

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin: July 13, 1934. 1934

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Madison, Wisconsin

Friday, July 13, 1934, 10 A.M.

President Clausen presiding

PRESENT: President Frank; Regents Backus, Baker, Callahan, Christopherson, Clausen, Combs, Drexler, Eimon, Grady, Gundersen, Mead, Runge, Ullsperger, Wilkie.

ABSENT: Regents Berger, Sholts.

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V President Frank presented the following letter from the Athletic Board, recommending Dr. Walter E. Meanwell for Athletic Director:

July 12th, 1934

President Glenn Frank Bascom Hall University of Wisconsin

Dear President Frank:

In compliance with the action of the Board of Regents on June 16th last, the Athletic Board met on July 12th and thoughtfully reconsidered the question of the Directorship of Intercollegiate Athletics. We now recommend the appointment of Dr. Walter E. Meanwell to the position at the salary already provided for him in the budget for next year.

May we reiterate our conviction that it is inexpedient to combine the duties of a head coach with those of the Directorship? Dr. Meanwell will, therefore, upon assuming the Directorship, resign as coach of basketball, turning his duties in the latter capacity over to a successor. Our recommendation has no budgetary implications for 1934-35.

> Very sincerely yours, (Signed) A. T. WEAVER

> > Chairman, UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC BOARD.

After discussion of the recommendation the Athletic Board was called before the Regents and statements were made by Professor Andrew T. Weaver, Chairman of the Athletic Board, Professor Hobson, and by Mr. Walter Alexander and Mr. Myron T. Harshaw, alumni members of the Board.

Mr. Alexander requested that the minority report endorsing Dr. Clarence W. Spears for Athletic Director, which was presented at the previous meeting of the Board of Regents, be reinstated at this time.

Regent Grady read a communication from John Messmer, of Milwaukee, which was placed on file.

Regent Ullsperger moved, seconded by Regent Callahan, that the majority report be adopted. Called vote was taken, Regents voting "Aye", Backus, Berger, Callahan, Combs, Gundersen, Mead, Runge, Ullsperger (8); Regents voting "No", Baker, Christopherson, Clausen, Drexler, Eimon, Grady, Sholts, Wilkie (8).

Since the vote resulted in a tie. President Frank was called upon to vote and voted "Aye", with the following statement:

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"I vote Aye, not in judgment on the respective candidates who are alike able, but on the ground that, in my judgment, the only proper procedure for the Regents is to approve or reject the majority recommendation of the Athletic Board charged with the administrative oversight of athletics, and I find no arguments that convince me the majority recommendation should be rejected, whatever may be the merit of the minority report."

The majority report was adopted.

The votes of the absentee members, Regent Sholts having sent his in by mail and Regent Berger by wire, were accepted by common consent and recorded by the Secretary.

Upon motion of Regent Wilkie, seconded by Regent Callahan, the <u>minority report</u> which was presented to the Committee of the Whole at the meeting held on June 15, 1934, by Regent Grady, was referred to the Finance Committee to report back to the Board. The minority report follows:

1. That the budget, in its present form, be disapproved.

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- 2. That it be so amended, either by the reduction of salaries, other than those of Civil Service employees below the minimum, or a reduction of staff, or both, as may be necessary to permit of a full compliance with the minimum wage scale now in force as promulgated by the Bureau of Personnel applicable to Civil Service employees.
- 3. That in formulating the scale of salary reductions or waivers there shall be taken into consideration the distinction between those receiving instruction in the University and those who do not.

Upon motion of Regent Wilkie, seconded by Regent Eimon, it

VOTED, That there be paid no bonus, or amount in excess of the budget, to the teaching staff in the summer session. Regent Callahan voted "No".

At 12:50 the meeting

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ADJOURNED.

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M. E. McCaffrey,

Secretary.