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REGENTS MEETING

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The Board of Regents met in the Office of President Clark at 10 o'clock Friday morning, January 31, 1930. There were present: Judge Brown, Chairman, Judge Talbot and Mr. Frank Williams. Absent: Mr. Pratt and Mr. Wingfield.

The minutes of August 31, 1929 were, on motion of Judge Brown, approved by the following vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

List No. 1, Regents Checks Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive, for the sum of \$56,285.23 and List No. 13, State Claims Nos. 149 to 163 inclusive for the sum of \$24,448.04, were approved on motion of Judge Brown, by the following vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

On the recommendation of Miss Thea C. Thompson, Librarian, President Clark recommended that Mrs. Ruth Gunter Nash be elected Assistant Librarian, the appointment to be effective August 1, 1929. Mr. Williams moved that the recommendation be approved. Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

On the recommendations of Dr. Records, President Clark recommended that Miss Martha Huber be elected Laboratory Technician in the Department of Veterinary Science, to be effective from and after December 1, 1929, understanding her salary is to remain as it has

been at \$125 per month.

On recommendation of the President and on motion of Mr. Williams, the resignation of Dr. Lawrence Wright as University Physician was accepted to be effective November 1, 1929 and Dr. A. J. Hood was elected in his stead to be University Physician for the remainder of this academic year. Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

President Clark recommended the acceptance of the resignation of Edwin J. Duerr, Instructor in English, to be effective August 1, 1930 at the close of his year, since Mr. Duerr desires to work for his Ph. D. degree in Public Speaking at Cornell University. Judge Talbot moved that the President's recommendation be approved. Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

On recommendation of Superintendent Lynch, President Clark recommended an advance in salary from \$100 to \$115 for Mrs. Maude A. Wilson, effective February 1, 1930. Mr. Williams moved adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

President Clark submitted the list of candidates for degrees and diplomas, as having completed their work at mid-year, as presented to him by the Registrar and bearing the approval of the University faculty under date January 17, 1930, as follows and recommended that it be approved by the Regents:

For the Degree of Master of Arts in History

Mary N. Wilkinson

For the Degree of Mining Engineer

Dudley D. Homer - Class of 1910

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Albert W. Alegre	Walden G. Kline
Sara Green Bell	Genevieve G. Leonard
George S. Blum	Frank A. Metcalf
Alpha Rulison Clark	Barbara F. Morse
Renee M. Duque	Helen Maloney Prendiville
Herman W. Eaton	Thomas O. Towle
Elbert B. Edwards	Helene R. Turner
Russell C. Garcia	Nell Wilkinson

For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

Frank L. Bristol

For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Ted Beach
Harold Newton
Alfred Weger

For Teacher's Diploma of Grammar Grade

Mary Belle Douglass
Leonora Gardner

For Teacher's Diploma of High School Grade

Albert W. Alegre
Gladys A. Cafferata
Frank A. Metcalf
Janet S. Pardee

Judge Talbot moved that the list be approved as submitted by the President. Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

On recommendation of President Clark, Mr. Williams moved that by unanimous action the minutes of May 11, 1929 be amended to show that John A. Fulton, Director of the Mackay School of Mines, was formally elected to be Director of the State Bureau of Mines.

Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

On the recommendation of President Clark, Mr. Williams moved that the following items from the minutes of December 30, 1922 and of February 28, 1923, respectively, be reaffirmed and that the two items be amended so as to include the words, "Who are in active service" in the first instance and the words "in active service" in the seconded instance, as follows:

President Clark recommended that this University exempt officers and enlisted men of the United States Army and Navy (add: who are in active service) or their children from the non-resident tuition fee charged by the University.

Judge Talbot made the motion. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye

On request of the United States Coast Guard, President Clark recommended that the sons and daughters of officers, warrant officers and enlisted men (add: in active service) in the Coast Guard be exempted by this University from non-resident tuition charges.

Judge Talbot made the motion. Vote:

Mrs. Hood	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye

Vote:

Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

President Clark requested authorization for Dean Hall to employ an additional full time person in the School of Education from next Fall on at a salary of not more than \$3000 per year, salary and service to be effective not earlier than August 1, 1930.

Mr. Williams moved that Dean Hall be authorized to secure a teacher for the School of Education who shall have special training and interest in Rural Education at a salary of not more than \$3000 per year to be effective not earlier than August 1, 1930.

Vote:

Judge Talbot	No - for the following reasons: It is
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talked that the Department of Education is not so overworked as some other Departments, is not over efficient and we should not afford the additional expense which, though we might carry it this year as a result of our additional State valuations, we might later have a deficiency and should not now incur this additional expense. The money is more needed for other purposes.

Judge Brown Aye
Mr. Williams Aye

Judge Brown presented the following preamble and Resolution and submitted the deed which he had prepared in conformance therewith:

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, entitled, "An Act authorizing and directing the Regents of the University of Nevada to make certain conveyances of title to certain lands situated in Elko County, Nevada", approved March 27, 1929, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada was authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver to the County of Elko, State of Nevada, a proper conveyance conveying all of the right, title and interest of the State of Nevada in and to the southwest corner of block number 13 of the City of Elko, County of Elko, State of Nevada, commencing at the northwest corner of Section 15, township 34 north, range 55 east, M. D. B. & M. in said county and State, running thence S. 23 20 W. 469.3 feet to corner No. 1, the place of beginning; thence S. 41 49 W. 1060 feet to corner No. 2; thence north 48 11 W. 900 feet to corner No. 3; thence North 41 49 E. 821.54 feet to corner No. 4; thence N. 89 31 E. 354.31 feet to corner No. 5; thence South 48 11 E. 637.94 feet to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 21.184 acres more or less;

RESOLVED, that such conveyance be made as directed by said Act, and that the same be executed in the name of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada by the Chairman of the Board, and that the Secretary of the Board affix and attest thereto the seal of the Board of Regents.

Judge Talbot moved that the Board take action in accord with the Resolution prepared by the Chairman of the Board, as heretofore authorized. Vote:

Judge Talbot Aye

Judge Brown Aye
Mr. Williams Aye

Judge Brown submitted the following preamble and Resolutions as heretofore authorized:

WHEREAS, Congress by an Act entitled, "An Act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide Colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts", approved July 2, 1861 (12 Stat. L. 503) conveyed to the State of Nevada 90,000 acres of land for the "endowment, support and maintenance of at least one College" and

WHEREAS, Congress by an Act entitled, "An Act concerning certain lands granted to the State of Nevada", approved July 4, 1886 conveyed to the State of Nevada "land equal in amount to 72 entire sections, for the establishment and maintenance of a University in said State", and

WHEREAS, Sec. 3 Article XI of the Constitution of Nevada provides that "All lands and all proceeds of lands that have been or may hereafter be granted or appropriated by the United States to this State, shall be and the same are solemnly pledged for educational purposes and shall not be transferred to any other fund for other uses", and

WHEREAS, Sec. 4 Article XI of the Constitution of Nevada provides "for the establishment of a State University which shall embrace Departments for agriculture, mechanic arts and mining to be controlled by a Board of Regents whose duty shall be prescribed by law", and

WHEREAS, Sec. 2 of Chapter 68, Stats. of Nevada 1925, An Act entitled, "An Act withdrawing from sale and Contract of Sale all lands granted to the State of Nevada by the United States ..." approved March 13, 1925, provides "that the Legislature expressly declares that nothing in this Act is intended to authorize any breach of the Contract with the general government under which said lands were originally granted and accepted", and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Nevada and the State Land Register, claiming to act by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 68, State of Nevada, 1925, referred to above, without the knowledge of consent of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and, as we believe, without due consideration for the express declaration of the Legislature contained in Section 2 of said Act, executed certain deeds, purporting

to convey from the State of Nevada to the United States along with other lands 359.49 acres belonging to the University 90,000 Acre Grant and 200 acres belonging to the University 72 Section Grant, said lands being more particularly described in Deeds Nos. 4, 7, 9 and 15, all dated March 1, 1929.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada that it is the opinion of this Board:

1. That the execution of Deeds Nos. 4, 7, 9 and 15, insofar as they purport to convey title to lands belonging to the University 90,000 Acre Grant or to the University 72 Section Grant, constitutes a breach of the contract heretofore made between the State of Nevada and the United States by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress of 1862 and the Act of Congress of 1866 donating said lands to the State of Nevada.
2. That execution of said deeds insofar as they purport to convey title to lands belonging to the University 90,000 Acre Grant or to the University 72 Section Grant is in contravention to Section 3 Article XI of the Constitution of Nevada.
3. That execution of said deeds insofar as they purport to convey title to lands belonging to the University 90,000 Acre Grant or to the University 72 Section Grant without the knowledge or consent of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is in contravention to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of Nevada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board respectfully protests against the said attempts to convey the said lands belonging to the University of Nevada, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of these Resolutions be sent to Honorable Ray Lyman Wilbur, the Secretary of the Interior, to Honorable Fred Balzar, the Governor of the State of Nevada, and to Honorable T. A. Lotz, the Surveyor General and Land Register of the State of Nevada.

Judge Talbot moved the adoption of the preamble and Resolutions as presented by the Chairman as prepared by him and Judge Talbot.

Vote:

Judge Talbot Aye

Judge Brown Aye
Mr. Williams Aye

Judge Brown submitted the following preamble and Resolution as heretofore authorized:

WHEREAS, the extension of facilities on Mackay Playing Field and in the Training Quarters, the purchase of rare Walther desert geology library and the provision of funds to prepare the research room of the Mackay School of Mines building to house this library, the reconditioning of the portrait statue of John William Mackay, the setting aside of funds for the construction of Mackay Science Hall and the confirmation in perpetuity of the \$18,000 yearly income for salaries of the staff of the Mackay School of Mines -- all the generous gifts of Mr. Clarence H. Mackay during the past year, taken together, constitute for the single year a greater advance in plant, equipment and endowment than has been made before in any 10 years in the 56 years of the University's history;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada do hereby express their very deep appreciation to Mr. Clarence H. Mackay for these added great gifts to this University during the year just ended.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr. Mackay.

Mr. Williams moved that the above preamble and Resolutions be adopted. Vote:

Judge Talbot Aye
Judge Brown Aye
Mr. Williams Aye

Judge Brown read a letter from Mr. John A. Read in re. the exchange of our Experiment Station Farm for a tract of land 13 miles from Reno on the Reno-Carson highway. After discussion it was decided to have President Clark confer with Director Doten as to whether the present Farm was entirely acceptable and to learn his views in regard to the possible sale by the Regents of the present farm and purchase of another farm and to report to the Board at a later meeting.

Judge Brown stated that inasmuch as the State Investigating Committee desired that the matter of salaries be inquired into, he had already requested the President to make a report on salaries paid the different ranks of Professors in Colleges and

Universities in the United States, said report to be presented at the Commencement or the June meeting of the Board.

Judge Brown suggested that it would be well if Mr. Pratt would close his stewardship of the Rousseau Estate and turn it over to the Board of Regents as Trustees, as provided in the Will of Mrs. Rousseau and said if the Board approved, he would write Mr. Pratt to this effect. Informal approval was given.

Adjourned.

George S. Brown
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary