

# UCCSN Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes

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## REGENTS MEETING

December 12, 1942

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ross at 9:30 A.M.

Present: Ross, Wardin, Williams, Gorman, Hartman and Sirkegian (who will take office as Regent in January). Judge Brown and Dr. Olmsted were not present because of illness.

Mrs. Wardin moved approval of the minutes of the Regents meeting of September 26, 1942.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman read thank-you letter from Dr. J. E. Church for his portrait which was unveiled in the University Gymnasium on December 4, 1942.

Dr. Hartman read letter from Miss Bray with reference to Mrs. Wagner's teaching program and salary.

Dr. Hartman reported that he had granted leaves of absence to Mr. Joseph M. McLeod of the Department of Weights and Measures, effective November 16, 1942 for the duration of the war and six months thereafter, and to Mr. Lawton B. Kline of the Department of Modern Languages, effective October 13, 1942 until such time as he may be discharged from service.

Dr. Hartman reported the payment of \$1172.50 on the bill of \$1402.06 for the 1941 football team for a training table at the University Dining Hall - balance due \$230.56; fees 1939-41, \$1057.58; and present status of deferred fees for the year 1942.

Mr. Gorman presented the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 1942.

Mr. Gorman reported on the Hartung Estate. Mrs. Wardin moved that a Guarantee Title to the Loraine Hotel - part of the estate - be secured and that additional insurance should be placed on furniture and fixtures when an inventory of the contents is completed; also confirmed Mr. Gorman's action in placing an additional \$10,000 insurance on the building.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported on the settlement of fire insurance on the first and second barracks fires. Mrs. Wardin moved approval of the settlement amounting to \$7,466.93, and also moved that Comptroller be authorized to sign papers for the settlement.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported that the endowment to the University provided for in the Will of Dr. W. H. Hood, deceased, would probably not be forthcoming since his estate has been assigned to his creditors.

Mr. Gorman reported that the Orr Ditch viaduct under the tramway is too narrow and creates a dangerous situation during high water periods. The west end of the viaduct should be widened at a cost of \$750 when the ditch is empty in March. Mrs. Wardin moved that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to approve this improvement.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

With reference to the heating and ventilating system for the new Gymnasium, Mrs. Wardin moved that permission be granted to move the unused fan from the Mackay Science Hall to the new Gymnasium.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported that through an error on the part of the architect the radiators for the main floor of the Gymnasium are too large for the space assigned to them. He recommended that other radiators be ordered for the main floor and that the radi-

ators on hand be used in the basement where the size will not matter. Mr. Williams moved approval of the change only in the event that new radiators for the main floor can be obtained.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mrs. Wardin moved that if and when the new Gymnasium is definitely usable the Committee on Building and Grounds of the Board of Regents be authorized to approve remodeling of the old Gymnasium for the use of the R. O. T. C.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported that WPB has not granted priority for materials to change heating plant to steam, but that he has located one and possibly two second-hand converters which could be used. Mr. Williams moved that the President and Comptroller be authorized to secure these second-hand converters.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman presented letter from Mr. Charles Thompson requesting \$1600 for the work yet to be done on the heating plant for the Gymnasium. Mrs. Wardin moved that Mr. Gorman be given authority to employ an engineer for this job.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported with reference to the freezing of salaries by the Federal Government that Internal Revenue Office is not yet able to give any information as to the exact application of this "freezing" process to the University.

Mr. Gorman reported that the electrical and plumbing shop in the basement of Lincoln hall constitutes a serious fire hazard. The University needs a separate building to house the electrical shop, plumbing shop, paint shop, carpenter shop and blacksmith shop. Tentative plans were made for a one-story building to be located south of the new Engineering building, but this location did not seem desirable. On the north line of the University

grounds and east of the property recently contracted for from the Rickard estate is a small triangle of land belonging to Mr. Nelson; he seems willing to sell this land to the University but has not yet written the Board concerning price, etc. This piece of land would seem to be an ideal spot for a shop building. Mrs. Wardin moved that the President and the Chairman of the Board be given authority to have architect make tentative plans for a two-story building to occupy this space, to be used as a shop building.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Mr. Gorman reported on the Fire Chief's request that graveled roads be built at several points on the Campus to the Lake and the Orr Ditch so that water could be taken from these sources by pumping in the event of another fire on the Campus; he also read a letter from the Assistant Fire Chief confirming this request. Mr. Williams moved that the President, Comptroller and Chairman of the Board be authorized to select these sites in cooperation with the Fire Chief.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Eugene Mastroianni and Clifton Young appeared before the Board on behalf of the student body to present their ideas for requests for the University at the next meeting of the Legislature as follows: (1) Sell University Farm and buy one closer to the University; (2) Increase salaries of Instructors; (3) Remove old barracks from Campus and obtain a new shop building; (4) Have one Head for the Department of Extension, Experiment Station and College of Agriculture.

