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The Board of Regents met at the University at 9:30 A.M., Friday, September 3, 1909. There were present Regents Sunderland, Codd, Henderson and Williams, and the President of the University.

Absent, Dr. Sullivan.

The minutes of the meeting held July 2, 1909 were read and, upon motion, approved.

President Stubbs read his report to the Board as follows:

September 3, 1909

To the Honorable

The Board of Regents of the

University of Nevada.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to make my report of the University for the two months ending August 31, 1909.

According to our schedule, we opened the University on Monday, the 23rd of August. As is usual, the students are coming in slowly. The following is the registration to date:

Women		Men	
Normal	13	Normal	0
High School	45	High School	36
Specials	8	Specials	17
Post Graduate	1	Post Graduate	1
Seniors	10	Seniors	9
Juniors	6	Juniors	10
Sophomores	9	Sophomores	14
Freshmen	16	Freshmen	28
Total	108	Total	108

The probabilities are that we will enroll this term about 250 students, which is equal to our enrollment of the last 2 or 3 years, but not any in advance of it. We have received in answer to the advertisements in the papers probably from 400-500 inquiries. In answer to these inquiries we have sent registers and in many cases letters. The direct results are not yet apparent, but from 5-10 students have been received as the direct result of the advertising that we have done. In addition to this, we have sent personal letters either through the office or through the students in California and Nevada to the number of perhaps 480, and we have received a few students from that effort. The greatest gain in our attendance this year is in the class of students and the work they are doing. For example, 7 students have entered the Agricultural course, and you may rest assured that we will never fall below this number in the future.

It marks the beginning of a campaign for this Department of the University that we shall continue very actively. Then the students in Latin and Greek are in excess of the number in these branches in previous years. We have had 2 or 3 students in Greek in the last 15 years, but there are now some 19 students in this Department. So from the character of the attendance we feel very much encouraged and we believe that the attendance is the proph-

ecy of better things in the future, especially as soon as certain social conditions in this State and in Reno cease. I reiterate that perhaps none of us appreciate the weight of the influence which the social conditions in this town and State exert against every effort on our part to secure students for our University.

And the best that we can do is to keep our faith and our courage and wait patiently for the change in the social conditions and the increase in our attendance which will follow.

The following is the telephone contract for the University which I submit to you for your approval. The telephones will be installed about the first of October. In this arrangement there are telephones in every building so that I can call up any of the Professors from my Office or they in turn can call me up, or one another. This system will connect with the town system for, I think, about 8 phones, which can be changed from one building to another as occasion may require. I have taken great pains to get a reasonable price and I think I have succeeded. I went to the City and direct to the General Manager and talked over with him what we wanted. I said further that the University could not afford to pay the usual toll for the use of the phones and the switchboard. He gave me a rate which I think is very liberal. They will furnish phones, switchboard and keep them in repair, charging us as follows:

For 2 out-going trunk lines	\$ 8.00
For 2 in-coming trunk lines	6.00
20 phones	10.00
1 switchboard	5.00
Total	\$29.00 per month.

The switchboard will be placed in the Registrar's Office and at all times be under our control. I ask your approval of this contract.

I had a conversation with Mr. Campbell, senior member of the Law Firm of Campbell, Metson and Campbell of San Francisco on last Saturday in Carson City, and he said that he had secured \$400,000 in bonds for the University of Nevada, and that he would give me the full details of it by letter in a few days, so that I can submit the matter to the Board of Regents. It seems that these bonds were issued by the State of Mississippi during the Reconstruction Period and they have been rendered legal by that State and by the action of such States as hold the bonds, of which Nevada is one. Mr. Campbell spoke with assurance that we would get \$400,000 in bonds and perhaps more, and said that he would like me to accompany him to New York about the first of October and look into the matter. I will keep the Regents advised, for,

if this is a fact and is not a mere figment of the imagination of a hard-headed lawyer, it will be a great gain to the University. I have planned to go East the last day of September to attend the inauguration of President Lowell, which falls upon the 6th day of October, attend a meeting of the National Association of State Universities which occurs on the 8th and 9th of October at Cambridge, then go to New York to meet Mr. Mackay by appointment. If I can do so, I shall attend the inauguration of Ernest Fox Nichols as President of Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire, on the 14th of October. It would be well for the Regents to take action, giving me leave of absence during the month of October for the purposes of this trip.

I have proposed to Mr. Mackay that he, with his friends, be here on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and possibly the 24th, of October.

Professor Young has prepared the Mining Exhibit for the University and has installed the exhibit at Goldfield ready for the Mining Congress. I suggest that Regent Codd place an insurance of \$300 on this exhibit for as much time as it is at Goldfield.

