

UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes December 12-13, 1919

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December 12, 1919

The Regents met in the Office of the President at 10:30 A.M. There were present Regents Cheney, Pratt and North. Absent: Mrs. Hood and Judge Curler.

The minutes of the meeting of November 29th were approved as corrected, the correction being the change of the word "to" to "from" in the 4th paragraph thereof, after the date November 17, 1919.

The President stated that Doctor Romanzo Adams had requested a leave of absence from this University for a year and a half for health reasons. He read a letter to Doctor Adams from President Arthur L. Dean of the College of Hawaii offering him a position as Professor of Economics and Sociology in that institution at a salary of \$3600 and \$300 for traveling expenses. The President then read the following letter from Doctor Adams:

December 6, 1919

To the President and Board of Regents
University of Nevada

Gentlemen:

Will you grant me, as Professor of Economics and Sociology, a leave of absence from the University for a period of 18 months beginning January 1, 1920, with the understanding that I shall have the privilege of resigning at any time within this period provided notice of such resignation be given by me not later than January 1, 1921?

I make this request in view of the imperfect condition of my health and in view of the advice of my physician that I seek, for a time, at least, a lower altitude and a milder climate. A position similar to the one I hold here has been offered to me by the President of the College of Hawaii, at Honolulu, and I desire to accept it for a year and a half

with the idea of returning to Nevada at the end of that period, or remaining in Honolulu as shall seem best after I have tested the climate and become familiar with conditions in that place. I would plan to notify the President of the University of Nevada of my decision at as early a date as feasible and not later than January 1, 1921.

In asking this leave of absence involving, as it does, the possibility of complete severance of relations, I wish to say that the conditions under which my work is done are pleasanter now than they have ever been at any previous time and I anticipate a growth and development of the University under the leadership of President Clark that will make work here increasingly attractive. The City of Reno and the State of Nevada are undergoing developments of a character to make the general social and community life more satisfactory to members of the University faculty. For these reasons, and also because all the members of my family are very reluctant to leave the numerous friends we have made in the 17 years of life in Nevada, we would not consider this transfer except for the reasons previously given.

Thanking you in advance for your generous attitude toward me in past time and for the further favor I am now asking, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Romanzo Adams

Regent Pratt moved that, on the recommendation of the President, Doctor Romanzo Adams be granted a leave of absence without pay for a period of 18 months beginning January 1, 1920, with the understanding that he should have the right to resign at any time within that period provided that he give notice of such intent not later than January 1, 1921 and that failure to give such notice or to advise the Board that he would return to the University of Nevada at the expiration of the 18 months by January 1, 1921, shall operate as a tender of resignation. The motion was seconded by Regent North. Vote:

Judge Cheney	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye
Mr. North	Aye

Regent North moved that it was the sense of the Board that it would be appropriate and fitting to convey to Doctor Adams the appreciation of the Board of his splendid services to this

University and the deep regret of the Board that the state of his health necessitates his taking this leave of absence and that the Board hopes that he may return to Nevada at the expiration of his leave and not find it necessary to remain in Hawaii.

Vote:

Judge Cheney	Aye
Mr. Pratt	Aye
Mr. North	Aye

President Clark briefly outlined the result of his eastern trip. In speaking of the Chicago meetings which he attended, he mentioned that the name of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations had been changed to the "Land-Grant" Institutions; that other matters were merely routine business.

In Washington he talked with Doctor Thomas A. Storey and outlined with him a program of work in Physical Education which, if acceptable to the University faculty, will permit Doctor Storey to grant us \$6000 a year for our work in Physical Education. This will allow us to employ an assistant for Coach Courtright, to provide for an increase in his salary and in the salary of Miss Somers and would leave us with a good working balance. With two men and two women in the Physical Education Department we should be able to accomplish things of real value.

The President also reported that he had a conference with Senator Henderson while in Washington and that Senator Henderson is doing everything that he can do to secure a Mining Experiment Station for this University and feels confident that he will be able to succeed in this endeavor.

The President further reported that while in New York City, he had a conference with Ralph Stubbs, which had been arranged at the latter's request, and that Mr. Stubbs stated that he is planning to establish in the near future a scholarship in honor of his father and mother.

There was some general discussion and then the Board adjourned.

A. E. Cheney
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary