

## UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes January 6-7, 1917

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Meeting of the Board of Regents held at the Office of the President, January 6th, 1917, at 2:25 P.M.

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

The Board returned from executive to open session. Regent Sullivan requested that the findings of the executive session should be stated.

The Board took a recess until 2:50 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:50. Chairman Abel stated the findings of the executive session as follows: The Board of Regents in executive session took up and considered the relation of President Hendrick with the University of Nevada, and considering it best for the future welfare of the University asked that President Hendrick place his resignation before the Board.

Regent Sullivan protested, "In view of the fact that at the last meeting of the old Board of Regents, of which I was a member, a resolution was introduced by me, asking for a judicial investigation of the charges and mis-statements made during the pre-election days directed against the then Board of Regents and the President of the University, and believing that until such investigation is made that President Hendrick is not receiving a square deal, I wish to be recorded as voting No, against the finding of this executive session." With the same protest, Regent O'Brien voted No.

At the request of Regent Curler the Board took a recess of 10 minutes to allow Regents Curler, Baker and Abel to determine whether they wished to set forth in the record their reasons for asking the resignation of President Hendrick.

The Board returned from recess at 3:25 P.M. On motion by Regent Curler, duly carried, the Board again took a recess until 4:20 P.M.

At 4:20 the Board returned from recess. Regents Abel, Curler and Baker then stated their position as follows: In view of the fact that Regent Sullivan has demanded that the findings of the executive session be placed on record; requesting the resignation of A. W. Hendrick as President of the University; and in view of the further fact that his recorded opposition thereto would create the impression, if unchallenged, that the majority of the Board were acting unfairly in the matter, consisting of J. F. Abel, Edna C. Baker and B. F. Curler, desire in behalf of the future welfare of the University of Nevada and its ability to get a successor to President Hendrick big enough and broad enough to pilot the University to success; to state that they consider it wholly within the province of the Legislature to investigate any Department of the University, or the whole of it, and they will welcome such an investigation.

We desire further to state that aside from the specific charges that have for months been made against President Hendrick that on many occasions he did not keep his word and that he has exercised an unwarranted interference with the work of certain Departments, which charges the executive session and majority of the Board did not consider and upon which they make no findings for or against him, we do find that the financial condition of the University and the condition of the books in the Comptroller's office for which the preceding Board and President Hendrick and the past and present Comptroller are all responsible is deplorable; and, in view of the fact that we, as majority members of the Board, have found it impossible to get an accurate statement of the financial conditions of the University; and, in view of the fact that President Hendrick has, in our judgement, evinced such a vacillation of character as to preclude the members of the Board of Regents from imposing in him that confidence which their intimate relations, business and fiduciary, make absolutely necessary; and, in view of the further fact that the President of the University has lost the confidence of the majority of the school men and women and people generally of the State, we deem it for the best interests of the institution that his connection with the University should be severed.

Regent Sullivan presented and read President Hendrick's resignation as follows:

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Members of the Board of Regents  
University of Nevada

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your message delivered to me by Regents O'Brien and Sullivan.

Your offer to give me leave of absence until May 1, 1917, with full pay, I accept and I do hereby resign my position as President of the University of Nevada, effective May 1, 1917.

/s/ A. W. Hendrick  
President

Regent Curler moved that the resignation be accepted and that President Hendrick be granted leave of absence on full pay until May 1, 1917. Record vote was taken as follows:

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| Edna C. Baker  | Aye |
| J. J. Sullivan | No  |
| J. W. O'Brien  | No  |
| J. F. Abel     | Aye |
| B. F. Curler   | Aye |

The motion was declared to be carried.

Regent Sullivan explained that he voted No for the reason that no charges had been filed or preferred before the Board of Regents of any kind or character and therefore there was no justification for asking or accepting the resignation of President Hendrick. Regent O'Brien concurred in the explanation.

The Board then took up the matter of the election of a Comptroller. Regent O'Brien nominated Mr. Charles H. Gorman for the position at a salary of \$250 per month, his term of office to begin February 1, 1917. No other nominations were made. Record vote was taken on Mr. Gorman's election as follows:

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| Edna C. Baker  | Aye |
| J. J. Sullivan | Aye |
| J. W. O'Brien  | Aye |
| J. F. Abel     | Aye |
| B. F. Curler   | Aye |

Regent Curler moved that the Chairman of the Board make a revision of the Bylaws and present it at the next meeting for consideration. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned until 7:30 P.M., June 6, 1917.

The meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Regents Baker, O'Brien, Curler, Abel and Vice President Lewers. Absent: Regent Sullivan.

The Board discussed with Vice President Lewers University affairs and the making of the budget.

Charles H. Gorman was called before the Board and notified of his election to the position of Comptroller.

On motion the Board took a recess until February 2, 1917.