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Meeting of the Board of Regents held in the Regents' Room,
Bascom Hall, pursuant to the call of the Executive Commit-
tee in accordance with action taken by the Board on Decem-
ber 16, 1936

Madison, Wisconsin

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Wednesday, January 6, 7, 1937, 10 A.M.

President Wilkie presiding

PRESENT: President Frank; Regents Backus, Baker, Brown, Callahan,
Christopherson, Combs, Gates, Grady, Gundersen, Hones, Mead,
Miller, Richards, Runge, Wilkie.

ABSENT: None.

✓ Regent Callahan, seconded by Regent Gundersen, moved that the
Board adjourn to more suitable quarters for this meeting. Regent Hones
moved the previous question, to close discussion on the question whether
such adjournment should be made. Called vote was taken, all Regents
present voting and voting "Aye".

Called vote was then taken on the Callahan motion. Regents
voting "Aye", Backus, Callahan, Christopherson, Grady, Gundersen (5).
Regents voting "No", Baker, Brown, Gates, Hones, Miller, Richards,
Runge, Wilkie (8). The motion was declared lost.

(Regents Combs and Mead did not arrive until after this vote
was taken.)

✓ President Wilkie then made a statement as to procedure for
the meeting and asked for unanimous consent to proceed. Upon motion of
Regent Gates, seconded by Regent Brown, it was

VOTED, That the Board now proceed with the meeting in accord-
ance with President Wilkie's outline. The motion was carried, Regent
Grady voting "No".

✓ President Wilkie read his statement with reference to the President of the University. (Copy herewith) He then read a statement from the faculty members of the Regent-Faculty Conference Committee and also called attention to a statement in the Capital Times of January 5, 1937, with regard to the rating of the University of Wisconsin. (These statements were placed on file.)

Regent Christopherson moved, seconded by Regent Richards, that the meeting adjourn to 2 P.M. Regent Gates moved, seconded by Regent Hones, to amend the Christopherson motion, setting the time at 1 P.M. Called vote was taken on the Gates amendment. Regents voting "Aye", Baker, Brown, Gates, Gundersen, Hones, Miller, Richards, Runge, Wilkie (9). Regents voting "No", Backus, Callahan, Christopherson, Combs, Grady, Mead (6). Motion carried.

The Regents reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

✓ Regent Gates read his statement with reference to the President of the University. (Copy herewith)

✓ President Frank made a verbal statement and said that he would withhold his reply until the end of the discussion.

At 4 P.M. a recess was taken to
4:30 P.M.

✓ At 4:30 P.M. President Frank read part of his reply to the basic charges made by Regents Wilkie and Gates, stating that he would withhold until later his factual report on the results of his administration for the past eleven years.

At 5:30 a recess was taken to 5:40
to plan further procedure in the conduct of the meeting.

✓ Addresses were made by Mrs. Zona Gale Breese, Senator John E. Cashman, Professor A. J. Carlson, President of the American Association

of University Professors. Mr. Robert M. Rieser, Attorney, filed a statement with regard to the President's House, from the records of the late John M. Olin.

At 6:45 P.M., upon motion of Regent Callahan, it was VOTED, That the meeting adjourn to 8:30 A.M., Thursday, January 7. Regent Brown voted "No".

Thursday, January 7, 1937, 9:10 A.M.

All Regents present.

Addresses were made by Harry A. Bullis, President of the Wisconsin Alumni Association; George I. Haight, Past President of the Wisconsin Alumni Association; Miss Caryl Morse, President of the Class of 1936; Mr. Harry Adams, a Beloit alumnus.

Regent Callahan made a brief statement, which was followed by an address by Regent Grady. Brief statements were made by Regent Combs and Attorney Robert M. Rieser.

Regent Gundersen moved that all communications received relating to the President of the University be read when the meeting reconvened. Called vote was taken. Regents voting "Aye", Backus, Grady, Gundersen, Mead (4). Regents voting "No", Baker, Brown, Callahan, Christopherson, Combs, Gates, Hones, Miller, Richards, Runge, Wilkie (11). Motion lost.

Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Backus, it was VOTED, That the meeting adjourn to 2:15 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

President Frank presented the second part of his statement. He was assisted by Professor F. D. Cheydleur and Dean E. B. Fred.

A recess was then taken from 4:30
to 4:40 P.M.

✓ Upon resuming Dean Holt explained the methods of the Bureau of Guidance and Records and the freshman orientation week.

✓ President Frank then continued his statement, concluding at 5:30 P.M. (Copy herewith)

✓ Don Truax, a student, made a statement with reference to the petition filed by approximately 1200 students.

✓ James Doyle, President of the Senior Class, also made brief remarks.

At 5:50 Regent Gates addressed the Regents in rebuttal.

At 6:05 Regent Wilkie concluded the rebuttal, closing at 6:35 P.M.

At 6:40 Regent Hones presented a written statement. (Copy herewith)

Regent Christopherson then addressed the Board and was followed by Regents Grady and Richards.

Regent Baker moved, seconded by Regent Gates, that the Board go into executive session. This motion was not put.

Upon motion of Regent Brown it was
VOTED, That the Regents adjourn to 9 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 9:25 P.M.

Regent Gates presented the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Regent Brown:

RESOLVED, That President Glenn Frank is hereby notified that the Board of Regents will not renew his appointment as President of the University for the coming academic year, beginning July 1, 1937; that President Frank be and he hereby is placed upon leave of absence, with pay, from January 7 to June 30, 1937;

That Dr. George Sellery, Dean of the College of Letters and Science, be and he hereby is authorized and directed to discharge any and all duties and is hereby granted any and all powers of the office of President of the University from January 8, 1937, until further orders of the Board;

That the Executive Committee is instructed to consider and consult with candidates for the office of President of the University but that before making any recommendations to the full Board as to a new president, the Committee shall consult the University committee of the faculty;

That when the Executive Committee is ready to report any recommendations as to a new president, the Committee shall do so at a regular meeting of the Board or shall arrange with the President of the Board for designating a special meeting for the purpose.

Called vote was taken. Regents voting "Aye", Baker, Brown, Gates, Hones, Miller, Richards, Runge, Wilkie (8). Regents voting "No", Backus, Callahan, Christopherson, Combs, Grady, Gundersen, Mead (7). Motion carried.

Upon motion of Regent Gundersen, seconded by Regent Hones, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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~~M. E. McCaffrey,~~

Secretary.

NOTE: Reporter's copy of the proceedings of this meeting, including addresses, is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Regents.