

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes April 8-9, 1897

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April 8, 1897

Board of Regents met at their Office in Morrill Hall, at 10 o'clock A.M., Thursday, April 8, 1897. Present: J. N. Evans and W. E. F. Deal. Absent: H. S. Starrett.

Minutes of meeting held on February 5, 1897 and Claims Allowed on March 10, 1897 were read and approved. The Balance Sheets showing the conditions of funds on March 10th read.

Dr. J. E. Stubbs presented a very full report with communications which was approved and ordered recorded.

Reno, Nevada April 7th, 1897

To the Honorable, the Board of Regents

Nevada State University

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to instructions from the Board, and complying with the duties of my Office, I carried the report of the Board of Regents to the Governor in Carson and read it personally to the Governor of the State, explaining in detail the various recommendations which your Board had to submit to the Legislature. During this interview, the Governor approved, for the most part, the recommendations of the Board of Regents, except that he thought the condition of the State finances would not justify the Legislature in granting the full amount of appropriations asked for.

By invitation, I addressed the Senate and House in joint convention on the organizations, growth, equipment and needs of the University. This address was elaborated with much care and aimed to put in the possession of the members of the Legislature an accurate, as well as complete, knowledge of the University.

I was called before the Committee of Ways and Means of the Assembly twice; before the Senate Committee of Ways and Means three times; before the Joint Retrenchment Committee one entire evening, and was also before the Committee of the Whole of the

Senate, occupying almost all the time of one session. In addition to this, I addressed a meeting of all the members of the Legislature who were interested in Agriculture at an evening session in the Senate Chambers, upon the question, "How can the Experiment Station best serve the Agricultural Industries of the State?".

While I esteemed it my duty to put myself and my time at the command of the Legislature, I did not believe that it would comport with the dignity of the University that I should solicit the support of individual members in behalf of the passage of those bills that related to the University, and therefore I carefully refrained from asking any support of individual members, but relied wholly upon official explanations made to the Committees of the House and Senate.

After conferring with the Regents so far as possible and in response to requests from members of the Legislature, and also from the Acting Governor, I consented to a reduction in the appropriation for the current expenses to the lowest sum that the University could, by the strictest economy, get along with during this Biennial term.

The appropriations made for the University are as follows: Ap-

propriation for Contingent Expenses for two years, \$32,500.00; Appropriation for the completion and equipment of the Mechanical building, \$10,000.00; Appropriation for the completion and equipment of the Gymnasium, \$2,000.00; Appropriation for Book Fund capital, \$1,000.00; Appropriation to pay the Deficiencies, \$12,647.20.

With regard to the appropriation for the Deficiency Account and for the Building Account, I am advised by a letter from the State Controller that the Governor has not yet signed the Bonds, and that nothing can be done toward the payment of any claims pertaining to these appropriations until the Governor has taken the proper steps to complete the work by signing the Bonds. Beyond this, I received no information and have been left in doubt as to the condition of the University business in the Governor's Office.

I submit herewith correspondence between the State Board of Examiners, the Attorney General and the President of the University, relating to \$1,000.00 appropriated to the Board of Regents as capital for the University Book Business. The correspondence will show the Board that in my judgment the position taken by the State Board of Examiners is wrong.

The Governor of the State accompanied his message of approval to Assembly Bills 23 and 45 with a further message, which was intended to cast, and did cast, serious reflections upon the integrity and wisdom of the University Administration. The President of the University in a petition to the Legislature denied the statement of the Governor, and asked permission to appear before the Assembly in Committee of the Whole, and to be interrogated by the members of the Assembly and by the Governor and other members of the State Board of Examiners upon all questions pertaining to the University management. The Assembly spread this petition upon the Journal of the House, but declined to have the President of the University appear before the Committee of the Whole.

Besides the bills carrying appropriations with them, another bill was passed which authorizes the Board of Regents to rent land to be used for Experiment Station purposes and the rental may be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the University. It is desirable to retain our present interest in the State Fair Grounds, but the Board may properly consider the desirability and practicability of securing the lease of land, which is convenient to the University and which may be under the sole control of the Experiment Station.

I changed somewhat the method of carrying on the current business of the University in the interest of greater economy and efficiency of expenditures. I have notified all the members of the College faculty that they must use the property intrusted to their care very carefully; that they must ask for no supplies or improvements that are not absolutely necessary, and that no one is authorized to make any purchases except upon a written order from the President of the University. While it is not practicable to keep the amount of the monthly bills strictly within the monthly portion of the annual appropriation, on account of the bills that were allowed to come into this year, nevertheless, within a few months we shall keep within the limits of each month's proportion of the appropriation.

Mrs. Emery, Miss Bardenwerper and Miss Ede have asked whether their salaries were not intended to be restored to the original amount after the first of January, 1897. I have advised them that I should refer this question to the Board of Regents for their answer.

The final examinations for this year will begin Monday, May 24th, and Commencement Day will fall on Thursday, June 3rd. It may be well for the Regents to set the date for the next meeting to be held sometime near to, but prior to, Commencement Day.

The Governor has appointed the following Honorary Board of

Visitors:

W. C. Grimes, Hill, Churchill County, Nevada

Fred Dangberg, Jr., Gardnerville, Douglas County

W. W. Booher, Elko, Elko County

A. Skillman, Eureka, Eureka County

P. M. Bowler, Hawthorne, Esmeralda County

D. S. Truman, Winnemucca, Humboldt County

J. A. Blossom, Battle Mountain, Lander County

A. S. Thompson, Pioche, Lincoln County

J. E. Gignoux, Dayton, Lyon County

A. Mante, Belmont, Nye County

John Wagner, Carson City, Ormsby County

F. M. Huffaker, Virginia City, Storey County

E. R. Dodge, Reno, Washoe County

Sol Hilp, Ely, White Pine County

Chief Justice Belknap of the Supreme Court is, by virtue of

his Office, Chairman of the Board.

I have sent individual notices to the members of the Honorary Board of Visitors, a copy of which notice I herewith submit to your Board.

After consultation with the President of the Board of Regents and  
and Judge Deal, I have had the plans and specifications for the  
Mechanical building prepared and herewith submit them to your  
Board for examination. The Secretary of the Board of Regents has  
advertised for bids which are to be opened on or before 2 o'clock  
Saturday, April 17, 1897.

I wish also to call the attention of the Board to the fact that  
the Law relating to assaying of minerals has been amended so  
that we are now required to make assays for Gold and Silver. I  
fear that this will increase very largely the demands for assay  
work upon the Laboratory of the University, and that we shall  
find it difficult to comply promptly and efficiently with the  
Law.

With respect to the completion and equipment of the Gymnasium,  
the matter has had the consideration of the members of the  
faculty, and Superintendent Brown submits the following memoran-  
dum with a reasonably safe estimate of the cost:

First - The Gallery to be completed according to plans with two  
changes. The stairways to the Gallery to be placed at the en-  
trance doors, and the center part of the Gallery on the east, to



be extended about three feet, so as to provide a Band Gallery about twenty feet in length.

Second - To finish the second or upper tier of rooms, which shall be divided so as to form a Bath and Dressing Room for the young women, an Office for the Director of the Gymnasium and a Store Room for Band Instruments and other Gymnasium goods.

Third - To painting all the new work and the external surface of all the other wood work in the Gymnasium. Painting the roof and the cornice and all the plumbing for the bathroom. Also entrance steps to the south door.

Fourth - Further, it seems very desirable to put gutters on the roof in order to protect the walls from dampness and rain.

While it is not practicable to apply a general system of heating to the Gymnasium, it is highly desirable to provide a means for making the Gymnasium comfortable during a season of damp or cold weather.

To this end, I recommend the placing of two hot air furnaces beneath the Gallery in the room, one in the northwest corner, and other in the southeast corner of the Gymnasium.

All these permanent improvements can be made for a sum not exceeding \$1400.00, and this will leave \$600.00, and perhaps a little more, for equipment.

It remains for the Board of Regents to say whether they will ask for bids for this work or whether they will make a contract with some responsible person and thus save time in putting this work under way.

Up to the present time, the uniforms for the Cadets have cost from \$20 to \$22. Mr. Sunderland submits a proposition to the Board of Regents that, if he is the authorized manufacturer for Cadet uniforms, he will agree to furnish Cadet uniforms similar in quality and style to the ones now furnished by him at a cost of \$16 to the students.

In the month of February, the Electric Light Works were closed for a period of two or three weeks by reason of the breaking down of their machinery. This condition of things was so serious for the University, that I was compelled to purchase iron piping sufficient to connect Lincoln Hall and the Girls Cottage with the gas main at an expense of a little more than \$200.00.

I think it proper to submit to your Board, the consideration of

the question whether it is not practicable to make an arrangement with the Public School Trustees so that we can give our Normal students experience in observation and practice teaching in the School Room without maintaining a special Training School at the University. I may say that I have suggested this idea to Mrs. Emery, but she thinks that it would be impossible to do as good work as is now being done without keeping the Training School, as it is now organized. It is my judgment that a change of plans could be made that would not sacrifice the efficiency of the Normal School and yet would save us an expense of about \$1000.00 a year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Stubbs

The following is the correspondence referred to in the report of the President.

Department of State

Carson City, March 29, 1897

President J. E. Stubbs

Nevada State University

Reno, Nevada

My Dear Sir:

In your matter concerning the Irreducible Library Fund (\$1000.00)  
it is suggested by the Board of Examiners that the claims against  
such Fund for the purchase of books should be filed with the  
Board of Regents and Examiners showing the amount separately due  
each seller, and itemized as other claims against the State are  
itemized and certified to.

By Order of the State Board of Examiners

J. Doane

Clerk of the Board

Nevada State University

Reno, Nevada March 31, 1897

Hon. James R. Judge

Attorney General

Carson City, Nevada

My Dear Sir:

Referring to the action of the State Examiners which requires the Regents of the University to conduct their business of selling books to the students through the agency of the Board of Examiners, so far as to require all bills for the purchase of books to be certified to by the Board of Regents in the usual manner and to be sent to the Board of Examiners to be passed upon by them as all other bills are passed upon and the several bills to be paid through the Offices of the State Controller and the State Treasurer, I beg to say that I wrote yesterday, quite in haste, a history of the Book Business for the information of the Board of Examiners.

I wish to take up the subject further and to ask you to give the subject your personal attention. At the meeting of the Board of Regents held June 6, 1895, upon the recommendation of the Board of Visitors, a resolution was adopted by the Board, instructing the President of the University to make such arrangements for the purchase of text books and their sale at a cost to the students as would accord with the recommendation of the Board of Visitors. Under this order, the books have been purchased in the name of the University and sold to the students at cost.

Experience showed us that a capital of \$1000.00 was necessary to carry on the business, and to do a cash business and obtain the best discount by maintaining high credit with Publishers, I borrowed One Thousand Dollars at the bank and gave it to the Secretary to do business with.

This stock and the accounts with Publishers all belonging to the State are kept in a State building, and a State Officer has special charge of the business. While I have taken the risk of advancing the money, I have no ownership in the stock or accounts and would not admit any such ownership. I have simply obeyed the orders of the Regents.

Now, the Regents asked the Legislature to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 as an Irreducible Book Fund to be placed under the control of the Board of Regents as capital for carrying on the business with the proviso that the Regents must not allow this sum to be impaired and that they must account to the State at the next meeting of the Legislature for their management of this Fund. We understand this to mean that this money is to be paid over to the Regents and that prior to the meeting of the next Legislature they must present their report through the Board of Examiners. It seems to me that the language of the Act of appropriation confirms this view. I know that this view is one with

the intention of the Committee of the Senate that framed the clause.

Now then, this money is now drawing Ten Per Cent interest or Ten Dollars a month, and I am holden to the bank for this amount.

We ought to stop the interest and I ought to be released from this obligation.

Now further, it is my personal wish to meet the views of the Board of Examiners and to confirm to their instruction without question, but it seems that the Board ought to take the position of cooperation in regard to the University interests.

We should adopt the suggestion of the Board of Examiners if such suggestion were practicable or workable. It is simply impossible to carry out the suggestion of the Board. If adhered to, the Regents will be compelled to turn over the business to a dealer and thus subject the students to a heavy expense, which neither they nor their parents can afford to bear.

I have already sent you a special insurance of \$1000.00 to protect the State against loss by fire on the stock of books. I suppose the Regents would give you a Bond, if you have the authority to require one.

I will file with you an inventory of the stock now on hand with prices attached, if you wish.

Can you not take up the matter and settle it at once in a manner both practicable and satisfactory to your Board and ours?

I have ventured to take up this matter with you because of a suggestion of common interest made by you at a recent business interview.

I remain with high esteem,

Respectfully yours,

J. E. Stubbs

President

Office of the Attorney General

Carson City, April 1, 1897

Professor J. E. Stubbs

Reno, Nevada



Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday received this morning.

Neither your letter nor matter of insurance policy had been called to my attention and hence did not see them until today.

I am satisfied the Fund can be reached and applied as intended, if you will have prepared and sent to the Board of Examiners a list of the books and prices now on hand -- at least to the value of those on hand, with bills of sale to the State.

No doubt the Board will meet on Tuesday next, and if list is here on that date, an order for payment of the money will be made.

