

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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## REGENTS MEETING

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The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order at 9:30 A.M. in the President's office. Present: Regents Ross, Henningsen, Sheerin, Sirkegian; Comptroller Gorman and President Moseley. Regent Mc Namee was absent because of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting, September 9, 1944, were approved.

President Moseley reported informally on the following items:

- (1) Public Relations. The Alumni Newsletters, which Dr. Griffin has prepared, have met with approval and hundreds of letters have been received from men and women in the armed forces expressing gratitude and pleasure in receiving them. Various organizations have held meetings on the Campus and others have been invited to do so. The facilities of the University are being made available, as far as possible, to citizens of the State.
- (2) Legislature. The President would like the Board to tell him that he is responsible for presenting to the Legislature the needs of the University. This was the desire of the Board. All programs pertaining to any part of the University organization must come through the President's office. If people, other than University personnel, wish to assist, they, too, should coordinate their programs with those of the University Administration. When the program is decided upon, the entire Board and the Administration of the University should stand behind it.
- (3) Academic Standards. Standards must be maintained and raised if possible. In order to do so, money is needed for research, increased salaries, better equipment for laboratories and library. This is necessary in order that we might attract better quality of personnel and keep them, along

with the progressive personnel which we now have. The President promised that, when people are hired from now on, they will be chosen most carefully, and only after personal interview.

- (4) Student Activities. An expression was asked from the Regents as to how strong he should go with this program -- whether to go along with it for a time or to boldly take a decisive action in the matters of (a) hazing, (b) fraternity situation (hell week), (c) conduct in Dining Hall, (d) rowdiness in general, such as the boys crashing the gates of the girls' parties in the Gymnasium. The sense of the Board was that the President should take some action so that these matters will not get out of hand; that this action must be gradual with especial effort made to direct leaders among student affairs; good traditions should be upheld and strengthened and bad traditions allowed to die. Since hell week and hazing are carried on in high schools, that would be the logical place to start a reform, if possible, and such a campaign was suggested.

President Moseley presented the following recommendations for the consideration of the Board:

A. Recommendations for Degrees

None.

B. Recommendations on Personnel

- (1) That, effective November 1, 1944, Dr. E. W. Lowrance, Associate Professor of Biology, be granted a leave of absence without pay for the remainder of the school year to accept a temporary teaching position in the College of Medicine of the University of Kansas.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin, passed unanimously.

- (2) That, effective October 26, 1944, Lt. Col. E. Lewis Field, Inf., U. S. A., be appointed Professor of Military Science and Tactics, replacing Maj. John C. Howard, Inf., U. S. A., transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, California.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin, passed unanimously.

- (3) That Dr. Robert S. Griffin be allowed \$225 for his extra services in connection with Army Contracts. The Army

Auditors and later the Army Settlement Board came to Reno just as Dr. Griffin was making arrangements for his Summer vacation, and, as a result, he worked through the entire Summer without a vacation.

Upon motion of Mrs. Henningsen, passed unanimously.

- (4) That, effective December 1, 1944, the salary of Carl Horn be increased from \$250 to \$275 per month, in recognition of Mr. Horn's long years of service at the University and to equalize, so far as possible, his salary with the standard union rate paid for service of this kind.

Upon motion of Mr. Sirkegian, passed unanimously.

### C. Recommendations on Policy

- (1) That the action of the general faculty at a meeting on September 7, 1944 be ratified in approving a major in Business Administration leading to degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin, passed unanimously.

- (2) That all necessary legal and legislative steps for acquiring property north of the Campus, consisting of 13 acres at \$1000 per acre, totaling \$13,000 be authorized.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin, passed unanimously.

- (3) That all necessary legal and legislative steps for granting a right of way to Mrs. Rickard across the north boundary of University property in order to give her access to her property, be authorized.

Upon motion of Mrs. Henningsen, passed unanimously.

- (4) That all necessary legal and legislative steps to grant a right of way to Washoe County for a county road across the Fleischmann Farm, be authorized.

Upon motion of Mr. Sirkegian, passed unanimously.

- (5) That the Comptroller be directed to draw up a legislative enactment and, after approval by the Attorney General, to submit it to the Legislature authorizing the Regents -

- (a) to handle University property according to their best judgment;
- (b) to accept gifts;
- (c) to eliminate the requirement of endorsement of the Presidents and faculties of 3 Universities from the qualifications of the President of the University;
- (d) to exempt University property from taxes because we have no money with which we can legally pay taxes.

Upon motion of Mr. Sirkegian, passed unanimously.

- (6) That the President of the University be authorized to make application to proper authorities for a wave length for FM radio pending the acquisition of a University FM radio broadcasting station.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin, passed unanimously.

- (7) That the Regents grant a scholarship in the sum of \$50 per semester for one year to the winner of the radio history quiz conducted by the B. Ellis Associates.

Upon motion of Mrs. Henningsen, passed unanimously.

President Moseley reported that Eldon C. Grafton, Assistant Professor of Structural Engineering, has returned to the University, having been released from the Army because he is now overage. During the time of his absence, he had been advanced in rank to Associate Professor (see minutes of January 7, 1944).

Mr. Ross suggested that we take all reasonable steps to connect our property north and south by the purchase of a strip of land from Mr. Neilson. The Board agreed. Comptroller Gorman had conference with the owners of the property relative to selling it to the University. Mr. Neilson was not favorable, but agreed to give the matter consideration.

Approval of the Board was requested on the following lists of claims approved by the Executive Committee of the Board:

- List No. 3, dated September 30, 1944, Regents Checks Nos. 45-41 to 45-65, inclusive, for a total of \$107,755.62;
- List No. 3, dated September 30, 1944, State Claims Nos. 45-31 to 45-44, inclusive, for a total of \$29,594.78;
- List No. 4, dated October 31, 1944, Regents Checks Nos. 45-66 to 45-93, inclusive, for a total of \$105,742.65;
- List No. 4, dated October 31, 1944, State Claims Nos.

45-45 to 45-62, inclusive, for a total of \$30,838.08.

Upon motion of Mrs. Henningsen, passed unanimously.

Comptroller Gorman reported informally on the following items:

- (1) The Layman house has been entirely renovated at a cost of approximately \$2,500. Permission was received from the housing authorities to raise the rent to \$50 beginning November 1st.
- (2) The Ladino Dairy, gift from Major Fleischmann, was received subject to a lease held by Mike Harrigan who receives 1/2 of the income. 17 cows were found to be affected with Bangs disease and a considerable number with Mastitis. Milk sales since our ownership total \$3,630.32, and disbursements total \$4,763.36, making an overdraft of \$1,133.04. The Attorney General ruled that, in this case, we could continue the lease; although the terms of the lease are not satisfactory to the University. Dr. Gorman requested the Board to direct him to ask the Attorney General for permission to buy out Mr. Harrigan for \$9,000. It was the sense of the Board that Dr. Gorman be so directed.
- (3) Paving of all dirt roads and parking places on the Campus is in progress at an approximate cost of \$10,000.
- (4) The main room of the new Gymnasium is being painted and as soon as this is completed, the hardwood floor will be laid; the total cost will be approximately \$2,550.
- (5) Sale of securities -
  - (a) The 200 shares of Baltimore and Ohio stock belonging to the Leon W. Hartman Memorial Fund were sold at a net of \$831.61.
  - (b) The United States Treasury Bonds outlined in a letter to the Regents under date of October 2nd, have been ordered sold at market. A full report will be made to the Regents as soon as a report is received from the State Treasurer.
- (6) A statement of General Funds of the University, including Army Contracts, showing the following recapitulations:

Balance Army Air Force	\$ 74,305.77
Balance Army Specialized Training Unit	10,729.27

Total Balance Army Contracts	\$ 85,035.04
Balance State Funds (December 31, 1944)	83,991.94
Total	\$169,026.98

Encumbrances:

Paving	\$ 10,000.00
New floor and painting new Gymnasium	3,000.00
College of Engineering	20,000.00
Purchase of land north of Campus	13,000.00
Conversion of old Gymnasium for ROTC	20,000.00
High pressure steam boiler	10,000.00
Completing heating system, Engineering building	5,000.00
College of Agriculture	20,000.00
Total	\$101,000.00
Available for completion of new Gymnasium and miscellaneous	68,026.98
(See Above)	\$169,026.98

These figures do not include December tax receipts.  
The December 1943 tax receipts amounted to \$103,962.34.

- (7) A letter from the Fire Chief of Reno was read calling the attention of the Regents to the fact that all the fire hydrants on the grounds except the one near the Veterinary building at the end of Evans Avenue, have insufficient water because the mains are too small. As soon as the materials are available, a 20-inch fire main will be laid on Virginia Street from the north city limits to 8th Street by the Power Company. It was the sense of the Board that, when this new main is laid, the University should consider enlarging the University mains.

The \$15,000 par value State of California Highway Bonds belonging to the 90,000 Acre Grant fund have been ordered sold at market but for not less than 120 5/6, plus accrued interest to date of sale, the premium to be added to the principal account of the 90,000 Acre Grant Fund. These bonds, being registered in the name of the Board of Regents, Mr. Sirkegian moved the adoption of the following resolution, required by the Treasurer of California to consummate the sale:

THAT, Dan Franks, Treasurer of the State of Nevada, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell \$15,000 par value State of California Highway 4 1/2% Bonds belonging to the University 90,000 Acre Grant Fund at market but not for less than 120 5/8 plus accrued interest to the date of sale.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Sirkegian moved that the State Treasurer of Nevada be authorized to sell the United States Treasury Bonds at market, and that the following resolution be adopted:

THAT, Dan Franks, Treasurer of the State of Nevada, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell \$15,500 par value U. S. Treasury 2 3/4% Bonds due September 15, 1959-56 at market plus accrued interest to date of sale.

THAT, Dan Franks, Treasurer of the State of Nevada, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell \$1,650 par value U. S. Treasury 2 7/8% Bonds due March 15, 1960-55 at market plus accrued interest to date of sale.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Sirkegian moved the adoption of the following resolution:

THAT, Dan Franks, Treasurer of the State of Nevada, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to credit the premiums on the sale of the foregoing bonds to the principal account of the 90,000 Acre Grant Fund and that he be authorized and directed to re-invest the uninvested balance in the 90,000 Acre Grant Fund in U. S. Bonds of the Sixth War Drive. Type of bonds to be purchased to be determined by the President of the University, Chairman of the Board and Comptroller of the University.

Passed unanimously.

(Note: It was decided by the 3 above-named, that the balances be invested in 2 1/2% U. S. Treasury Bonds of 1966-71.)

Mr. Sirkegian moved the adoption of the following resolution:

THAT, the Comptroller of the University be authorized to re-invest the balances in the principal accounts of the Endowment Funds of the University. Types of bonds to be purchased to be determined by the President of the University, Chairman of the Board and Comptroller of the University.

Passed unanimously.

(Note: In accordance with the above, uninvested balances in the Endowment Funds were invested in 2 1/2% U. S. Treasury Bonds of 1966-71.)

Referring to the items of improvement contained in the minutes of September 9, 1944, Mr. Sheerin moved that definite authority be given to the Comptroller to go ahead with this work as soon as material is available.

Passed unanimously.

A copy of the Acting President's report to be published in the forthcoming Biennial Report had been mailed to each Regent. Mr. Sheerin suggested that special mention should be made of degrees conferred on Dr. Gorman and the good job done by him as Acting President.

Chairman Ross reported to the Board for the Committee which met with the State Planning Board regarding new buildings for the Campus. Mrs. Henningsen, Mr. Ross, Dr. Gorman and Dr. Moseley attended for the University. The Planning Board felt that a classroom building and an addition to the Engineering building were all that they could include in their program to be presented to the State Legislature. The Planning Board wants money to be spent over a period of time in order to provide employment during the post-war slump. President Moseley expressed himself as being in favor of a Life Sciences Laboratory building.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon to have lunch at the University Dining Hall, and was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Ross asked for further discussion on the building program. After much discussion, the Board agreed that the University is to give priority to 2 new buildings in requesting a building program from the Legislature; a classroom building and a laboratory building, at a total cost of approximately \$800,000. President Moseley and Comptroller Gorman are to get out circulars by early December in regard to the legislative program and mail a copy to each member of the Board, the Alumni Association and to other interested parties or organizations.

It was the opinion of the Board that the needs of the University should go into the Biennial Report in the transmittal message of the Board of Regents over the signature of the Chairman. Mr. Sirkegian suggested that a statement as to the need of gifts could be included as well as the need for more State money to offset the loss in student fees.

Motion by Mr. Sirkegian that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to purchase a University car for the use of the President passed unanimously.



The Board requested the President and the Vice President to prepare for the next Regents meeting a definite plan for the improvement of office space for the administrative Departments.

Motion by Mr. Sheerin that the portrait of Dr. Hartman be unveiled at appropriate ceremonies, perhaps in the Library building, with Mrs. Hartman, Margaret Hartman and friends present; and then hung there, passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting on January 27, 1945, unless a special meeting is called by the Chairman.