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REGENTS MEETING

September 23, 1939

The Board of Regents, all members being present, met in Executive Session in their Office at the University at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, September 23, 1939.

The Chairman of the Board presented letters from (1) the President and faculty of the University of California, (2) the President and faculty of Cornell University, (3) the President and faculty of the University of Utah, and (4) the Provost-Elect and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania (which Executive Committee has the full force and power of the University faculty), endorsing Leon W. Hartman "as to moral character and qualifications as an educator" for President of the University of Nevada. The above 4 letters were ordered filed.

Dr. Olmsted moved that the above endorsements be accepted and that Dr. Leon W. Hartman be elected President of the University of Nevada at a salary of \$7200 per year, effective October 1, 1939, and the use of the President's house on the Campus, with light, heat, water, telephone and janitor service furnished.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

The Board went into regular session and Dr. Hartman was called. The Chairman advised him of his unanimous election and said the Board hoped he would accept the Presidency under the conditions stated.

Dr. Hartman replied that he would accept the honor and was sensible of the high responsibility; that during his incumbency as

Acting President he had done what he thought to be proper and right and he appreciated the support and confidence the Regents had reposed in him. He thanked the Regents for their confidence and the honor they had conferred upon him.

Mr. Ross expressed the opinion that there should be an inauguration ceremony for our President. We want other Universities to know of our election of Dr. Hartman as our President and to be represented at his inaugural. He suggested that a Committee of Deans plan the inauguration -- at a time convenient to our President -- and that we stand the expense of making it formal, dignified and worthwhile.

Mrs. Wardin moved that the Chairman's suggestion as to the inauguration be approved and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ross asked that the record show that the Committee on the Inauguration of the President consists of Dean Stewart, Chairman, Dean Sibley, Dean Traner and Dean Wood and that the Secretary notify these gentlemen of their appointment. Unanimously carried on motion of Mr. Williams.

The minutes of the July 5, 1939 meeting were, on motion of Mr. Ross, approved by the following vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Comptroller Gorman presented each member of the Board and the President with a copy of his report of September 23rd and interpreted it for them.

On motion of Judge Brown the Comptroller was authorized to pay from the Revolving Fund the bill of \$3110 to Architect Russell Mills and of \$2500 to Architect Fred J. De Longchamps until such time as bonds are issued for the construction of the Engineering building and the Gymnasium -- probably in the Spring of 1940.

Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Chairman Ross opened the following bids for fuel oil:

Company	Shipping Point	Per bbl.	Total per bbl.
Washoe Wood and Coal Yard	Segura	.75	\$1.7265
Tarr and Mc Comb, L. A.	Taft	.59	1.5665
Tidewater Associated Oil	Bakersfield	.75	1.7265
General Petroleum	Segura	.75	1.7265
Union Oil	Maltha	.75	1.7265
Richfield Oil	Maltha	.75	1.7265
Shell Oil	Ora	.85	1.8265
Standard Oil	Segura	.75	1.7265

On our requirements for this season the bid of Tarr and Mc Comb will save the University \$800 compared with other bids. Mr. Williams moved that the bid of Tarr and Mc Comb be accepted and the Comptroller authorized to have the necessary papers signed.
Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On motion of Mr. Ross the Comptroller was authorized to invest the \$10,000 discharged mortgage of the Robert Lardin Fulton Foundation, plus the \$50 interest, in government bonds, to yield approximately 2.78%. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On motion of Mrs. Wardin, the Comptroller's recommendation that the cost of any program approved by Dr. Hartman and Dean Stewart for the plowing and reseeded of the University Farm by its present tenants be paid from the Farm Fund, in which the balance is \$1200, was approved by the following vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On Mr. Gorman's estimate of the University's General Fund for the 1st 6 months of 1940, Mr. Williams moved that the \$8000 which would normally constitute a reserve, should, in the present circumstances, "be applied so far as possible to the accumulated over-expenditure of \$41,000." Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION
of the
LIFE AND SERVICES OF MAXWELL ADAMS

Dr. Maxwell Adams, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry in the University of Nevada, passed peacefully away at Monterey, California on Friday evening, September 15, 1939.

A trained educator and capable leader, a kind and sympathetic adviser of youth, a skilful experimenter in the domain of Chemistry, a persistent and earnest seeker after truth, Dr. Adams has left the impress of his mind and genius on generations of College students, many of whom now occupy positions of responsibility and influence in scientific and educational worlds. In their hearts and in ours is enshrined the memory of an enthusiastic and inspiring teacher and a devoted friend.

It is with a sense of profound regret that we, the Regents of the University of Nevada, record the passing of the faithful and loyal servant who, during 33 years served the University as Professor and Department Head, Chairman of important committees, Dean of the College of Arts and Science and Vice President of the University. The quality of the service of Maxwell Adams is attested both by its length and by the sense of loss that is ours today.

On motion of Judge Brown, the above Tribute was unanimously adopted by the Regents and a copy ordered sent to Mrs. Adams and their children.

President Hartman read a letter from Mrs. Adams and her family.

