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The meeting was called to order April 10, 1917 at 10 o'clock A.M. by Chairman Abel.

Present: Regents Curler, O'Brien, Baker and Abel, and Acting President Lewers. Absent: Dr. Sullivan.

Acting President Lewers read a letter from Dean Scrugham in regard to an assistant in the Engineering Department (Mechanical Engineering) to take the place of Mr. C. P. Campbell, who had been on leave for the past year, and who had resigned, effective July 1, 1917, and recommending for the position as Instructor in Mechanical Engineering Mr. Peter G. Mc Kinlay, a graduate of the University of Nevada, and at present a member of the faculty of the University of Maine. Dean Scrugham appeared before the Board and explained the needs of the position.

Mr. Curler offered the following motion: I move that the recommendation of Acting President Lewers that we employ Mr. Peter G. Mc Kinlay as Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, his employment and salary to commence on July 1, 1917, that the salary be \$1500 a year with the understanding and agreement that if his work is satisfactory his salary shall be increased to \$1650 at the end of the year, be approved. That Mr. Mc Kinlay be employed under these conditions and that he be notified to report to the University by August 1, 1917.

Vote being taken was as follows:

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

Acting President Lewers read a petition presented by a Senate Committee on the High Cost of Living, and the need for increase of salaries for the various Departments of the University.

Mr. Lewers read a petition from the men working on the University grounds and in the buildings signed by Mr. Lynch, the Superintendent and his staff, asking for increase in salaries to meet the rising cost of living. The communications were held over for further consideration.

A letter from Miss Sameth relative to increase in salary was also presented and laid over.

Acting President Lewers presented a letter from S. C. Dinsmore, dated April 5, 1917, with regard to the Ice Cream Bill passed by the Legislature in 1917. (Pasteurization Bill.) The matter was laid over for further consideration.

Mr. Lewers also discussed the matter of appointing a Marketing man for the State to work in connection with the Agricultural Extension Division. No action was taken.

A request from students for additional tennis courts was presented and the matter was laid over.

Dr. P. A. Lehenbauer appeared before the Board and stated that he had been offered a position in the University of Illinois; that he would like to stay at the University of Nevada, and presented to the Board a specific request for a more definite policy concerning his work.

The Board took a recess until 1:30 P.M. the same date.

The Board of Regents resumed its meeting at 1:30 P.M. April 10.

Present: Regents Curler, Baker, O'Brien, Abel, Sullivan (arrived at 3:15 P.M.) and Acting President Lewers.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Board increase Dr. Lehenbauer's salary to \$2000 a year beginning July 1, 1917, that his title be Associate Professor of Botany and Horticulture, and that he be requested to advise the Board whether he was going to remain or not. Vote being taken was as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Curler	Passed his vote
Mr. Abel	Aye

Comptroller Gorman presented his report of April 10, 1917. On motion the report was received and placed on file.

Mr. Gorman called the special attention of the Board to:

1. Overdraft on the University Farm
2. The relation between the Dining Hall and the University Dairy
3. Placing the Olin Ward Bequest in the Savings Bank
4. Notes due the University from students

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the Comptroller be directed to write a letter to all students whose notes are past due setting forth the desire on the part of the Board that the students give whatever attention to these notes they can, and expressing to them that while the Board of Regents had no disposition to crowd them, that if the money can be paid it will help the University and asking that those notes that could not be paid be renewed; that the letter as prepared be submitted to the Chairman of the Board of Regents for his approval and suggestion. The motion was carried.

Dr. Sullivan arrived at this time.

It was ordered by the Board that the next installment of Hatch and Adams Funds be deposited in the Scheeline Bank and that the Olin Ward and the Philo C. Bennett Scholarship funds be placed in the Savings Department of the Reno National Bank.

A letter of Frederick M. Lee, dated March 20, 1917, was read to the Board and it was suggested that the Acting President endeavor to secure continuity of work in the Comptroller's office.

Acting President Lewers read in part a plan submitted by Professor Wilson for the conduct of the University Farm and stated that he thought that Professor Wilson's plan for the operation of the Farm would gradually cut down the overdraft in the Farm expenditures.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the recommendation of the Comptroller that \$13,711.30 from the reservation in the Student Fees Fund be transferred to the Regents' Contingent Fund to pay the old notes and other charges to make up that sum. Record vote being taken was as follows:

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

The matter of the old Dining Hall account was ordered left over until the close of the semester.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the Comptroller be authorized to make a contract with Mr. Gault for renting 10 inches of water from the Orr Ditch to Mr. Gault for \$28.80 for the season. A record vote being taken was as follows:

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

The recommendation in Mr. Gorman's report that the Philo C. Bennett Scholarship Fund of \$400 and the Olin Ward Fund of \$570 be placed in the Bank of Nevada Savings Department was approved.

The matter of having the abstract of the title to the University Farm brought down to date was referred to the Comptroller.

The matter of the plan for the operation of the College Farm was laid over until the next meeting when copies of the report could be put in the hands of the members of the Board.

Mr. Abel called the attention of the Board to Frederick M. Lee's letter of March 20th. The letter was discussed and it was the sense of the Board that Mr. Gorman could bring the University books up if he gave his attention to the matter.

It was suggested that the Chairman and the Acting President, when they went to San Francisco, talk to Mr. Lee in regard to his request for further remuneration.

Mr. Abel read to the Board the letter of Mr. Paul Gaston dated April 5, 1917, which accompanied his Claim against the University for \$800 for unpaid services.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the communication be placed on file and that the Claim for \$800 be rejected and that Mr. Gaston be notified of the action of the Board. Record vote being taken was as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Dr. Sullivan	No
Mr. Abel	Aye

Acting President Lewers suggested the advisability of sending someone to investigate personally the candidates for positions on the University faculty and recommended that the Chairman of the Board be sent, and that he report to the members of the Board and keep them advised as to applicants for the positions.

Mr. Abel read to the Board a letter of S. P. Capen relative to the printing of the Survey Report.

The Board took a recess until 7:30 the same date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Regents O'Brien, Curler, Baker and Abel, and Acting President Lewers. Absent: Regent Sullivan.

The letter to Mr. Clarence H. Mackay prepared by the special committee was read and accepted by the Board.

A committee appointed for the purpose of drawing a resolution offering the services to the United State Government offered the following resolution, which was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada is a public institution drawing its support from Federal and State Funds, and instituted to train young people to become patriots as well as highly useful citizens, and

WHEREAS, the United States in the present crisis has need for all its men and material resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada places the various agencies and buildings and laboratories of the University at the service of the United States whenever the President may need them.

It was moved by Mrs. Baker that the recommendation of Acting President Lewers that the regular practical Summer work in Surveying and Geology as outlined in the course of the School of Mines be carried on and that the President be authorized to proceed with that work. Record vote being taken was as follows:

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

By action of the Board the request of Dr. Church that his work in Meteorology be financed from State Funds was laid over until the next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the minutes of the January meeting as corrected be approved. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Curler that the Chairman of the Board of Regents be authorized to make a trip east to investigate the applicants and possible candidates for the positions now vacant in the University, including that of the President, at the expense of the State, and to make such recommendations as he saw fit.

Mr. Curler took the Chair.

Record vote being taken was as follows:

Mrs. Baker	Aye
Mr. Curler	Aye
Mr. O'Brien	Aye
Mr. Abel	Passed his vote

Mr. Abel resumed the Chair.

The letter of Colin Cazier, Business Manager of the Artemisia, dated April 6, 1917, was read to the Board. It was moved by Mrs. Baker that the letter be referred to Vice President Lewers with instructions to use his best judgment in the matter. The motion was carried.

A letter from the Associated Students, dated April 9, 1917, was read to the Board. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and to say to the Associated Students that the Acting President of the University and the Chairman of the Board would be glad to take up with the Associated Students the matter of a Director of Athletics and to receive their recommendations.

There being no objection, Mr. O'Brien's request that Mr. Hendrick be allowed to remain in the President's house for a few days after May 1, was granted.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien that the matter of building a bridge across the Orr Ditch and of fixing the banks of the ditch be referred to Acting President Lewers. Record vote being taken was as follows:

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

It was moved by Mrs. Baker that the Acting President be authorized to take up with the Committee of the Orr Ditch the matter of arranging for the control of the water in the University Lake. The motion was carried.

The Board took a recess until May 14, at 10 o'clock A.M.