

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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## REGENTS MEETING

March 24, 1945

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order at 9:40 A.M. in the President's office. Present: Regents Ross, Henningsen, Mc Namee, Sheerin; Comptroller Gorman and President Moseley. Absent: Regent Sirkegian, weather conditions preventing his trip.

Motion by Mr. Mc Namee that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that they be approved as submitted, passed unanimously.

### A. Recommendations for Degrees

None.

### B. Recommendations on Personnel

- (1) That, effective July 1, 1945, Dr. Anatole G. Mazour, Associate Professor of History and Political Science, be granted a leave of absence without pay for one year in order that he may accept a position as Visiting Associate Professor at Sanford University.
- (2) That, effective September 1, 1945, Dr. Robert M. Gorrell be appointed as Assistant Professor of English in the place of Professor Holmes at a salary of \$2800 per year.
- (3) That, effective March 21, 1945, Mr. Robert Prince be appointed as Geologist in the State Bureau of Mines at the salary of \$300 per month, to be paid from Bureau of Mines funds.
- (4) That, effective March 15, 1945, Mr. E. L. Cobb be appointed as part-time Laboratory Assistant in the Petroleum Products Inspection Laboratory at a salary of \$90 per month, to be paid from Petroleum Products Inspection

funds.

- (5) That, effective February 26, 1945, until the end of the semester, Mrs. Robert Hume be appointed as Acting Assistant in English in the place of Professor Holmes, at a total salary of \$550 for the 11 weeks.

### C. Recommendations on Policy

1. Salary Schedule. (See minutes of January 7, 1944 for previous salary schedule.) Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee passed unanimously, the following salary schedule was adopted to be applied upon an individual basis upon the recommendation of the Dean of the College concerned with due regard to tenure and efficiency:

Instructor	\$1600 - \$2400
Assistant Professor	2400 - 3000
Associate Professor	3000 - 3600
Professors (including Heads)	3600 - 4500
Academic Deans and Directors	4800 - 5500

The understanding with the Governor and the Ways and Means Committees of the Legislature is that in case those now on leave return to the University prior to the end of this biennium, the University could go to the next session with a deficit and secure relief.

2. Pay Increases. Motion of Mrs. Henningsen that the President be instructed by the Board to present at the May meeting recommendations for salary increases to the academic faculty now on duty in the approximate amount of \$25,000, said increases to be effective July 1, 1945, passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Le Grand Walker. President Moseley read a letter from Mr. Walker, now with the Utah Industrial School at Ogden, Utah, presented his qualifications for a position as Foreman of the University Farms. Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin that the President be instructed to ask Mr. Walker to visit Reno to discuss the situation, preferably at the time of the next meeting of the Board in May, passed unanimously.
4. The Agricultural Program. Motion was made by Mr. Sheerin and passed unanimously that the President be instructed to bring in a recommendation at the May meeting for an over-all Dean of Agriculture, whose duties shall be to

coordinate the work of Agriculture Resident Teaching, Agricultural Extension and Agricultural Experimentation, which 3 Departments of the University's Agricultural program shall be directed respectively by a Director of Agricultural Resident Teaching, a Director of the Agricultural Extension Division and a Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

5. After discussing administrative policies in connection with the Department of Agricultural Extension, upon motion by Mr. Mc Namee that further consideration of these policies be deferred until the next meeting of the Board of Regents, the motion was unanimously passed.
6. The Building Program. By informal assent the Board agreed that, assuming that we can build only one building and that it is to be called a "classroom building", the President was instructed to explore ways and means of including within the building some laboratories which are most urgently needed for relief of crowded conditions in the Agricultural building.
7. The Health Committee. Revision of rules were adopted by the University Health Committee at a meeting on March 20, 1945, and presented to the Board of Regents for consideration as follows:

#### THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

With the exception of graduate students and of students registered in 5 or fewer hours, all students are charged a Health Service Fee of \$6 per semester. The funds obtained from this fee are used to provide an enlarged health service in accordance with the general practice of other Colleges and in line with the recommendations of the American Student Health Association. Students paying the fee are entitled to the following privileges and subject to the restrictions imposed by them:

1. A thorough medical and physical examination at the time of entrance with such subsequent examinations and check-ups as may seem desirable in order to ensure the individual's physical fitness for the scholastic and athletic program which the student would like to undertake.
2. Any student found on such examination to be suffering from some chronic or handicapping ailment which

makes it unlikely that he can effectively carry on his studies will be advised accordingly and may be required to limit his activities.

3. Any student found to be a carrier of an infectious disease of such a nature as to make him a menace to the general health of the Campus may be required to discontinue his work at the University.
4. Standard immunity tests for certain infectious diseases may be given, and when practicable and desirable, susceptible individuals may be immunized.
5. Any student who refuses to comply with any health regulation established by the State or local boards of health or by the University Administration may be denied the privilege of registering or continuing work in the University.
6. Free daily consultation periods with the College Physicians and Nurses will be provided for all students who wish to consult about health matters. The chief object of these consultations is the detection of illness before it becomes serious. Students are urged to take advantage of it. The privilege should however, not be abused by expecting unreasonable services at unreasonable times.
7. Injuries or illnesses incurred on the Campus. A student injured or taken ill while on the Campus is entitled to the following benefits without additional charge: (a) necessary emergency attention; (b) all laboratory examinations, X-rays, prescriptions and medicines which may be required by the University Physician in the course of the treatment in the Infirmary; (c) use of the Infirmary for a period not exceeding 2 weeks in any semester, including meals, treatment, visits of University Physician, and general nursing. (NOTE: The term "Campus" as used in this and succeeding paragraphs is hereby defined as the geographic limits of the Campus proper, and all fraternities and sororities or other living quarters under supervision of University authorities and devoted exclusively to housing University students.)
8. Injuries or illnesses incurred off the Campus. A student injured or taken ill off the Campus is subject to the following regulations: (a) all calls

for medical or nursing service, whether provided by member of the regular Infirmary staff or by other doctors and nurses, must be paid for by the individuals requesting such service; (b) a student injured or taken ill off the Campus must pay all expenses of transportation to the Campus, and must pay for all other expenses incurred off the Campus by or through such illness or injury; (c) a student injured or taken ill off the Campus may use the University Infirmary, provided that the student in question and his attending physician agree to rest convalescent care in the hand of the University Physician and Nurse, and provided he pay for all meals, laboratory examinations, X-rays, prescriptions and medicines for the entire period of hospitalization.

9. After a period of 2 weeks hospitalization in any one semester, regardless of where the injury or illness occurred, the student will be charged an additional \$2 per day for such extended period.
10. Requests for consultation period with the University Physician at times other than regular consultation period at the Infirmary must be paid for by the individual requesting it. A student may be hospitalized in the Infirmary only upon the recommendation of the University Physician acting in his capacity as such.
11. The Student Health Association will not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for the treatment and care of injuries incurred by a student participating in inter-collegiate athletics, either in training or in competition, except as may be provided under rule 8 above. Benefits provided under rule 7 above are expressly excluded.
12. When an operation is advised or deemed necessary, the student must make his own arrangements and assume the responsibility for the payment of all surgical, nursing and hospital costs connected therewith.
13. Certain injuries and illnesses may be deemed by the University Physician to be of such a nature or degree of severity that they cannot be cared for adequately at the University Infirmary. In such cases the student will be so advised, and the student

will make his own arrangement for care elsewhere at his own expense.

14. Neither the University nor the Student Health Association will assume any responsibility for the payment of hospital or other medical expenses incurred on or off the Campus, unless such expense is expressly authorized by the University Health Committee. In certain instances of unusually heavy medical expenses, and when Student Health funds make it possible, the Student Health Committee, solely at its own discretion, may provide some financial relief to a student.
15. The failure to make use of the health service offered will not be accepted as a reason for exemption from the payment of the health service fee or for refunds therefrom in any semester.

Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee, passed unanimously.

At the suggestion of Mr. Mc Namee, Comptroller Gorman was instructed to investigate the cost of a malpractice policy. Mr. Mc Namee was requested to look into the matter of the legal responsibility of the University.

8. Out-of-State Tuition. Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee and passed unanimously, tuition for out-of-state students was advanced from \$75 per semester to \$100 per semester, effective July 1, 1945.
9. Honorary Degrees. Motion of Mrs. Henningsen that honorary degrees be granted at the Spring Commencement as follows, passed unanimously:

Major Max C. Fleischmann, LL. D.  
Reverend Brewster Adams, LL. D.  
Senator Patrick A. Mc Carran, LL. D.  
Miss Anne Martin, LL. D.

Mr. Robert A. Allen, Honorary M. S.  
Mr. Robert R. Warren, Honorary M. S.  
Mr. Roy Hardy, Honorary M. S.

According to custom, it was agreed that no publicity should be given to the awarding of honorary degrees until near Commencement.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee that the Comptroller be authorized to rent or purchase sufficient gowns for the honorary degrees and University guests, passed unanimously.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee that the matter of giving Robert A. Allen a bachelor's degree in view of the fact that he has done sufficient engineering work to make up for the credits which he lacks in academic work, be referred to the faculty for recommendation, passed unanimously.

President's Informal Report:

- (1) The death of William O. Holmes, Assistant Professor of English, occurred at his home on February 22, 1945. Professor Holmes, who had been in apparent good health, suffered a heart attack and died within a matter of a few hours. He had been connected with the University since 1937.
- (2) After a lapse of several years, the Young Women's Christian Association has been re-established on the Campus, under the leadership of Miss Kate Harris, who was appointed on March 3, 1945, as full-time Secretary at a salary of \$215 per month, of which the University pays \$40 per month, representing room and board in Manzanita Hall. The remainder of the salary is paid from YWCA funds. The YWCA received a grant of \$1000 from the Reno Community Chest. Their funds have been supplemented during the past year by a donation of Mrs. Lora J. Knight, 615 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada, in the amount of \$1000, which donation, according to the wishes of the donor, is to remain anonymous. The YWCA room in Artemisia Hall has been redecorated and is now in the process of being furnished by the YWCA. An office for Miss Harris has been prepared in the Student Center.
- (3) A Red Cross unit under the leadership of Mrs. John O. Moseley has been established on the Campus for the convenience of the ladies of the University staff. This unit works under the supervision and control of the Reno Red Cross. Quarters are provided by the University on the 3rd floor of Manzanita Hall.
- (4) According to custom, the next meeting of the Board of Regents will occur on Saturday, May 12th, followed by the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 13th, and the Commencement Exercises on Monday, May 14th. The Honorary Board of Visitors will hold its annual meeting on Friday, May 11th.
- (5) Mr. Thomas E. Dixon, Mayor of Caliente, Nevada, on March

6, 1945, made a cash donation to the University in the amount of \$3000, the income on which is to be used to assist a graduate of the Lincoln County High School through the Freshman year at the University. The faculty of the Lincoln County High School, in cooperation with the Committee on Scholarships and Prizes at the University, will select the student in accordance with the standards set up by the Committee. This account is carried on the Comptroller's books as the "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dixon Memorial Scholarship".

(6) On March 15, 1945, Mr. Otto A. Kohl, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who operates the Chick Bed Mine at Fernley, Nevada, made a cash donation to the University of Nevada in the amount of \$250, to be used for a Fernley High School student, to be selected by the Board of Education at Fernley, Nevada, and Dr. Harold N. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships at the University of Nevada.

(7) Permission has been given to Rev. James Asa White, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reno, to organize a Summer Institute for the clergy, lasting over a period of 2 weeks and making use of such facilities of the University as will not interfere with the normal functioning of the Summer Session.

(8) The University staff has, in recent months, participated in many community activities, an example of which has been the outstanding work of Dr. Harold N. Brown, Professor of Education and Director of the Summer Sessions, and Dr. Ernest Inwood, Head of the Department of Business Administration, in assisting in organizing and conducting the Lassen County Teachers Association. Letters of thanks and compliments on their work have been received from Mr. Martin W. Sword, Superintendent of Schools at Herlong, California.

Comptroller Gorman asked for approval of the claims that have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Board as follows:

- List No. 7, dated January 31, 1944, covering Regents Checks 45-140 to 45-164 inclusive for a total of \$68,365.77;
- List No. 7, dated January 31, 1945, covering State Claims 45-98 to 45-119 inclusive for a total of \$37,858.92;
- List No. 8, dated February 28, 1945, covering Regents Checks 45-165 to 45-187 inclusive for a total of \$61,790.30;
- List No. 8, dated February 28, 1945, covering State Claims 45-120 to 45-134 inclusive for a total of \$35,967.95.



Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee, passed unanimously.

Comptroller Gorman submitted to Mc Namee legal papers pertaining to the Rickard property, the Evans property, the Fleischmann Farm and other transactions resulting from recent University legislation. Upon motion by Mr. Sheerin and unanimously passed, authority for the execution and transfer of these papers was granted to the Comptroller after the Governor has signed pertinent University bills and upon the approval of Mr. Mc Namee.

Heating Plant. Upon motion of Mr. Sheerin and unanimously passed, Mr. Sirkegian was appointed as a Committee of 1 to study the question of improving the present heating equipment of the University and of locating the new heating plant. Mr. Sirkegian is requested to render a report on these matters at the next meeting of the Board.

Retirement Plan. Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee and unanimously passed, faculty members who accepted the terms of the retirement plan extended by the Legislature for acceptance or rejection until July 1, 1945 shall be required to pay into the fund the amount which they would have paid from January 1, 1944.

Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee and passed unanimously, the lease on the South Virginia Farm is to be renewed to Mrs. Annabelle Washburn for 1 year at a rental of \$1500 per month.

A letter from the Reno Fire Department was presented as follows:

CITY OF RENO  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reno, Nevada  
March 23, 1945

C. H. Gorman, Comptroller  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Gorman:

On a recent inspection of Artemisia Hall, we found the platform on the first floor fire escape without a ladder extending to the ground. In case of a fire, the occupants of the second and third floors, using the escape, would have to return into the building from the first floor platform and leave through the front or rear entrance, or jump from the base of the escape onto the ground, a distance of about 10

feet. Directly underneath the escape platform is a ramp going into the basement which constitutes a further and additional life hazard for those making the jump.

At the base of the north exit, we found a permanent iron railing obstructing the ready egress from the base of the fire escape. Anyone using this fire escape would have to climb over this iron railing.

We recommend the construction of a metal ladder, extending to the ground on the first mentioned escape and in the latter, remove the iron railing from the north exit.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

/s/ K. C. Tate, Captain  
in charge of Fire Prevention  
Reno Fire Dept.

Motion of Mr. Mc Namee that authority be given to the Comptroller to carry out the Fire Chief's recommendations at an approximate cost of \$350, passed unanimously.

After discussion of the fire hazard at the President's home, Comptroller Gorman stated that he would remedy the condition.

Some criticism of the University has come about through the investigation of the Administration of Fire Chief Twaddle, and the Chairman of the Board of Regents had been approached by the Chamber of Commerce Committee in that connection. Chairman Ross reported that every recommendation made by the Fire Department has been followed by the University and it was the feeling of the Board that the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee should be invited to verify this report.

By informal vote, the Board postponed deciding the details of the new Gymnasium improvement program until the next meeting in order to take advantage of the views of Mr. Sirkegian.

Comptroller Gorman reported the investment of the \$3000 received from Mr. Thomas E. Dixon in 2 1/2% Treasury Bonds, 1966-71. Upon motion of Mr. Mc Namee, approved unanimously.

The financial statement of general funds of the University of Nevada, March 1, 1945 to June 30, 1945, showed receipts amounting to \$244,659.60 and expenditures amounting to \$222,500.00, leaving

a balance as of June 30, 1945 amounting to \$22,159.60.

Upon motion of Mrs. Henningsen, the Chairman of the Board was authorized to sign proxies in the name of the Board.

President Moseley asked for the opinion of the Board in regard to necessary additions to the staff in order to keep the standard of the University at a high level, no definite commitments to be made without first being submitted to the Board. The sense of the Board was that such additions should be made, and that faculty members on leave of absence be encouraged and assisted to return.

Comptroller Gorman asked for authority to sell the U. S. Government Bonds held in the irreducible University Fund in the State Treasurer's office and to re-invest the money in 2 1/2% U. S. Treasury Bonds; and to draw the necessary resolution. Motion of Mr. Mc Namee that authority be granted passed unanimously.

President Moseley asked for a discussion on the matter of money which might be donated to the University. Mr. Mc Namee was of the opinion that money should be received in the name of the University of Nevada since the law refers to the University as the "corporate body of the University of Nevada". However, if SB 108, giving the Regents the right to accept gifts, is signed by the Governor, there could be no question.

Chairman Ross called to the attention of the Board that the Annual Report of the Agricultural Experiment Station for 1944 did not contain a letter of transmittal and that it was sent out under the name of the Board of Control of the Agricultural Experiment Station, which is also the Board of Regents, but that they had no opportunity to see its contents before it was sent to the printer. Suggestion was made that the matter be called to the attention of the President and that he come to the Board at the next meeting with a definite recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

The next meeting will be the regular Commencement Meeting on Saturday, May 12, 1945.