Yours truly,

James R. Judge

Office of the State Controller

Carson City, April 2, 1897

Dr. J. E. Stubbs

Dear Sir:

Have prepared the Bonds for University Deficiency, and as soon as  
as signed, will issue warrants.

Hope to be ready Monday or Tuesday.

The Governor has submitted some question concerning the special  
tax levy to create Interest and Sinking Fund to the Attorney  
General, and wants his opinion before he signs the Bonds.

Expect the opinion will be ready in a day or two.

Yours truly,

C. A. La Grave

Nevada State University

Reno, Nevada April 3, 1897

Hon. James R. Judge

Attorney General

Carson City, Nevada

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith enclosed an inventory of the stock of books which the University has for sale to students, which stock of books is the property of the State of Nevada, and is under the care and direction of the Board of Regents of the University.

Will you file this inventory with the State Board of Examiners and ask the Board at its earliest convenience to approve the claim of the Board of Regents for the sum of \$1000.00, appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, which sum of \$1000.00 has already been paid over to the Board of Regents by a loan effected through the President of the University?

Respectfully yours,

J. E. Stubbs

President

Total of Inventory \$1025.20.

The President of the University is instructed to ask the Adjutant General, United States Army, to make a detail of an Officer to succeed Lieutenant W. R. Hamilton at the close of the present year, namely August 31, 1897. An Officer who is competent to fill the Chair of Engineering in addition to his duties as Commandant. The Officer must be a man of good habits and high character and skilled in teaching. For such a man, the University will pay an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars, payable in monthly installments.

On a motion of Regent Deal, the President was authorized to have C. E. Clough make a report of the cost of completing the Gymnasium building.

The action of the President of the Board, instructing the Secretary of the Board to advertise for bids on April 2, 1897 for the erection and completion of the Mechanical building, was confirmed, and is as follows:

#### Bids Wanted

Bids for the erection and completion of a Mechanical building for Nevada State University.

The Regents of the Nevada State University will receive sealed bids for the erection and completion of the main portion of the Mechanical building, according to the plans and specifications to be on file in the Office of the President of the University from and after 10 o'clock A.M. Monday, April 5, 1897. Said bids to be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Regents on or before 2 o'clock P.M. Saturday, April 17, 1897, at which hour the bids will be opened at the Office of the Board in Morrill Hall.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for Five Hundred Dollars, payable to the order of the Board of Regents, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder.

The Regents reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed, Geo. H. Taylor, Secretary, April 2, 1897.

The Bond of Washoe County Bank as Treasurer of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Fund for \$31,000.00 dated January 12, 1897 is approved.

It is ordered that no clothing, bed clothes, bedding or any other article of the character mentioned, of any other character or nature whatsoever, which have been used in or taken from any place whatever in which any infections or contagious disease has existed, shall be brought for any purpose whatsoever to the University grounds or buildings. Any person in the employment of the Board of Regents or attending the University in any capacity, will be summarily dealt with for the violation of the above order. Carried.

#### Contingent University Fund and 90,000 Acre Grant

Payroll	Sal & Labor - Mar.	954.10
Payot Upham & Co.		4.50
Library Bureau		3.00
Reno Water & Light Co.		114.10
Reno Water & Light Co.		100.00
Office Speciality Mfg. Co.		9.00
Ada Torreyson		15.50
J. E. Stubbs		10.15
G. H. Taylor		18.44
Reno Mercantile Co.		54.40
Reno Mercantile Co.		55.29
Nevada State Journal		16.00

G. Merlinger	5.00
Riverside Transfer Co.	14.00
Reno Mill & Lumber Co.	14.52
Reno Mill & Lumber Co.	24.80
Nevada Bell Telephone Co.	5.00
S. W. Upson	1.50
Geo. A. Booth	17.75
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	216.62
T. P. Bradshaw Agent	25.00
Porteous & Co.	88.45
W. E. F. Deal	5.00
J. N. Evans	13.00
	\$1785.12

Agricultural and Mechanical College Fund

Salaries	Prof & instr. Mar.	1516.84
Reno Mercantile Co.		6.45
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.		3.00
A. Lietz Co.		6.50
Baker & Hamilton		16.34
John Taylor & Co.		12.84
John Taylor & Co.		17.47
John Taylor & Co.		166.20

John Taylor & Co.

12.05

\$1757.69

On motion of Regent Deal, the Board took a recess until Saturday evening, April 10, 1897, at 8 o'clock. Above meeting postponed to Tuesday evening, April 13, 1897.