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## **Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin: December 19, 1935. 1935**

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Madison, Wisconsin

Thursday, December 19, 1935, 10 A.M.

President Wilkie presiding

To consider the athletic situation, legislative scholarships, the Florence Porter Robinson will and such other matters as may properly come before the Board.

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

ABSENT: Regents Clausen, Mead.

A communication was presented from Regent Mead in explanation of his absence. Regent Clausen had not yet returned from his trip to Hawaii.

Francis E. McGovern, of Milwaukee, executor of the estate of Florence Porter Robinson, appeared before the Regents and made a statement with reference to the status of this case. He stated that Mr. Poss, the attorney, was in New York and could not be present and that Mr. Schuler was in court in Milwaukee. He gave the present value of the estate as approximately \$55,000 and stated that the undivided interest of the testatrix in real estate was unincumbered. The matter was left with the Law Committee.

Regent Wilkie made a statement with reference to the investigation of the athletic situation and stated that a tentative report of the Athletic Board had been prepared and was ready for presentation. A few communications received by the Secretary were presented.

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✓ President Frank made a statement with regard to the investigation and stated that he, Regent Wilkie and Business Manager Phillips had attended all the meetings of the Athletic Board, but that they were not voting members. He then read the tentative report which was prepared by the voting members of the Athletic Board in advance of their recommendations.

*to call up to call*  
✓ Regent Callahan moved, seconded by Regent Backus, to accept the report of the Athletic Board and that the matter be referred back to them for further consideration, report and recommendations to be made at a later meeting; that in the meantime any member of the Board of Regents may attend the meetings of the Athletic Board.

→ The motion was lost.

✓ Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Ihde, it was VOTED, That the Regents proceed today to hear such witnesses as the Board may call before them.

✓ Regent Callahan moved, seconded by Regent Drexler, that the Regents proceed with the investigation in open session. Called vote was taken, Regents voting "Aye", Callahan, Drexler, Grady, Ihde, Ullsperger (5). Regents voting "No", Backus, Baker, Christopherson, Combs, Eimon, Gundersen, Kleczka, Runge, Wilkie (9). The motion was lost.

Adjournment was then taken and the Regents reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

✓ Regent Wilkie, President Frank and Business Manager Phillips each made statements of some length summarizing their impressions of the testimony given in the hearings which had been conducted by the Athletic Board.

✓ Dr. Meanwell was then called before the Board. The testimony was taken by the court reporter.

✓ The matter of a contract which Dr. Meanwell had made with reference to the manufacture and sale of a basketball shoe was dis-

cussed and upon motion of Regent Grady it was

VOTED, That Dr. Meanwell be required to produce the written contract. Called vote was taken. Regents voting "Aye", Backus, Callahan, Drexler, Grady, Gundersen, Ihde, Kleczka, Runge, Wilkie (9). Regents voting "No", Baker, Christopherson, Combs, Eimon, Ullsperger (5).

✓ Dr. Spears was then called before the Board and was followed by Ray Hamann and John Golemgeske.

✓ Professor Weaver, Chairman of the Athletic Board, was then called and was asked to present some correspondence with Glenn Thistlethwaite. The question was raised as to whether this was personal or official correspondence. President Wilkie later advised that a message received from Professor Weaver stated that there was no such official correspondence on file.

✓ Dr. Meanwell again appeared before the Board and offered to read extracts from the contract referred to to the Regents, but refused to deliver the contract.

✓ Following this Carlton Crowell, Jack Kellner, and Emmett Tabat, members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, appeared before the Board and were questioned.

During the luncheon hour the Regents took the following actions:

1. ✓ The Secretary presented a communication from Louis Ganttner, of Madison, offering to provide the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of a tract of 190 acres of marsh land adjoining the Arboretum. Upon motion of Regent Ullsperger, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was

VOTED, That the gift be accepted, that the purchase of the land be concluded and that the Secretary express to Mr. Ganttner the appreciation of the Regents for this generous donation.

2. ✓ The Business Manager reported on his conference with the Winspear committee with reference to establishing a graduated waiver scale affecting salaries in the lower brackets and stated that a questionnaire was being prepared, which would take some few days to get out, and if dependency was to be considered, no figures could be ready prior to the January meeting of the Board.

3. ✓ Upon motion of Regent Kleczka, it was VOTED, That the Attorney General be requested for an opinion as to whether a portion of the appropriation for a Chair in Polish could be used for the purchase of books, etc. (*opinion on file with this mtg*)

4. ✓ The Business Manager reported upon communications from Arthur Grueninger, representing the Marshall & Illsley Bank, with reference to the Diller property, and from Edward Grieb, real estate agent of the City of Milwaukee. It was

VOTED, That the Business Manager and the Secretary go to Milwaukee at their earliest convenience to get what information they can with reference to the matter and report to the Regents.

5. ✓ The Secretary was directed to send flowers to Ex-regent Ben F. Faast, who is confined in the Wisconsin General Hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. and upon motion of Regent Backus, seconded by Regent Callahan, the following statement was issued:

✓ The Board of Regents received a partial report from the Athletic Board, which is being considered. The Board has taken additional evidence and has adjourned to the regular January meeting, when it expects to complete its consideration of the matter.

M. E. McCaffrey,

Secretary

*To Jan. mtg.*