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Special meeting of the Board of Regents was held at the office of Mr. Oscar J. Smith, No. 204 North Virginia Street, at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 17, 1907, due notice being mailed to all members of the Board. Present, Regents O. J. Smith, John Sunderland, J. E. Souchereau and President Stubbs. Absent, Regents Charles R. Lewers and Charles B. Henderson.

Upon motion of Regent Sunderland, seconded by Regent Souchereau, the report of President Stubbs as read, was received and ordered recorded in the minutes as follows:

December 17th, 1907

To the Honorable

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

Gentlemen:

I left Reno Wednesday morning, November 6th. I spent part of Friday and Saturday at the Lincoln County Experiment Farm. I left Salt Lake on Sunday, the 10th of November, for New York, arriving there on Thursday evening, November 14th. On Friday, November 15th, I telephoned Mr. Mackay and he made an appointment with me for Monday, November 18th.

I had three conferences with Mr. Mackay. At the first one we went over the grounds as they are set forth in the blueprints and drawings by Mr. Bliss. He wanted to know if I had the exact estimate of what the quadrangle would cost. At his request I telegraphed Mr. Bliss for his estimate, and I also telegraphed Professor Young to get his view. I called on Mr. Richardson, of the firm of Mc Kim, Mead and White, with regard to the plans made by Mr. Bliss and the estimated cost of doing the work upon the quadrangle. I met Mr. Mackay the second time in company with Mr. Richardson on Monday, November 25th. Mr. Mackay asked if we could not obtain some more exact figures and submit them

to him. So on Tuesday, the 26th, Mr. Richardson and I conferred about the matter and he undertook some correspondence with Mr. Bliss. Mr. Mackay asked me at this second interview if I would be willing to wait until this matter was concluded. I said certainly I would await his pleasure.

I called up his office by request on Wednesday, the 4th of December, to be informed by his Secretary that Mr. Mackay was in the South and would probably be absent all of that week. He requested me to call him up on Monday, the 9th of December. I did so and Mr. Mackay made an appointment for me on Tuesday, the 11th of December. Mr. Richardson accompanied me. It seemed very conclusive from the best estimates that this quadrangle could not be finished according to the plans and according to Mr. Mackay's ideas for less than \$20,000 and probably it would require \$22,000.

Mr. Mackay gave me authority, therefore, to say to the Board of Regents that he would bear the expense of completing this quadrangle according to the plans which I have laid before the Board.

After Mr. Richardson had retired, Mr. Mackay and myself took up the subject of the dedication of the new building and the unveiling of the statue. I had previously urged upon him that these ceremonies be made the feature of our Commencement exercises

from Sunday, June 7th, to Wednesday, June 10th. He said that while it was difficult for him now to say that he would do so, that he would say that he would try to give this time to the University and that he would be accompanied west by Mrs. Mackay and a few of his friends. He was very careful however to urge upon me to do everything in the plainest and best way, and said that, so far as it could be arranged, he would like to meet and get acquainted with the members of the Board of Regents, with the members of the College faculty, and, as far as possible, with the students. He will try to secure Archbishop Ireland for the Baccalaureate sermon and President Nicholas Murray Butler for the Commencement address. Of course, he does not know whether he can get these two distinguished men or not.

Mr. Mackay wished to be remembered most cordially to the Board of Regents.

I had Professor Young and Dr. Smith make a blueprint of the furniture for the Mackay building, stipulating that this furniture be made in quarter-sawed oak. I received this blueprint on November 25th. On November 28th I went to Chicago and submitted these plans to several of the manufacturers of that place, because the architects of New York assured me that I could do better in Chicago than I could in New York. They wanted a week

to look over the plans and make the bids and I left these blue-prints with them for that purpose. On my return to Chicago, December 13th and 14th, Friday and Saturday, I gave these two days to investigating the different bids for the furniture.

The following are the different bids submitted:

Library Bureau

Schedule A	\$5,198.00
Schedule B	469.00
Schedule C	511.00
Schedule E	100.00
Total	\$6,278.00

A. H. Andrews & Co.

Schedule A	\$5,741.18
Schedule B	325.35
Schedule C	597.75
Schedule E	100.00
Total	\$6,764.28

Alex H. Revell & Co.

Schedule A	\$5,585.00
Schedule B	226.50

Schedule C	544.00
Schedule E	119.00
Total	\$6,474.50

Globe Wernicke Co.

Schedule A	\$6,961.00
Schedule B, C, D, E	500.00
Total	\$7,451.00

The two bids which will receive our consideration will be those of the Library Bureau and A. H. Andrews and Company. I do not wish the Board to take any action on the bids tonight, as I wish Professor Young and Dr. Smith to look over these bids before anything is done about them. I will say that I was very much pleased with what I saw of the manufacturing work done by the Library Bureau and A. H. Andrews and Company. I think that the Library Bureau especially has put in an extremely low bid on account of their desire to get their work in this University as representative of their work to the State, and, further, because of the financial stringency which has caused a reduction in orders.

I have pleasure to say that Dean Russell, Head of the Teachers' College of Columbia University, has promised to visit the Uni-

versity of Nevada this Spring and deliver two or three lectures.

He is one of the foremost school men in the United States.

Very respectfully your,

J. E. Stubbs

President

No further business, upon motion, the Board adjourned, to meet  
at the call of the Chairman.

Oscar J. Smith

Chairman

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary