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REGENTS MEETING

March 29, 1941

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ross at 10 A.M., with the following members present: Dr. Olmsted, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ross.

Also present: Joe Mc Donnell, Graduate Manager
Raymond Garamendi, Student Body President
William Beemer, Alumni Association President
Frank Mc Cullough, Editor of the Sagebrush
Allan Mc Gill, Reporter for the Reno Evening
Gazette
Robert Bennyhoff, Reporter for Nevada State
Journal
C. H. Gorman, Comptroller

Mr. Gorman asked that the Regents approve List No. 9, State Claims, 01-172 to 01-195, inclusive, for a total of \$44,902.01, and List No. 9, Regents Checks, 01-117 to 01-130, inclusive, for a total of \$51,853.12. Dr. Olmsted moved that the lists be approved.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

At this time Mr. Albert L. Mc Ginty from Carson City was given the floor. He stated that the Social Security Board would like to make arrangements whereby a University Professor could be used for research and statistical work. They would like to have Mr. Alden J. Plumley do extra work for them, 12 hours a week at \$10 for 6 hours, and during the Summer months, 6 hours a day, 5 1/2 days a week. Mr. Ross stated that it was the policy of the University to cooperate at all times with the State in matters of this sort. Mr. Ross moved that this matter be turned over to the President for final disposition in keeping with the policy of the Board.

Mr. Williams Aye
Dr. Olmsted Aye
Mr. Ross Aye

Dr. Hartman read a letter from Miss Sissa regarding the invitation sent her to attend the celebration at Commencement time.

Dr. Hartman read a note from Mrs. Pittman thanking the Regents and faculty for their gift of flowers at the funeral of Key Pittman.

Dr. Hartman asked to have established a general endowment fund for any such sums as might come in; also, a special endowment fund in case an individual should like to give money for endowment purposes under his or her name. Dr. Olmsted move that these funds be established. Passed.

Mr. Williams Aye
Dr. Olmsted Aye
Mr. Ross Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended that Mr. Stanley G. Palmer be made Acting Dean of the College of Engineering for the remainder of this semester and, if necessary, even for next year. Mr. Ross moved that this recommendation be approved. Passed.

Mr. Williams Aye
Dr. Olmsted Aye
Mr. Ross Aye

On the recommendation of Professor Charles R. Hicks, Dr. Hartman recommended that Mr. Robert Joy, who has been an Instructor in the History Department for the past year, be replaced by Dr. Philip Gerald Auchampaugh since Mr. Joy is subject to the draft. Mr. Auchampaugh is to be employed as an Assistant Professor in History with a beginning salary of \$1800 a year, to be raised in due time to the maximum for an Assistant Professor. Mr. Williams moved that this recommendation be approved.

Mr. Williams Aye
Dr. Olmsted Aye
Mr. Ross Aye

Mr. Gorman made the following report:

Legislative requests:

- a. Continue 9 cent tax for general support

- b. The additional 10% of the liquor tax to make the University's proportion 50%
- c. \$75,000 bond issue for reconstruction of heating plant
- d. \$200,000 additional bond issue for construction of Gymnasium
- e. A contribution pension plan requiring 1 cent tax levy
- f. Renewal of 2 cent permanent construction tax
- g. Increase to 2 cents from 1.7 cents tax for support of public service division
- h. The rehabilitation of the University Farm (\$38,000)

Legislative grants:

- a. Continued 9 cent tax
- b. No action taken
- c. Passed
- d. Reduced to \$100,000 and passed
- e. Died in committee
- f. No action taken
- g. Raised from 1.7 to 2 cents
- h. Bill for \$30,000 passed by Legislature but vetoed by Governor

Mr. Ross moved that a letter of appreciation be written to Mr. Morley Griswold for service rendered on pension bill. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Beemer, President of the Alumni Association, made the suggestion that the citizens of the State be enlightened as to the facts concerning the pension plan so that they won't think it is just for the benefit of the University staff and not for the good of the State. Mr. Ross suggested that an information bureau would be the solution to the problem of unjust criticism because of lack of accurate knowledge about the University.

In the absence of the other members of the Board Mr. Ross had asked Mr. Gorman to prepare an answer to the legislative investigating committee's report on the University (1941 Session) to show that they may have been mistaken in some of their charges. This report was based entirely upon the records in the Board of Regents' files, both in the President's and the Comptroller's offices. Mr. Gorman read the report. It was the consensus that release of this report would only serve to antagonize the Legislators concerned. Mr. Williams moved that Mr. Gorman's report be accepted and kept on file with the provision that the section

in the first paragraph on page 4 beginning "Further ..." to " errors." be struck. Motion passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported that the Fire Chief of Reno has recommended that an 8-inch water main be run from Evans Avenue to the new Engineering building to provide adequate fire protection for the Veterinary Control building and the new Engineering building. The pipe, lead valves, fire hydrant, etc., for this water line will cost approximately \$1892. Piping for irrigating slope back of new stone wall along 9th Street and Evans Avenue would cost approximately \$500. Labor is covered in a WPA project. Mr. Ross, as Chairman of the Buildings and Ground Committee, reported that he was satisfied that these improvements were necessary and proper. Mr. Williams moved that these projects be approved at a cost not to exceed \$2500. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported that with regard to the steps from the Campus to the new Engineering building, the WPA is short of skilled labor necessary for this project. He recommended that the Chairman of the Buildings and Ground Committee and the President be authorized to secure bids and let this job to private contractors. Dr. Olmsted moved that Mr. Gorman's recommendation be approved. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

At 12:00 Mr. Williams moved that the meeting recess until 1:15. Meeting recessed, reconvened at 1:15.

At this time the report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for 1940-41 was made as follows: (Due to lack of expected funds the report on immediate needs for improvement will be made by the President in May)

MANZANITA HALL

Papered 7 rooms
Calsomined 9 rooms and 2 hallways

DINING HALL

- Painted kitchen and stairway
- Painted basement and four rooms
- Painted roof

ARTEMISIA HALL

- Washed and calsomined 17 rooms
- Painted front porch - 2 rooms

LINCOLN HALL

- Papered all or part of 28 rooms
- Painted 2 shower rooms - 2 coats
- Painted 38 room floors - 2 coats
- Calsomined 3 hallways
- Plastered part of rooms
- Patched plaster in many places throughout building

HOSPITAL

- Painted and calsomined 6 rooms
- Painted front porch
- Installed new sink
- Installed new wiring (conduit) in basement
- Installed new cupboards

BUREAU OF MINES

- Installed 3 new sinks and piping

MINING BUILDING

- Installed 2 new sinks and some new wiring

GREENHOUSE

- Painted greenhouse inside - 2 coats
- Painted all benches
- Reglassed greenhouses

MORRILL HALL

- Installed restrooms for women
- Installed storeroom
- Painted post office floor and stairway

Renovated and repaired rooms in basement

STEWART HALL

Remodeled ladies' restroom
Painted and calsofined 8 class rooms
Washed and calsofined hallway
Plastered 2 rooms
Painted and washed all walls in armory
Installed new flooring in armory
Installed new wiring in armory

ENGLISH HALL

Installed new floor in hallway
Painted and calsofined 6 class rooms
Changed electric fixtures
Fixed roof

LIBRARY

Washed and painted both reading rooms

AGRICULTURE BUILDING

Installed new flooring in hallways and offices
Installed new laboratory in Professor Lehenbauer's Department
Installed 14 new electric fixtures - also new switches
Installed new linoleum in offices of Professor Wilson and
Dean Stewart

EXTENSION BUILDING

Installed all new wiring in basement
Installed new dark room

EDUCATION BUILDING

Wired and installed 9 electric fixtures
Installed new flooring in auditorium
Painted stage floor
Installed new storeroom
Plastered and painted 2 classrooms
Moved blackboards from 2nd to 1st floor
Installed shelves in 3 offices
Installed new linoleum in office
Waterproofed 50 feet of outside wall on west side

GROUNDS

Installed retaining wall and grading from Lake Street to
Evans Avenue
Grading, leveling and hauling sand on dirt roads
Detoured sewer to new Engineering building - also installed
2 new manholes
Installed new sewer for new Gymnasium and Hatch Station and
Installed one manhole
Installed new steps on south side of Morrill Hall
Installed new 6" water main and fire plug and water system
in Clark Field
Installed fire hydrant near Training Quarters
Built new bridge and steps to Clark Field
Built new sidewalk to Training Quarters
Recinded, filled and leveled the track
Installed new cement band platform
Installed new sidewalk to track
Filled and lengthened 220 track 30 feet
Installed new 2" x 6" side board for track
Put in new lawn and installed water line between bleachers
and track for same
Installed new broadcasting and news booth. Painted it and
Installed electric wiring
Installed pipe railing on new steps and retaining wall
Painted President's house - 2 coats
Remodeled interior of President's house
Installed 4 new street lights
Installed approximately 350 feet of curb and gutter in front
of Morrill Hall and widened road
Installed 2 catch basins - one on Mackay Field and one in
front of Morrill Hall
Installed new sewer line from President's house to Orr Ditch
Rewired in conduit all of Pure Food and Drug Department
Leveled ground and put in new lawn in front of Morrill Hall
and planted shrubbery along north bank of Orr Ditch

The A. S. U. N. in cooperation with the WPA installed a wire
fence around the football field.

The Class of 1940 donated two electric standards on Lake Street
entrance.

The Orr Ditch in front of Morrill Hall between main entrance
bridge and the Lake Street entrance was flumed. This was made
possible by the gift of Mr. George Wingfield, who made a cash
donation to cover the University's proportion of this WPA proj-
ect.

The retaining wall on the Orr Ditch east of the Electric building was also a WPA project. The University's share of the cost of this project was also covered by a cash gift from Mr. Wingfield.

PROJECTS IN COURSE

OLD GYMNASIUM

It is proposed to turn the old Gymnasium over to the ROTC Unit as soon as the new Gymnasium is completed. In order that there might be no delay in providing the ROTC in the old Gymnasium, a WPA project (declared a defense measure by the U. S. authorities) was approved in January 1941.

This provides for:

1. The excavation of the basement to provide a rifle range and locker storage room
2. Rearrangement of offices on the first floor for the Army Officers in charge of the ROTC Unit
3. Providing storage for military property and equipment

Excavation of the basement was started early in January and is nearing completion now. The other changes in the building will be started as soon as practicable.

BRIDGE OVER ORR DITCH ON MAIN ENTRANCE

A WPA project to widen the bridge over the Orr Ditch on the main entrance was approved in 1940 and work on this project has been delayed on account of weather conditions. This project should be completed by May 1, 1941.

CLARK FIELD

Clark Field will be seeded this Spring. When Clark Field is completed and in lawn, provision will have to be made for storage of hose, mowing machine, tools, etc. A WPA project providing for the erection of a building consisting of a storage room, a small repair shop and rest room facilities, was approved in the Summer of 1940. Construction of this building will be started within a week.

MACKAY TRAINING QUARTERS

A rubble stone retaining wall is being constructed in the ditch back of the Mackay Training Quarters. This wall extends from the north line of the athletic field, south to

the Orr Ditch. This is an improvement that will protect the Mackay Training Quarters from flood waters and its construction has been contemplated for years.

Other WPA projects providing for general improvements on the Campus have been submitted but to date have not been approved in Washington. The more important items in the project are:

- Painting the outside of buildings on the Campus
- Construction of transformer house
- Manual labor on reconstruction of heating plant
- Construction of fences, ditches, farm buildings, etc., on the University Farm

In order to enable the State to take advantage of WPA cooperation and relying on the promise of the former Legislatures that the University would receive the extra 10% liquor tax, the Regents authorized an overexpenditure of approximately \$18,000 to get the foregoing necessary improvements done. How far the Regents can cooperate with the WPA in the future depends upon how closely the University budget can be trimmed, keeping in mind as has always been done in the past that the needs of the Educational Departments of the University take preference.

