

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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## REGENTS MEETING

September 2, 1943

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross at 9:40 A.M.

Present: Ross, Wardin, Sirkegian, Mc Namee, Vice President Gorman and Frank Leonard, representative of the Reno Evening Gazette.

The Comptroller presented August claims for approval as follows: Regents List No. 2, Checks Nos. 34-18 to 34-33 for a total of \$78,087.48; List No. 2, State Claim Nos. 34-020 to 34-034 for a total of \$27,500.82. Mrs. Wardin moved that the claims be approved.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

At 9:55 A.M. the Board of Regents convened in Executive Session; Executive Session was adjourned and Regents reconvened at 10:55 A.M. Mr. Ross presented a letter from Regent Sheerin of Elko and requested that it be incorporated into the minutes.

August 30, 1943

Mr. Silas Ross  
Chairman of the Board of Regents  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

My Dear Sir:

I have just talked with Mr. Gorman and Mr. Sirkegian and they have informed me that the proposed Regents' meeting for Saturday has been changed to Thursday of this week. I have explained to them that it will be impossible for me to be present at that time.

I told them that I would outline my ideas concerning the critical condition we now face in a letter to you, which I ask be made a part of the record of the Thursday meeting.

It is my opinion that we cannot possibly make a selection of a new President, without great consideration, which will necessitate the elapse of more time.

In the meantime, I feel that Vice President Gorman should be kept in charge of the institution until such time as the Regents are able to make a permanent appointment.

If it is possible, I feel that copies of all applications for the position of President should be sent to the members of the Board of Regents, so that all members will have time to study them before final action is taken at some future date. If it is at all possible pictures should be made available of all candidates for the position.

I see some difficulty attached to this program because of the time of the year, as most available, outstanding men are tied up with contracts by other Universities and, they would dislike leaving these institutions at the opening of a school year.

I deeply regret my inability to be present at the meeting Thursday, but realize it will work out better for the other members and it seems to me that the temporary solution, I mention, is the natural one to follow.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris R. Sheerin

Member of the Board of Regents

Referring to the deaths of members of the University staff during the past year, the Vice President suggested that a memorial service should be held as soon as convenient after September 15th in their honor. Those who have passed on during the past year are:

Mr. C. R. Townsend	
Agricultural Extension Service	October 17, 1942
Mr. Jesse A. Woolf	
U. S. Bureau of Mines	January 27, 1943
Mr. Edmund S. Leaver	
U. S. Bureau of Mines	June 13, 1943
Mr. A. P. Towne	

U. S. Bureau of Mines	June 22, 1943
Mrs. Mary S. Buol	
Agricultural Extension Service	August 9, 1943
Dr. A. C. Olmsted	
Regent	June 14, 1943
Judge George S. Brown	
Regent	August 9, 1943
Dr. L. W. Hartman	
President	August 27, 1943

Mr. Mc Namee moved that the Vice President appoint a Faculty Committee on Memorials to work out plans.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Chairman Ross appointed a committee - Mr. Sirkegian, Mrs. Wardin and Mr. Mc Namee - to draw up resolutions on the deaths of Judge Brown and Dr. Hartman.

Vice President read a letter from Major Fleischmann thanking the Regents for sending the Standard Brands proxy to him.

Vice President announced that he had received letters from Elsa Sameth, R. M. Oliver, J. R. Van Dyke, Otto R. Schulz and John York expressing their appreciation for salary increases.

Vice President read a letter from Mrs. Mary B. Smith resigned as Instructor in Journalism. Mrs. Wardin moved that the resignation be accepted.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President recommended the plan of Professor Higginbotham to assign part of the work in his Department to Dr. Laird and to secure a newspaper man for part-time since no Instructor could be secured in Mrs. Smith's place, be approved. Mrs. Wardin moved that the Regents accept the proposed plan of Mr. Higginbotham.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President read a letter from Mr. W. O. Wagner asking for an extension of his leave. Mr. Mc Namee moved, upon the recommendation of the Vice President, that the leave be extended for the duration of the war and for 6 months beyond.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President read a letter from Foster Field Flying School in Texas requesting a school pennant for the recreation room of the "48 Club" and asked for authority to purchase such a pennant at a cost of about \$12.50. Mr. Sirkegian moved that this request be approved.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President read a letter from Victor Hyatt of Los Angeles, California, stating that he wishes to establish a scholarship of \$300 for a worthy Freshman student and the donor be permitted to designate the recipient, subject to the approval of the University Entrance and Scholarship Committee. Mr. Sirkegian moved that the scholarship be accepted.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President read a letter from the Associated Oil Company regarding the clause in the fuel oil contract which states that the fuel oil cannot be used in a central heating plant. It was explained that this clause was inserted so that there would be no conflict if and when fuel oil is rationed. Mr. Mc Namee moved that the Chairman be authorized to execute the contract.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President reported that the Survey Committee for the Army Specialized Training Program had met on the Campus August 6th,

had accepted the facilities of the University, had agreed to send a contingent of cadets if and when the Army authorities approved. On August 31st a letter of intent was received authorizing the University to proceed with the necessary arrangements for this detachment; the sum of \$1400 to be paid by the United States government, was allowed for the installation of:

Additional toilet facilities at Artemisia Hall	\$1113
Shelving in storeroom	200
Miscellaneous	87
Total	\$1400

As soon as possible an Army Contract Officer will come to the University to prepare the formal contract. Vice President recommended that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign this contract, and Mrs. Wardin made the motion to that effect.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President explained to the Board that we have 3 separate programs at the University: (1) Army Air Force; (2) regular University; (3) Army Specialized Training. Under these circumstances it is necessary that authority for arranging schedules, assigning courses to the various Instructors and correlating the instructional payrolls and other financial matters with the Comptroller's office, be centralized. After conference with all concerned it was arranged that Dean Fredrick Wood, College of Arts and Science, be designated as Academic Director for all 3 instructional programs. Vice President asked that the appointment of Dean Wood be approved, and Mr. Mc Namee made the motion to that effect.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President reported that a committee composed of Dr. Griffin, Dean Benson and Carl Horn had gone over the fraternity houses (Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon) to determine what it would cost to put them into shape for occupancy by women.

(a) The A. T. O. House rental will be \$2400 per year. It will require \$635 to make necessary alterations.

- (b) The L. C. A. House can be had for \$100 per month, and will care for 19 women.
- (c) The S. A. E. House can be had rent free, with the provision that the house be left in a good state of repair. This house will be used for men who would otherwise live at Lincoln Hall.

Mrs. Wardin moved that the Board approve these arrangements and that the Board express appreciation to the S. A. E. for their fine cooperation.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Vice President presented Dean Benson's report regarding the arrangements that have been made to house the women in the A. T. O. and L. C. A. Houses. All women will eat at the A. T. O. House. Board will be furnished at \$32.50 per month and room rent at \$36 per semester as published in the University catalogue, the dietitian to receive \$140 per month and the cook to receive \$100 per month and board. Vice President suggested that if the revenue received was not sufficient, any deficit should be paid from the rent the government pays for the use of Artemisia Hall.

Vice President reported that owing to the fact that proceeds from the 1-cent tax levy authorized by the Legislature as the State's contribution to the University Pension Plan will not be available until December 31st, the 1st deduction for the Pension Plan will be made from salary checks issued December 31, 1943.

Relative to the Army Specialized Training Program, the Vice President stated that the Army officials were considering sending an additional contingent of 500 engineers to the University for advanced training. The Army had sent blueprints of the proposed barracks for housing and feeding this contingent. These buildings would have to be constructed at State or University expense. No definite action could be taken in the matter by the University until first, the Army made an official request of the University, and second, until a definite proposition had been received from the Army as to rent, etc., to be paid for the use of the buildings so constructed; in other words, how long a period of time it would take for the rent to reimburse the University for construction. The Army expects to have a definite proposition for the consideration of the Regents within 60 days.

Vice President reported that he had a questionnaire from the Navy

as to the possibility of the University accepting a naval training contingent of 2100. Suggestion was made to Navy officials that we could not handle 2100 with present facilities, but the University would be glad to have an inspection officer visit the Campus to determine how we could help the Navy in its programs.

The Board of Regents recessed at 11:40 A.M. and met as the Board of Control of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Board of Control adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Regents.

Vice President read a telegram addressed to Mrs. Hartman stating that about \$50 would be sent to the University of Nevada for purchase of Physics books in memory of President Leon W. Hartman by friends of Paul at the Bell Telephone Laboratory in New York.

Vice President gave an informal report of the funeral of Dr. Hartman at Oakland, August 31st. Dean Thompson and Major Howard represented the University and about 25 others were able to attend, including Regents Ross, Wardin and Sirkegian and Vice President Gorman.

Vice President reported that the request of R. M. Oliver for a leave of absence to enter the employ of the University of California was denied after consultation with and upon the recommendation of Dean S. G. Palmer of the College of Engineering.

Vice President reported that it had been brought to his attention that Lt. J. P. Puffinbarger of the United States Navy, who had been granted a leave of absence from the University August 1, 1942 for the duration of the war, had been making unfair, unjust and scurrilous criticism of the University, its Board of Regents and of its late President, Dr. L. W. Hartman. After discussion, Mrs. Wardin moved that Mr. Gorman be authorized and directed to handle the matter along the lines outlined to him and to report at the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Mr. Mc Namee moved that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to pay to the estate of Dr. Hartman \$600, the balance due on the contract with Dr. Hartman for the year ending September 30, 1943.

Mrs. Wardin        Aye  
Mr. Sirkegian     Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye  
Mr. Mc Namee      Aye

Mrs. Wardin moved that the Regents extend the use of the President's house to Mrs. Hartman, rent free, until such time as a successor to President Hartman is named.

Mrs. Wardin        Aye  
Mr. Sirkegian     Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye  
Mr. Mc Namee      Aye

Mr. Sirkegian moved that Mr. Gorman, in addition to his present duties as Comptroller and Vice President, be made Acting President at a salary of \$600 per month, effective September 1, 1943 until such time as the Board of Regents select a permanent President.

Mrs. Wardin        Aye  
Mr. Sirkegian     Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye  
Mr. Mc Namee      Aye

Mr. Mc Namee moved that Mr. Gorman be authorized to employ such help as he deems necessary in the Comptroller's office and to fix the salaries thereof.

Mrs. Wardin        Aye  
Mr. Sirkegian     Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye  
Mr. Mc Namee      Aye

Chairman suggested that a Vice Chairman be appointed. Mr. Mc Namee moved that Mrs. Wardin be named and that the Executive Committee consist of the two local members, Mr. Ross and Mrs. Wardin.

Mrs. Wardin        Aye  
Mr. Sirkegian     Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye  
Mr. Mc Namee      Aye

Chairman Ross suggested that we should send out formal engraved announcements of the death of President Hartman and asked Mr. Gorman to take care of this matter.



Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

Acting President reported that it seemed to be to the best interests of all concerned that women students be excluded from the old Gymnasium which was being used almost exclusively by the Army cadet contingents, that tentative arrangements had been made with Superintendent Vaughn of the Reno Schools to permit the classes for Physical Education for Women to be held in some of the gymnasiums of the Reno Schools, subject to the approval of the School Principals concerned. Acting President recommended that women students be excluded from the old Gymnasium and that Dr. Wood and the Acting President be authorized to complete arrangements with the school authorities for the use of school gymnasiums for classes in Physical Education for women. Mr. Mc Namee moved that the recommendation be approved as outlined by the Acting President.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Sirkegian	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mr. Mc Namee	Aye

It was agreed that all applications for the Presidency be cleared through the Chairman of the Board and be considered only at regular or called meetings of the Board of Regents.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M. with the understanding that the next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.