

## UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes December 22-23, 1917

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The recessed meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order at 3 o'clock by the Chairman.

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

Vice President Lewers reported that the present number of men taking drill had fallen below the number set for the retention of a R. O. T. C. Unit, being a little more than 70 men; the government was to provide uniforms wherever there was such a unit. The reduction in numbers was reported to the War Department and on the application of Major Ryan and Mr. Lewers, on account of the large percentage of withdrawals being on account of boys entering war service, the Unit was ordered retained here even though below the required number.

The matter of commutation for uniforms was discussed, the government cost being \$14; students could not provide themselves with uniforms for less than \$20, making a difference of \$6. The question of title to the uniforms under the plan of the government paying the \$6 difference was discussed. That the military work might proceed properly, the Commandant had asked for an early settlement in regard to the uniforms, the question to be decided whether the University would pay the \$6, or whether the students should pay such a deposit, or whether they should be asked to secure their own uniforms outright.

Mr. Abel asked if whether the University lost the R. O. T. C. Unit its income under the Agricultural and Mechanical Grant would be endangered in any way. Assurance was given by the Acting President that there was no danger to this fund, that we would only lose the R. O. T. C. Unit and the order of military instruction would be as it had been prior to the establishment of this R. O. T. C., when such drill by virtue of being part of the instruction required of Land Grant Colleges was required, and the students so taking it required to furnish their own uniforms. Mr. Lewers suggested that if Seniors and Juniors were required

to take military instruction, and the age limit was changed, that doubtless the number would be great enough, to retain the R. O. T. C.; he suggested that this be looked into and that some changes for the coming catalogues be considered, and it was suggested finally that the matter be left with the President, he to confer with the Commandant and submit recommendations in regard to the Military Department to the Board at the next meeting that the same might be approved for use in the next catalogue.

Major Ryan, Commandant, asked for permission to appear before the Board, and he was admitted. He stated the matter as the Vice President had, and added that it was important for the work of his Department that the men taking drill should have uniforms, and that early action was desirable. Major Ryan explained that Land Grant Colleges having less than 100 men in drill could not operate under the R. O. T. C. Unit, though this University had permission to do so for the present.

Comptroller Gorman was called before the Board and read his report to the Board dated December 21, calling particular attention to the following items:

1. The University State Tax Fund
2. The University Farm Sales Account
3. The Dairy Sales Account

The overdrafts in these two latter accounts were discussed full and in detail and the Comptroller was asked for a recommendation regarding the same, which he offered as follows: That the Board of Regents authorize the transfer of \$3002.71 from the Student Fees Reserve Fund to the University Farm Sales Account, to cover the overdraft in that account; and authorize the transfer of \$2559.48 from the Student Fees Reserve Fund be transferred to the Dairy Sales Account to cover the overdraft in that account, both as of December 21, 1917.

Dr. Sullivan took the Chair.

Regent Abel offered the following motion: I move you that there be transferred from the Student Fees Reserve Fund the amount of \$3002.71 to cover the overdraft in the Farm Sales Account and the amount of \$2559.48 to cover the overdraft in the Dairy Sales Account, as of December 21, 1917. Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye

Mrs. Baker

Absent

Mr. Abel resumed the Chair.

The matter of the policy for the Dairy and the financing of it was referred to the President.

A letter was read from the Reno National Bank advising of the deposit of bonds with the State Treasurer. The letter was ordered received and filed.

Notice was brought to the attention of the Board of the gift by Mrs. W. A. Clark, Jr., of Los Angeles, California, of a bronze of Eugene Field, and of some specimens of ore from the Butte District, both of which had been received at the University. The Secretary was instructed to draft a letter acknowledging to Mrs. Clark the gifts, which the Chairman would sign.

It was moved by Regent O'Brien that the report of the Comptroller be received and placed on file. Motion carried, all voting aye.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the President be authorized to take the necessary steps to meet the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Training bill. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Secretary was, upon motion, instructed to spread upon the minutes the following resolution on the death of Adolphus W. Wier, and to send a copy of the same to Jeanne E. Wier, Professor of History in the University.

In the death of Adolphus W. Wier, father of Jeanne Elizabeth Wier, the University of Nevada recognizes the loss of one who has given rich and ungrudging service to the cause of education and who has unselfishly served the interests of the community and the State. The Regents of the University desire to give to Miss Wier and to the other members of the family their sympathy for the loss of a devoted husband and loving father.

There being no further business, it was moved and duly carried that the Board adjourn.

J. F. Abel  
Chairman

Louise Blaney  
Secretary