Mr. Gorman presented the following report as Comptroller for the period ending March 31, 1941:

Financial

INCOME

Balance in fees and tuition	\$ 25,000.00	
Balance State Tax		
Balance Liquor Tax	17,317.45	\$ 42,317.45

INCOME

State Tax March (estimate)	38,000.00	
Liquor Tax April, May, June (estimate)	18,000.00	
		\$ 98,317.45

EXPENDITURES

4 payments @ \$18,000	72,000.00	
4 months' expense	24,000.00	
WPA projects	5,000.00	
Bridge & steps to new Engineer. bldg.	5,000.00	
Widening bridge at main entrance	1,000.00	
New water line to Engineering bldg.	1,892.00	
Irrigating system for front lawn back of new wall	500.00	\$109,392.00

Overdraft June 30, 1941

\$ 11,074.55

Dr. Olmsted moved that the President be authorized to enter into negotiations with the heating engineer for plans and specifications for the heating plant to be completed at the earliest possible moment so that bids can be advertised for, and when plans and specifications are accepted, the Chairman of the Board, the President and the Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Ross read a letter from the firm of De Longchamps and O'Brien indicating that \$12,000 was due their firm for the first set of plans and specifications for the Gymnasium, of which \$7,000 has been paid. Their firm is willing to accept less than the \$5,000 due since a new set of plans and specifications must be drawn for a building within the \$300,000 available. Their fee will be 6% of the total cost and specifications. New plans and specifications are to be ready by June 1 if authorized to go ahead. Rough draft of new plans indicates a building 125 x 175 feet, either solid brick or concrete with brick veneer.

Mr. Mc Donnell suggested that the wood for the Gymnasium floor be brought here and weathered before being laid so that it will not warp as the present Gymnasium floor has done. He also suggested that an electrically operated partition be planned for the Gymnasium floor so that more than one class could use the floor at the same time. The Board accepted Mr. Mc Donnell's offer to secure information on the cost and installation of such a partition.

Dr. Olmsted recommended that \$3000 be paid the architect in lieu of the \$5000 theoretically due and that the President, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Board adjudicate the matter if any sum less than \$3000 is paid. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Olmsted moved that Mr. Engle, the structural engineer, be communicated with and asked to confer immediately with the architect, the President, etc. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Williams moved that the firm of De Longchamps and O'Brien be instructed to proceed with revised or new plans and specifications for a Gymnasium, the cost to be \$260,000 or less, and with the provision that said plans and specifications be guaranteed to be finished by June 1 and that it be left to the President, the architect and Mr. Engle whether the new or revised set of plans be used. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

With regard to the University Farm Mr. Williams recommended that in the event the bill apportioning \$30,000 for said Farm is signed by the Governor, Dean Stewart be requested to submit an amended policy concerning the Farm, cutting his estimates from \$38,000 to \$30,000. The President is empowered to approve, amend or reject the policy without further action of the Board. In case the bill is not signed, the President is authorized to lease the Farm to people who are satisfactory according to the President and the Dean of the College of Agriculture, since the present authorization extends only to April 1, 1941. This new authorization is to extend to April 1, 1943. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

At this time the Regents discussed the editorial in a recent issue of the Sagebrush recommending the appointment of a Vice President who would also have charge of public relations and establishment of a Council of students and faculty as a clearing house to eliminate friction and disseminate favorable publicity on the University. Mr. Ross recommended that the alumni group, the student body President on behalf of the student body, a representative of the Faculty Public Relations Committee, and the President each work out a plan along these lines and submit said plans to the Regents. Passed.

Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Ross read a letter from Grant H. Smith informing the Regents

that 1/5 of the estate of the widow of Governor J. W. Adams has been willed to the University of Nevada for a scholarship fund. The estate will amount to a little over \$200,000 and distribution may be made in October of this year. The estate will be administered by the Bank of California. A photostatic copy of the Will was enclosed with the letter. The President was empowered to accept the gift when it comes. Mr. Ross recommended that the President acknowledge receipt of the Will to Mr. Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. with the understanding that the next meeting will be held Friday, May 9, at 2:00 P.M.