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REGENTS MEETING

July 1, 1944

The meeting of the Board of Regents met in the President's office on July 1, 1944. Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Present: Regents Mc Namee, Sheerin, Sirkejian, Ross; Acting President Gorman and Dr. Moseley.

Mr. Mc Namee moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 1944 be approved. All voted - aye.

Mr. Mc Namee moved that the claims for May, 1944, be approved as follows:

List No. 11, dated May 31, 1944, Regents Checks Nos. 34-208 to 34-232 for a total of \$70,586.54

List No. 11, dated May 31, 1944, State Claims Nos. 34-155 to 34-168 for a total of \$27,367.43

Mr. Mc Namee moved that the claims for June, 1944 be approved as follows:

List No. 12, dated June 30, 1944, Regents Checks Nos. 34-233 to 34-260 for a total of \$82,339.74

List No. 12, dated June 30, 1944, State Claims Nos. 34-169 to 34-185 for a total of \$32,146.49

All voted - aye.

Dr. J. R. Young and Miss Elsa Sameth, having rejected the University Retirement Plan in accordance with Sec. 2a, Chap. 99, Statutes of Nevada, 1943, now indicate that they wish to accept. The Attorney General advises informally that, in his opinion, they cannot now accept without an act of the Legislature extending the time. Mr. Sheerin moved that a bill be drawn by Dr. Gorman to be approved by Mr. Mc Namee for introduction at the next session of the Legislature extending the time for acceptance of the University Retirement Plan to July 1, 1945; and to advise the faculty.

All voted - aye.

Dr. Gorman reported that the amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the administration of the University Retirement Plan raising the retirement allotment from 25% to 33 1/3%, adopted by the Board of Regents on May 20, 1944, had been approved by the State Board of Examiners. See minutes of the meeting of May 20, 1944 for amendment.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Gorman, Mr. Mc Namee moved that the minutes show that Professor A. E. Hill retired on July 1, 1944 at \$100 per month under the retirement plan. All voted - aye.

Referring to the bracketing of salaries for clerical help, Dr. Gorman is studying State salary scales as well as those of other Universities. This report will be presented at a later meeting of the Board.

Concerning the Layman property, Mr. Patterson's appraisal was \$7,000. A bid for this property was opened by Chairman Ross and found to be \$4,000 from Eda L. and C. A. Carlson, Jr. It would be necessary to get \$8,000 to handle the scholarship which was granted by Mr. Layman year by year. We could get \$50 rent per month from Mr. Fitz, the present tenant, provided certain necessary repairs to the property are made. Mr. Mc Namee moved that we make these repairs, which would be paid out of the Revolving Fund, the Revolving Fund to be reimbursed over a period of two years, and that we ask permission to the Office of Price Administration to allow us to increase the rent to \$50 per month; further, that steps be taken to secure legislative authority to sell the property. All voted - aye.

Mr. Sheerin moved that the Library Committee be asked to study the book by George Malone entitled, "Industrial West Foundation" to see if it is worthwhile to have this book for our Library, the cost being \$100 for the book and \$100 each year for supplements. All voted - aye.

Dr. Gorman read a letter from Miss Bonnie Yater, a Junior student at the University of Nevada, requesting exemption from out-of-state tuition. This case had been presented at the meeting of the Board on September 26, 1942, and it was the sense of the Board that no new evidence was being presented at this time and that the evidence as already presented does not come within the law granting exemption from out-of-state tuition.

Mr. Sheerin moved that the Board inform Mrs. Hartman that the University is in a position to and will accept the bequest in the

Will of the late Leon Hartman; this letter was made a part of the minutes of the meeting of the Board on May 20, 1944. All voted - aye.

Upon recommendation of Mrs. Marsh, Dr. Gorman recommended and Mr. Sirkegian moved that Mrs. Rawles be appointed as Residential Hall Hostess for 9 months at \$125 per month beginning September, 1944. All voted - aye.

The Committee on Scholarships and Prizes had expected to have the Beam Estate for awards to incoming Freshman students. It developed that this fund is not available at the present time because of legal difficulties. The Will did not state clearly whether this money was intended to be used as loans or as outright gifts. Claron Spencer, Trust Officer of the Zions Bank and Trust Company of Salt Lake City, states that the latest opinion is that the money can be used as gifts. Dr. Gorman would like the Scholarship Committee to take a definite proposition to the Trust Officer, in order to bring the matter to a focus. If we can get the Beam Scholarships for gifts, we do not need so much of the Dimmitt Endowment for awards to incoming Freshmen. Mr. Sirkegian moved that the President, the Vice President and the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee proceed as they see fit and report at the next meeting of the Board. All voted - aye.

Dr. Gorman read a letter from Miss Thompson stating that Mrs. Daryl Johnson, Loan Desk Assistant, was resigning, effective October 1, 1944, and that Mrs. Alene De Ruff, Loan Desk Assistant would be absent for 2 more months because of a major operation; she has already taken one month off. Miss Thompson asked that the money saved in salaries in the Library be used for the purchase of books or divided among the 3 remaining members of the staff. Dr. Gorman recommended that we pay the Library staff for what they do. The sense of the Board was that this matter should be left for the new President.

Dr. Gorman presented the matter of paying faculty salaries in 12 monthly installments in cases where service is given for a 9 or 10 month period each year. It was the sense of the Board that the President and Comptroller present a definite recommendation at the next meeting of the Board.

Dr. Gorman presented the report of the Honorary Board of Visitors for discussion. Mr. Mc Namee moved that this report be made a part of the Regents' Biennial report for the period July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1944. All voted - aye.

Dr. Gorman presented a letter from Dean Wood requesting that dur-

ing the leave of absence of Dr. Laird:

1. Dr. Robert Hume be made Acting Head of the Department of English;
2. Dr. Muriel J. Hughes be made Assistant Professor of English for one year at a salary of \$2500-2600.

The matter of an Acting Head for the Department of English was left to Dr. Moseley. Mr. Sirkegian moved that the recommendation concerning the appointment of Dr. Hughes for one year at a salary of \$2600 be approved. All voted - aye.

Dr. Gorman thanked the members of the Board for their cooperation and backing and also for the honor bestowed upon him at Commencement. Dr. Gorman stated that he felt that any success which he may have had is due to the wonderful cooperation which he has received from the Regents and faculty.

Mr. Sirkegian expressed the appreciation of the Board for the work done by Dr. Gorman as Acting President, stating that the feeling throughout the State is that Dr. Gorman was the logical man to take over the business of the University until a permanent selection could be made for the President. The Regents expressed deep appreciation for the way the University had progressed in the past year. Mr. Ross stated that as far as the Board is concerned, if there was ever a Doctor's Degree awarded to anyone who deserved it, it was awarded to Dr. Gorman.

Dr. Gorman presented the following for the information of the Board:

1. The gift of a flag from Mrs. D. Neill of Reno, Nevada. The flag was on the casket of her husband, who was a veteran of the First World War.
2. Letter about the conduct of Army personnel while the two Army training programs were being conducted on the University Campus. Not one case of venereal disease had been reported nor any incident involving a woman student, either among the student personnel or the cadre stationed here.
3. The University of Nevada had been awarded a Certificate of Service Award by the Army Air Force Training Command for meritorious service in training Army Air Force Cadets during World War II.
4. He has appointed a committee on Special Services for War Veterans and has made Dean Wood Chairman. Duties for this

Committee are as follows:

- a. To study the needs of the returning veteran.
 - b. To inform him of the various services of the University and to advise him in matters of educational aim and adjustment.
 - c. To help him to find among existing curricula the one which will best satisfy his purpose, and to assist in making such adjustments therein as may be desired by the student and accepted by the College or Department in question.
 - d. To administer the educational program of those veterans whose special needs are not satisfied by existing curricula.
5. Two letters from the U. S. Treasury Department concerning tax exemption of the University. Mr. Mc Namee moved that the correspondence be included in the minutes of this meeting, as follows:

June 10, 1944

Mr. C. H. Gorman
c/o University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Gorman:

Reference is made to the affidavit submitted by you relative to the status of the University of Nevada for Federal income tax purposes.

The case arose under the name of Board of Regents, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, in connection with the audit of the organization's 1941 return and as it appeared that this was a different organization from the University of Nevada, in Bureau letter of April 12, 1944, the organization was requested to furnish information necessary to the determination of its status.

The evidence submitted shows that the Board of Regents, University of Nevada and the University of Nevada are one and the same organization, that it is an instrumentality of the State of Nevada, that it was held exempt in Bureau ruling of July 18, 1941, addressed to

University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, and that contributions thereto are deductible by individual donors in arriving at their taxable net income.

Accordingly, no further action is necessary with respect to the status of the organization for Federal income tax purposes.

A copy of the ruling is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Norman D. Cann
Deputy Commissioner
by L. K. Sunderlin
Chief of Section

July 18, 1944

University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Sirs:

Reference is made to your status for Federal income tax purposes, the question having been raised in connection with a gift to you.

It appears from the evidence submitted that you were created by authority of the State Constitution of Nevada and pursuant to certain Acts of your State Legislature. It is apparent that you are an instrumentality of the State of Nevada functioning for essential governmental and public purposes. You are exempt from Federal income tax and are not required to file returns of income.

Contributions to you are deductible by individual donors in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to extent provided by Section 23(o)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts.

The status of your organization for Federal gift tax purposes will be made the subject of a separate communication.

The collector of Internal Revenue for your district is being advised of this action.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Respectfully,

/s/ T. Mooney
Deputy Commissioner

6. Dean Wood has been appointed Chairman of the committee to plan the inauguration of Dr. Moseley.

7. Letters of appreciation from the following:

Fred Fink, V. E. Spencer, Jeanette C. Rhodes, Adelaide M. Steiner, Phyllis Schumacher, V. E. Scott, W. B. Adams, Esther Romano and Alice Terry, for salary increases.

Georgiana Hicks, E. F. Carville, for flowers.

Mrs. Hartman for the use of the house.

P. G. Auchampaugh for action in regard to publication of his book.

Induction of Dr. Moseley. Dr. Moseley stated that he had received a copy of the resolution as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of January 7-8, 1944, and that he understood the terms. Chairman Ross stated that the Board insisted that there be no confusion between policy making and administration. The Board feels that it should be consulted before definite commitments are made. Dr. Moseley expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the Board in bringing him here and stated that everything had been done to make his coming pleasant. He said that he wanted to succeed and to make this a great University and that he would faithfully carry out the policies of the Regents.

The Board had already authorized financial assistance to Dr. Moseley in the matter of moving. Mr. Sheerin moved that the Comptroller be authorized to pay to Dr. Moseley the expenses incurred in moving to Nevada upon presentation of a statement from Dr. Moseley which bears the approval of the Chairman of the Board. All voted - aye.

Dr. Gorman estimated that \$1500 would be required for painting, papering and renovating the President's house (no remodeling). Mr. Mc Namee moved that the Comptroller be authorized to proceed with this work. All voted - aye.

Dr. and Mrs. Moseley were instructed to outline improvements which may be done from time to time as opportunity permits and to submit this list to the Board.

Chairman Ross appointed a committee as follows to draw up resolutions on the death of Mrs. Wardin: Mr. Mc Namee, Chairman, Mr. Sheerin and Mr. Sirkegian. These resolutions are to be made part of the minutes of the Board and copies are to be sent to relatives of Mrs. Wardin.

Upon recommendation of Chairman Ross, Mr. Sirkegian moved that a committee appointed to revise the Bylaws of the Board of Regents and Regulations of Faculty of the University of Nevada. All voted - aye. Mr. Ross appointed the President, Vice President and Regent Mc Namee to comprise the committee.

Dr. Moseley asked Dr. Gorman to give a resume of the meeting of High School Principals at the University. The conference was held on June 15th and 16th at the request of Dean Traner. A questionnaire was prepared and mailed to all High School Principals. The result of this conference will be closer cooperation between the High Schools and the University. The group expressed themselves as being opposed to having a vocational training set-up which would be under a new appointive board. A committee has been named to study these different matters. The cost of the conference to the University was \$250 this year; from now on the conference will be held at the expense of the conference members.

Dr. Gorman opened up for a discussion by the Regents, the subject of the Mackay School of Mines and stated that, in his opinion, the School of Mines should be featured in every way possible and that the name "Mackay" should be made permanent and kept identified in the public mind with the School of Mines. Dr. Gorman exhibited a diploma of graduation with the graduate degree on which the "Mackay School of Mines" was printed and the diploma was signed by the Director of the School. Dr. Gorman stated that the State Bureau of Mines and the State Analytical Laboratory should eventually be under the supervision of the Director of the Mackay School of Mines. These Departments are at the present time housed in the Mackay School of Mines building.

After a short discussion as to whether or not it would be in order for the present members of the Board of Regents to suggest to the Governor the type of person who might be appointed to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mrs. Anna Wardin, it was agreed that Mr. Mc Namee be named to pass the word to the Governor that an agriculturalist from this area would fit into the present organization very well.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 with the understanding that the next meeting will be held September 9, 1944.