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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Madison, Wisconsin

Held in the President's Office

Tuesday, July 31, 1962, 2:30 P.M.

President Friedrich presiding

PRESENT: Regents DeBardleben, Friedrich, Gelatt, Greenquist, Jensen, Rohde, Rothwell, Steiger, and Werner.

ABSENT: Regent Pasch, who was absent from the state.

President Friedrich announced that this was a specially called meeting of the Board of Regents, although not called with the usual notice; and stated that all of the Regents were present with the exception of Regent Pasch, who was absent from the state, and who was informed that the meeting was being called. He inquired whether there was any question as to the legality of this meeting, in the absence of the usual notice; and, there being no question raised, President Friedrich declared this to be a special meeting of the Regents of the University of Wisconsin.

President Friedrich stated that the Regents were meeting here in emergency session because of the death of the President of the University of Wisconsin, Conrad Arnold Elvehjem, and stated that Regent A. Matt. Werner, the senior member of this Board, had a resolution to present.

Regent Werner presented the following resolution:

~~CONRAD ARNOLD ELVEHJEM~~

WHEREAS, the death of Conrad Arnold Elvehjem, 13th president of The University of Wisconsin, constitutes not only an immense loss for this University but also for the president's own field in the biological sciences and for the world of higher education;

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvehjem, native son of Wisconsin, received from this University his academic training for a brilliant career in science, and in recognition of that debt, devoted more than 35 highly productive years to the state and to his alma mater;

WHEREAS, the research which he carried out on the Wisconsin campus forwarded knowledge of nutrition to new horizons for human betterment and the name of Conrad Elvehjem to international prominence;

WHEREAS, many of the world's most able young scientific minds came under the influence of this distinguished teacher, and beyond instruction in their science discipline, gained by his great example, a discipline of high integrity and honesty;

WHEREAS, the exceptional skills which Conrad Elvehjem displayed in administering the affairs of his department and of the Graduate School and at one and the same time maintaining his professional role were remarkable in themselves but were a strong presage of things to come;

WHEREAS, when the responsibilities of leading this great University were given to Conrad Elvehjem four years ago, this devoted public servant shouldered these burdens with the same quiet strength that he had shown through the years, and with the determination that the inevitable growth of this expanding institution would be marked first and last by the flowerings of the mind;

WHEREAS, in the four years that followed and remained of his life, President Elvehjem carried out that resolve, and while facing problems of American higher education, never more complex, led the University of Wisconsin ever forward;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the University of Wisconsin maintain a state of mourning for the 30 days immediately following the death of its lost leader; that though continuing in its noble purposes, this community show its sorrow with its flags at half staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of President Elvehjem with expressions of deepest sympathy from every member of the Board of Regents.

Regent Werner moved the adoption of the above resolution. Regent Steiger seconded the motion on behalf of all of the members of the Board. The motion was unanimously adopted by the Regents by a rising vote.

President Friedrick announced that Mrs. Elvehjem had invited all of the Regents to call at her house at the close of this meeting. He stated, if there was no objection, he would designate Regent Werner to transmit this resolution to her at that time.

Acting President Harrington made the following statement: "I would like to say just a word, speaking for the administration and the rest of the faculty. We, of course, join the Regents in their statement of praise with reference to the President of the University and their statement of regret at his sudden passing. The administration and the remainder of the faculty has already stated its position since the death of President Elvehjem and we will again in appropriate resolutions at the proper time."

President Friedrich reported the receipt of telegrams and letters of condolence on the death of President Elvehjem, which were addressed to the Board of Regents, and stated that these communications would be filed with the papers of this meeting.

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Regent Gelatt stated that, if it was appropriate procedure, he would move the adoption of the following motion:

That the Executive Committee of the Regents act as a committee for the search, selection, and recommendation of a successor to President Elvehjem.

The motion was seconded by Regent Werner and it was voted.

President Friedrich reported that he had received a communication dealing with various aspects of qualifications for a President of the University, and stated that this communication would be referred to the Executive Committee.

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Upon recommendation of Vice President Peterson, and upon motion by Regent Steiger, seconded by Regent Rohde, it was VOTED, That authority be granted to rent the following property needed for University purposes:

Approximately 1,810 square feet, the entire second floor, of 1303 University Avenue, Madison, Louis Perlman, \$400 per month, September 1, 1962 to June 30, 1967, chargeable to gifts and grants.

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Regent DeBardleben stated that he assumed that the question of holding the next meeting of the Regents would be determined by the President of the Regents following the meeting of the Executive Committee. President Friedrich stated that, if there was no objection, he would issue a call for the next meeting of the Regents with due notice being given.

Regent DeBardleben inquired whether the Executive Committee (acting as a special Search Committee for the Presidency) would meet immediately following this special Regent meeting. President Friedrich replied in the affirmative; and stated that all Regents were invited to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee.

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Upon motion of Regent Werner, seconded by Regent Gelatt, it was VOTED, That the actions of the President of this Board, and of the Executive Committee, regarding the appointment of Vice President Peterson as Acting President of the University until the return of Vice President Harrington, and the designation of Fred H. Harrington as Acting President of the University, be made a formal record of this Board.

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Upon motion of Regent Steiger, seconded by Regent Gelatt, it was VOTED, That the meeting of the Board be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Clarke Smith, Secretary