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The meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:45 A.M., April 9, 1917.

Present: Regents Curler, Sullivan, O'Brien, Baker, Abel and Acting President Lewers.

Regent Curler took the Chair.

It was moved by Mr. Abel that a committee consisting of Vice President Lewers and Regents Baker and O'Brien be appointed to prepare a resolution offering the services of the University to the President of the United States in the coming war. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Abel that a committee be appointed to draft a letter to Mr. Clarence H. Mackay relative to the welfare of the University and to take up with him the matter of the Agricultural building and the appointment of the architect. The motion was carried.

Regents Sullivan and Curler were appointed on this committee.

It was moved by Mr. Abel that a committee be appointed to take up with the Secretary of the Board, Mr. George H. Taylor, the matter of a definite arrangement regarding the Secretaryship of the Board. The motion was carried.

Regents Sullivan and Abel were appointed on this committee.

Acting President Lewers read a night letter from President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, dated April 8, 1917, calling a conference of representatives of the Land Grant Colleges of the western states to meet in Berkeley on Friday, April 13.

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan that the Chairman of the Board, Acting President Lewers, Director Doten, Dean Knight and Director

Norcross be granted permission to attend this conference and that their expenses be paid by the State. Record vote being taken was as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye

Mr. Stanley G. Flawn appeared before the Board as an applicant for the position of architect for the Agricultural building.

Messrs. Ellery and Sexton appeared before the Board in the interest of the application of Mr. Lewis for the position of architect.

Acting President Lewers presented his recommendations regarding the Mining School at Goldfield and Ely. The Chairman read the letter of Dr. F. C. Lincoln dated April 3, 1917 regarding these same schools. It was moved by Dr. Sullivan that the recommendation of Acting President Lewers that Mr. E. R. Bennett be retained as Principal of the Tonopah School of Mines, that Mr. V. E. Henderson be appointed Principal of the Ely School of Mines at a salary of \$2400 per year, that Gustav E. Hofmann be appointed Principal of the Goldfield School of Mines at a salary of \$2400 per year, and that the schools at Goldfield and Ely be under the supervision of the Director of the Mackay School of Mines, be approved. Record vote being taken was as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye

It was moved by Mr. Curler that Dr. Lincoln be authorized and directed to make a trip to Ely and to Goldfield to establish this School of Mines in each of these places, that the schools be established not later than June 1, 1917, and that Mr. Lincoln's actual expenses be paid by the State. Vote being taken was as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye

A letter from Mr. D. W. Smith, Principal of the Virginia City School of Mines was referred to Dr. Lincoln.

Recess was declared until 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 o'clock, April 9, 1917.

Present: Regents Baker, O'Brien, Curler, Abel and Acting President Lewers. Absent: Dr. Sullivan. (He arrived about a half hour after the meeting was called to order.)

It was moved by Regent Curler that the Board of Regents authorize and direct the President to make a distribution of the furniture and exhibits donated to the University by the Panama Pacific Board, and after distribution to report the same to the Board of Regents for approval. The motion was carried.

The resignation of Dr. John C. Watson, Dean of the College of Arts and Science and Professor of Greek Language and Literature, dated April 5, 1917, was presented to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Curler that the resignation be accepted for the reasons set forth therein and in accordance with the terms thereof. The motion was carried, all voting aye.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the recommendation of Acting President Lewers that J. A. Nyswander be made Assistant Professor of Mathematics at a salary of \$1800, beginning July 1, 1917; that Instructor S. G. Palmer be made Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at a salary of \$1800, beginning July 1, 1917; that A. E. Hill be made Professor of English at a salary of \$2300, beginning July 1, 1917; that Associate Professor J. R. Young be made Professor of Education at a salary of \$2400, beginning July 1, 1917, be approved. Record vote being taken as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye

Director S. B. Doten and Dr. J. E. Church appeared before the Board in support of Dr. Church's request that he might be allowed \$1800 for the completion of the Mt. Rose Meteorological work. After discussion the Board advised Dr. Church that the matter would be given further consideration, later.

A letter from Mr. C. C. Emerson of Yerington, Nevada dated April 5, 1917 in regard to Mr. Oxley was read to the Board. A telegram from Mr. E. E. Oxley to Director Norcross, dated April 6, 1917, was also read. Director C. A. Norcross appeared before the Board and gave his opinion with regard to Mr. Oxley.

Mr. Norcross also explained the reason for the bill of \$25 in favor of the Twentieth Century Club for the rent of their hall during Farmers' week.

Captain Mc Clure and Mr. Wylie appeared before the Board in regard to the policy to be adopted by the University for those students who enlisted and who were to graduate this year.

Mr. Curler offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears that certain members of the faculty and persons employed in the University of Nevada may feel it their duty to enlist in the service of the United States government either in the Army or the Navy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in any such cases of enlistment the persons enlisting shall be granted leaves of absence from the University without pay for the terms of their enlistment or service.

Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Emerson that the Board believed that Mr. Emerson was mistaken in his ideas of Mr. Oxley's sentiments and that as evidence the Board enclosed a copy of a telegram received from him which explained itself (see File 2 No. 9).

Acting President Lewers offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States may need the services of students of the University before the close of this semester,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents declares the policy to be that such students be graduated if members of the Senior Class carrying sufficient hours and having passing grades at the time of enlistment, and if members of the lower classes having passing grades, they be given credit for the semester's work.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Curler offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears that heretofore certain meetings in direct control of the University have been held in halls or club rooms in the City of Reno, and

WHEREAS, it is the view of the Board of Regents that all such meetings should in the future be conducted on the Campus of the University,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will not hereafter sanction the holding of any meetings for which the University is sponsor in any place other than upon the University Campus and will not hereafter appropriate money for or pay any bills for any such purpose unless previously sanctioned by the Board of Regents.

Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Abel inquired as to the custom of giving a B. A. Degree for the first year in a professional school in lieu of the Senior year in the University and wished to know if there was information on hand as to the custom elsewhere.

No action was taken in regard to the matter.

Meeting recessed until April 10 at 10 o'clock.