Dr. Hartman read the invitation of Holmes Gibson that the University's ROTC Unit and Band should participate in the Admission Day parade to be held in Carson City October 31, 1939 and, in

view of the expense of transporting 280 men at \$1 per each, recommended that the request be denied if the expense of the trip had to be covered from University Funds.

On motion of Dr. Olmsted, the President's recommendation was unanimously carried, with understanding that no objection would be made if funds could be secured for this purpose from other sources.

Dr. Hartman read Professor Walter Palmer's recommendation that the University's hoist, which for some years has remained in the shaft house at the C & C Shaft at Virginia City, which shaft house was recently destroyed by fire, should be presented to the Chamber of Commerce of Virginia City, if they would care to have it as a tourist attraction. Mrs. Wardin moved that the matter be left to the judgment of Dr. Hartman and Mr. Palmer. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Judge Brown, the request of the Chairman of the Drafting Contest of the Associated Engineers of the University that the Regents renew their offer of a \$25 prize to the high school student adjudged to have submitted the best drawing on Engineers' Day, the money to be available to the winner during his 1st semester in the University as an Engineering student, was approved by the following vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

As a matter of information, the President said he planned to avail himself of the opportunity to acquire some interest on the coupons of the Chilean bonds held in the David Russell Fund, without in any way invading the value of the principal.

Dr. Hartman advised the Board that Hans Meyer-Kassel did not care to accept the Lectureship in the Appreciation of Art which was tendered him for this semester.

On motion of Mr. Ross, the Board approved the election of Clara Bess Garrison as Dietitian-Matron, as recommended by Dean Mack and approved by Dr. Hartman, at a cash stipend of \$700 for the 1939-40 year, payable in 10 equal monthly installments, effective August 1, 1939, with room in Artemisia Hall throughout the year, understanding if she remains for successive years, her cash stipend will be advanced \$100 per year until the cash max-

imum of \$1200 is reached. Whether or not the board should be, as Dean Mack recommends, a part of her pay, or whether the cash stipend should be advanced to cover the cost of board in the Dining Hall, as a part of this motion, is left to the decision of the President and the Comptroller. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

On motion of Mr. Ross, the recommendation of Director Creel that Mrs. Marie Watkins be advanced in rank to Chief Clerk of the Agricultural Extension Division and that her pay be advanced from \$1860 to \$1980, both advances to be effective September 1, 1939, the salary payable from the Federal Smith-Lever Funds, was held up until such time as the Executive Committee of the Board and the President look into the matter and that power to act be lodged with the Executive Committee. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman approved the recommendations of Professor Hill that:

- a. William C. Miller, Assistant Professor of English, be granted a year's leave of absence, from September 1, 1939, without pay.
- b. Edwin Semenza take charge of the dramatic work from September 1, 1939 at a salary of \$900, payable in 10 installments.
- c. The salary of William O. Holmes, Assistant in English, be advanced from \$500 to \$900, effective September 1 and payable in 10 equal monthly installments, for taking over 3 additional periods in English.

Mr. Williams moved the approval of the above arrangements. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman approved the recommendation of Dr. Sears that C. Leland Hill be elected Fellow in Chemistry, vice Warren Perilstein, resigned, at a stipend of \$600 per year from September 1 and payable in 10 equal monthly installments.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the above recommendation.

Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman submitted with his approval, the recommendation of Dr. Sears that W. F. Hoskins, Chemistry storekeeper, be advanced in salary from \$1200 to \$1320 per year, payable in 10 monthly installments, effective September 1, 1939.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the above recommendation.

Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman submitted, with his approval, the recommendation of Miss Sameth that Miss Audrey Stewart (B. S., San Francisco State College, 1939) be elected Fellow in Physical Education for Women at a salary of \$750, effective August 1, 1939, and payable in 10 equal monthly installments.

Judge Brown moved that Miss Stewart be so elected. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended an advance in salary from \$2100 to \$2400 for Librarian Thea C. Thompson, effective September 1, 1939, Miss Foster having resigned and there being no present intention to elect any one in her stead.

Mr. Williams moved the proposed advance be granted to Miss Thompson. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended that the salary of William I. Smyth be advanced from \$2800 to \$3000, effective September 1, 1939, the advance to be payable from State Analytical Laboratory Funds.

Mrs. Wardin moved that this advance in salary be granted. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman presented, with his approval, the recommendations of Dr. Frandsen of the University's Health Committee that:

- a. Dr. T. Clair Harper be elected University Physician, vice Dr. Cantlon, resigned, at \$900 for the academic year 1939-40, payable in 9 equal monthly installments effective from September 1, 1939.
- b. Mrs. Eunice Griffiths, R. N., be elected Matron and Nurse of the College Infirmary, vice Mrs. Ethlet Shurtleff, resigned, for this academic year, at a salary of \$900, payable in 9 equal monthly installments, effective from September 1, 1939.

Mr. Ross moved the election of these 2 persons, as above stated, but requested the President to suggest to Dr. Frandsen that in the future, whenever possible, his Committee should submit its recommendations to the Regents at their Commencement meeting, or, in any event, before the persons nominated come into service. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended that this University does not accept the proposal of the Civil Aeronautics Authority to establish a training school on our Campus. Carried unanimously, on motion of Mr. Ross.

Dr. Hartman recommended:

- a. The cancellation of the delinquent ticket of \$129.20 of Francis Sullivan, who was killed near Pyramid several years ago in an automobile accident;
- b. The cancellation of the David Russell note of Herman B. Eden;
- c. The cancellation of the David Russell notes of the following deceased persons:

# 82 - Scott G. Hyde	\$60
90 - Mary A. Ponsi	Balance of \$2 on \$30 note
97 - Mary A. Ponsi	\$20
93 - Pauline Bull	\$75
426 - John White	\$100

Mrs. Wardin moved the adoption of the above recommendations.
Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

The letter of August 21, 1939 of Peter J. Burfening in which he asks that the non-resident tuition fee charged his son Peter for the Fall semester of 1935 be rescinded by the Regents was on motion of Mr. Ross, referred to Judge Brown and Dr. Hartman, with power to act. Carried unanimously.

Dr. Frandsen's request of August 22nd that, in lieu of the \$1 Health Service Fee now charged all University students and the \$3 Hospital Fee now charged all students living outside the Reno-Sparks area, all students be charged an Infirmary Fee of \$6 per semester, beginning with the Fall semester of 1940, was ordered received and referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Dr. Harrison presented the opinion of the Attorney General of date July 19, 1939 to the effect that the Regents do not have

power to enter into contracts with life insurance companies looking toward the establishment of annuities for staff members.

Major Max C. Fleischmann's letter of September 9, 1939 wherein he sets forth his requirements for his scholarships was read and his 3 requirements, which will be embodied in the next University catalog, were accepted by the Regents and the President, who again expressed their appreciation to Major Fleischmann for his so timely aid to needy students of our University.

Dr. Hartman inquired what decision the Executive Committee had reached with reference to the proposal of the 11 property owners in the University Heights addition to deed a parcel of land to the University. The Committee expressed itself as being favorable to the proposal as set forth July 5th and, on motion of Mr. Ross, the Regents confirmed the judgment of the Executive Committee. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Dr. Hartman presented a "Proposed Public Relations Programs for the University of Nevada", as submitted to him September 12, 1939 by Mr. Thomas C. Wilson, to the Regents with recommendation that this plan should not be undertaken at present, since Mr. Wilson would expect a salary of \$100 per month for his services.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Carried unanimously.

Judge Brown submitted a letter of September 20, 1939 from Attorney Charles A. Cantwell, who asked if the Regents would be willing to administer the income of a trust fund (to be established by a client of his) to further the conservation of bird life in the State of Nevada.

Mr. Ross moved that the Regents would be glad to cooperate toward the ends indicated in Mr. Cantwell's letter. Carried unanimously.

It being the sense of the Board that we do have a real responsibility in the matter, Mr. Ross moved that the fuel oil bill of \$72.50 for heating the training quarters, as presented by the National Coal Company through Mr. Gorman to Mr. Harry Frost, Chairman of the Board of Athletic Control, be referred to the

President and the Comptroller who, after due conference with the Board of Athletic Control, shall decide the portion of this bill which shall be paid by the University. Carried unanimously.

Dr. Hartman read Graduate Manager Joe T. Mc Donnell's letters of September 18 to the Board of Regents and to Mr. Ross, asking that his duties in connection with his supervision of the University Gymnasium, the Mackay training quarters and the Mackay Field, be specifically defined.

Mr. Ross moved that the President, in consultation with such others as he may care to call in, be delegated to work out details and submit them to the Executive Committee, who have power to approve the President's plan regarding the duties of the Graduate Manager in the premises. Carried unanimously.

Dr. Hartman read the letter of September 15, 1939 from Sheffield, Iowa from President S. J. Galvin of the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions in which he invited the Regents to membership in his Association or, at least to be represented at the meeting to be held in Austin, Texas, October 26-28. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Dr. Hartman asked the Regents to give some thought to the following 3 items of interest to him:

- a. Would it be feasible to charge students a fine for parking their automobiles on the Campus, the fines to be chargeable against their \$10 general deposits?
- b. Would it be desirable to pay staff members on a 9-month basis and pay those who work 11 months extra for the 2 additional months of service?
- c. In place of the Public Relations program submitted by Tom Wilson, would it not be wise to place some University advertising for several months each year in the newspapers of the State, beginning this service perhaps in April of next year, prior to the close of the high schools of the State?

On motion of Mr. Ross, the President was directed to attend the annual meetings of the Association of State Universities and of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, to be held this year in Washington, D. C. during the 3rd week of November. And, if possible, this year Dean Stewart should represent our College of Agriculture at the Land-Grant College Conference. Vote:

Judge Brown	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Dr. Olmsted	Aye

Mr. Ross requested the President to give some consideration to the desirability and necessity of naming an Assistant to the President, one who would be a general utility man, who could represent him before different groups in the State, be a contact man -- and advise the Board his judgment in the matter at some subsequent meeting.

Mr. Ross will later name the date of the December meeting.

Adjourned.

Silas E. Ross
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary