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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

University Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Monday, January 24, 1949, 3 P.M.

President Sensenbrenner presiding

PRESENT: Regents Callahan, Campbell, Grady, Jones, Kleczka, Sensenbrenner, Werner.

Regents Arveson and Hodgkins were called by telephone during the course of the meeting.

ABSENT: Regent Gelatt.

Regent Gelatt was out of the state and it was impossible to reach him by telephone.

All Regents present voluntarily waived the requirement of the five-day notice for a special meeting of the Board.

President Fred read the recommendation of the Athletic Board dated January 24, 1949, that Mr. Ivan B. Williamson be appointed head football coach. President Fred also read a letter dated January 24, 1949, from Harry Stuhldreher, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, recommending the appointment of Mr. Williamson. (Copies attached.)

President Fred recommended the appointment of Mr. Williamson as head football coach, with rank of professor, at an annual salary of \$10,000, twelve months' basis. Upon motion of Regent Grady, seconded by Regent Kleczka, it was

VOTED, That upon the recommendation of President Fred, Ivan B. Williamson be appointed head football coach, with rank of professor; salary at the rate of \$10,000, twelve months' basis, effective February 1, 1949. A called vote was taken, all Regents present voting "Aye". President Sensenbrenner telephoned Regents Arveson and Hodgkins and each of them voted in the affirmative.

President Sensenbrenner then telephoned Mr. Ivan B. Williamson at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Williamson orally accepted the above offer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

A. W. Peterson, Secretary

C O P Y

January 24, 1949

President E. B. Fred
Bascom Hall

Dear President Fred:

The Athletic Board of the University of Wisconsin unanimously recommends that Mr. Ivan B. Williamson be appointed Head Football Coach, with rank of Professor, at an annual salary of \$10,000.

This recommendation comes after a careful study of the qualifications of many very able football coaches. It is our judgment that Mr. Williamson has a sound and thorough knowledge of football, and has demonstrated high coaching skill. He was reared in the Midwest and has played in our Conference. He was chosen All-Conference player on a team which lost only one game in the three years which he played. He has been recommended to us as one of the foremost of the country's young coaches.

Mr. Williamson is known to be a splendid leader of young men. He was popular as a student, being elected president of his senior class. He was an honor student, graduating with "high distinction" from the University of Michigan. He has shown himself to be a highly esteemed member of the staffs of the institutions which he has served. We have every confidence that Mr. Williamson has the ability, skill, judgment, temperament, and drive which football coaching at the University of Wisconsin requires. We believe that he will be a valued member of our faculty.

In reaching a decision, the Athletic Board was faced with a most difficult choice. The qualifications of other applicants were so excellent that, if a different choice had been made, the University would also have been well served.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ KENNETH LITTLE

Kenneth Little, Acting Chairman

Prof. William B. Sarles, Chairman
Prof. Richard V. Campbell
Prof. Harry Harlow
Dr. Frank Weston
Joseph A. Cutler
William Hoard
Glenn Starke

C O P Y

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Madison 6

Division of Intercollegiate
Athletics

January 24, 1949

President E. B. Fred
Bascom Hall

Dear President Fred:

After carefully studying the background and experience of Mr. Ivan Williamson, I highly recommend him for the appointment of head football coach at the University of Wisconsin. Without question, he has all of the qualifications necessary for this position, and I feel certain that he will represent the University well in every phase of its activity.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ HARRY STUHLREHER

Harry Stuhldreher
Director

C O P Y

MR. IVAN B. "RED" WILLIAMSON

Mr. Ivan B. Williamson will be thirty-eight years of age on February 4, 1949. He is married and has twin sons, age twelve. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, and was graduated from Bowling Green, Ohio, high school. He attended the University of Michigan where he was graduated with "high distinction" and granted an A.B. degree in 1933. He returned to the University of Michigan summer schools and was granted an M.A. degree in 1940.

He participated in both football and basketball, winning five major letters at the University of Michigan. He was captain of the football team in the fall of 1932. He was an All-Conference end and was listed on a number of All-American selections. He also served as one of two student members on the athletic board of the University of Michigan.

In the fall of 1933, he coached football at Roseville, Michigan, high school, and also coached basketball there until March, 1934. Upon that date he joined the football coaching staff of Yale University served as line coach, assisting Head Coaches Neale, Pond, and Nelson, in that succession.

He began service in the Navy in June, 1942, and was discharged in December, 1945. He returned to Yale and resumed his duties as line coach, assisting Head Coach Howard Odell throughout the 1946 season. In the fall of 1947, he became head football coach at Lafayette College, his initial team winning six out of nine games and last fall (1948) losing only to Army and Rutgers in a nine-game schedule.

January 24, 1949