I attended a meeting of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations at Portland on the 17th, 18th and 19th of August, and then spent 2 days at Seattle on the 20th and 21st,

visiting the Exposition. The arrangement of the grounds, the floral display, the exhibits presented by the United States Government, Alaska, Hawaii and California are especially fine, although all of the other exhibits are very good. I am sure however, that the University made no mistake in declining to send an exhibit of minerals to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exhibition.

The display in the Mining building is not nearly so creditable as some of the other exhibits and we could not have responded to the request of the Publicity Committee at the late date that they asked us to make the exhibit with justice to our State or our University.

I received a letter under date of August 27th from the Nevada Hardware and Supply Company, C. J. James, Secretary, asking that the amount of \$567.20 be allowed at this meeting. This is a claim for interest on the amount expended by them for putting in the Heating Plant, part of which they had to wait for until after the last Legislature appropriated the money. I believe that the State does not allow interest on deferred payments and this bill having been made in the form of interest cannot be allowed by the State. I said to Mr. James that I thought I could find a way to pay this bill in some other manner than that of regular appropriation, which the State would undoubtedly refuse. I did not promise that we would allow this bill now.

In fact, I distinctly stated that I recognized the justice of the claim and that we would find some proper means to pay it, and I will find some way to do this prior to the 31st of December.

There is one other old claim amounting to \$144.97 of the Reno Mill and Lumber Company which I also want to clean up.

I recommend that the Board of Regents now presents the claim of Mrs. C. W. Friend for \$2000 and puts it in charge of Regent Henderson for collection.

I have received from the Board of Education acknowledgement of the receipt of the 2 copies of the Treasurer's Report of the University of Nevada for the year ended June 30, 1909, saying they have been approved.

I have recently been appointed Guardian of the person and Estate of Otto Hartung. This was done at Mr. Hartung's request as he was getting so feeble and at times was so much disturbed mentally that he was not fit to take charge of his business.

The Regents will remember that I reported some time since that I had drawn up the last will and testament of Mr. Hartung, making certain provisions with regard to his Estate and that I have given him some attention for the last two years, and have also

transacted business for him. Although he has been in a sanitarium in California for a few years, yet he has always maintained that his residence was in Nevada and in Reno. It is probable that he cannot live a great while. I receive reports from the Doctor in charge of the sanitarium 2 or 3 times a week and expect to go down to see him and Mr. Hartung on Saturday evening of this week. The object of doing this for him and taking charge of the Estate is two-fold: first, because it seemed to satisfy him to have me look after his business, and in the second place, by doing this work we will keep his bequests in this State, which is very much to be desired.

The lease of the ground on which the President's house stands expires on the 24th day of April, 1910. I herewith submit to the Board of Regents a Resolution for the renewal of this lease for 10 years from April 24, 1910.

I regret to say that we have had a grave piece of vandalism upon the University grounds. There has been a contest between the Freshmen and Sophomores for nearly a week past, although we have given official sanction to a contest on tomorrow, Saturday, after noon, September 4th. Nothing of a serious nature occurred and nothing that would occasion any remark outside of the ordinary life of the College until last evening, when the faculty were

gathered at my house for an evening reception, some person or persons painted the pedestal of the Mackay statue upon three sides. I had supposed that the Mackay gifts would be safe from any species of vandalism and I have relied upon the personal honor of all of our students to see that every interest of the Mackay buildings, statue and quadrangle were maintained, but it seems that I was mistaken.

As the Regents will remember, Mr. and Mrs. Mackay presented Mrs. Stubbs and myself with a gold tea and coffee service after their return to New York from the celebration of the events connected with the giving of the Mackay Mining building and the quadrangle to the University of Nevada. This service is very valuable, so valuable that I have put it into the Bank, and so beautiful and tasteful that we have had nothing in our home to go with it in matters of entertainment. Last year I entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, the Regents, the Honorary Board of Visitors, and some friends at the Riverside Hotel. This time I want to entertain at my own home.

I submit herewith the salary rolls and the claims upon the State Fund and upon the Agricultural and Mechanical College Fund.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. E. Stubbs

President

STATE CLAIMS

A. C. Mc Clury	\$ 132.80
Mott Stationery Company	19.20
Reno Plumbing & Heating Company	2.52
Bennett's Agency	21.65
Library Bureau	158.52
A. C. Mc Clury	28.88
Buchhandlung Gustav Fock	1,345.20
Reno Power Light & Water Company	150.00
Beebe & Wagner	3,802.59
Clock & Shea	5,177.00
Troy Laundry Company	2.95
Eliza Overman	13.13
Peter Frandsen	100.00
Reno Ice Delivery	8.38
W. B. Mack	50.00
S. B. Doten	11.35
Harry Kelly	225.32
Grand Rapids Furniture Company	71.33

William Wagner	22.50
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company	7.35
Mott Stationery Company	28.85
J. D. Layman	2.50
White Company	30.25
Laboratory & Guarantee Fund	850.10
Reno Printing Company	101.75
Laboratory & Guarantee Fund	15.00
Bliss & Faville	200.40
Harry Kelly	91.00
Frank Blake Webster Company	4.06
Charles E. Lydia	108.00
Nevada Hardware & Supply Company	6.80
Nevada Hardware & Supply Company	9.35
Nevada Hardware & Supply Company	75.00
A. C. Mc Clury	217.44
A. C. Mc Clury	3.25
Reno Evening Gazette	4.00
Mott Stationery Company	72.30
Reno Evening Gazette	28.50
Nevada State Journal	5.25
Mott Stationery Company	31.35
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company	6.00
Porteous Decorating Company	64.85

Reno Steam Laundry	3.75
The White Company	2.40
Porteous Decorating Company	1.00
Gordon H. True	143.50
E. Gibeau	130.00
Reno Evening Gazette	285.00
Self & Sellman	98.80
Patrick & Company	7.20
Eclipse Company	107.50
Eclipse Company	75.00
W. H. Blalock	156.75
Charles Ward	18.00
F. M. Payne	25.00
William Wagner	50.53
Riverside Studio	7.00
Reno Livery Company	10.00
Western Union Telegraph Company	26.75
Will U. Mackey	10.00
George I. James	255.00
Reno Mercantile Company	156.63
Reno Mercantile Company	7.45
Reno Mercantile Company	12.75
W. J. Luke	323.75
Kny Scheerer Company	167.00

Bausch & Lomb Optical company	851.62
Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Co.	125.00
German American Insurance Company	125.00
Scheeline Banking & Trust Company	150.00
George H. Taylor	9.85
George H. Taylor	15.16
George H. Taylor	759.21
Bausch & Lomb Optical Company	264.34
Payroll for August	2,789.94
Total	\$20,487.46

A & M CLAIMS

The Leeds & Northrup Company	\$ 136.65
Nevada Hardware & Supply Co.	2.35
Reno Mercantile Company	4.05
Central Scientific Company	60.00
Keuffel & Esser Company	5.80
Riehle Brothers	1,650.00
Union Lumber Company	11.00
Porteous Decorating Company	3.05
A. Lietz Company	4.50
Mott Stationery Company	3.00
Reno Ice Delivery Company	1.25

Miller Lock Company	33.75
Braun-Knecht-Heimann Company	228.48
Nevada Hardware & Supply Company	33.00
The Franklin Company	27.30
Payroll for August	2,709.16
Total	\$ 4,713.34

On motion of Regent Henderson, seconded by Regent Williams, the following resolution relating to the lease of the President's residence was adopted:

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada did on the 3rd day of September, 1909, in meeting regularly assembled duly pass, adopt and cause to be entered upon its records the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada, acting by and through the Board of Regents of the Nevada State University, did on the 24th day of April, 1900, execute and deliver to J. E. Stubbs, a lease of those certain premises therein described, upon which was subsequently built by J. E. Stubbs and others, the building and structures known as the official residence of the President at an annual rental of \$1.00 for the period of ten years, with the right of successive renewals for the same

period upon the same terms and until all sums of money advanced by J. E. Stubbs and others, for the purpose of building and furnishing an official residence thereon for the President of the University, have been repaid by the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, no part of the sums so advanced by said J. E. Stubbs and others, for said purpose and used in the construction and furnishing of said official residence, have been repaid by said State of Nevada, and said J. E. Stubbs has requested a renewal of said lease in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, in meeting regularly assembled, that the President and Secretary of this Board be, and they are hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the State of Nevada, by and through the Board of Regents of the Nevada State University, to execute and deliver a renewal of said lease of April 24th, 1900, for a period of ten years at an annual rental of \$1.00 per year, with the right of successive renewals for the same period, and upon the same terms and conditions as are contained in said lease of April 24th, 1900.

On motion of Regent Codd, seconded by Regent Henderson, the President of the University was authorized to employ a night watchman for the months of September and October at a salary not to exceed \$60 per month.

On motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Henderson, it was resolved that when this Board adjourned, they should adjourn to meet Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock A.M., September 25, 1909.

On motion of Regent Henderson, seconded by Regent Williams, the contract of the Telephone Company, as made by the President and included in his report, was approved.

On motion of Regent Codd, seconded by Regent Henderson, the President was allowed a special salary of \$75 per month for one year to take effect September 1, 1909.

On motion of Regent Codd, seconded by Regent Henderson, the President was granted a leave of absence from September 29 to October 29 as requested in his report.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M., September 25, 1909.

John Sunderland

Chairman

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary