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JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Madison, Wisconsin

Thursday, February 9, 1933, 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Regents Backus, Berger, Callahan, Clausen, Eimon, Grady, Gundersen, Runge, Ullsperger, Wilkie; President Frank, Business Manager Phillips, Secretary McCaffrey.

✓ President Clausen made a statement with reference to the purpose of the meeting and President Frank read the statement which he was to present to the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature in behalf of the Regents, in the afternoon.

✓ The suggestion of President Frank that the legislature be requested to authorize the Emergency Board to approve transfers from one appropriation to another, was approved.

✓ Dean Bardeen, Dr. Evans and Dr. Buerki came to the meeting to discuss the matter of the withdrawal of state appropriations for the operation of the hospital. It was VOTED, That the Dean of the Medical School and members of his staff be authorized to present their view to the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature of the proposed legislation and its effect upon the poor of the state and upon the Medical School.

was ✓ Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Wilkie, it VOTED, That it is the sense of the Board of Regents that the Wisconsin General Hospital should be maintained as a state function.

✓ President Frank presented the following memorandum from Dean Christensen with reference to appropriations for county agricultural agents:

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"In the Executive Budget Bill No. 64 S under date of January 27, 1933, on page 5, lines 79 to 85 inclusive appears the following:

'(59.87) (4) To supplement the funds provided by the county for the agricultural development, state aid, in the sum of seven hundred dollars annually, shall be given to each county in which the county board has made the required appropriation, and in which a county agricultural representative has been established. Such state aid shall be expended under the direction of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin.'

This recommendation would reduce the sum made available by the state to the counties for agricultural extension service from the sum of \$1,000 to \$700 annually. It is in connection with this recommendation that I wish to submit the following statement to the President and the Board of Regents:

The University willingly accepts the executive budget allotment for agricultural extension work. It does suggest, however, that the proposed amendment to section 59.87 be withdrawn from the budget bill and that the University be permitted to absorb the entire cut in agricultural extension funds within the college extension budget for the following reasons:-

1. The action proposed is an amendment of the organic act passed in 1913 and not a reduction in University appropriations. Its effect would be to reduce aid to counties 30% below the 1913 level.
2. State aid to counties is applied toward the salaries of county representatives. Counties have already made severe cuts in county representative salaries. Recent salary reductions by 36 counties average \$431.00; in one case, as much as 47%. A further horizontal cut in salaries would work disproportionate hardship on many county workers.
3. County appropriations for extension work are made for two-year periods, based on expectation of funds as provided for the past 20 years in section 59.87. Present contracts with 47 counties provide for state funds at the present rate beyond July 1, 1933, with a maximum obligation of two years beyond that date. The proposed amendment to section 59.87 would, in effect, repudiate existing contracts with these 47 counties.

To sum up: The University will adjust its plans for agricultural extension work to the executive budget. The work will be more satisfactory to the people of the state if the organic law, providing for county work, be not disturbed, and the University is allowed to work out its allotment of budget cuts.

I trust the President and the Regents will concur in the views expressed above and will ask the Governor and the Joint Finance Committee to withdraw from the budget bill the proposed amendment to Section 59.87 which would reduce the state aid to the county agricultural extension service from \$1,000 to \$700 annually."

The plans suggested in the memorandum were approved by the Regents.

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✓ Upon motion of Regent Grady, it was VOTED, That the foreclosure of the Jewish Center property in Milwaukee be withheld until further negotiations can be had with the Board of Directors of that institution.

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✓ Upon motion it was VOTED, That in view of the present financial conditions and the difficulty of a number of students to pay their fees before the fine of \$3.00 for late registration became effective, it is recommended that for this semester only the fine be remitted; that in the future the present regulation be adhered to and that this action taken in the present emergency shall not serve as a precedent for remissions in the future.

The meeting

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M. E. McCaffrey,

Secretary.