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May 1, 1908

The Board of Regents met at 10 o'clock A.M., Friday, May 1, 1908, at their office in Morrill Hall, all members of the Board and the President of the University being present.

President Stubbs read his report, which was ordered recorded in the Regents minutes as follows:

May 1, 1908

To the Members of the
Board of Regents,
University of Nevada,
Reno, Nevada

Gentlemen:

The Mackay Mining building and the quadrangle will be almost completed by the 15th of May. The equipment furnished by the Library Bureau will probably be here by the 20th to the 25th of May. The statue was shipped from New York on the 23rd of April and as soon as it comes it will be put in place just in time for the unveiling on June 10th.

On Tuesday, April 28th, there was a strike of all the men on the Mackay Mining building and the bricklayers upon the quadrangle. It seems that the Union men agreed to work with the non-Union plumbers who were putting in the pipes on the quadrangle four days and no longer, this being considered ample time to put in the pipes. These plumbers were not quite through on Tuesday morning and went to work upon the quadrangle. The Union men, thinking there was in this a movement to compel the Union and the non-Union men to work together, struck. On Tuesday evening I met the Executive Committee of the Building and Trades Section of the Central Trades and Labor Council, and asked them to permit their men to go to work and finish the Mackay building and the work upon the quadrangle, stating my reasons therefor. I was gratified on Wednesday morning to find that they had come back to work, and they will finish the Mackay building and the quadrangle, provided we allow no non-Union men on the contract work as long as the Union men are at work. This, of course, I agreed to.

I beg leave to submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption by the Board:

RESOLVED, that on and after the first of May each year, no changes will be made in the faculty of this University except by the concurrent consent of both parties, the President and Regents of the University, and the Instructor.

The object of his resolution is to prevent any resignation of any member of the faculty of this University after May first of each year, except by consent of both parties. The President should not be subjected to the necessity of hunting for a Professor in the Department for the ensuing year after the first of May, unless the President and the Profes-

or are agreed about making the change.

In a letter from Mr. Mackay, under date of April 13th, he expresses himself as follows:

I have your letter of the 6th, and I note that you state that the total amount appropriated by the Legislature for furnishing and equipping the Mackay building will not exceed the sum of \$11,208. As you are aware, it has been my mother's and my intention to build and equip the School of Mines -- as well as laying out the grounds according to my letter of March 16th -- and on completion to turn everything over free of cost to the University. Over and above this I have agreed, according to my letter of May 13th, 1907, to donate the yearly sum of \$6,000 for a period of five years, on completion of the building, which sum you assured me would be the means of establishing a thoroughly efficient and competent staff.

In view of the wish that we have expressed, I am writing to say that my mother and I will be willing to assume this item of \$11,208, which was to be applied for the furnishing and equipping of the Mackay building, provided that it meets with the approval of the University authorities and the members of the Legislature. Will you please advise me of the decision that has been reached regarding this matter?

This generous offer on the part of Mr. Mackay and his mother will be appreciated and accepted, no doubt, by the Regents and the Legislature. I think it will be well for the Regents to make some acknowledgment in a letter to Mr. Mackay, or to make it when Mr. Mackay comes to the University at Commencement time. I would suggest that the Regents ask the Legislature at its session in 1909 to appropriate this sum of \$11,208 for the continuance of

the improvements of the grounds, so that this additional gift of Mr. Mackay and his mother is devoted to the same splendid purpose.

I have thought it would be a good plan if the University could obtain the use of a good tent that would seat at least two thousand people for the Commencement Exercises; to place the tent upon the Campus just north of the Chemistry building so that it will face the Mackay Mining building and the Mackay statue. I will know in the course of a week or two whether we can accomplish this.

The following program of addresses is suggested for Commencement Exercises:

On Wednesday morning we will have the Commencement address by Colonel George Harvey; following this we will have no scholarship address, but simply the giving of the scholarships by some member of the Board of Regents; then the address by Mr. Mackay dedicating the Mackay Mining building and unveiling the statue; have the statue accepted in a brief speech by the Governor of the State, or his representative; and have it then accepted by the Chairman of the Board of Regents for the University; have the Mackay Mining building accepted in a few words by each member of this Board, followed by an address ten minutes in length by the Head of the Mining School; this to be followed by a ten-minute address by Judge Norcross for the Alumni. Perhaps we ought to invite Mr. Sam Davis to say a few words, especially in acceptance of the statue, for in the beginning he did a great deal toward securing the statue for the State. I will see what Mr. Mackay says in respect to this part of the program. At the conclusion of these Exercises and after ad-

journalment, the members of the faculty are talking about giving a banquet to Mr. Mackay and his party in the University Dining Hall and to the Alumni, the Regents and the mining men of the State. The only question will be to keep the number within proper limits.

On April 11th, 1908, I received a confidential letter (in common with the other Presidents of State Universities) from Charles R. Van Heise, President of the National Association of State Universities. This letter called attention to the points brought out at our meeting in Chicago on the 23rd of January. In this letter President Van Heise said that after some correspondence between President Pritchett and himself they arranged a compromise plan by which the State Universities would be recognized for a period of ten years, it being the expectation that the States themselves would provide funds after that time.

When the tentative plan was submitted to Mr. Carnegie, it was not satisfactory; that is, he desired if the State Universities were recognized by the Foundation that this be done permanently. President Pritchett explained to Mr. Carnegie that the funds of the Foundation were not adequate to do this. The result was that Mr. Carnegie agreed to add sufficiently to the funds of the Foundation to include the State Universities permanently.

Under date of April 16th, 1908, I have a letter from President Van Heise signed by Henry S. Pritchett, which says:

Dear President Van Heise,

A meeting of the Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has been called for the seventh of May. At this meeting Mr. Carnegie's proposal will be definitely accepted and immediately thereafter the conditions

upon which the State Universities may apply to the Carnegie Foundation will be announced. These conditions will include compliance with the same academic standards as in the case of other Institutions. Further than this it will be necessary simply for State Institutions to apply in accordance with the terms of Mr. Carnegie's letter of gift through the Governing Boards. They will be the Regents of this University. The application is to be approved by the Governor and the Legislature. If the Legislature is not sitting, the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Foundation will be authorized to place on the retiring list such Professors as may be recommended from Institutions which are otherwise eligible and in which the application is approved by the Governor.

We have already learned from the public Press that Mr. Carnegie has given five million dollars to the Carnegie Foundation for the benefit of the State Universities. I have made acknowledgment of Mr. Carnegie's wise, generous gift both to Mr. Carnegie and to Mr. H. S. Pritchett.

Besides other benefits this Foundation provides retiring allowances for Professors in State Universities who have reached the age of sixty-five years. It also provides retiring allowances for those who have served in a University capacity for a period of twenty-five years. I will lay before the Board further communication on this subject from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Stubbs

President

Upon motion of Regent Lewers, seconded by Regent Henderson, the

offer of Mr. Clarence H. Mackay in a letter to President Stubbs to donate funds to furnish and equip the Mackay Mining building be accepted, and the President of the University was requested, on behalf of the Regents, to acknowledge in befitting terms, this most munificent gift.

Minutes of meeting held April 3rd were read, and upon motion approved.

Claims were allowed from the several funds as follows:

Contingent Fund and Interest Account

Reno Evening Gazette	\$ 17.00
Nevada Transfer Co.	44.88
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	3.65
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	2.62
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	52.57
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	225.00
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	2.60
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	32.00
The Baker & Taylor Co.	12.25
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.	4.20
University of Chicago Press	5.00
H. S. Crocker Co.	6.00
J. E. Souchereau	6.45
C. B. Henderson	68.90
First National Bank, Elko	100.00
Bennett's Magazine Agency	11.95
Reno Power Light & Water Co.	75.00
Payroll for April	2383.36
Student Payroll for April	223.95
Total	\$3277.38

Cement walks

W. H. Blalock \$ 235.00

A & M College - Morrill Fund

Porteous Decorating Co.	\$.85
Gray, Reid Wright Co.	5.25
California Electrical Works	12.78
C. W. Marwedel	2.56
The Frasso Co.	12.75
A. E. Hackett	3.25
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	20.73
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	3.30
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	1.56
Reno Mercantile Co.	4.70
Spencer Lens Co.	5.72
Boston Cooking School Magazine	1.00
Payroll for April	2479.51
Total	\$2553.96

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned, to meet
Tuesday, June 9th, 1908.

Oscar J. Smith

Chairman

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary