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REGENTS MEETING

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The Board of Regents met in the Office of the President at 9:30 A.M. Monday, April 3rd. All members and Dr. Hartman were present. After Artemisia photograph was taken, Judge Brown withdrew for the remainder of the morning.

The minutes of the January 28th meeting were approved save that Mrs. Wardin's name should be added to the personnel of the Student Welfare Committee.

Comptroller Gorman presented his report to the Board and certain items therein were acted upon as follows:

On motion of Mr. Williams, Comptroller Gorman was authorized (1) to sign the reorganization plan of the Mackay Company and (2) to send the \$120,000 in Postal Telegraph bonds for endorsement and required by this reorganizational plan. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Williams, Chairman Ross was authorized to sign the deed to the land being sold to Mr. Prescott. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Olmsted, Comptroller Gorman was authorized to prepare a lease of the University Farm to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cassinelli at an annual rental of \$1500 and the Chairman was authorized to sign the same for the University when approved as to form. It was understood that Mr. Gorman would ask Dean Stewart to accompany him and they would have an understanding with the Cassinelli's that certain improvements in soil and plant betterments should be inaugurated at the earliest possible time and should be maintained during their tenancy of the Farm.

On motion of Dr. Olmsted, and in accord with Mr. Gorman's recommendation, Mr. Herbert Byington was authorized to run a wire fence around the lower end of the new Mackay Field and so make a corral. In return for this privilege he will clear a 2-acre

tract of weeds and will repair the line fence which is in bad condition, thereby saving the University expense.

At Mr. Gorman's suggestion Mr. Russell Mills appeared before the Board and presented his tentative plans for the new Engineering building and made certain cost estimates. A general discussion was had at the conclusion of which it was agreed that Mr. Mills should be directed to employ, at his own expense, a competent engineer who would be responsible to Mr. Mills, said engineer to advise as to heating plant, sewer and water connections, etc. It was also agreed to hold down to not more than \$5000 the cost of the Hydraulics Laboratory, details of equipping which were to be left open until competent advice could be obtained. It appeared best, in the judgment of the Board members, that the plans should include the addition of a Mechanical Engineering wing and that to make this possible, the present equipment of the Engineering offices, class rooms and laboratories should be moved into the new building, no attempt being made at this time to equip and furnish with new items this proposed building.

It is further agreed that a competent supervisor of construction should be employed from general funds to see that the building is constructed as planned and to check all plans and specifications before bids are requested. The President is to canvass the situation and nominate such supervisor to the Board at the Commencement meeting.

Mr. Mills has agreed to a 6% over-all fee for his services.

As a result of the Fire Chief's report to Mr. Gorman, Mr. Gorman was instructed to secure plans and specifications of fire escapes for Lincoln and Morrill Halls and the President is to advise Dean Mack that doors to fire escapes at Artemisia Hall are never to be locked on the inside. The Chief understands that we are working toward the perfection of his report.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the 1939 Legislature passed an Act making it the duty of the Board of Regents to require all Officers and employees of the University of Nevada whose duties as prescribed by law require such Officers or employees to approve claims against any public funds not under the control of the Board of Regents to file such claims in the Regents Office at the University of Nevada for transmittal, and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the provisions of this Act, it is necessary that the Board of Regents designate the proper Officer of the University with whom such claims shall be filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller of the University be and he is hereby designated as the proper Officer to receive such claims for transmittal, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comptroller, with the President of the University, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make such rules as are necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this Act of the Legislature.

Mrs. Wardin reported the rumor that a movement was under way to remove the Rare and Precious Metals Mines Experiment Station from our Campus to Salt Lake City. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the President should write to our Senators and Congressman, report this rumor, ask them if possible to trace it to its source and urge them to do everything in their power to see that it is kept here.

On recommendation of Dr. Hartman, it was unanimously agreed to lend to the Nevada Historical Society the old bell on the top floor of Morrill Hall in accordance with the request of Miss Wier, as presented by Dr. Hartman.

It was unanimously decided that the President should confer with Mr. Gorman and Miss Wier in regard to her offer to secure trained WPA workers to go through the old records, etc. in the vault and put them in such order that those of value may be readily accessible and those of no value destroyed.

Dr. Hartman read Jay Carpenter's letter to Judge Norcross wherein he explained his reason for not accepting the tentative appointment of adviser to the Court in pending mining litigation. The Board expressed their pleasure at this reply and asked the President to advise Professor Carpenter of their reaction.

Dr. Hartman reported that Professor Carpenter had been requisitioned by the Governor for services with the Nevada Colorado River Commission and had, in accord with permission earlier granted him, gone on leave beginning April 1st, his salary during his absence being paid by the Commission and his classes being taken over by Director Fulton.

Dr. Hartman reported for the Associated Engineers that Eldon

Ballinger of Las Vegas won the Regents' 1939 cash prize of \$25, which is payable to him one week after his enrollment next Fall as an Engineering student.

Dr. Hartman read the letter and cablegram of Mr. Katherine Mackay Hawkins expressing her thanks and sending her greetings to the Regents from Honolulu.

He also presented Mr. Dashiell's request to be permitted to appear before the Board "before final decision is reached with respect to the athletic situation."

It was unanimously agreed, on motion of Mr. Williams, to accept the recommendation of Dr. Hartman to suspend for the year 1939-40 the \$2.50 registration and the \$5 incidental fees and to include this action in the forthcoming catalog.

On motion of Mr. Ross, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of Dr. Hartman to accept the resignation of Miss Katherine Lewers as Associate Professor of Art, effective February 1, 1939. Mr. Ross further moved that, if it be possible to get her to accept it, the Board grants her a pension, effective as from September 1, 1939. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On the recommendation of Dr. Hartman, Mr. Ross moved the election of Mrs. Helen Joslin as Instructor in Art at \$100 per month from February 1 to June 1, 1939. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On recommendation of Dr. Hartman, Mr. Ross moved the election of Mrs. Helen Joslin to be Instructor in Art at \$120 per month for the 10 months beginning August 1, 1939. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	No
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On motion of Mr. Williams the Board unanimously approved the rec-

ommendation of Dr. Hartman to accept, at her request, the resignation of Mrs. Mae B. Simas, Assistant Professor of Physical Education for Women, effective August 1, 1939, with understanding that Dr. Hartman will convey to her the appreciation of the Board for the fine service she has rendered the University.

On recommendation of Dr. Hartman, Mr. Williams moved that the Board authorize the election of an additional Fellow in Chemistry at a cash stipend of \$600 for the year 1939-40. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On recommendation of Dr. Hartman, Dr. Olmsted moved that Dr. Anatole G. Mazour be re-elected Assistant Professor of History and Political Science for the University year 1939-40. Carried unanimously.

Recessed to 3 P.M. at which time Senator Lattin and Mr. Carl Shelley of the Legislative Investigating Committee are to appear before the Board.

Reconvened at 3 P.M. with Messrs. Lattin and Shelley present and, within 20 minutes, Judge Brown joined the other Regents.

Senator Lattin was asked to explain the basis on which his Committee found evidence to warrant its recommendation that "the two men placed in charge of the Physical Education Department and the Athletic Department be new persons unattached to Nevada interests." He outlined in some detail the plan of his Committee in prosecuting the investigation in its several fields and tendered to the Board the services of himself and his Committee in any way the Board might desire. Mr. Shelley also spoke with warm sincerity and seconded the Senator's proffer of assistance. Mr. Ross thanked the Committee members for appearing before the Regents and they then withdrew.

Dr. Hartman recommended the return of Alden J. Plumley to service in the Department of Economics, Business and Sociology at a salary of \$2400 per year effective August 1, 1939.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of this recommendation. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye

Dr. Olmsted Aye
Judge Brown Aye

On motion of Mrs. Wardin, Dr. Hartman's recommendation that the course in Business Law, hitherto taught by Judge Souter at a stipend of \$400 in the 2nd semester, be absorbed by the Department, as suggested by Dr. Inwood, was unanimously carried.

Dr. Hartman presented, with his approval, Dr. Inwood's request that he be permitted to secure an Instructor in Economics, Business and Sociology at \$2200 effective August 1, 1939, as both Instructors Robertson and Collins are leaving at the end of this school year, the latter to pursue graduate work looking toward the securing of the Ph. D. degree.

The Regents asked Dr. Hartman to confer with Dr. Inwood to see if the work of his Department could not be handled without this additional Instructor and to report at the May meeting.

Dr. Hartman recommended the approval of Director Doten's redistribution of part-time salaries as outlined in his letter of February 14th covering changes in payments to:

1. Mr. Gorman, Mrs. Metcalf and Miss Terry, but no change in the \$100 monthly total.
2. Dr. S. A. Lough, which reduces from \$1200 to \$750 the annual amount being paid him from Station Funds, leaving \$450 to be assumed by the University.
3. Dean Robert Stewart from \$1440 to \$600, leaving \$840 to be assumed by the University.
4. Dr. J. E. Church, which increases from \$1940 to \$3900, his Station salary, which Director Doten says "will put off for a period of two (or perhaps three) years the question of an emeritus salary" to Dr. Church.

These changes all to be effective July 1, 1939.

Judge Brown moved the adoption of the above recommendations.
Vote:

Mr. Williams Aye
Mr. Ross Aye
Mrs. Wardin Aye
Dr. Olmsted Aye
Judge Brown Aye

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Regents adopted the judgment of Major Bassett "that the University is fully responsible" for the \$5 given by Julian Mapes to Sergeant Hustis for field boots, which sum was not turned in to the Comptroller by Sergeant Hustis and authorized the Comptroller to pay this amount to Mr. Mapes.

Mrs. Wardin moved that Dr. Hartman shall receive a salary of \$550 per month as long as he remains Acting President, effective April 1, 1939. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended the re-election of Dr. Samuel D. Batdorf as Assistant Professor of Physics for the University year 1939-40 at \$2100 for the year, effective August 1, 1939. Mr. Ross moved the acceptance of the recommendation. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye

Recessed to 9 A.M. April 4th.

Reconvened at 9 A.M. April 4th, all members and Dr. Hartman being present.

Mr. Ross called the meeting to order.

Dr. Hartman presented a portfolio of prints of Virginia City, made from photographs of one of the Sutro heirs in San Francisco, which had been gotten together by Director Fulton and mounted at a cost of \$50. Dr. Hartman recommended that the Board authorize the Comptroller to reimburse Mr. Fulton for this expenditure.

Mr. Ross moved the adoption of the recommendation. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye

On motion of Mrs. Wardin, the President and Comptroller were authorized to sign a WPA project for a total amount of \$3900, of which the University share of \$657.94 is to be paid from the Mackay Fund, the project to cover the strengthening of floor joists and girders and some excavation under the Mackay School of Mines building. In this connection the President is to caution Director Fulton that he is not to make any structural changes in the building nor to enlarge his present tunnel underneath the building without proper authorization from the Administration. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye

Mrs. Wardin moved, and it was unanimously carried, that the attempt to solve the friction and dissatisfaction in the History Department be left to Dr. Hartman.

The Report of the Alumni Committee on the Athletic Situation at the University was next gone into, section by section, discussed and judgment noted. Judge Brown was delegated to draw up Resolutions for the Board covering this report.

Recessed until 3 P.M.

Reconvened at 3 P.M., all members being present.

Judge Brown read the following set of Resolutions which he had prepared:

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents had before it and carefully considered the Report of the Committee of the Alumni Association on the Athletic Situation at the University, appointed by the President of the said Alumni Association at the request of this Board,

RESOLVED, that this Board accepts and adopts the findings of said Committee that the written charge of incompetency filed by members of the 1938 football squad against Coaches Doug Dashiell and Duane Keller and against Athletic Director J. E. Martie, is without foundation in fact and the finding, in said report, that there was no justification for the action taken by the members of said football squad in making said charge of incompetency;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the personnel of the Department of Physical Education shall not participate in any manner directly or indirectly in any of the phases of major intercollegiate athletics, that all major intercollegiate athletics be withdrawn from the control and direction of the Administration Officers of the University of Nevada and that the same be placed free and clear of all present indebtedness for the University directly under the supervision and management of a Board of Athletic Control composed of 5 members: 1 Alumni representative to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, the President of the Student Body, a student member elected by the Student Body from the active membership of the Block N Society and 2 faculty members to be appointed from time to time by the President of the University; that the final authority over all phases of major intercollegiate athletics be vested in said Board of Athletic Control, which shall have full power to hire and contract for all Coaches, as well as full power to remove and determine causes for removal of all Coaches; that said Board of Athletic Control shall have full power to approve all budgets for major intercollegiate sports and to approve the scheduling of all such games, as well as the general duty of cooperating and advising with all Coaches and with a Graduate Manager who shall be appointed by the said Board of Athletic Control; that said Board of Athletic Control shall further determine the general athletic policy concerning all major intercollegiate sports, provided the same shall not be in conflict with the general policy of the University, and said Board shall also have the specific duty of prohibiting the expenditure of funds for any major intercollegiate sport in excess of the amount allowed in the budget therefor. It is further recommended that said Board of Athletic Control meet regularly at least once each month or oftener upon the call of the Chairman thereof.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be created a Director of Major Intercollegiate Athletics, who shall be Head Football Coach of the University of Nevada and that said Head Football Coach, as Director of Athletics, shall supervise the entire major intercollegiate athletic program at the University and shall have under his control the Assistant Football Coach or Coaches, and the Freshman Football Coach, the Trainer and such other incidental student assistants as the Board of Athletic Control may from time to time deem necessary. Said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics shall have full control of the coaching policy and complete charge not only of football but of all other major intercollegiate sports. He

shall recommend the Assistant Coach or Coaches and the Freshman Coach for appointment by the Board of Athletic Control; he shall arrange the schedule of all games subject to the final approval of the Board of Athletic Control and he shall make a seasonal budget for each such major intercollegiate sport, likewise subject to the approval of the Board of Athletic Control.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents recommend to said Board of Athletic Control that they employ a Graduate Manager whose duties in general shall be prescribed by said Board of Athletic Control but who shall nevertheless have the following specific duties, to-wit: the management of all business and financial matters pertaining to major intercollegiate athletics, the personal responsibility for all gate receipts from major intercollegiate games, the making of a written report to the Comptroller of the University after each game, showing receipts and disbursements pertaining thereto; the responsibility for all such athletic publicity; the responsibility for all property and equipment of the University of Nevada used for such athletic purposes; the institution and supervision of a system of student control of such athletic events by means of Student Managers for the various major intercollegiate athletic activities; the giving of general cooperation to the Board of Athletic Control and the coaching staff for the purpose of assisting in the harmonious operation of the major intercollegiate program at the University.

This Board further recommends that said Graduate Manager act as Secretary to the Board of Athletic Control for the purpose of keeping all minutes of said Board, it being understood that as Secretary of said Board of Athletic Control, said Graduate Manager shall not be a member of the same and shall have no vote therein. The Regents recognize the necessity of having some one in charge of property of the University used in the conduct of major intercollegiate athletics and are willing to pay a portion of the salary of the Graduate Manager provided that his appointment is approved by the Board of Regents or the President of the University;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents approves the recommendation of the said Committee that in so far as possible the term of employment of Athletic Coaches be increased to at least 3 years at the discretion of the Board of Athletic Control, and, in this connection, this Board recommends that said Board of Athletic Control in the employment of Coaches give favorable consideration to the present members of the coaching staff who, in the opinion of this Board, have been

subjected to unjust charges arising primarily out of the present system under which major intercollegiate athletics have been conducted at the University of Nevada;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents does not take from the Department of Physical Education the intramural sports, believing that they are a part of Physical Education and should be handled as such by the Department of Physical Education.

Mr. Ross moved the adoption of the Resolutions as read by Judge Brown. Vote:

Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Judge Brown	Aye

On motion of Mr. Ross, it was unanimously decided not publicly to define the term "major athletics".

Dr. Hartman recommended that Miss Geraldine Hardman be paid \$20 from the general funds for secretarial services to the Alumni Committee in the taking and transcribing of testimony in the preparation of their report.

Judge Brown moved the adoption of this recommendation. Carried unanimously.

On recommendation of Dr. Hartman, Judge Brown moved that the President thank the Alumni Committee for their very careful work in preparing their report, which is truly appreciated by the Regents, and that a copy of the Resolutions adopted by the Regents be sent to each member of the Committee. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Ross moved the adoption of the following Resolution introduced by Judge Brown:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents does not offer or promise any scholarships, jobs, tuition or other financial help to athletes, as such.

Carried unanimously.

On recommendation of Dr. Hartman, the Board agreed that no action should be taken earlier than the May meeting on the cases of

Dashiell and Coleman and that Mr. Martie should be put on strict probation by Dr. Hartman.

The matter of deciding on the location of the new Gymnasium was laid over until the May meeting.

It was decided that the new Engineering building be located somewhere east of the Orr Ditch and south of the Tennis Courts.

It was moved by Judge Brown, and carried unanimously, that an honorary master's degree should be conferred on Comptroller Gorman at the coming Commencement.

Adjourned with understanding that the next meeting of the Board will be held on or about May 13th.

Silas E. Ross
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary