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The Commencement meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on May 8 at 10:30 o'clock by Chairman Abel.

Present: Regents Abel, Curler, Baker, O'Brien and Sullivan (late), and President Clark.

Before the regular order of business, the President reported on the following:

1. Mr. Ellsworth Bennett had taken up part of his note to the University and promised to complete the payment soon.
2. The ore specimen belonging to the Estate of the late Allen Fisher had not yet been received.
3. Mr. Gassaway, who was injured on February 8th, resumed work on March 13th and had received his final settlement of \$53.34 from the Industrial Commission. This amount will be deducted from his April pay check.
4. Three new scholarships had been offered to the University:
 1. Union Land and Cattle Co., \$100 to a Senior for the best thesis.
 2. Antelope Valley Land and Cattle Co., \$100 to a Junior.
 3. J. H. Clemons, \$50, to a Sophomore.

The President also reported to the Board that after careful study with Miss Mack for the Dining Hall and Manzanita Hall, and Professor Turner for Lincoln Hall, he was of the opinion that the

following rates should be charged if they were to be at all on a paying basis:

Board from \$20 to \$22

Room - Manzanita Hall, from \$2 to \$2.50

Lincoln Hall, from \$2.40 to \$3.00

Also, that as it was the custom to set the rate for students to approximately cover the charge for board in the Dining Hall, now being raised 10%, it would be right to increase the rate for student labor for 30 cents to 33 1/3 cents per hour, and that all Campus positions be awarded on three points: 1. scholarship 2. that the student did the job well, and 3. that the student needed the work. The President stated that the students had asked for the privilege of recommending to him 4 to 6 students for positions. The President advised that he told the Associated Students he would be glad to receive their recommendations, but he would not hire mere athletes. The President offered the above relative to price of board and room and students labor as his recommendation.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the recommendation of the President in the above regard be accepted and approved. Vote as follows:

Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Mrs. Baker	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Had not yet arrived.

In regard to certain matters discussed relative to loyalty on the part of the faculty members, the Secretary was instructed to write to any one giving unsubstantiated word, and to one particular person, having written a letter, as follows:

That the Board did not care for any petition and would not consider any petition to dismiss any member of the faculty; but, that if any one had any specific findings of disloyalty to which they were willing to certify under oath if necessary, that the Board would be very glad indeed to have them appear before the Board and present these specific findings for consideration.

The President presented the matter of Regents scholarships, 5 of \$50 each, and debating prizes amounting to \$30, asking if it was the wish of the Board that these be renewed for the coming year and so announced.

It was moved by Regent Curler that out of the general University funds there be set aside the sum of \$50 for each of the Regents scholarships and \$20 for the winning team in interclass debates and \$10 for the best orator, and also that special prizes of pins or fobs be given heretofore, the pins or fobs not to exceed the cost of \$5 each, and that all of these scholarships and prizes to be awarded the coming year in the same manner as heretofore. Vote:

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

The President was asked by the Board to look into the basis for awarding scholarships and to present his recommendations at the September meeting. The plan of awarding the scholarships, prizes etc. at Commencement instead of later announcing them and whether the members of the graduating class should receive scholarships was discussed and the matter left to the President for his recommendation.

The President presented to the Board the request from downtown organizations, the Elks and Travelers, for the privilege of playing a series of games for the benefit of Red Cross or other war funds, on the Mackay Field. The dates of the games were May 30, July 4 and Labor Day. They also wished the privileges of using the field for practice weekday evenings and possibly Sunday practice. Matter was discussed with reference to the Sunday use of the field.

The following resolution was offered by Judge Curler:

The President of the University having laid before the Board of Regents the request from the T. P. A. and the B. P. O. E. for the privilege of using the Mackay Field for conducting baseball war benefit games,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the matter be referred to the President with discretionary power as to the games on the specific dates mentioned and the evening practices, except however that games be not played on Sunday or the field be used by these associations for their practice on Sunday.

Upon motion seconded and carried, resolution was adopted.

The President reported the status of the Summer Soldier Proposition as outlined between the University of Nevada and the War Department, the University offer being \$1.65 per man per day, subject to the approval of the Washington representative who was due to arrive on May 18th or 19th. The President explained in connection with this that the concrete work on the retaining wall for the Agricultural building would be done by the soldiers as part of their training.

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan that the same arrangements for the Y. W. C. A. Secretary for the coming year be carried on as during the last year. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The President reported on the condition, due to settling, of the Electrical building, as reported by a letter from Mr. C. R. Hill. No action was taken regarding this matter.

Supplementary contracts for additions and extras and eliminations for the Agricultural building were presented for signature, the items therein having been thoroughly understood and approved by the President and being as follows:

brick walk \$60; galvanized iron molding together with metal flashings \$25; also elimination proposition 5 on page 2 of original report, deduct \$200. Also item of March 25.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the supplementary contracts presented at this time with references to the Agricultural building be accepted and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized and instructed to sign the same for and on behalf of the Board of Regents. Vote:

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

The President reported that after providing for screens, chairs and electric fixtures for the building, there would be a balance of some \$700 to \$800 which would go toward such other inside fittings as deemed advisable. A report on the progress of the building was given, and a letter from architect Lewis on the same was read, the same being to Chairman Abel and which suggested the possibility of releasing at the present time the overseer on the building.

Matter was discussed but no action taken at this time.

Meeting recessed until 2 o'clock, same date.

The meeting of the Board of Regents was resumed at 2:20 P.M., same date, with all members present.

The matter of the need for retaining the services of Mr. Mc Nees as overseer was taken up and discussed and Mr. Mc Nees invited to come before the Board.

The President recommended that Dr. Edward Records be given the same position on the teaching staff of the Agricultural College as held by Dr. Mack, that of Professor of Veterinary Science, allocating his payment of salary for the time given in teaching. This was the recommendation of Dean Knight of that College.

It was moved and seconded that Dr. Edward Records be appointed Professor of Veterinary Science in the College of Agriculture. Motion carried, all voting aye.

A recommendation from Professor Sears of the Home Economics Department, which was approved by the President, was submitted to the Board, to continue Miss Jessie Pope as Instructor in Home Economics for 10 months beginning September 1, 1918, at a salary of \$120 per month, it being understood that the arrangement was for a one-year term, and the appointment a temporary one.

It was moved by Regent Baker that the recommendation of the President and Professor Sears in regard to Miss Pope for 10 months beginning September 1, 1918, at a salary of \$120 per month, be approved. Vote:

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

The President read a letter under date of May 1 from Dr. Spencer asking for leave of absence for the duration of the war for the purpose of undertaking overseas Y. M. C. A. service, and recommend that such leave be granted without pay.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the matter of Dr. Spencer's request be left to the President with discretionary power. Motion carried.

Mr. Mc Nees then appeared before the Board regarding the need for continuing his services. He stated that in his opinion there was still need for supervision of the work on the Agricultural building. Mr. Mc Nees stated the amount of work still to be done before the building would be completed. Matter discussed. The matter of the need of putting in the windows was also discussed in relation to the drying of the plaster. Mr. Mc Nees thought that the windows should be put in; Ward Brothers did not think it necessary at this time, that it would be time enough when the final finish was being put on the plaster. Mr. Ward was called before the Board and gave his opinion on the matter. Matter was further discussed with Mr. Ward and Mr. Mc Nees and, on the suggestion of the Board, the question was left to the judgment of Mr. Mc Nees.

The President presented to the Board for their information an agreement between the President, the Comptroller and Miss Frances C. Phillips, relative to a leave of absence for Miss Philips until August 1, to take a position in the city.

The President read a note from Professor Hartman relative to the possibility of Miss Risk not remaining. Without motion the matter of recommendation relative to Miss Risk was left to the President.

The President stated for the information of the Board that Mr. Nyswander, Dr. Hartman and Miss Risk had been assisting temporarily in the high school, two of the high school staff having gone into U. S. Service, and asked that the Board authorize the President to grant such permission in war emergency cases.

The President read a letter from Professor C. R. Hill under date of April 29th asking that he be permitted to be employed during the Summer.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the matter of the employment of Mr. C. R. Hill during the vacation period be referred to President Clark for action. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The matter of the status of Dean Scrugham was brought up, he having been on leave of absence as State Engineer until July 1, 1919. Since then, however Dean Scrugham resigned his position as State Engineer to go into War Service. The President's recommendation was that the University give him status as "absent on leave" for the duration of the war, and wished the action of the Board on this question.

It was moved by Regent Curler that Dean J. G. Scrugham be given

leave of absence from the University for the duration of the war, without pay. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Mc Nees came before the Board again relative to a substitution that the contractors were making, the contract specifications calling for 2 x 6 studding and 2 x 4 studding was being used instead. The Board was of the opinion that no changes should be made from the plans and specifications without the permission of the President and the Board. Mr. Mc Nees was instructed to hold the architect and contractor to the contract specifications.

The President presented to the Board a letter from Dr. Edward Records recommending an increase in salary of \$5 per month for Ruth Miller, Charles Reagan and Ray Peterson, employees in the Department of Veterinary Science, the increase to be granted from April 1, 1918. The President recommended granting the request.

It was moved by Regent O'Brien that the recommendation of the President and Mr. Records, that the salaries of Ruth Miller, Charles Reagan and Ray Peterson be increased \$5 per month beginning April 1st or May 1st, as the President may decide, be approved. Vote:

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

The President presented the following matters presented by Director Norcross of the Extension Division.

That as there was a considerable amount of federal funds available with the direction that they be used for food stimulation, Mr. Norcross had presented a program of temporary employees for the Summer. As outlined, the program involved \$127 of State Cooperative funds. Matter discussed, names of employees under this program read, and the President recommended the approval of the same.

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan that the recommendation of the President regarding the list of appointments for temporary work in Agricultural Extension be approved. Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Mr. Abel	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	Aye

Mr. W. O. Lewis, architect for the Agricultural building, came before the Board and made explanation relative to the item of the 2 x 6 studding for which the contractors were substituting 2 x 4. The Chairman of the Board referred the matter to overseer Mc Nees for his judgment and the architect was instructed by the Board not to make changes or substitutions without permission of the Board of Regents or the President, and that the Board desired to have the plans lived up to.

Architect Lewis suggested that Mr. Mc Nees be cautioned as to giving orders or stopping the work until matters under question were taken up with the Board of Regents or the President. The Board advised that they had put Mr. Mc Nees in as overseer for the particular purpose of taking care of the building that the plans were carried out and that no changes should be allowed without having the approval of the President or the Board.

The items of Director Norcross were then again taken up. His recommendation contained in a letter under date of May 5th relative to the position of Assistant State Club Leader to be given to Mr. Merle D. Collins, at a salary of \$1800 per annum, was presented by the President with his approval; also the President recommended the appointment of Miss Caddie Cook as Home Demonstrator in Lincoln County from April 16 to June 30, 1918, at a salary of \$100 per month, with the understanding that after June 30 she be employed at \$30 per month, in club work in Pioche and Panaca.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the recommendation of the President in regard to Merle D. Collins and Miss Caddie Cook be approved. Vote:

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

Mr. Norcross reported through the President that there was a possibility of Miss Hancock leaving soon to take up war work.

It was also reported that Mrs. Meskimons of the Extension Department was resigning on June 30th.

The President read a letter from Mr. Norcross, dated May 5, 1918, stating that Miss Margaret Johnson, State Leader in Club Work, had been offered a position as Assistant State Leader Junior Extension Work for the State of New York at a salary of \$2400 for 9 months' field work and 3 months' attendance at Extension Training Schools. He stated that his recommendation was to offer Miss Johnson \$2400 at this University. The letter gave a statement of Miss Johnson's work and ability.

The President recommended that if possible Miss Johnson be retained as suggested by Mr. Norcross and that her salary be set at \$2400 a year, beginning July 1, 1918.

It was moved by Regent Baker that Miss Margaret Johnson be advanced to a salary of \$2400 per year beginning July 1, 1918, as State Leader in Club Work. Vote:

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

The President read a letter from Director Norcross asking for an increase in salary of the Director of Extension Department. The President stated that he was not ready at this time to make recommendations, but would investigate the matter of salary paid this officer in other institutions and states, and at a later date make certain recommendations relative to policy for increase in salary, etc. He mentioned in this connection the possible desire of increasing the salaries of the Director of the Station and other members of the faculty.

Without motion, the matter was left in abeyance.

The President reported to the Board the matter of establishing a Traveling Mining School under the Smith-Hughes Act, and explained the plan of such an itinerant school.

A communication relative to auto mileage for Extension members was received from Mr. Norcross and was held in abeyance, the President stating that he desired to analyze the data given in the same.

The President reported that all Departments were within their budgets and that the general status was o.k.

The President reported that the following students having been

recommended by the University Senate has having completed their work were recommended to the Board for graduation, and asked for authorization to grant the respective diplomas and degrees.

One-Year Diplomas

Edith Catherine Burns	Lottie M. Rose
Ann Gordon	Adeline Eupheme Savery
Margaret Gertrude Hunkin	Theresa Frances Schulz
Ruth Hurd La Kamp	Edith Mae Smith
Mabelle Elizabeth Nelson	Ethel Walker
	Ethel Welsh

Two-Year Normal Diplomas

Thelma L. Bradshaw	Lois Geneva Kimmel
Myrtle Frances Brown	Alice M. Paige
Nellie F. Burke	Maud Ellen Porch
Rita Agnes Cannan	Eleanor Hulda Shartel
Adrienne Anne Cesmat	*Florence Marguerite Shirley
Donna Dyke	Laura Mercedes Rains
Grace Anita Fuss	Georgiana Steiner
Lela Halsell	Alma Kate Stroud
Mary Beatrice Harrington	M. Clysta Vann
Gladys Hicks	Lessie Valeria Wardle

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High School Diploma

Elizabeth Dorris Bailey	Lia Submit Harniss
Jeanne Magdalena Bertschy	Blanche Teresa Lothrop
Myrtle Cameron	Helen Elizabeth Mace
Georgia C. Damm	Laura Mercedes Rains
Donna Dyke	Eleanor Hulda Shartel
Grace Anita Fuss	Emma Lou Singer

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Elmer W. Knight

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

William T. Holcomb

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Cornelius Elrod Pohl

College of Arts and Science, Bachelor of Science

Alonzo Cheney Wilbur

Bachelor of Arts

Elizabeth Dorris Bailey	Alice Crawford Hobbins
Jeanne Magdalena Bertschy	Robert Lyle Kimmel
Howard Edgar Browne	Blanche Teresa Lothrop
Myrtle Cameron	Faith Maris
Georgia C. Damm	Adele Cutts Norcross
Donna Dyke	Stanley M. Pargellis
Augusta Curler Finney	Laura Mercedes Rains
Grace Anita Fuss	Eleanor Hulda Shartel
Lia Submit Harniss	Emma Lou Singer

Civil Engineer

Frederick L. Bixby

Master of Arts

Helen Elizabeth Mace

It was moved and carried that the students as presented by the President and recommended by the Senate be passed for graduation and the President be authorized to issue the respective diplomas and confer the degrees.

It was moved by Judge Curler that the minutes of the meeting of March 12th and the Finance Committee meetings of February 28th and March 1 be approved, copies of these minutes having been received and read by all members of the Board. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Chairman reported that he had two other matters to come before the Board.

That Dr. James had placed with Messrs. Cheney, Downer, Price and Hawkins the claim of \$600 which he believed due him for the Summer School. The Chairman asked for the pleasure of the Board. Matter was discussed as to the legality of the claim and a continuance of the claim was asked for until Thursday, May 9th. Mr. Curler and Mr. Abel were named as a committee to look into the claim and make a report to the Board on the 9th.

The Chairman of the Board asked for authority to begin work

upon the Board of Regents biennial report to the Governor and Legislature.

It was moved by Regent Curler that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to prepare the Regents' report.

Recess was declared until Thursday, May 9th.