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The Regents met at their Office in Morrill Hall at 10 o'clock A.M. Wednesday, April 3, 1912. All members of the Board and President Stubbs were present.

The minutes of the meetings held March 5, 7 and 20 were read and approved.

Letter of the State Board of Examiners under date of March 20, 1912, read and ordered filed.

The President read his report as follows:

April 3, 1912

To the Honorable
The Board of Regents
The University of Nevada

Gentlemen:

The attendance for the second semester of this year is as follows: (see Exhibit 1); the attendance for the first semester is as follows (see Exhibit 2); the attendance for the two terms in the University and in the University High School is given in the Summary (Exhibit 3).

At the last meeting of the Board a resolution was passed abolishing the University High School on July 31, 1912. It was understood, however, that the Board would adopt some plan for a sub-Freshman year, which I believe is quite necessary. Superintendent Billingshurst says that the Reno High School will take care of our students from abroad, probably without any expense. He said he would have preferred not to take any students from the University High School until a year later, but that they would do the best they could.

I recommend, therefore, that the Board establish a sub-Freshman

year and that for the ensuing University year the University takes care of all students who would naturally be Seniors in the University High School next year and all students who come to us and by reason of age or lack of preparation must take work in this sub-Freshman year. Further, that the work in the Commercial School be continued as it is now. It should be understood, however, that all foreign students who would come to the University High School and take work in the Reno High School will be permitted to board and room in Lincoln and Manzanita Halls. I recommend that this sub-Freshman year be in charge of Professor Reuben Cyril Thompson.

Summer School for Teachers

The Regents have authorized the University to establish a Summer School for teachers under the care of the Department of Education - the length of the session to be 6 weeks, beginning about June 20th. The Regents have appropriated \$600 for the maintenance of this school. Mr. John Edwards Bray, Superintendent of Public Instruction, guarantees an attendance of not fewer than 40 teachers and on this guarantee the University has established the school for this year. We have decided to charge \$18 per month for board and \$2 per month for room, making \$20 a month for their living expenses. The University will charge a registration fee of \$5 each and this is to go to pay the expenses of an additional teacher in industrial training. The teaching force will be the two Professors in the Department of Education and one additional Instructor in industrial education, and they will be assisted by Mr. John Edwards Bray, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and in addition to these we will invite the deputy superintendents of public instruction and other men to lecture from time to time during the session of the Summer School. I think this Summer School for teachers will prove a very good feature of the University work, and will be valuable also from the fact that it will bring together from 40 to 80 teachers in Reno at a time when the people usually go out from Reno rather than come into it.

Recommendations

I recommend that Dr. Romanzo Adams be elected to the Chair of Economics and Sociology. You will remember that you created this Chair a year ago and appointed Dr. Adams temporarily to the Chair. I now recommend that his appointment be made permanent. It is understood that this relieves him from the work in the Department of Education.

I recommend the appointment of Professor Gordon H. True as

Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in charge of the work under the Hatch and Adams Funds and that he also has charge of the work in dry farming, this appointment to take effect at once. It is understood that Professor True's Department in the Agricultural Experiment Station and in the Agricultural and Mechanical College is that of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, which includes irrigation and dairying.

I recommend that Dr. P. B. Kennedy be appointed Director of University Extension work, which is to include Farmers Institutes, Railroad Demonstration trains, and country life. It is understood that Dr. Kennedy's Department in the Agricultural Experiment Station and in the College is that of Botany, Horticulture and Forestry.

I recommend that Dr. William Sidney Tangier Smith, Professor of Geology, be given a leave of absence without pay from the first of August, 1912, to the first of August, 1913. We can take care of his work during this absence without addition to our teaching force, by giving part of his work to the Assistant Professor in Mineralogy.

University Farm

The need of a University Farm needs no argument to this Board of Regents. We are entitled to use 10% of the proceeds of the sales of public lands granted to the State of Nevada by the Federal Government for the purchase of lands for sites or experimental farms. According to this, we can expend \$9650 for an agricultural farm whenever we are authorized to do so by the Legislature of the State of Nevada. This is a good beginning (see Exhibit 4).

I had an interview with Mrs. E. H. Harriman at her home No. 1 East 69th Street, New York City, on February 26. Apparently the interview was very satisfactory, and I took the opportunity to ask that she give attention to the University of Nevada as a worthy University that must needs have help by gifts to accomplish what it aims to accomplish and what the people of the State and the nation expect it to accomplish. I say "people of the nation" because a large part of our money for the support of the State institution comes from the Federal Government. I herewith submit as Exhibit 5 the paper which I left with Mrs. Harriman. This paper is an argument setting forth the urgent need of a University farm and further the fact that the State could not afford to buy the farm, and asking for her consideration of a gift in addition to the \$10,000 which we now have to purchase the farm, citing the fact that Mr. Mackay had found this Univer-

sity was worthy, that in his desire to advance its standard and influence he had contributed - in round numbers - \$250,000 within the past 6 years.

I would suggest, therefore, that the Regents, having in round numbers \$10,000 toward the purchase of a farm, take steps privately to ascertain which such a farm as the University requires can be purchased for and that an option be taken upon said farm for the period of one year from the first of April.

The Evans Land

There are a little more than 8 acres east of the Campus that the University desires to acquire to fill out its plans for the Campus and as a suitable place for the buildings of the Agricultural Department. You remember I called the attention of the Board to this land and it was agreed that we ought not to pay in excess of \$500 per acre. Mr. John Evans, speaking for his mother, said that these 8 acres ought to bring Mrs. Evans \$20,000, in addition to her reserving a site for a Theta House and the University agreeing to preserve the pond at the southeast corner of the Campus so that she might have the water permanently to water her yard. Of course, I considered that Mrs. Evans, through John, made this offer prohibitive, not intending to sell or to make a bona fide proposition to the University. In accordance with the views, not only of the Regents but of several good judges of land, I wrote to Mrs. Evans (see Exhibit 6) saying that the Regents would give her \$100 for an option on the land for one year from the first of April at \$5000 being a little more than \$500 an acre and that for 5 years from the time that the University acquires the land, they would let Mrs. Evans have the present barnyard and place for her hay stacks and access to her farm on the top of the hill. I have heard nothing from her since writing the letter and I presume that we will hear nothing. I am sorry because I am sure that I could have raised the \$5000 for the purchase of this land independent of the State and we need it for our agricultural development. The time will come, I think, when she will sell it for the price named but that time will be too late for our using that place for our Agricultural Department.

Passes for University Professors

I herewith give you the names of the University Professors to whom the Southern Pacific Company has issued annual transportation (Exhibit 7).

President William Sproule has been exceedingly kind to the Uni-

versity in granting this transportation for the sake of aiding Professors in their travel through the State and I think the Regents should make some proper acknowledgment of his courtesy. I have had each one of the Professors receiving a pass state in writing that he would use this annual transportation only when he was traveling on business in the interests of the University. The law clearly stated that these passes may be used on the occasion of University business.

I am having some correspondence with the State Railroad Commission with regard to their order to the Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad Company that they should not issue annual transportation to our Professors. From a letter from Judge Bartine I take it that the State Railroad Commission maintains that transportation issued Professors should be used only when they are on University business. I agree with this position but they should permit, and the law permits, the issuance of transportation - either annual, or trip, or reduced fare (see Exhibit 8).

Eel Worm Investigation

The Station is permitted to use either the Adams Fund or the Hatch Fund for the eel worm investigation. This is on the authority of Dr. A. C. True of the Office of Experiment Stations. I am finding it troublesome to get just the right man for this work and I have been in telegraphic correspondence with Dr. True, Dr. W. A. Cobb, Dr. Orton, the last two men being especially well qualified in regard to the eel worm conditions. I have asked Dr. Orton to recommend some good man from his Department to aid us in this investigation for 3 or 6 months, the Regents to pay this man from the Adams Fund. Since writing the above, Dr. Orton telegraphs that Dr. Cobb is on his way to Washington and that he will hold my telegram until he has an opportunity to talk with him. He says he has no doubt however that the Bureau of Plant Industry will detail a man to pursue the eel worm investigations.

My Trip to New York

I left Reno Friday, January 12th, for New York and arrived at home Saturday morning, March 2nd., having been absent just 50 days. I arrived in New York Thursday morning, January 25th. Friday, January 26th, I went to Troy, New York, to visit the manufactory of W. & L. E. Gurley, from whom we had purchased about \$1100 worth of weights and measures apparatus. I also visited Dr. Reichman's office at Albany, New York. Dr. Reichman is Superintendent of Weights and Measures in New York. I went to Washington on Monday, the 29th, and spent the 29th, 30th and 31st

in Washington, visiting the Department of Agriculture and conferring at length with Dr. A. C. True of the Office of Experiment Stations. I was in search of a good man for the work in soil physics. I tried to get Mr. Mc Intyre of the State College of Pennsylvania, but he had just accepted a position in the University of Tennessee. I saw Professor Fortier, Head of the Irrigation Division, also of the Bureau of Agriculture.

On Tuesday I had an interview with Dr. Cobb and Dr. Orton and Dr. Scofield of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Dr. Cobb who has had a large experience in eel worms both in Australia and in this country said that it was a serious pest and the State of Nevada ought to do everything in its power to eradicate it at once. Their recommendations are the ones that I am following out at the present time, but we have no man that we can use for this purpose, and therefore I have asked Dr. Cobb to give us a man from his Bureau.