Dr. Hartman presented without recommendation:

(a) Letter from Mr. S. C. Dinsmore requesting that the salary of Mr. V. E. Cokefair be increased from \$150 to \$175 per month payable from the Weights and Measures allotment and effective January 1, 1943.

(b) Letter from Mr. S. B. Doten requesting:

(1) That the salary of Miss Agnes Schmith be advanced from \$1800 to \$2100 per year, to be paid from Station Funds, effective January 1, 1943;

- (2) That Mr. Fred Harris, Assistant in Range Economics in Elko be advanced in rank to the position of Associate in Range Economics with an advance in salary from \$2400 \$2700 per year, payable from Station Funds, effective January 1, 1943.

Mrs. Wardin moved that the Board take no action on these recommendations pending receipt of information from the Federal Government as to legality of such increases.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman presented without recommendation a letter from the Board of Athletic Control requesting:

- (1) A leave of absence for Mr. Joe T. Mc Donnell as Graduate Manager, effective when he reports for duty and extending until his release from the Army after the termination of the war.
- (2) That Arthur J. Palmer be appointed as Acting Graduate Manager, his appointment to run from the date Mr. Mc Donnell leaves until June 1, 1943, and his salary to be \$60 per month, the University to pay \$46.67 and the A. S. U. N. to pay \$13.33 per month.

It was the opinion of the Board that this request should not have come before them until Mr. Mc Donnell is actually accepted or drafted. Mrs. Wardin moved that the matters contained in (1) and (2) in the above paragraph be left entirely in the President's hands.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended the establishment of a separate Department of Journalism under Mr. A. L. Higginbotham as Professor of Journalism beginning with the year 1943-44. Mr. Williams moved approval of this recommendation.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman recommended that the University authorize, if conditions seemed to justify, a Summer Session of 12 weeks to extend from June 7 to August 28, 1943 and underwrite same to the extent of \$2500. Mrs. Wardin moved approval of this recommendation.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Meeting recessed at 12:30; reconvened at 1:45.

Dr. Hartman presented a request from the Extension Division that Dr. Charles W. Hodgson - part-time Range Management Specialist for the Extension Service - be granted a leave of absence for the duration of the war to serve as District Extension Agent for White Pine and Eureka Counties, succeeding Mr. C. R. Townsend, deceased, effective January 1, 1943. Mr. Williams moved approval of this request.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman presented a proxy to vote the stock of the Bank of California, National Assn., for signature. Mrs. Wardin moved that the Chairman of the Board be granted authority to sign this proxy.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Dr. Hartman presented a letter to the Board of Regents from the Nevada State Farm Bureau requesting a thorough study of the Extension Service before a Director is appointed.

Dr. Hartman read Mr. Creel's letter of November 19, 1942 together with his reply to same dated November 21, 1942 as follows:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position of Director of Agricultural Extension at the University of Nevada. I have now completed all correspondence and reports in connection with the activity in which I have been engaged for the past 3 months, and will be free to commence work at the University by December 1, 1942, if my application can receive consideration and is approved by the Board of Regents prior to that date.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Cecil W. Creel

I have at hand your letter of November 19, 1942 in which you make application for appointment to the position of Director of Agricultural Extension at the University of Nevada.

It is my judgment that if you were to be appointed Director of Agricultural Extension at the University of Nevada after you had resigned this position in order to present yourself to the voters of the State as a candidate for the office of United State Senator, such appointed by University officials would constitute a palpable evasion of the Hatch Act. I am not prepared to recommend, therefore, your appointment to this position.

For the past 3 years your work has been such as to require much of your time away from the University of Nevada Campus, and you have been interested in work in Washington where it would seem that one with your ability, extensive training and wide acquaintance should devote his time to problems and activities of national import. You have been interested also in securing the Presidency of 2 or 3 different Agricultural Colleges where such positions were vacant, and it would seem probable that at the present time such positions would be available to you and command your interest.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ L. W. Hartman  
President

Dr. Wood, Chairman of the War Council, was called in to discuss best methods of showing cooperative spirit of the University with the National War Effort. Should write directly to proper authority in Washington and not take matter up through Senators or Congressmen so as to avoid political connection.

President requested by Board to write letter to Head of Extension Service in Washington, Mr. M. L. Wilson, asking whether the re-appointment of Mr. Creel would violate the Hatch Act and whether Mr. Buckman's appointment extends until successor is appointed or only to December 31, 1942. Mr. Ross moved that the President communicate with Mr. M. L. Wilson immediately requesting that an investigation be sent here to make a study of the Extension Service; if Department does not have funds available, the University will pay for the investigation.

Mrs. Wardin      Aye  
Mr. Williams      Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye

Dr. Hartman presented a report on a meeting with a group of alumni - Messrs. Smith, Quilici, Wooster and Blakely - in which the group asked for means and discussed methods by which the alumni may be able to serve the University during the next legislative session. The group suggested that:

- (1) The program to be presented to the Legislature be sent to all Legislators prior to the legislative session.
- (2) This group be permitted to discuss with the Board of Regents or its Executive Committee the proposed program in advance of the legislative session so that this group may be informed and therefore be of greatest service to the University.

The group criticized former method of presentation of the University program to the Washoe County delegation as this made the proposal a matter for the Washoe County group rather than a proposal to be presented to all the Legislators of the State.

Mr. Williams moved that the Board of Regents accept the offer of Joseph D. Layman as outlined in his letter of December 7, 1942 to President Hartman to deed his property at 1027 Sierra Street to the University of Nevada to endow the Carrie Brooks Layman Scholarship; that from the income received from the rental of this property \$200 per year be assigned to fulfilling the terms of the Carrie Brooks Layman Scholarship as outlined on pages 81-82 of the University of Nevada catalogue issue of 1942-43, and that all income in excess of \$200 per year be reserved for the insurance, upkeep, repair and improvement of this property; and that the Board of Regents express their sincere appreciation to Mr. Layman for this generous gift and for his continued interest in the University of Nevada.

Mrs. Wardin      Aye  
Mr. Williams      Aye  
Mr. Ross            Aye

Since Mr. Williams is retiring at the end of this meeting, to be replaced by Mr. Paul J. Sirkegian of Kimberly, Nevada, Mr. Ross made the following speech:

Mr. Williams:



The Board of Regents regrets that this will be your last official meeting with us. You are completing the longest service as Regent that has ever been rendered by a citizen of Nevada. A total of 24 years, 20 of which have been consecutive.

It has been my privilege to observe these years of service as a student, a faculty member and as a Regent. Please permit me then to testify here, before the President and other members of this Board, that your service as Regent has been one of unselfish devotion, marked by keen interest and foresight which has reflected to the advancement of our University.

During your term of service, the physical plant of this Institution has grown from a few buildings to many buildings. The Campus has been improved from sagebrush and board walks to spacious lawns, trees, shrubs, cement and brick walks and paved driveways. The student body has grown from less than 300 to more than 1000; the faculty enlarged from a few well educated and energetic men and women, to many, of the same quality of education and enthusiasm. Departments have grown and been made stronger. Other Departments have been added, so that the University might better serve the State, her youth and her taxpayers. Year by year, the University has become a more integral part of the State and the welfare of her people.

There have been trials and tribulations in this progress. Not all has been clear sailing. Many storms have been encountered, and the going has been hard and sometimes perilous. Through it all, you, because of the love and devotion you have for your adopted State and this University, have braved the storm. Your vision and devotion have materially helped to bring us through safely. Today, our University stands proud of its record of accomplishment. It is ready and willing and qualified to face the problems of the future.

Certainly, when you reflect upon this growth and accomplishment, you must inwardly feel a great satisfaction in having a part in this evolution. Undoubtedly, there will be an inward heartache in severing your affiliations with the University. The accomplishments during your term of service should soften this ache, and minimize any regret. Yours should be a satisfaction of a job well done.

We are sad at your leaving us, but bow to your judgment. We sincerely and gratefully thank you for your aid and assistance during these many years. The citizens and taxpayers of Nevada; graduates and former students; the student body and faculty members feel as we do. We are deeply indebted to you and can

express verbally only a portion of our gratitude. We wish you continued happiness and success; a future full of the real satisfaction to which you are entitled, as well as prosperity. When your time comes to drop the working tools of life, and you have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, we know that it will be your privilege to hear from Him Who sitteth as the Judge Supreme:

Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

Mr. Harris and Dr. Church discussed the Nevada Art Gallery with the Regents. Mr. Williams made his report on the Art Gallery as requested in previous meeting. Mr. Williams moved that the Board of Regents accept the offer of the Nevada Art Gallery to turn over their property to the University with the understanding that the members of the Gallery will cooperate in securing legislative approval for the acceptance of his gift and that the Board of Directors of the Art Gallery will take the necessary steps for transfer of the property to the University.

Mrs. Wardin	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 with understanding that the next meeting will be held in January subject to the call of the Chairman.