

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes November 16-17, 1940

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REGENTS MEETING November 16, 1940

The Board of Regents met at 10 o'clock Saturday, November 16, 1940, a full Board being present. The meeting was called for the purpose of opening the bids of the new Engineering building and the bidders and their representatives were also present.

The first bid opened was that of Nielsen (N. J.) and Ebentraut (E. O.), 82 Hollywood Avenue, San Jose, California and was for \$175,600, with a first alternative of \$156,000. A cashier's check for \$10,000 was attached to the bid.

The second bid opened was that of Mr. R. Peterson, 1116 Q Street, Sacramento, and was for \$169,447 with an alternative bid of \$148,698 - cashier's check for \$8500 accompanied bid.

The third bid was that of Schuler and Mc Donald, 1719 Sixteenth Street, Oakland, for \$193,000 with alternate of \$161,500 with checks for \$7500, \$970, \$500 and \$750 accompanying the bid.

All bidders also had substitute bids covering 13 separate items, one or all of which might be omitted.

The bidders withdrew that the Regents might have opportunity to consider the bids and to analyze them with Mr. Russell Mills, architect, and Mr. George Friedhoff, superintendent of building construction.

The minutes of the September 25, 1950 meeting were, on motion of Chairman Ross, approved by the following vote:

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

The Secretary read an interesting letter she had received from Arthur W. Gay, who earned his B. S. in E. E. with the Class of

1928, and who is now President and General Manager of the Technical Casting and Manufacturing Company of Akron, Ohio, as a result of his having patented a new method of cooling air plane engines, thereby greatly increasing the speed of the plane. Two U. S. Navy inspectors and an FBI agent as guard for Mr. Gay, are on duty at this plant. So important does the U. S. government consider his method that the patent has been withdrawn from public files of the Patent Office in Washington.

Deducting from each of the 3 bids submitted certain of the 13 specified omissions resulted in the following totals for the bidders:

Nielsen and Ebentraut	\$152,112
M. R. Peterson	151,310
Schuler and Mc Donald	157,233

On motion of Mrs. Wardin, the matter of heat control, whether it should be automatic or manual, was ordered left to the decision of the architect, the Comptroller, Mr. Friedhoff and the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Vote:

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

The secretary read a letter from the President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities under date November 13 to President Hartman requesting that Director Creel's leave of absence might be extended from January 20 to August 20, 1941. Mr. Ross moved the request be granted if President Hartman is willing it should be extended to August 20, 1941. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye (Judge Brown withdrew)
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye

The bid of M. R. Peterson for \$151,310 was the lowest bid and certain of the omitted items amounting to \$7801 were ordered restored, bringing his total to \$159,111. The restored items were: (1) plaster, \$972; (5) lighting fixtures, \$1300; (6) doors, \$797; (7) tile, \$1136; (9) ducts, \$3956.

Mrs. Wardin moved that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract with Mr. Peterson, Mr. Mills having reported that inquiry revealed Mr. Peterson was an entirely reliable contractor.

Vote:

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

Authority already having been granted, Comptroller Gorman asked that the Chairman should sign a new deed which he had drawn for the land sold to Mr. Robert Prescott. This Mr. Ross did.

At the request of the Comptroller, Mrs. Wardin moved that in the absence of the President, the Board authorize their Chairman to sign WPA project State Serial Number 50035. Vote:

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

Mrs. Wardin moved that authority be granted the Comptroller to increase from \$150 to \$475 the cost of the storage house to be built in the rear of Mackay Training Quarters. Vote:

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

The Secretary read an appreciative letter from Mr. Layman to the President in which he expressed his thanks for the continuation of his pension and offered his services without additional pay if need should develop for them under the emergency defense plans of the government.

Chairman Ross said that he believed it would be desirable for the Regents to meet as a Board of Control and that he and Mr. Gorman would compile data with regard to the duties and policies of the Board of Control for submission to the Regents for their consideration at some future meeting.

Chairman Ross also suggested that perhaps their body should consider the policy of the Regents as to whether there should be appointed - perhaps some time between now and Commencement - an Assistant to the President or a Vice President.

Mr. Williams thought that Dean Stewart, as ranking Dean, might be the logical person, though Dean Thompson had been longer in service, as had Dean Mack. Mr. Gorman suggested that Dean Wood of the College of Arts and Science represented the greater number of students and would, therefore, be the more desirable person for the Vice Presidency.

Adjourned with understanding that the next meeting would be held January 30, unless it should be found desirable by the Chairman to call an earlier meeting.

Silas E. Ross
Chairman

C. M. Beckwith
by Geraldine Hardman
Secretary