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REGENTS MEETING

January 27, 1940

The Board of Regents met at 9:30 O'clock January 27, 1940 in their office at the University, Regents Ross, Brown and Williams being present. Absent: Dr. Olmsted, Mrs. Wardin.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

List No. 7, Regents Checks, Nos. 9082 to 9097 inclusive for the net sum of \$51,920.51 and List No. 19, State Claims Nos. 39211 to 39231 inclusive for the net sum of \$25,577.82 were, on motion of Mr. Ross, approved by the following vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

On motion of Mr. Ross, the minutes of the December 14, 1939 meeting were approved by the following vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

On motion of Judge Brown, the following mid-year graduates were approved for the indicated degrees and diplomas, as recommended by the University faculty and approved by the President:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts

Setliffe Hunter Bourne	Alberta Gould Nicoli
Verna Bullis	Murrell W. Nutting
Louis Capurro	La Verne Park
Leo W. Doyle	Oden Romwall
Leone Kramer	Arthur Simpson

Bachelor of Science

Elma May Smalley

Kathleen Starratt

TEACHER'S DIPLOMA OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADE

Verna Bullis

Kathleen Starratt

TEACHER'S DIPLOMA OF GRAMMER GRADE

Martha Jane Winer

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Edward Frank Kuhlan

George Edwin Wade

Frederick Alexander Maynard

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

John H. Marean

Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

Charles Martin Harris

Samuel Greeley Wilson

John Morgan Hoffman

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Earl Maurice Brooks

Julian Ward Mapes

Walter Chris Christensen

James C. Mc Donald

Vote:

Judge Brown Aye

Mr. Williams Aye

Mr. Ross Aye

President Hartman presented the letters of appreciation for the Regents' expressions of sympathy and flowers from the families of Chief Justice Taber, Judge Curler and Mr. Gebhart, Mr. Hunt's Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Tribute in Memory of Mr. Hunt, as

approved by the Executive Committee of the Board was unanimously adopted:

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF MR. S. FRANK HUNT

A westerner by adoption, Mr. S. Frank Hunt's primary interests were in the mining world, where he served for over 50 years. Although very much a self-made man, he became a master in the fields of Geology, Mineralogy and Mining.

Mr. Hunt was a practical Christian, who believed in translating divine precepts into kindly deeds and who advocated the daily reading of the Bible by the students studying under his foundation during Summer field trips. There is no doubt that he himself, through long, weary years, first as an unsuccessful prospector and later in his search for health, found solace in the reading of The Word.

Samuel Franklin Hunt was a rugged individual possessed of the sterling qualities of devotion to duty, loyalty to ideals and friends, gratitude to the State from whose wastelands he drew his fortune, kindness and generosity to those around him and an abiding faith in youth. He was at his happy best whenever he could assist some one over a bit of hard going or could do something which in after years would prove of benefit to a younger person. In his simple, unostentatious way, he lifted the burden of debt from the back of many a former friend and associate. Life finally dealt generously with him only because of his untiring industry, patient perseverance and enduring faith in the greatness of God and man.

In the passing of S. Frank Hunt on the sixth of this month (January) the University of Nevada lost an honest friend and faithful helper. We, the Regents, share in the loss of a numerous group who, through years of association, had come to know him and to learn his worth. Of him we can truly say,

"Kind hearts are more than coronets
And simple faith than Norman blood."

On motion of Mr. Williams, the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Prizes, as presented and approved by Dr. Hartman that the catalog statement concerning the Regents' Scholarship be amended by substituting for the phrase "on the basis of scholarship" (which occurs in the 2nd line of the printed statement in the catalog) the words, "whose names have appeared on the honor roll both semesters of the year in which the

award is made and who have been awarded no other scholarship of greater amount" was deferred for final decision until the next meeting.

President Hartman advised the Board that on January 15 he received word from Dr. C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, Washington, D. C., approving Tom Buckman's election as Acting Director of the Nevada Agricultural Extension Department during Dr. Creel's leave of absence, on conditions stated in Dr. Hartman's letter to him under date December 20, 1939.

Dr. Hartman read Mr. J. O. Elton's letter of December 16, 1939 to Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Carpenter's notes thereon concerning the present and prospective status of the Mountain City Copper Company. It was in the judgment of 2 of the 3 members that the University's stock in this company should be peddled at the earliest possible time and at the best possible market, understanding that but a limited amount of stock would be sold by the University at any one time, so as not adversely to affect the market.

President Hartman presented with his approval the recommendation of Commissioner Dinsmore that Wayne B. Adams and Edward L. Randall of his Department both be granted a salary increase of \$25 per month, payable from the Petroleum Products Inspection Fund, and effective February 1, 1940. Mr. Adams now receives \$275 and Mr. Randall, \$190 per month. Mr. Williams moved the advances be approved as recommended. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

President Hartman approved Dr. Creel's recommendation of September 23, 1939, which recommendation the Regents asked him to consult about with Dr. Creel and to report back to them, that Mrs. Marie Watkins be advanced in rank to Chief Clerk of Agricultural Extension and that her salary be increased from \$1860 to \$1980, payable from Federal Smith-Lever Funds, both advances to be effective from September 1, 1939. Judge Brown moved that these advances be granted to Mrs. Watkins. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman submitted with his approval, the recommendation of Professor Hill that J. Raymond Butterworth be elected Assistant in English for this semester, at a salary of \$750, payable in

6 equal monthly payments effective January 2, 1940. Mr. Butterworth earned his bachelor's degree at Syracuse University and his master's degree at the University of Southern California and has had 2 years' teaching experience. Professor Hill writes that Mr. Butterworth's "preparation, his excellent personality, his refinement and his genuine interest in the work qualify him.... for the position."

Mr. Williams moved adoption of the recommendation. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended the acceptance of an award by the Nevada Livestock Production Credit Association of Reno of two cash prizes of \$75 and \$25 respectively for the best and second best papers by students of the University's College of Agriculture on farm and livestock production credit, subject to the conditions set forth, the initial award to be available in January or February, 1941 and that announcement of the award be made in the forthcoming catalog. Judge Brown moved the acceptance of the award. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

President Hartman presented the application of Mr. Joseph W. Wilson for the position of Assistant Director of Agricultural Extension and supporting letters, stating that he had told Mr. Wilson that in the event Dr. Creel returned to the Directorship and Mr. Buckman resumed the Assistant Directorship, Mr. Wilson would be "out on a limb" and that he had advised Mr. Wilson not to press the matter at this time.

Mr. Williams stated that it had been ruled that an officer retained his lower status responsibilities during the period in which he assumed the duties of a higher office as its Acting Head. There is, then, apparently no vacancy.

Mr. Ross moved that the action of the President be confirmed. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman read Dean Stewart's report of January 22nd covering his recommendations concerning the University Farm. Judge Brown moved the report be referred to the President and the Comptroller for investigation as to costs involved and that they report their findings, with recommendations, to the Regents at a future meeting. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

President Hartman reported that he had a conference with the members of the History Department, excepting Mr. Smith who was in no wise involved, to inquire into Miss Wier's charge that there was a "whispering campaign" among the faculty on the University Campus directed against Dr. Mazour. Dr. Hartman also asked the Dean of Arts and Science to be present and to take notes. Dr. Hartman read his own and Dr. Wood's notes. The conference resulted in the clearing of Dr. Hicks from having conducted such "whispering campaign" but did not so clear Mr. Feemster, who charged the Head of his Department with having violated his confidence. Mr. Ross moved that Dr. Hartman be commended for the way in which he had conducted this investigation. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman presented printed material from the Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation of date January 4, 1940 and asked that Judge Brown might give his legal advice on their proposal. On motion of Mr. Ross, these papers were referred to Judge Brown. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman reported a 2-hour conference with Dean Hutchison of the College of Agriculture of the University of California in his office at Berkeley January 23rd. Among other things discussed and in reply to President Hartman's question, Dean Hutchison replied that Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Biology are fundamentals to most of the courses offered in the College of Agriculture at California. Dr. Hartman read to the Board the following letter which Dean Stewart had written at his request, covering his memory of their joint conference with Dean Hutchison. Much of Dean Stewart's letter duplicated President Hartman's

verbal report to the Board.

January 25, 1940

Dear Dr. Hartman:

In accord with your request I am submitting herewith a brief summary of my understanding of some of the facts which were developed at our conference with Dean C. B. Hutchison of the College of Agriculture of the University of California in Berkeley, January 23, 1940.

Dean Hutchison outlined to us in detail the organization of Agricultural work in the University of California. Dean Hutchison is Dean and Director of the College of Agriculture. He is Head of the agricultural work in the University. There is only one Department in the University, or rather, in the College, and that is the Department of Agriculture and Dean Hutchison is the Head and Professor of the Department of Agriculture. In other words, in California the College of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture are synonymous terms. The Department of Agriculture is then divided into various divisions such as Animal Husbandry, Dairy Husbandry, Agricultural Economics, Irrigation, Farm Management, etc. These are divisions of the Department of Agriculture and are not themselves Departments.

There are 4 centers of agricultural work in California, at which all 3 phases of agricultural work - resident, teaching, research and extension - are carried on. These are located at Berkeley, Davis, Riverside and Los Angeles. Each one of these centers is in the charge of an Assistant Dean who has charge of all 3 phases of the work in those centers and is responsible directly to Dean Hutchison.

The extension work is under the immediate direction of Director B. H. Crocheron who, in turn, is directly responsible to and reports to Dean Hutchison. Crocheron's title is Director of Extension.

We had a pleasant 1/2 hour conference with Director Crocheron and he was very insistent in emphasizing the fact that Dean Hutchison was his superior officer. Fortunately, also, the offices of Dean Hutchison and Director Crocheron are in the same building on the same floor and are really adjacent offices. There is a wonderful spirit of coordination and cooperation in agricultural work in the University of California. Both Director Crocheron and Dean Hutchison emphasized

the fact that there was daily conference between these two men whenever problems arose which made such a conference necessary, in fact, Director Crocheron stated that he often consulted with the Dean several times during the day on certain problems.

Director Crocheron emphasized the fact that all employees in the extension division are employed by the University Board of Regents and were paid from funds exclusively under the Regents' control. Most of the employees of the extension division were classified as extension specialists and while they had certain tenure of office, they did not have University classification as members of the faculty. Some of the earlier members of the extension division, that is, those who were employed some 15 years ago, were classified as Assistant Professors, Instructors, etc. The more recent employees are not so classed. However, all these employees are eligible for retirement under the University pension program. Director Crocheron stated that he had in his safety deposit box a letter from the University Comptroller stating that when he reached the age of 70 years, he would be eligible for a pension which might equal 2/3 of his salary received while in active service, provided it did not exceed \$4000 per year. Director Crocheron stated that he had contributed nothing to a fund to provide for this pension, but that the pension for him and many other would be paid for out of the current University budget at the time of retirement when the University would buy him an immediate annuity in a life insurance company of Crocheron's own choosing. Director Crocheron stated that all the more recent employees of the University were required to contribute 5% of their salaries for the establishment of a fund to provide for future pensions.

Dean Hutchison emphasized and reemphasized the fact that the College of Agriculture consisted of 3 essential divisions: resident teaching, experiment station or research work, and extension service. He stated that he could not conceive of a successful attempt being made to establish a College of Agriculture that was deprived of the close association with those who are interested primarily in research and extension work. He stated that some members of his staff who had special attributes for a certain type of work would devote their time exclusively to research or extension as the case might be. He stated that many members of his staff combine the research with teaching to the mutual advantage of the man doing the work, the student body and the University.

A number of years ago the work in the Riverside center was devoted exclusively to research, and resident teaching was not carried on at that place. When he first attempted to have these men at Riverside give some instruction in experimental work to students who were primarily interested in research, he had some difficulty in getting his men, who had previously devoted their time exclusively to research, to do some teaching. They resented the presence of students and objected having their research thoughts disturbed by having students lying around under foot asking annoying questions. This difficulty has been now overcome at Riverside and the men there now welcome the opportunity to do some instructional work and, as a result, they are better research men. Whenever a member of his staff has to do research and teaching, he is, of course compensated for his service from research or instructional funds on a pro rata basis.

Dean Hutchison also emphasized the fact that the flocks, herds, soil plots, etc. were available for and used by all members of the staff for research, teaching or demonstration work. He could not conceive, for example, of the necessity of maintaining a dairy herd exclusively for experimental work. It was just a matter of plain common sense and economy to use such a dairy herd owned by the University, for research, instructional purposes and extension work as the case may be. In the same manner, flocks of poultry and sheep, herds of beef cattle and agronomic soil plots served this triple use.

I was very much impressed, as a result of our conference, not only with the close coordination of the agricultural work of the University of California, but by the excellent spirit of good will, cooperation and mutual respect and confidence that prevails there.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stewart, Dean
College of Agriculture

Chairman Ross showed the Regents and the President an enlargement he had had made of a photograph of the first student body, faculty and janitor of the University, which enlarged photograph he plans to have framed and hung in their office at the University.

Unless the Chair calls an earlier meeting, the Commencement meeting on May 11th will be the next Board meeting.

Adjourned.

Silas E. Ross
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary