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The Board of Regents met in the Office of President Clark at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 31, 1928, all members of the Board and President Clark being present.

The minutes of the November 30-December 3rd meeting were approved by the following vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

List No. 1, Regents Checks, Nos. 8000 to 8014 for the net sum of \$42,927.86 and List No. 14, State Claims, Nos. 135 to 144 for the net sum of \$19,162.91, were, on motion of Mr. Wingfield, approved by the following vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark presented the following list of 22 graduates as recommended to the Board of Regents by the University faculty for the degrees and diplomas indicated:

Bachelor of Arts

Lloyd L. Barrington	Ainsley H. Mabson
*Margaret Amy Goodman	Grace C. Mc Neil
Bernard H. Hartung	*Helen S. Medigovich
Jean Jackson	Wayne C. Meroux
Dorothy R. Kaesar	*Charles Renwick, Jr.
Frank Karlovsky, Jr.	Earl N. Worden

*Summer of 1927

Bachelor of Science

John L. Carlson
Herman F. Kaiser

Frank Y. Leaver
James W. Rice

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Walter J. Herz

Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

Wallace A. Coltrin
James Skene
Louis V. Skinner

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Ralston L. Crew
Thomas W. Raycraft

Mr. Williams moved that degrees and diplomas as recommended by President Clark be granted. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark recommended that Miss Lewis be granted an additional leave of absence, without pay, until August 1, 1928, because of continued ill health. Judge Brown moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark presented the bill of Professor Boardman for services as University Surveyor from May to December, 1927 for \$54. Judge Brown moved that this bill be approved for payment. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
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Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

President Clark read Charles Chatfield's letter of appreciation to the Board.

President Clark mentioned to the Board the following 4 fine gifts which had come to the University since their last meeting:

1. Mr. Thomas F. Cole had signified his willingness to cover the cost of copper gutters and downspouts, Chamberlin weather stripping and the pointing-up of brick work at Lincoln Hall, the bill for these items to be sent to Mr. Cole.
2. Mr. George Wingfield has signified his intention, as soon as the weather makes it practicable, to complete the building of the retaining wall east of the Mechanical building on the Campus.
3. Mr. John G. Taylor of Lovelock has presented a fine roan Shorthorn bull to the University for the Farm.
4. Dr. Joseph B. Enos of Oakland, who wishes to remain anonymous, has given two annual \$50 scholarships to be known as the Rachel Rand Scholarships. Beginning with May of 1930 and thereafter these two scholarships shall have an annual value of \$100 each and will be funded.

Judge Talbot moved the acceptance of these gifts and that the President of the University express to the donors in writing the appreciation of the Board of Regents for the individual gifts. Mr. Wingfield waived his formal appreciation in the case of his gift. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

On the recommendation of Professor Martie, President Clark recommended that Chester Scranton be elected Instructor in Physical Education for Men at a salary of \$2400 for the probational year beginning August 1, 1928. Mr. Williams moved that the President's recommendation in the case of Chester Scranton be adopted.

Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

On the recommendation of Dean Stewart, as presented by Director Doten, President Clark recommended the election of Mr. V. E. Spencer to be Associate Professor of Soil Research in the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station at a salary of \$3300 per annum from the Purnell Fund, effective April 1, 1928. Judge Brown moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

Mr. Pratt had the bids which had been asked for by the Comptroller for the copper downspouts and gutters to Lincoln Hall. Inasmuch as it was shown by Comptroller Gorman that (1) at this season of year the indicated work could only be done in sections due to probable unsettled weather, (2) scaffolding put up for the pointing-up of the brick work could be used for installation of gutters and downspouts, (3) a man experienced in roofing had called attention to the fact that the eaves should be extended and the gutters not be placed on the top of the walls as at present and (4) the cost of this work would be less in the summer months, it was the judgment of the Board that the repair work at Lincoln Hall should be postponed until the summer and that bids should then be asked of a general contractor for this repair work.

Mr. Wingfield moved that on June 1st bids should be asked of a general contractor for the work of extending the eaves of Lincoln Hall, the installing of copper gutters and downspouts and the pointing up of the brick work and that at this time also bids should be asked for the installation of the Chamberlin weather strips. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

Mr. Pratt read a letter from C. H. Gorman in re. the surety bond of the Reno National Bank in lieu of the University bonds now in the State Treasury and stated that inasmuch as the University had this bond of the Reno National Bank, he had authorized the transfer of bonds from the State Treasury to the Reno National Bank. Therefore, he moved that the bond of the Reno National Bank be accepted and that authority be granted the State Treasurer to make the necessary transfer to the Reno National Bank of all securities which had been held for the University in the State Treasury. Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Not Voting
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

Mr. Pratt mentioned some correspondence which he had had with Attorney Albert Ayres of Reno in re. the reinstatement of Loran Pease who had been indefinitely suspended from this University. Inasmuch as Mr. Pease had evidently decided not to force the issue this semester, the correspondence was not read.

Mr. Pratt read a letter from the Intermountain Livestock Association warmly commending Mr. C. E. Fleming of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station for his work on western poisonous plants as reported by Mr. Fleming at a recent conference of this Association.

Mr. Pratt read many communications from organizations and citizens of the State in which the Regents were urged not to interfere with the present Administration of the University either by reducing the salary of President Clark or in any other way.

Judge Talbot said that he had a resolution to introduce but since the noon hour had arrived, the Board recessed until 1:30 P.M.

The Board took up its session at 1:30 P.M., all members of the Board and President Clark being present.

After a query by Mr. Williams and a complete explanatory answer by the President concerning methods of photographing women students in the University's Department of Physical Education for women, the President and Secretary were asked to withdraw and the Board went into executive session from 2 to 4 P.M., when the President and Secretary were recalled.

Regent Talbot stated it had been reported for a long time that President Clark had said that if one Regent was opposed to him he would resign and asked whether this was true. President Clark replied it was untrue, that he had never made any statement possibly to be interpreted with any such meaning. Regent Talbot stated it had been reported that President Clark had said if his salary were reduced one dollar he would quit and asked if the President had made this statement. President Clark replied that he had said he would resign if his salary were cut, under certain conditions.

Then Regent Talbot said that he personally requested President Clark's resignation. President Clark did not signify willingness to resign.

Regent Talbot presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the conduct of our President has been disloyal to this Board and unsatisfactory in different ways including:

His failure to answer the question in the letter of December 9th of our Chairman to him requesting an early reply as to whether he would accept a reduction in his salary in accordance with the will of the majority of the Regents or resign.

His publication of this letter without being authorized by the Chairman of Regents.

His "smoke screen" address before a faculty meeting criticizing, misrepresenting and attempting to subordinate the constitutional and lawful control of this Board and implying the practice of deception by the Regents.

His allowing without protest or effort for correction the spreading of false propaganda to the public through the misled Press of the State reflecting on the Regents, giving him credit for securing donations for buildings and greatly increased student attendance and things for which he is not entitled to credit, resulting in the passage of resolutions favoring him by well-meaning associations and committees which were not properly informed regarding the facts or needs of the University.

His failure, when authorized and directed by the Board to supervise the construction and alterations of buildings and improvements.

His acquiescence in and failure to discipline or suspend for drunkenness and worse student conduct in public places and his omission to notify the Board in regard thereto.

The requirement, unknown to the Regents until now, under his administration of University affairs, that women students entering the University be photographed nude.

The facing of a deficit in University funds, if needed repairs are made, was caused by following the recommendations of the President and would be larger if the Board had continued his recommendations.

If the President is retained with his present salary and allowances, aggregating about \$16,000 a year, and approximately twice as much as is paid to able Presidents by some larger Universities supported by a larger number of people and by far greater taxable wealth, the income of the University, now at the constitutional maximum under the generous act of the Legislature, will be insufficient to pay salaries, current expenses and for needed repairs and pensions as now provided.

The welfare and advancement of the University demand better discipline and higher educational standards in some Departments.

WHEREFORE, Dr. Walter E. Clark is requested to deliver to this Board or its Chairman his resignation as President of the University of Nevada effective forthwith.

Mr. Pratt - I would like to say before we vote that this resolution, whether it carries or not, will produce further discussion detrimental to the University. I believe that Dr. Clark is the only person who can solve the situation without injury to the University. I do not agree with all the things in the resolution as being of sufficient importance as to bring it to a vote. However, I do think the "smoke screen" speech of the President and the speech to the editors not calculated to produce harmony between the Regents and the University. Any further remarks? Secretary will call the roll.

Mr. Wingfield	No
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	No
Judge Brown	No
Mr. Pratt	Aye

Mr. Williams inquired the date of the next business meeting of the Board. The date is May 12, 1928.

Motion to adjourn by Judge Brown, seconded by Mr. Wingfield.

Vote:

Mr. Wingfield	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye

Adjourned.

Walter E. Pratt
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary