

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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## REGENTS MEETING

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The Board of Regents met at the University Saturday morning December 4 at 10 o'clock. All members of the Board, except Mr. Wingfield, who was called out of town, were present.

The minutes of the September meeting were unanimously approved.

President Clark presented views of the Rio Tinto Mine, "Thank You" letters from Director Fulton and Professor Sameth and told in some detail of his conference in New York with Mr. Mackay who:

- a. Promised soon to pay the \$3000 overlooked as of January 1, 1937.
- b. Will soon forward the \$5000 for the last payment on the new land -- still to be an anonymous gift.
- c. Will forward the \$3000 on January 1 and July 1 of the respective years ahead.
- d. Promised at the President's urgent suggestion to give definite and legally binding instructions to his Executors for funding of the \$18,000 per year in his Will and to send to the Board of Regents of the University a copy of such instruction.

President Clark presented a PWA project for leveling a 400-ft. square playing field north of the training quarters, piping it for the irrigation and seeding it, which had already been approved by Washington. The only expense to the University will be covered by an expenditure of not to exceed \$1700 and very possibly not to exceed \$1300 or \$1400. Query arose as to whether the water main up Evans Avenue was a 4" or 6" main. This the President is to find out.

On motion of Judge Brown the President and Comptroller were

authorized to sign this PWA project contract. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Omsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

President Clark told of an - as yet - unapproved by Washington PWA project to concrete a retaining wall extension of the present wall near the Civil Engineering building at a cost of some \$3200 to \$3700 to the University for materials, job to be finished in 4 months' time, barring severe freezing weather. A contractor's estimate for this job is some \$10,000. No action necessary until Washington has approved the project.

The President presented the letter from George W. Pontius, attorney of Seneca Falls, New York and a copy of Will of Augusta Benham, deceased, in which she wills the residue of her Estate (perhaps some \$12,000) to the University for a fund to provide scholarships to Nevada students. The Will does not comply with the N. Y. requirements and the University may not receive this bequest.

President Clark recommended that Ernest L. Inwood (B. A., Nevada, 1927; Ph. D. in Econ., California, 1935) be elected as Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, Business and Sociology, at a salary of \$2400 beginning September 1, 1938, with understanding that:

- a. If he remains a 2nd year, he is to be advanced to not less than \$2600 from September 1, 1939 and to be made Acting Head of the Department from August 1, 1939, and
- b. Professor Sutherland, from August 1, 1939, is to be released from administrative responsibility but is to continue to carry a full-time teaching load in the Department and his annual salary is to be, by his own proposal, reduced to \$1800 from September 1, 1939 and to remain at this figure so long as he remains in teaching service.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the above recommendation.

Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Omsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

On recommendation of Dr. Records, approved by President Clark, Judge Brown moved that Mrs. Sylvia Haven be elected to be Laboratory Technician at a salary of \$100 per month from December 1, 1937 in the Veterinary Control Service, with understanding that, beginning July 1, 1938 and each 6 months thereafter, her pay shall be advanced \$5 per month until it reaches \$125. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Omsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

On motion of Regent Williams, the President was authorized to approve the choice of Dr. Wood, Head of the Department of Mathematics, or a man to be an Assistant in Mathematics at a salary of \$960, to be paid in 12 equal monthly installments beginning August 1, 1938. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Omsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

On motion of Judge Brown, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Charles H. Gorman, Curator, be and hereby is authorized to sign all monthly reports or forms in connection with the permission of this University to use tax free alcohol for scientific purposes and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department's Internal Revenue Service at San Francisco in accord with the instructions in their letter of November 15, 1937 (14-BP-FH).

Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Omsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

President told of negotiations now under way toward the securing of Eldon Wittwer to be Professor of Agricultural Engineering in the College of Agriculture beginning with the University year 1938-39.

President Clark told of the correspondence between G. M. Butler, Regional Chairman of the Engineers' Council for Professional

Development at Tucson, Arizona, and himself in re. the rating of our Engineering Schools in which the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Schools were not accredited. The President stated his belief that if a new full-time man is elected in Mechanical Engineering with some upward changes in course offerings in Mathematics and in the curricula of these 2 Schools, together with a presentation of the facts regarding our Engineering setup, which facts Mr. Butler seems not yet to have had presented entirely correctly to him by the Council members making the inspection of our Engineering College, the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Schools may be on the Council's accredited list next year. The President urged that since their main criticism in Civil and Mechanical Engineering is overcrowding, lack of certain laboratories and need for 1 or 2 added teachers, their criticisms may be helpful leverage toward the securing of a new Civil Engineering building from the 1939 Legislature, at which time it will have been 12 years since a building has been erected on our Campus by State Funds. Such a new building is imperatively needed if all the work is to be well done in all of our Engineering Schools.

Chairman Ross said that he thought the Regents should do something for President Clark in appreciation of his services during the past 20 years; it has been the practice of the Board to grant leaves of absence to staff members because of health breaks, to pursue advanced work and in recognition of long and faithful services and he submitted the idea that the Regents grant a leave of absence with full pay to President Clark, effective January 1, 1938 and ending with the opening date (August 29) of the Fall semester of 1938.

On motion of Regent Williams the Board cordially endorsed the Chairman's idea and granted the leave. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Omsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

In thanking the Regents and accepting the leave granted to him, the President said that he would not leave in January until registration problems properly coming to his Office had been in the main disposed of and that he would take care of his part of the copy for the University catalog, the Regents' Biennial Report and the 1938 edition of the Alumni Directory in whole for the 1st 2 publications and in large part for the 3rd publication before leaving Reno.

Dr. Adams, Vice President, will serve during Dr. Clark's absence. Whether or not there will need to be some adjustment made in the teaching of certain courses in Chemistry or some adjustment between Dr. Adams and Dr. Sears as to Deanship responsibility in the College of Arts and Science is a matter to be worked out with Vice President Adams. When Dr. Adams was on leave, Dr. Sears took over the College Deanship responsibility and some teaching for an added stipend of \$100 for the semester.

The next meeting was set for January 31, 1938.

Silas E. Ross  
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith  
Secretary