and Dr. James, we concluded that the legal contention of Mr. Price would probably be upheld in the courts, and Mr. Abel will join me in saying that it is the opinion of the committee, that, while we feel that the claim of Dr. James is not a moral obligation of the University, and that it is not in accordance with the understanding of the old Board, nor -- if the other members join us -- of the present Board, we still feel that Dr. James can legally recover the \$600.

We recommend that Mr. Price be invited to appear before the Board and that at that time we frankly state to him our position with respect to this, and that the Board allow the claim of Dr. James' salary at the rate of \$300 from July 1, 1917 to July 1, 1918, but that we then notify Mr. Price, who is to notify Dr. James, his client, that we reserve the right from this time to change -- upon a reasonable notice -- the mode of the payment or the amount of Dr. James' salary.

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan, that the report of the committee be received by the Board of Regents and approved. Vote:

Mr. Curler	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye
Mrs. Baker	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Price to appear before the Board in regard to the claim of Dr. James.

President Clark recommended to the Board that Stanley G. Palmer and C. R. Hill of the Engineering Department, be each given \$100 extra compensation in recognition of the splendid services rendered in carrying on Dean Boardman's work during his absence, since March 3, without pay.

It was moved by Judge Curler that the recommendation of the President be accepted and approved and that the payment recommended be made to these Professors. Vote:

Dr. Sullivan	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye

Mrs. Baker Aye
Mr. Curler Aye

The Board recessed to look at the Agricultural building and await the arrival of Mr. Price of the firm of Cheney, Downer, Price and Hawkins.

The Board resumed its meeting at 11:30 with Mr. Price present. The action of the Board was explained to Mr. Price regarding the claim of Dr. James and the Secretary read to Mr. Price the report and resolution of the Board.

The matter was discussed and Regent Curler particularly wished it understood that after July 1, 1918, if the Board wished to alter the amount or mode of payment of Dean James' salary, upon due notice, it could do so.

Mr. Price withdrew and the Secretary was instructed to send to Mr. Price, attorney for Dean James, a copy of the resolution and report of the Board.

The President reported to the Board that Miss Sears, Professor of Home Economics, said she wished to establish a scholarship of \$100 in Home Economics for the coming year.

The President explained to the Board that at a future meeting he would make certain recommendations as to rank and salary of faculty members, naming as one of these Dr. Sears of the Chemistry Department.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. F. Abel
Chairman

Louise Blaney
Secretary