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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met in the President's office on March 17, 1948. Present: Regents Henningsen, Hilliard and Ross; Comptroller Gorman and President Moseley.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross at 9:30 A.M. President Moseley stated that he had 3 matters to present, as follows:

1) Return of William C. Miller

President Moseley reviewed the situation of Dr. Miller and referred to the action of the Board at its meeting on August 2, 1947, in which it was stated that should Dr. Miller so desire, he may return to the University of Nevada in the Fall of 1948.

President Moseley further stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Miller asking if it would be embarrassing to him if he applied for a position at the University of Nevada or if he used Mr. Moseley's name as a reference in applying for a position elsewhere. The reply was "no". Dr. Miller then wrote he intended to leave Alabama but was not going to return to the University of Nevada. Papers were received asking for recommendations for Dr. Miller, which were filled out and returned. The University of Nevada started looking for someone to fill the vacancy. Then a wire and a letter were received from Dr. Miller stating that he would return to the University of Nevada. The Head of the English Department was notified and the letter of March 5, 1948, protesting, for the English Department, the return of Dr. Miller was received. Dr. Moseley read the letter, which was addressed to Dean Wood to be sent through usual channels to the attention of the President and the Board of Regents. The letter asked that the motion concerning the reappointment of Dr. Miller be reconsidered.

In order that more facts might be presented, Dean Wood, Dr. Gorrell and Dr. Laird appeared before the Regents at 10 A.M. and discussed the feeling of the Department concerning the return of Dr. Miller, pointing out that it was generally felt that he was dissatisfied and uncooperative when he left.

Motion by Mrs. Henningsen passed unanimously that Professor William C. Miller be welcomed back to the University of Nevada with the same rank and pay as was voted for him when he left, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board of Regents on August 2, 1947.

2) Tenure of Lawton B. Kline

At 11:30 A.M., Dean Wood and Dr. Chappelle appeared before the Regents to discuss the tenure of Lawton Kline, now on leave.

Dr. Chappelle reviewed the original employment of Mr. Kline, stating that he had started as a Student Assistant. In 1937, he was given the rank, but not the pay, of an Assistant Professor, with the expectation that he would find a position elsewhere. During World War II, he served for a short time in the Army, then entered government service. For the past 3 years he has been on leave attending Stanford University and working toward a Ph. D. degree, and is now asking that he be returned without the degree in the expectation that he can write his dissertation during the academic year, 1948-49, at the same time teaching a full load. Dr. Chappelle stated that the Department is not going to recommend that he be returned.

Motion by Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that the Executive Committee recommend to the Department of Foreign Languages that Lawton Kline be advised in writing by the President that he will be permitted to return, on trial, to the Department of Foreign Languages, at the same rank and pay as he was receiving when he left, with the provision that he must obtain his Ph. D. degree not later than September 1, 1949, and providing, also, that the President receives a letter from Mr. Kline advising that he will abide by the terms of this direction.

3) Retirement of George W. Sears

Dr. Moseley read a letter from Dr. Sears stating that he had understood that his retirement would automatically come in

July 1948 and recently learned that, since his birthday falls in the month of July, and the rule adopted by the Board of Regents on May 20, 1944 states, "Retirement shall be granted by the Board to any employee not later than the end of the University year in which the person concerned becomes 70 years of age", he is not considered eligible until July 1, 1949, unless by special arrangement with the Regents.

Motion by Mr. Hilliard passed unanimously that the President, the Comptroller and the Dean of the College of Arts and Science apprise Dr. Sears of the situation and when it is determined what he wants to do and what is best for the Department, the matter be left to the Administration of the University.

The meeting adjourned at 1 P.M.