

Minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin: December 14, 1945. 1945

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Madison, Wisconsin

Friday, December 14, 1945, 11:30 A.M.

Held in Room 315 South, State Capitol

PRESENT: Regents Callahan, Cleary, Kleczka; President Sensenbrenner, Regent Jones, President Fred, Director Peterson, Secretary McCaffrey

The Director of Business and Finance read a letter from Governor Goodland dated December 4, 1945, and upon motion of Regent Cleary, seconded by Regent Sensenbrenner, it was

VOTED, That in recognition of the fact that the 1945 Christmas season is the first opportunity in several years for many families who were separated by war to be reunited, and in accordance with the suggestions made by the Governor in his letter of December 4 to all Commissions, Boards, and Departments of the State, for this year the following modifications in the rules of the Regents relating to time off with pay for University civil service employees be authorized:

Department heads are authorized to grant time off with pay to employees who can be spared on December 24. In those departments where the services cannot be interrupted employees required to work on December 24 may be given the equivalent time off on December 31.

Wherever practical in the judgment of the department head, offices will be closed on December 24, but all offices will be open and operative on December 31.

Report on file
The Director of Business and Finance reported on preliminary negotiations with the War Department for the use of facilities at Truax Field to house veterans attending the University. He stated that the War Department has agreed tentatively to issue a "Permit to Enter" which will authorize the University to use the buildings and equipment in the hospital area at Truax pending the preparation of a formal lease. It was reported that it may be impossible to operate the project on a self-supporting basis and that some subsidy of University funds or State appropriations may be required. Upon recommendation of the Director of Business and Finance, and upon motion of Regent Sensenbrenner, seconded by Regent Cleary, it was

- VOTED (1) That the Regents approve the "Permit to Enter" and that the Director of Business and Finance be authorized to sign the permit in behalf of the Regents. *Copy of form from War Dept. attached*
- (2) That Mr. S. Lee Burns be appointed Director of the University Truax Field Project and that Mr. D. L. Halverson be appointed Acting Director of the Division of Residence Halls.
- (3) That the University Administration be authorized to proceed with plans for the use of the Truax Field facilities made available by the War Department and to operate the project

as a department through the 20.41(5)(A) Residence Halls revolving fund, subject to such adjustments in accounts as may be necessary to properly reflect any subsidy that may be necessary.

Upon motion of Regent Sensenbrenner, seconded by Regent Cleary, it was VOTED, That the following statement of policy regarding rates of pay, vacations and sick leave for skilled tradesmen be approved:

It is the judgment of the University administration that inasmuch as it is the established policies of the State to establish monthly rates of pay and to provide for vacations and sick leave with pay, such policies should apply to all classes of full-time public employment.

Upon motion of Regent Sensenbrenner, seconded by Regent Cleary, it was VOTED, That the Director of Business and Finance and the Secretary of the Regents be authorized to endeavor to sell approximately \$75,000 of the stock of the Simpson Logging Company held in the Anonymous Trust, that the proceeds of such sale be used to make a loan to the Estate of C. H. Thordarson, deceased, on chattel mortgage covering the Thordarson Library in accordance with the terms outlined in the letter to the Regents signed by the Executors of the Thordarson Estate and dated November 16, 1945. (Copy of letter on file)

President Fred presented the following recommendations:

- Letters and Science -

1. That the leave of absence granted to Robert D. Specht, assistant professor mathematics, be terminated; and that he return from war work to active duty beginning November 1, 1945; salary \$3,000 per annum; charge to Regents' Unassigned. Adopted.

2. That the leave of absence granted to Arthur H. Robinson, assistant professor of geography, be terminated; and that he return from war work to active duty beginning of the second semester of 1945-46; salary \$1,600 for the semester; charge to Regents' Unassigned. Adopted.

Upon motion of Regent Cleary, seconded by Regent Kleczka, adopted.

President Fred reported on the progress being made in Washington on federal appropriations for research.

The meeting adjourned at 12 M.

M. E. McCaffrey,
Secretary