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January 16, 1900

The Board of Regents met at the Office of the Board on Tuesday,
January 16, 1900 at 10:00 A.M., a full Board being present.

Minutes of meeting held January 4, 1900 read and approved.

The following resolution offered by Regent Starrett and seconded
by Regent Deal was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Regents of the State
University of the State of Nevada, held on January 4th,
1900, Dr. J. E. Stubbs, President of the University, in-
formed the Board that he had been appointed by the Governor
of the State of Nevada as representative to attend the
National Stock Growers' Association, now in session at

Fort Worth, Texas, and

WHEREAS, the President at the same time informed the Board that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, of which he is the President, had been called to meet at the City of Washington on the 8th day of February, 1900, and

WHEREAS, the President informed the Board that the National Educational Association, of which he is a member, and at which meeting matters of the greatest importance to the State University would be discussed and settled, would meet at the City of Chicago about January 24, 1900, and

WHEREAS, the President requested the Board of Regents to grant him leave of absence for the purpose of attending such meetings, and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Regents it would be beneficial to the State University and to the State of Nevada that the President should attend such meetings, and

WHEREAS, important business connected with and essential to

the best interests of the State University made it necessary that the President should have leave of absence to attend to such business, the Board granted the President leave of absence for sufficient time to attend such meetings and to attend to the business of the University intrusted to the President, and

WHEREAS, it was necessary that one of the Professors of the State University, having not only executive ability to perform such duties, but upon whom the Regents could depend to be present at and attend to the duties of President, should be appointed by the Board of Regents to act as President of the State University in the absence of the President and perform his duties, and

WHEREAS, Professor Henry Thurtell was by the Board of Regents appointed to act in the President's place during his absence, and

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Board the President of the University was directed to inform Professor R. D. Jackson, Professor of Mining and Metallurgy, that the Board of Regents were anxious that he should continue to act as such Professor, but upon the express condition that he would

personally attend to the duties of his position, which he had not done either in the year 1897 or 1898 by reason of leaves of absence granted him by the Board at his request, to attend to his private business, and by reason of the leave of absence for the whole of the Fall term of 1899, obtained by him from the President without the knowledge and against the will of the Board of Regents, after the Board of Regents had refused him such leave of absence, and

WHEREAS, Professor Jackson felt slighted at the selection of Professor Thurtell as Acting President instead of himself, and by reason thereof, as reported to the Board by the President, Professor Jackson sent in his resignation as Professor in the following communication:

Reno, Nevada, January 10, 1900

President J. E. Stubbs,

Dear Sir:

I regret to inform you that recent action taken by the Board of Regents render it impossible for me to remain longer as a member of your faculty. I therefore hereby resign my posi-

tion as Professor of Mining and Metallurgy.

With best wishes for the success of the University in all of
its Departments,

I am, Yours truly,

R. D. Jackson

and WHEREAS, the President accepted such resignation, sub-
ject to the approval of the Board of Regents,

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that Professor Jackson's resig-
nation be and the same is hereby accepted.

and WHEREAS, on the 13th day of January, 1900, Professor
J. Warne Phillips caused to be published in the Nevada State
Journal, a newspaper published in Reno where the State Uni-
versity is situated, the following communication:

Reno, Nevada, January 13, 1900

Professor Henry Thurtell,

Acting President of the University

My Dear Sir:

I learn from the University bulletin that our honored and esteemed associate, Professor R. D. Jackson, has resigned the Professorship of Mining and Metallurgy in the University, which, it is intimated, has been forced from him.

Officially, as a member of the faculty, I know nothing of it. The faculty has not been convened to inaugurate the work of the term. No statement has been made and no opportunity has been given us to express the deep regret we feel on account of his departure.

I regret that I am impelled to say that I cannot meet my students to give them instruction until the faculty receives a statement from the President or the Board of Regents vindicating their recent action taken in regard to Professor Jackson and removing the cloud under which he is leaving us.

I desire you in your official capacity to have my classes taken care of, that my students may not suffer from my action.

Respectfully yours,

J. Warne Phillips

and WHEREAS, this communication was published not only in the absence of the President of the University but in the absence of Professor Thurtell, the latter of whom was absent from the State upon business of the University made necessary by the resignation of Professor Jackson, and

WHEREAS, Professor Phillips knew or could have known the reason of the action of the Board of Regents above set forth from the President of the University, the President of the Board or from Professor Jackson himself, and

WHEREAS, Professor Phillips has not performed or offered to perform any of the duties of his position since the commencement of the present term of the University, and has neither made nor offered any explanation of his conduct to the Board of Regents or any member thereof, except such as was obtained from the Nevada State Journal,

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that Professor J. Warne Phillips be and he is hereby removed from his position, and that the

Secretary of the Board inform Professor Phillips in writing
of the action of the Board.

Be it RESOLVED further, that the Acting President be and he
is hereby requested to nominate some competent person to act
as Professor of the State University in place of Professor
Phillips.

RESOLVED further, that if any other vacancies occur in any
of the Chairs of the University that the Acting President
be and he is hereby authorized, after consultation with the
President of the Board, to fill such vacancies until the
Board of Regents can meet.

Acting President, Henry Thurtell placed in nomination J. E. Ross
for Assistant Professor of Mathematics at an annual salary of
Twelve Hundred dollars to be paid in equal monthly payments com-
mencing from January 15, 1900.

On motion, the above nomination was duly confirmed.

Acting President, Henry Thurtell placed in nomination Dr. D. G.
Lauderback for Professor of Chemistry and Physics.

On motion of Regent Deal, said nomination was confirmed and Dr. Lauderback was appointed Professor of Chemistry and Physics at a salary of Eighteen Hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly payments commencing from January 20, 1900.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

J. N. Evans

President

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary