

# **Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin: March 9, 1951. 1951**

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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Madison, Wisconsin

Friday, March 9, 1951, 11:20 A.M.

Held in the President's Office

PRESENT: Regents Gelatt, Jones, Kleczka, Laird, Watson

The Secretary reported that President Sensenbrenner had called a meeting of the Executive Committee for today, had appointed all of the Regents in attendance as members of the Executive Committee for today only, and had appointed Regent Jones as Chairman of the Executive Committee for today.

Regent Jones asked Regent Gelatt to preside until the noon recess.

Regent Gelatt presided

President Fred reported on the Hearing held on March 7, 1951 before the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature on the University budget for the 1951-53 biennium and reported that the Joint Finance Committee had requested that the University submit a list of priority of items to be considered for restoration in the University biennial budget. President Fred presented a suggested Supplementary Report to the Joint Finance Committee which had been prepared by the administrative officers of the University and the Administrative Committee.

Upon motion of Regent Watson, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That the Supplementary Report to the Joint Committee on Finance on Desired Priority of Restoration of Items Deleted or Reduced in the 1951-53 Budget (Exhibit A attached) be approved, and that the Supplementary Report be transmitted to the Chairmen of the Joint Finance Committee and to the Governor.

President Fred distributed to the Regents, copies of the following Report of the Secretary of the Faculty on the resolutions adopted by the University faculty on March 5, 1951 relating to Bill 378-A and to the possible introduction in the Legislature of a Bill to provide for a system of cost-of-living adjustment in faculty salaries:

March 6, 1951

At its meeting on Monday, March 5, 1951, the University Faculty took the following Action:

That the following resolutions passed by the University Faculty in Committee of the Whole be accepted as the sense of this Faculty and transmitted to the Administration and Regents of the University:

RESOLVED: (1) The faculty commends and supports Governor Kohler's program to improve University salaries as embodied in Bill 378-A.

(2) The faculty considers periodic adjustment of faculty salaries to movements of living costs necessary to the protection of its economic status and the welfare of the University during the current defense emergency. The faculty urges the University Administration and Regents to investigate the feasibility of seeking adoption of a suitable system of cost-of-living adjustment in the current session of the Legislature.

ALDEN W. WHITE  
Secretary of the Faculty.

President Fred also read a statement from members of the faculty of the Racine Extension Center and a letter from Director Adolfson transmitting said statement relating to the salary report of the University Teacher's Union and to providing cost-of-living adjustments in faculty salaries. (copy on file)

(Action was not taken at this meeting on the above Report of the Faculty.)

Regent Watson left the meeting at 12:05 P.M.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:40 P.M.

PRESENT: Regents Gelatt, Jones, Kleczka, Laird.

Regent Jones presided

Regent Grady came in at 1:50 P.M.

The Vice President of Business and Finance reported that the University administrative officers had presented several suggestions to the State Building Commission at the meeting of the Commission on February 23, 1951 as to projects for which the Commission might want to include requests for funds in preparing the request to the Legislature for construction and remodelling funds for the coming biennium.

Upon motion of Regent Kleczka, seconded by Regent Grady, it was VOTED, That the action of the University administrative officers in requesting the State Building Commission for an allotment of \$356,744 to be used for Wisconsin General Hospital remodelling and equipment, be approved.

The final plans for the remodelling of the Wisconsin General Hospital were presented to the Regents for their examination.

Upon motion of Regent Kleczka, seconded by Regent Laird, it was VOTED, That the final plans and specifications for the remodelling of the Wisconsin General Hospital be approved; and that authority be granted to advertise for bids on a fixed price basis or on a cost plus basis if it does not appear possible to obtain satisfactory bids on the fixed price basis.

The preliminary plans for the remodelling of the old Electrical-Engineering Building were presented to the Regents for their examination. The costs of this project were discussed and it was agreed to defer further consideration regarding the remodelling of the old Electrical-Engineering Laboratory until the April meeting of the Regents.

Preliminary plans for the remodelling of the Education-Engineering Building were presented to the Regents for their examination.

Upon motion of Regent Kleczka, seconded by Regent Grady, it was VOTED, That the preliminary plans for remodelling the Education-Engineering Building be approved and that authority be granted for the completion of plans and specifications.

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The Vice President of Business and Finance reported on the financial conditions of the Hospitals and on the need for requesting the Emergency Board for an increase in the per diem rates in the Wisconsin General Hospital and the Orthopedic Hospital due to increased operating costs.

Upon motion of Regent Gelatt, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That the University administrative officers be authorized to request the Emergency Board for an appropriation to cover the accumulated deficit in operation of the Orthopedic Hospital as of April 1, 1951 estimated at approximately \$60,000; that the administrative officers be authorized to request the Emergency Board to increase the per diem rates for public patients in the Wisconsin General Hospital and the Orthopedic Hospital in the amounts necessary to be effective as soon as possible; and that the administrative officers present to the Regents, for their consideration at the April meeting, a recommendation for changes in the per diem rates for private and special rate patients in the Wisconsin General Hospital and the Orthopedic Hospital.

The Vice President of Business and Finance presented and recommended for acceptance the offer from the Viking Air Conditioning Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purchase of 320 acres of land in Douglas County, Wisconsin, in which the Regents of the University of Wisconsin own an undivided one-half interest. (William F. Musbach Estate)

Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That the offer of the Viking Air Conditioning Corporation be not accepted.

Upon motion of Regent Gelatt, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That Mr. Fred Wilcox be appointed Deputy Chief of University Police effective March 15, 1951.

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Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That Mead and Hunt, Inc., Engineers, Madison, Wisconsin, be employed to survey the water and sewerage systems on the Madison Campus at not to exceed \$3,000 on an actual cost basis plus 50% to cover overhead and profit; charged to President's Unassigned; and that the Vice President of Business and Finance be authorized to sign the Agreement.

Upon motion of Regent Kleczka, seconded by Regent Gelatt, it was VOTED, That the action of the University administrative officers be confirmed in requesting the State Building Commission to recommend an appropriation of \$356,000 for remodeling and equipment for the Home Economics Building and for the construction of the Nursery School Addition to the Home Economics Building.

The Vice President of Business and Finance reported that the administrative officers had requested the State Building Commission to recommend an appropriation of \$375,000 to provide space at the Stadium for offices and other facilities for the University Extension Division. The Regents asked that further study be given to the question of providing facilities for the University Extension Division and a report made to the Regents at the April meeting.

The Vice President of Business and Finance presented the actions taken by the Executive Committee on March 7, 1951, relating to the financing and construction of the Chemical Engineering Building and the Intern-Resident Dormitory, which the Executive Committee had been authorized to act on by the Board, and the action taken by the Executive Committee on March 7, 1951, relating to request to the State Building Commission for an appropriation for the purchase of properties in the University expansion areas. The latter action was confirmed by Regents Gelatt, Grady, Jones, Kleczka and Laird.

President Fred explained the need for an additional professorship in the Department of Sociology next year and stated that it was the present policy not to add new staff unless absolutely necessary.

Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That the President of the University be authorized to provide \$7,000 in the 1951-52 budget for an additional professorship in the Department of Sociology.

Vice President Baldwin reported that the Memorial Union facilities will be made available to members of the Armed Forces stationed at Truax Field on a basis comparable to that in effect during World War II.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Clarke Smith, Secretary

The University of Wisconsin

Supplementary Report to Joint Committee on Finance  
on Desired Priority of Restoration of  
Items Deleted or Reduced in the 1951-53 Budget

On the request of your committee, we are listing on a priority basis some of the things we think need be done; things which are not included in the Executive Budget.

The University of Wisconsin wishes to repeat again, a statement which its representatives stressed several times in the course of the hearing on its budget before the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance:

We endorse the Governor's budget because it provides the means for us to do our three-fold job--teaching, research, and public service. It was worked out with our full cooperation, and provides for maintaining a strong University.

We believe, however, that it will leave undone, some of the things we think need be done.

I. Appropriation 20.415 (1)

As President Fred stated at the University Budget hearing, it is difficult to use funds advantageously for recruiting staff after the students are already in attendance. We therefore trust that the provision of this appropriation that makes its release dependent on student enrollment can be removed. We suggest that the appropriation be retained in 20.415-1 but that the limitation as to use be removed.

In January, when the Governor prepared his budget, we agreed that national manpower needs had changed, and that Madison campus enrollments would probably be between 10,000 and 12,000 students next year, and between 9,000 and 11,000 the following year, with the lower figures being most probable. Today's information indicates that the 12,000 figure for next year is probably the better estimate.

This change would not require an addition to the Executive Budget. The totals would remain the same.

II. School of Commerce - Service-to-Small-Business      \$9,000 annually  
   \$18,000 biennially

With the \$18,000 requested for an expansion of its service-to-small-business program, the School of Commerce will be able to render still greater service to the business men and business communities of the State. The School of Commerce works with the Bureau of Community Development of the Extension Division in this program. We are confident that this additional \$18,000 will be returned many times to the people of Wisconsin in the form of better management which will result in improved service to the public.

III. Maintenance and Miscellaneous Capital 20.41(1)(c)

Restore original request

\$115,000 annually

Old and inadequate equipment now handicaps the work of many of our best teachers. We have made progress in improving this situation, but students still wait in line to use certain scientific equipment and teaching aids, and much of that which is available is obsolete. The additional \$75,000 annually provided in the 1951-53 budget request over the present appropriation would permit us to continue much needed progress in modernizing our laboratory and classroom equipment.

For many years we have done only that maintenance work which was absolutely necessary, and today we are faced with major maintenance jobs if we are to keep our old buildings safe and usable. New floors, new lighting, fire prevention measures, and exterior repairs are required, if complete deterioration of our buildings is to be prevented. For these reasons we asked for an additional sum of \$40,000 annually for the 1951-53 biennium.

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