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The Board of Regents met in the Office of the President on Tuesday, March 12, presided over by the Chairman.

Present: Regents O'Brien, Curler, Baker, Sullivan and Chairman Abel, and President Clark.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been placed in the hands of the members of the Board, it was moved by Regent Curler that the minutes be considered as read and that they be approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

There being no unfinished business, the reports and recommendations of the President were called for.

The President presented for approval the matters handled in the Finance Committee meetings of January 30, February 19 and 28 and March 31. The Chairman ruled that these matters stood as approved by the approval of the minutes of the meetings referred to.

The President presented a letter under date of February 5, from Dr. Maxwell Adams, Professor of Chemistry, saying that he had been asked by Professor Hart of the University of California to take charge of their Department of Organic Chemistry during the term of the Summer Session, and asking that he be granted permission to accept the offer. The President recommended that the same be granted.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the recommendation of the President be approved and the request granted. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The President read a letter from Superintendent Dilworth under date of January 29th, and presented additional correspondence, relative to the Board granting permission for Mr. E. R. Bennett,

Principal of the Tonopah School of Mines, to teach one class in Science in the Tonopah High School, this in addition to his duties as Principal of the Tonopah School of Mines. The President's recommendation was that Mr. Bennett be permitted to do this for the remainder of this high school year.

It was moved by Regent Baker that the recommendation of the President in regard to Mr. Bennett be approved. Matter discussed.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the motion be amended basing the granting of the request as a war measure for the remainder of this term. Amendment on motion was accepted. Motion as amended was put and carried, all voting aye.

The President read a telegram to Acting Dean Boardman of the School of Engineering asking if he would accept a position for several months as a Construction Engineer for a Government explosive plant at Nitro, West Virginia. The President explained that Professor Boardman might go and could be back for the opening of the Fall term, and offered the following recommendation: That Dean Boardman be granted leave of absence without pay, during this particular work, dating from March 4, as Dean Boardman had arranged for his work.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the recommendation of the President in regard to Dean Boardman be approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The President reported that the Semicentenary of the University of California was to be celebrated the week of March 18-23, that Dr. H. W. Hill had been named as the regular University of Nevada representative at this celebration. The President stated he would like to attend the last two days of the meeting and asked if it was agreeable to the Board to do this.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the President of the University of Nevada be granted entire freedom of personal movement and if he wishes to attend this meeting, he might do so. Record vote taken as follows:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President presented a file of correspondence between himself and Dr. James, and the Board and Dr. James relative to the matter of the mode of payment of Dr. James' salary, on which matter the

Regents had taken action in August (see minutes of August 1, 1917), Dr. James having requested of the President that the matter be reopened. The President stated that he had informed Dr. James that he was unwilling to reopen a matter that had been adjudicated by the Board, but stated his willingness to place all the facts in the matter before the Board.

The correspondence was read and the matter discussed in detail as to the nature of the understanding with Dr. James, the whole matter hinging on what interpretation was understood by the Board on the first \$600. It was suggested that the matter be held for the later action in the Board meeting.

Resolutions on the death of Dr. Mack, as follows, were adopted by the Board.

(No resolution included)

The President read to the Board the resignation of Miss Zilla Mills, Instructor in Home Economics, submitted by Miss Mills under date of February 12th and his reply to Miss Mills, accepting the resignation, written under date of February 16. The President stated that Miss Mills' place for the remainder of this semester had been supplied by the appointment of Miss Jessie P. Pope, to begin March 1, Miss Mills to be paid to that date.

It was moved that the action of the President with reference to Miss Mills' resignation and pay be approved. Motion carried, vote being as follows:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President stated further in regard to Miss Pope that it being difficult to obtain teachers at this particular time of the year, Miss Sears had learned that Miss Pope, who was teaching the grade work in Home Economics in Elko, was willing to come temporarily beginning March 1. This was thought well as it would enable Miss Sears to look over the field with the object of finding a properly qualified and properly trained Instructor for filling the position permanently. It was the President's recommendation that Miss Jessie Pope be made temporary Instructor in Home Economics beginning March 1, 1918, for three months at a salary of \$100 per month.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien that the recommendation of the President with regard to Miss Pope be approved. Vote:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President stated that Miss Sears as Head of the Department of Home Economics was the only Instructor of the rank of full Professor and the Head of a Department who was receiving less than the minimum salary of Instructors of that rank. He explained that the carrying out of the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act required a part of the time of Miss Sears as Head of the Department of Home Economics. On this account her work was heavier, and that part of her time was entitled to compensation from the Smith-Hughes funds as administered through the State Vocational Board and under the plans approved by that Board and the Federal Board. Miss Sears might well, he considered, be raised to \$2400 per year, and such part of her time as was devoted to Smith-Hughes work, which would possibly be 1/3, be paid from the Smith-Hughes funds, which would be a saving to the University, he recommended the following: That Miss Sears be raised in salary to \$2400 per year with the understanding that such part of her salary as corresponds to time devoted to Smith-Hughes work shall be paid from Smith-Hughes funds of the State, the same beginning March 3, 1918, and continuing while she did the work, it being the plan that the work be continued next year.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the recommendation of the President be approved. Vote:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President read a letter dated January 2, 1918, on the subject of trees on the University Farm asking that some certain ones might be cut down. Matter was discussed and left to the President without motion, with the suggestion that a Nevadan loves a tree.

The President read some correspondence between himself and Miss Wier pertaining to an unpaid claim for syllabi in amount \$231.78. He had no recommendation to make regarding the same at the pres-

ent time, but would present all the facts in the case at a later date when the matter would come up again, Miss Wier being agreeable in the present stringency to allow the claim to be held over if the same might be done without prejudice.

The President read a letter from Superintendent Lynch under date of March 8th recommending that the salary of Donald Fraser be increased to \$100 per month beginning March 1, 1918, and that consideration be given for an increase in the salaries of the other regular men working on buildings and grounds. It was the recommendation of the President that the increase be given Mr. Fraser as set forth in Mr. Lynch's letter.

Discussion on finances and increases arose.

The President reported to the Board that he had worked out a budget for the period ending June 30, based on figures submitted by the Departments. Through this budget, which allowed only the necessary expenditures by the Departments, he hoped to make up something on the deficit, the status of which he also explained, though the Departments were granted in nearly all cases all they asked for.

The President also reported his plans for Commencement, stating that for this year it would be a Home Commencement. Reverend Brewster Adams would deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon and Governor Boyle the Commencement Address. In this way much of the expense incidental upon Commencement might this year be eliminated.

It was moved by Regent Sullivan that Donald Fraser be raised in salary from \$90 to \$100, beginning March 1, 1918. Motion carried, vote being:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

Mr. Curler at this point stated he would like to know before the session was over who is responsible for the deficit in the finances. Matter discussed and the President explained that his understanding was that instead of \$30,000 asked for from the Legislature to clear up the then deficit, the same should have been \$48,000, as the latter amount proved to be the needed amount. The difference, \$18,000, had up to the present been reduced to something like \$1,000, and it was the hope to wipe out the balance, going into the new fiscal year with the slate

clean.

The Board recessed until 2 P.M., and went to the President's house for luncheon.

The Board continued its meeting at 2:15 with all members present.

The President presented with his recommendation that the same be granted, a request from Miss Sameth to be permitted to engage Miss Marjorie Cowgill, a student in the University, as her assistant during the Summer Session, at a fee of \$25 for the six weeks. Miss Cowgill's mother, it was explained, was Librarian for the Experiment Station at the low salary of \$25 per month.

It was moved by Regent Sullivan that Miss Marjorie Cowgill's appointment as assistant to Miss Sameth for the Summer Session at a salary of \$25 for the six weeks, be approved and adopted.

Motion carried, vote being:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President recommended that Miss Fru Wortham, Stenographer in the President's Office, be raised in salary from \$50 to \$60 per month, her work being of a good grade.

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan that the President's recommendation, that Miss Fru Wortham's salary be raised to \$60 per month, beginning March 1, 1918, be approved and adopted. Motion carried, vote being:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

Mr. Mc Nees, Overseer of Construction, through the President, requested that he be given a letter of authority from the Board, empowering him to stop work on the building when in his opinion and judgment the work was not satisfactory or not in accordance with the specifications. Upon motion, duly made and carried, following letter was issued to Mr. Mc Nees:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. George Mc Nees was duly appointed Superintendent of Construction of the Agricultural building, and he is authorized and empowered to stop work upon that building, when in his judgment, the work is not being prosecuted in accordance with the plans and specifications and contracts for the construction of said building, until a decision has been rendered upon the matter by the President.

The President presented to the Board the matter of insurance on the new Agricultural building and read some correspondence on the same between his Office and the Insurance Commissioner, Mr. Cole, and asked for authorization to take out insurance on the unfinished building.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the President of the University be authorized to place the necessary insurance on the Agricultural building until the time that it is completed and turned over to the Board. Motion was carried, vote being as follows:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

A letter was read from Mr. Gorman, dated February 25th, relative to an inquiry from Mr. Cheney, attorney for firm from whom Ward Brothers had purchased stone for the Agricultural building, asking if the bond of Ward Brothers protected the same. Matter held over for later action.

The President presented to the Board a supplementary contract for such changes and additions in the Agricultural building, as were necessary, referring the Board to the preferential order of certain items stated by the Board at a previous meeting (see minutes of December 22, 1917).

The items of the supplementary contract were read and it was explained that they were made after conference with Mr. Lewis, Dean Knight and Miss Sears. It was recommended by the President that the contract signed by the proper Board Officials and entered into between the Board of Regents and the contractors as recommended by the President. Motion carried, vote standing:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye

Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President presented a brief of the changes and recommendations for the catalogue for 1917-18 and asked for the approval of the Board regarding the same, mentioning in particular the shortening of the calendar due to the war emergency, and pre-legal and pre-medical courses, and a rule for \$2 fee for late registration, not to be remitted, these 3 items having been passed to the Board by the University Senate for approval.

It was moved and carried unanimously, that all matters pertaining to the catalogue be left to the President.

Through the President the University Senate asked that that section of the Bylaws referring to the election of the Secretary of the Senate be so amended as to make eligible for that office any member of the instructional or administrative staff of the University.

It was moved by Regent Curler that Article XXIII, Section 3, of the Bylaws be amended so as to read as follows: The Secretary shall be elected from the instructional staff or administrative officers of the University. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Mc Nees appeared before the Board and was given the letter of authorization above referred to and made report to the Board concerning the progress of the building, and certain changes made. Mr. Ward of Ward Brothers accompanied by Architect Lewis came before the Board and the supplementary contract was properly executed and entered into.

The question raised in Mr. Gorman's letter mentioned above was asked of Mr. Ward and he stated that it was his opinion that his bond duly covered the matter of the stone. The matter was left to Mr. Abel and Mr. Curler to look over the bond of Ward Brothers, on file in Safe Deposit Box.

The President reported to the Board that permission had been received by the University from the War Department to maintain the ROTC Unit though the number of men in the University doing military work was below the minimum required for such a Unit (papers are filed in File 278, General File).

The President also reported his correspondence with the Washington Department relative to special training of soldiers, there having been no definite arrangements as yet made concerning the same.



The President reported the plan of the College of Agriculture for a 4-week War Emergency course for high school boys to be given during the month of April, if there was a sufficient response to the announcement of such courses.

The President read a letter under date of February 21, 1918, from Dr. Records giving the minutes of the Stock Committee electing Dr. Records to the Secretaryship of that Commission. Matter was laid over until the consideration of Dr. Records' position in the Experiment Station and Veterinary Control Service as the successor to Dr. Mack.

The President reported that a reconstructed budget had been received of the Extension Division, which was approved by Mr. Gorman, and which was arrived at after two conferences between the President and Mr. Norcross, and concerning which a memorandum of agreement had been entered into. Excerpts of this agreement were read to the Board.

Claim of the Century Club for \$25 rent of Club House during Farmers' Week was presented to the Board, this indebtedness having been incurred without requisition or previous permission of the Board (see minutes of April 9, 1917). The matter was discussed. Mr. Curler took the Chair.

It was moved by Mr. Abel that the bill of \$25 of February 7, 1918, for the rent of the Century Club Hall, be rejected. Motion carried, vote being:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The matter between the University of Nevada and Dr. Mullin in regard to salary for 1/2 of September 1917 was held over for later consideration.

The President read a letter from Dr. Lincoln under date of January 24, 1918, petitioning that the laboratories of the Mackay School of Mines be opened to engineers and other properly qualified citizens of Nevada. The President considered it a desirable plan and recommended that the petition be granted.

It was moved by Mrs. Baker that the Board of Regents authorize the petition under the terms and conditions as set forth in Dr.

Lincoln's letter. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The President presented to the Board a set of correspondence with Dean Scrugham concerning a claim for traveling expenses in amount \$57.95. The President explained in this connection that this amount was for a trip which was paid for by the State, and did not represent vouchers for a trip during which Dr. Scrugham was on any University business, for this reason the matter was passed without action.

The President presented to the Board for approval his action in taking out for the University of Nevada, membership in the American University Union in Europe, fee for the same being \$100 for the calendar year 1918. He gave an explanation of the purpose of the Union as connected with the U. S. College men now in France or England.

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan that the President be authorized to pay the claim for \$100 for membership in the American University Union in Europe for the University of Nevada for the year 1918.

Motion carried, vote being:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President presented to the Board a letter from Mr. Pedroli of Franktown, offering to the University certain land in the Washoe Valley under certain conditions as contained in the letter. At the President's request Dean Knight was asked to inspect and report on the land and on the advisability of the acceptance of the gift. His report was presented to the Board with the recommendation not to accept the offer of the land, without motion, and it was the sense of the Board that letter be written to Mr. Pedroli by the Secretary of the Board stating their appreciation of the offer, but declining the gift under the conditions of the letter.

The President read to the Board a letter from Professor E. G. Woodward stating his willingness to refund to the University his traveling expenses when he came to the University of Nevada.

The President reported to the Board the action of the Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and Salt Lake Railroads in recalling free transportation heretofore issued to University workers, due to federal regulation.

A request was presented to the Board from the Secretary of the Commercial Club, Mr. Nagel, asking if the University would be willing to contribute toward the payment of a film to be made of Reno and vicinity, in which the University was to be included. He stated that even though the Board of Regents felt that they could not contribute toward the University pictures would still be included. The President reported that he had told Mr. Nagel that in the face of a deficit he did not think the University could contribute to new matters.

It was suggested by Mr. Curler that this action of the President be informally approved.

A letter was presented from Governor Boyle under date of March 11 to the Board asking that President Clark be delegated to join the Committee of the State Council of Defense now traveling in the State in the interest of stimulating patriotic interest.

The matter was discussed and the Chairman advised that that matter of the President's joining this Committee came within a former motion of this meeting giving the President freedom of motion, it being the consensus of opinion that this would be a desirable thing for the President to do at this particular time, and that he should do as he thought best in the matter.

The President explained that on account of the additional expense caused by the withdrawal of railroad passes, the number of high schools to be examined by the High School Inspector would be limited, and the plans for this inspection somewhat changed.

Mr. Curler reported on the matter of the mineral collection belonging to the late Allen Fisher, now in possession of Mr. Vardy at Wells, that though he had not seen the collection he understood it was an excellent collection and that it would be worthwhile for the University to have it. Mr. Curler moved that the Secretary be instructed to write Mr. George Vardy, Wells, Administrator of the Estate of Allen Fisher, that the University will be very glad to have the collection and he is authorized to send it to the University at our expense. Motion carried, vote as follows:

Baker	Aye
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The President reported to the Board the various activities of the University War Council under the Chairmanship of Major Ryan. Report was made that Mr. F. L. Peterson had been named as an alumni delegate to the Congress of National Service to be held under the auspices of the National Security League at Chicago, February 21-23. Also that the University was storing for the United States Bureau of Mines a quantity of caustic soda.

The President reported to the Board the plans of the students this year in regard to the Artemisia, saying that they were getting out a much smaller and less elaborate issue this year. In this connection he expressed his opinion on certain attitudes of the students he was meeting with, and the matter of College spirit was discussed briefly.

The President read a letter from Ohio Wesleyan University dated March 4th stating that the University wished to confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The President wished to be present in Ohio for the conferring of this degree in June.

The Board then took up a consideration of the report of the Comptroller of March 12, which was read, and which included statements as follows: a recapitulation of expenditures from State Funds from January 1, 1917 to February 28th, 1918; the income sources for the month of February 1918, showing balances in the various State Funds as of March 8, 1918; a trial balance taken from the general ledger as of February 28, 1918, showing all cash balances now on hand; and cash receipts for the month of February, 1918.

The Board approved list of Claims No. 20, Claims covered by Checks Nos. 178-184 inclusive for a total of \$1458.78; also list of Claims No. 36, against the State of Nevada covering Claims 428-433 for a total of \$1445.28.

That part of Mr. Gorman's report concerning a statement of bonds held by the University Federal Endowment Fund was discussed.

Mr. Curler brought to the attention of the President the matter of testing of dairy herds, citing an inquiry that had come to him from a Dairyman in Elko County.

Returning to Mr. Gorman's report, it was moved by Mr. Curler that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to the State Comptroller and Treasurer and the Board of Examiners, requesting that \$17,500 in 5% bonds now held by the Irreducible University Fund be transferred to the 90 Acre Grant Fund and that Massachusetts 3% bonds in amount \$17,500 be transferred to the Irreducible

University Fund. Motion carried, voting standing:

Baker	Absent from room
Curler	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

The Board recessed to meet as a Board of Control to handle Experiment Station matters.

The Board of Regents resumed its meeting and took up the matter of the mode of the payment of Dr. James' salary and the claim of Dr. Mullin for salary from September 15 to 30, 1917. After considerable discussion on the James matter, Mr. Curler offered the following motion that the Secretary be instructed to write Dr. James that the Regents have gone into the conditions of his engagement and can see no reason for changing their attitude. Motion was carried.

No action was taken in the Dr. Mullin claim the Regents considering the matter closed, and the papers filed.

The matter of reimbursement for time and expenses incurred by Mr. O'Brien for attendance at Regents' meetings was brought up, also matter of expense of Mrs. Baker for this same purpose, it being explained that very often Mr. O'Brien was obliged to hire a man for his work while absent.

Mr. Curler took the Chair.

It was moved by Regent Abel that the traveling expenses of Regents O'Brien and Baker be paid from the Regents Contingent Fund. Motion carried, vote standing:

Baker and O'Brien	Had withdrawn before this motion was put
Curler	Aye
Sullivan	Aye
Abel	Aye

No further business appearing, it was moved and seconded that the Board adjourn.

J. F. Abel  
Chairman

Louise Blaney  
Secretary