Met Mr. Mackay by appointment Thursday afternoon, February 1st. He had had all of the papers from Reno and was, I thought, quite disturbed by these unwarranted publications. I could see that these newspaper articles were of a kind that were interfering with the progress of his negotiations with friends to carry out the plans for the buildings and grounds of this University. I said to him that I knew absolutely nothing of the origin of these reports and that I wanted to assure him that none of them emanated from the University, or that a University man either Regent or faculty had said anything at all. He had had several interviews with people who ought to be interested with him in promoting the welfare of the University of Nevada and he expected that he would be able to say something definite about what they would do in May of this year. I suggested to him to say something by which we could contradict the report that he and his friends had planned to give \$1,000,000 as an endowment fund for the University. I knew very well that this report was false, and, after thinking a few moments, he said that he would like to do it but he did not know just how to do it, and for me to see him again in a week or so thereafter. In the meantime he would take the matter into his thought. He made an appointment for me again at 3 o'clock Friday, Feb. 16.

Meanwhile, I went to Washington to attend the Conference of Weights and Measures Officials at the Bureau of Standards. This session was very helpful to me. I returned to New York at noon on the 16th and at the appointed hour met Mr. Mackay and had a very earnest and satisfactory conference with him for more than an hour. He seemed to be in the very best of moods and talked about this University and its growth in a way that was delight-

ful to hear. He compared the University of Virginia with this University and said that he had submitted the watercolor made by Mr. Bliss to one of the most noted of the young architects of New York whose opinion was that the plans for the buildings and grounds was very, very fine and could not, he thought, be surpassed. He spoke with a great deal of enthusiasm and said that he would let me know early in May what these friends would do. He said he had learned to be very patient; he was surprised at himself. He wrote for me a denial of the report in the papers which I incorporated in the interview which I gave to the papers upon my return. I talked with him at length about my seeing Mrs. Harriman with a view to securing some aid to the University, especially with regard to a farm, but I didn't let the matter rest with that. Mr. Mackay thought that I should see Mrs. Harriman and lay the matter before her, and he gave me a letter of introduction which proved to be the "open sesame". I left him with assurances that made me feel hopeful. The next day I enclosed the letter of introduction from Mr. Mackay to Mrs. Harriman and two days thereafter I received an appointment to meet her at her home on February 26th. I was very cordially received, took my son, had also the satisfaction of meeting Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Junior, and the interview with Mrs. Harriman was delightful, and I feel very hopeful of interesting her in the University of Nevada, especially along agricultural lines.

The total cost of my trip I have placed at \$493.95, leaving a balance of \$133.50 for my personal expenses. The apportionment is as follows:

Agricultural Experiment Station, Hatch Fund	\$100.00
State Fund, weights and Measure	100.00
General State Fund, Cost of President's Traveling Expenses	293.95
Total	\$493.95

Going, I had transportation from Reno to New Orleans, and returning I had transportation from Chicago to Reno.

Mr. Mackay's Letter

I have a personal letter from Mr. Mackay under date of March 20th which I will read to the Regents in confidence and state what has been done about it.

Expenses for Visting Schools

The time for visiting the schools of the State and nearby schools in California is at hand. I recommend the following appropria-

tions:

Adams - Goldfield, Tonopah, Yerington, Dayton	\$ 48.55
Hill - Carson, Elko, Virginia City	24.00
Smith - Fallon, Austin, wadsworth, Gardnerville	46.30
Hartman - Ely, Winnemucca, Lovelock	44.50
Total	\$163.35

California Schools

Susanville, Alturas, Cedarville	\$ 47.60
Loyalton, Quincy, Greenville	37.25
Truckee, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Auburn	28.70
Total	\$113.55

This makes a grand total of \$276.90. There is at present in the Fund appropriated \$493.70. I recommend the Regents to appropriate \$300 for the expenses of visiting schools.

Puddling the Bottom of the Pond

I have herewith the report of Professor H. P. Boardman, Civil Engineer, containing his recommendations for making the bottom of the pond so that it will hold water (Exhibit 9). It seems to me it would be wise to adopt his last recommendation, that is, to puddle the deepest part of the pond, say about 10,000 square ft., and then let the water in and try it. If this is not sufficient then take some more clay and puddle 20,000 square feet. I understand that we can get clay north of Lincoln Hall and we can haul it with our own teams and reduce the expense to a minimum.

Reduction in Telephone Service

The local management of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. insisted that the following schedule of rates should obtain for telephone service to the University:

Trunk to main office and Electrical building	\$ 6.00
Extension to President's office	1.00
Hygienic Laboratory	3.00
Manzanita Hall	3.00
Lincoln Hall	3.00
Chemistry and Mackay buildings	4.50
President's residence and extension to study	3.00
Hospital	2.00
Total	\$ 25.50

In talking over this with some of our Regents it seemed that the

Telephone Company ought to allow the University \$3 per month for the use of its cable lines and wires upon the University grounds and, further, that they should reckon the phones as residence phones instead of business phones in all places excepting the Business Office of the University. This would make an additional reduction of \$4.50, or a total reduction of \$7.50; from \$25.50, this would leave \$18.00. Mr. Noble, with headquarters at Sacramento, claimed that they could not make the allowance asked for. I wrote also to Mr. John Kearns, Division Commercial Superintendent of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at San Francisco, and he replied that they would not make us the reduction asked for. I went to the City on Sunday night, obtained a letter of introduction to Mr. E. C. Bradley, Vice President and General Manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. I called upon him; was received very cordially; he invited in Mr. P. H. Coolidge, General Superintendent, and in two minutes it was all arranged that we were to get the concessions asked for - namely, \$3 per month for the use of our lines, and \$4.50 for the residence instead of business phone rates. Mr. Bradley asked that we have the State Railroad Commission write a letter stating that they were willing for this change to be made and would sanction it. I immediately wrote a letter from San Francisco to the State Railroad Commission asking them to advise Mr. Bradley according to the agreement made. As this agreement now stands, the Company is to put in 11 telephones for which we are to pay \$18 per month from the first of April, 1912.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Stubbs
President

Upon motion of Dr. Reid, seconded by Regent O'Brien, the report of President Stubbs was ordered received and placed in the minutes.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Dr. Reid, the following Resolution was carried:

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Regents in establishing a sub-Freshman year to admit only such students as are deficient in their preparation for admission to the Freshman Class of the University in an amount of work not exceeding two units.

RESOLVED, that students who are deficient in not more than two units can enter the sub-Freshman course in addition to

their Freshman work in the University proper.

Upon motion of Regent Henderson, seconded by Regent Williams, the following tolerances on Butter and Bread were adopted:

Tolerance on Butter

1/3 oz. on 1 pound equals 2.08%
1/2 oz. on 1 1/2 pounds equals 2.08%
2/3 oz. on 2 pounds equals 2.08%

Tolerance on Bread

(Tentative)

1/2 oz. on 1 pound not over 15 hours from the oven

Motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, the recommendations of President Stubbs that Romanzo Adams be elected to the Chair of Economics and Sociology was approved.

Motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, the Regents residing in Reno were appointed a Committee to hold a conference with the State Board of Examiners as soon as possible. In this connection, the Secretary of the Board of Regents was instructed to write to the Clerk of the Board of Examiners to arrange for a meeting with the Regents on Friday, April 12, 1912.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, Gordon Haines True was appointed Director of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station at a salary of \$3000 a year, payable monthly, to take effect April 1, 1912.

Upon motion of Dr. Reid, seconded by Regent Henderson, a leave of absence was granted to Dr. W. S. T. Smith for one year from August 1, 1912, without salary.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, it was decided that the Regents in Reno and Sparks look into the matter of securing a farm, and that the Regents secure the same under an option.

Upon motion of Regent Henderson, seconded by Dr. Reid, the Regents decided to send a letter of thanks to President Sproule of the Southern Pacific Company for the passes issued by his company to the various Professors of the University.

The action of President Stubbs regarding the eel worm, as set forth in his report, upon motion of Dr. Reid, seconded by Regent

Williams, was approved.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, the recommendation of President Stubbs regarding the visiting of schools in Nevada and California was approved, and an appropriation was made for the expenses of such trips not to exceed \$300.

The expenditure of \$100 to pay for puddling 10,000 square feet of the pond with clay was authorized by the Regents; motion of Williams, seconded by O'Brien.

Upon motion of Dr. Reid, seconded by Regent Henderson, the action of President Stubbs regarding the phone rental at \$18 per month was approved.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent O'Brien, the Chairman of the Board was requested to have the student body submit their request to the Regents through the proper channel.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, beginning with August 1, 1912, the Regents decided to consolidate the Departments of Physical Culture and Elocution, and authorized the President to arrange for the same.

Upon motion of Dr. Reid, seconded by Regent Henderson, the Regents made the salary of President Stubbs \$5000 a year, beginning June 1, 1912, to be paid from the State Funds; and \$475 for the months of April and May, to be paid from the State Funds.

Upon motion of Regent Reid, seconded by Regent O'Brien, the Chairman of the Board was authorized to appoint a Committee to look into the insurance carried on buildings and equipment at the University.

Upon motion of Regent O'Brien, seconded by Regent Williams, the President and Mr. Gorman were authorized to confer together on the Financial Statement so that they might arrive at the differences in figures and adjust them on the expenditures for the remainder of the year 1912.

Upon motion of Dr. Reid, seconded by Regent Henderson, it was ordered that if it was necessary for Professor True to have someone in his office, he should employ some extra help, and that Mrs. Blaney remain as assistant to Mr. Gorman.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

A. A. Codd
Chairman

Geo. H. Taylor
Secretary