

## UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes March 31, 1925

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The Board of Regents met in the Office of President Clark at 9:30 Tuesday morning, March 31, 1925. All members of the Board, President Clark and Comptroller Gorman were present.

The minutes of the meeting of February 28, 1925 were approved as amended with the consent of Regent Williams, who introduced the motion re. the portrait of O. H. Grey, by the following vote: (Motion by Mr. Pratt)

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

The minutes of the meeting of March 14th were, after the insertions, at the request of Judge Talbot, of the words "any considerable number of Nevada" before the word "girls" in the second line of the 3rd paragraph from the last, on motion of Mr. Pratt, approved by the following vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

List No. 4, Regents' Checks Nos. 5029 to 5038 inclusive for the net sum of \$34,364.52, and List No. 3, State Claims, Nos. 23 to 34 inclusive for the net sum of \$22,489.32, on motion of Judge Talbot were approved by the following vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark presented the resignation of Mr. Hardy Shirley as Assistant Professor of Mathematics to be effective, at his own request, September 1, 1925, since Mr. Shirley is going east to enter a School of Forestry. The President recommended the acceptance of Mr. Shirley's resignation. Regent Williams moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

On the recommendation of Director Fulton, President Clark recommended that Mr. V. P. Gianella of the Mackay School of Mines should be granted a two years' leave of absence to enable him to complete his course work for the Ph. D. degree at some eastern University, with understanding that, at the end of this time, Mr. Gianella could return to us at a salary of \$2250 and the rank of Assistant Professor if he does not earn his Ph. D. degree, or at the same salary and the rank of Associate Professor if he has in the meantime earned his doctorate. Mrs. Williams moved the acceptance of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark recommended the following advances in rank:

Mr. Edward G. Sutherland from Instructor to Assistant Professor and Acting Head of the Department of Economics, Business Administration and Sociology, to take effect from this date.

Dr. P. A. Lehenbauer from Associate to full Professor of Biology, as recommended by Dr. Frandsen.

Dr. Williams M. Hoskins from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Chemistry as recommended by Dr. Adams.

Mr. Edwin E. Williams from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, as recommended by Dr. Chappelle.

Regent Williams moved that the above 4 recommendations of the

President be adopted. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

On the recommendation of Dr. Hill, President Clark recommended the election of Miss Luethel Austin to be Instructor in English for the coming University year on a basis of \$1500, salary to begin August 1, 1925. Mrs. Williams moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

On the recommendation of Dr. Haseman, President Clark recommended the election of Mr. Charles L. Searcy to be Instructor in Mathematics for a probational year beginning with the next University year, at a salary of \$2100, to begin August 1, 1925, with understanding that if his work during this probational year is satisfactory he shall be made Assistant Professor at a salary of \$2250 for his second year in service at this University. Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark suggested that if courses in Sociology and Advanced Accounting were to be offered in the Department of Economics, Business and Sociology the Department should then become a 3-man Department. He therefore recommended for election as Instructors in this Department the following 2 men for the coming University year:

Mr. William R. Blackler, at a salary of \$2200 to begin August 1, 1925, with understanding that if his work is satisfactory during his initial and probational year with us, he shall be retained for the second year with no advance in salary.

Mr. Elmer Pendell, at \$2500 to begin August 1, 1925, with understanding that if his work is acceptable during his first and probational year, he will be retained for a second year at the same salary and with the rank of Assistant Professor.

Mrs. Hood moved the adoption of the President's above recommendation. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

At the recommendation of President Clark, Mrs. Hood moved that the President be authorized to make arrangements with Mr. Clyde D. Souter to give a lecture course in General Law for the semester beginning January 1, 1926. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark recommended that Music for the coming year be given by the following: Miss Dorothy Crandall as part-time Instructor in Music in the School of Education to give the Teacher's Method Courses in Music in the School of Education, the women's Glee Club work and other courses such as Appreciation of Music and History of Music and that for this part-time service Miss Crandall receive \$900 for the coming year in place of the \$600 for the current year; that Professor Haseman and Professor Kent be continued for the coming year in charge respectively of the Men's Glee Club and the Band at a compensation of \$100 per semester in addition to their regular salaries and that Mr. Edwin E. Williams be put in charge of the University Orchestra for the coming year at a compensation of \$100 per semester in addition to his regular salary -- it being understood that each of these 3 men is to meet his musical group regularly two periods per week throughout each semester.

After considerable discussion, 12 o'clock having arrived, the Board recessed until 2 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 2:20 P.M., all members being present.

After a full discussion of the Music situation, Mr. Williams moved that the President's recommendation for the 4 to be in charge of Music for the coming University year to be approved and adopted, with understanding that the President be instructed to endeavor to get a good man teacher for the year beginning August 1926, who can do the entire work in Music at whatever salary may be necessary to secure such a man, even though that salary has to be appreciably above \$3000. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

Chairman Pratt read a letter from Mr. George O. Mc Nees, asking for position as Supervisor of Building Construction, during the erection of the proposed new University building. Judge Talbot said that Mr. Burke and Mr. Hooper had both spoken to him about this position.

Chairman Pratt moved to reconsider the action of the Board on February 28th to construct a Public Service building on the Campus. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

The subject then being open for discussion, Chairman Pratt asked the Secretary to read two letters: (1) from Senator T. T. Fairchild, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Senate, and (2) from Governor James G. Scrugham.

The text of the letters is given herewith:

STATE OF NEVADA  
SENATE CHAMBER

Carson City, March 20, 1925

To the Honorable the Board of Regents  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Gentlemen:

This letter will confirm the message sent you by the Comptroller of the University to the effect that the Ways and Means Committee of the Senate objects to the use of any part of the money raised or to be raised by the Permanent Construction Fund levy of 2 cents for a Public Service building.

It was called to our attention, too late to arrange with you for a meeting, that the Board of Regents had arranged for a Public Service building to cost about \$90,000 to be paid for from this Fund. I was a member of the Ways and Means Committee that recommended this levy of 2 cents, and it was my distinct understanding, and it is so stated in your printed reports, that this levy was made for the purpose of helping to complete the Educational Building Program at the University. No mention was ever made about a Public Service building, and I am sure that no tax levy would have been granted for that purpose, and none would have been granted if it was understood that any effort would have been made by the Regents to expend it for any other purpose than that for which it was granted, namely, to complete the urgently needed buildings outlined in your report.

The officials of the University have always heretofore shown a disposition to cooperate with the Legislature, and the Ways and Means Committee, feeling that the Regents would continue this cooperation, and would not expend moneys for any purpose other than that for which tax levies or appropriations were made, especially after the matter had been called to their attention, agreed to recommend a continuance of the 2 cent levy for the coming biennium, reserving the right to oppose its continuance at the next session unless proper attention is given to this protest.

The Committee regrets that it was impossible to call this matter to your attention at a meeting with your Board, but it was the opinion of the Committee that nothing could be brought out at such a meeting that would change the opinion of the members that money raised for the educational plans of the University was about to be expended for other purposes. This in our opinion would have been a breach of faith that would be inexcusable.

Trusting that you will give this matter the action it merits, I am

Respectfully yours,

/s/ T. T. Fairchild  
Chairman, Senate Ways and  
Means Committee

STATE OF NEVADA  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
Carson City

March 7, 1925

Honorable Walter E. Pratt  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Pratt:

In conformity with our conversation on yesterday, I herewith present certain suggestions for consideration of the Board of Regents in regard to financing the Building Program of the University for the next biennium.

I understand that there is now on hand the sum of approximately \$90,000 available for construction purposes. The yield from the 2 cent tax levy during 1925 and 1926 will be approximately \$80,000 additional, making a total of about \$170,000 available by December 31, 1926.

The University is reported very urgently to need an addition to the women's Dormitory as well as extensions and repairs to the Central Heating Plant.

In accordance with our conversation it appears practicable for the State to meet payments as follows:

During 1925	Addition to Women's Dormitory	\$55,000
During 1925	Addition to Heating Plant	\$35,000
During 1926	Public Service Building	\$80,000

Later additions can be made when found necessary.

The above suggestions are based upon figures given by the Controller's Report and upon my Executive budget as presented to the Legislature.

wishing you all success in your plans for the advancement of the University, I am

Yours truly,

/s/ J. G. Scrugham  
Governor

Full discussion followed as to which of the two buildings, Public Service building and Annex to Manzanita Hall, was most needed and should therefore be constructed first, it being agreed that the new steam heating plant must be installed during this bi-ennium in any event.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Williams stated that he was ready to vote for the immediate construction of the Annex to Manzanita Hall at a cost of not to exceed \$85,000 if the members of the Board will pledge themselves not later than March 1, 1927, to vote for the construction of the Public Service building on the Campus of this University at a cost of not exceeding \$85,000 with the proviso that proper authority says such building may be paid for from University's 2 cent Permanent Construction Fund. "If we can agree informally to this plan and put it in the minutes, then I am ready to make the motion." Mrs. Williams, Mr. Pratt and Mrs. Hood so agreed with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams moved that the Regents authorize the construction of an addition to Manzanita Hall at an expense of not to exceed \$85,000 and that the Chairman of this Board and the President of the University consult with Architect De Longchamps and secure plans and submit them to this Board at its next regular meeting.  
Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	No
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

Judge Talbot wished to go on record as saying he was not in favor of building an extension to Manzanita Hall and he thinks it unnecessary at this time. As we have not had to turn away any considerable number of Nevada girls, the extension is not needed for two years. He believes that the Public Service building should be built first properly to house these Departments and for the good of the tax payers of the State.

Mr. Pratt desired to have it recorded that he considered the construction of a Public Service building of high importance.



Mrs. Williams moved that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to enter into a lease for the Board of Regents with the Vestry of Trinity Church for the property at the corner of Fifth and Sierra Streets now used by the State Hygienic Laboratory and Pure Food and Drugs Division for 3 years, at his discretion. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Talbot	No
Mrs. Williams	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned until April 30, 1925.

Walter E. Pratt  
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith  
Secretary