

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin: April 15, 1931. 1931

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Madison, Wisconsin

Wednesday, April 15, 1931, 9 A.M.

President Faast presiding

PRESENT: President Frank; Regents Backus, Berger, Callahan, Clausen,

Drexler, Eimon, Faast, Gundersen, Mead, Richardson, Runge,

Schmidtmann, Ullsperger, Waters, Wilkie.

ABSENT: Regent Sholts.

A communication was received from Regent Sholts explaining that he had met with an injury which made it impossible for him to attend the meeting.

Upon motion of Regent Berger, seconded by Regent Mead, the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on March 4, 1931, were approved as sent out to the regents.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

- Letters and Science -

1. That Paul Merker be appointed to give a public lecture under the auspices of the Department of German on April 1, 1931; honorarium, \$50, in lieu of expenses; charge to Milwaukee Seminary fund, 8B.

Adopted.

2. That Professor L. C. Graton of Harvard University be appointed special lecturer in geology for four or more lectures to be given on April 20, 21, and 22, 1931; honorarium, \$250, in lieu of expenses; charge to L. & S. Unassigned.

Adopted.

- 3. That \$200 be transferred from L. & S. Unassigned to the Spanish Department for clerical work, fund lA. Adopted.
- 4. That \$200 be transferred from L. & S. Unassigned to the Committee on Loans and Undergraduate Scholarships for office assistants.

 Adopted.
- 5. That \$300 be appropriated from Regents Unassigned for the printing of a revised edition of the Leffler Survey of Industrial Development and Tax Burden in Wisconsin.

 Adopted.

(These recommendations had been previously considered by the Committee on Letters and Science and were recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Mead, seconded by Regent Waters, recommendations 1 to 5 under Letters and Science were adopted.

- Engineering -

- 1. That Ivan L. Cole be appointed student assistant in mining and metallurgy for one week, beginning April 8, 1931; salary \$50 for the week; charge to unassigned balance in railway engineering staff, p. 104, fund 1A. Adopted.
- 2. That Henry Pommerenck be appointed research assistant in hydraulic and sanitary engineering part time basis from April 15 to June 15, 1931; salary at the rate of \$50 a month; full time basis from June 15 to July 1, 1931; salary at the rate of \$125 a month (total for the period \$225); charge to Research 1A.

 Adopted.
- from Regents Unassigned 1A
 3. That an appropriation of \$690 be made/for expenses in connection with the dedication of the Mechanical Engineering Building.

 Adopted.

(These recommendations had been previously considered by the Committee on Engineering and were recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Schmidtmann, seconded by Regent Callahan, recommendations 1 to 3 under Engineering were adopted.

- Agriculture -

- l. That Myrtle I. Egstad be appointed county club agent for Barron County from April 1 to July 1, 1931; salary at the rate of \$115 a month (total salary \$345 for the period); charge to part-time county leaders, p. 71, funds 3E and 8A revolving.

 Adopted.
- 2. That Marion Martin be appointed county club agent for Winnebago County from April 1 to July 1, 1931; salary \$330 for the period; charge to aggregate amount for county representatives, p. 71, 8A revolving fund.

 Adopted.
- 3. That Mildred R. Stark be appointed county club agent for Rock County from May 1, to July 1, 1931; salary \$250 for the period; charge to aggregate amount for county representatives, p. 71, fund 8A revolving. (Rock County will pay salary from July 1 to September 1.)

 Adopted.

4. That George B. Price, Jr., be appointed county club agent for Juneau County from April 1 to July 1, 1931; salary \$375 for the period; charge to aggregate amount for county representatives, p. 71, fund 8A revolving. (Juneau County will pay salary from July 1 to September 1.)

5. That Ernst W. Woline be appointed county club agent for Washburn County, beginning April 1, 1931; salary at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, twelve months' basis, to be distributed as follows: University \$1,700, County \$300; in place of H. A. Murray, resigned, p. 73, funds 3E and 8A revolving.

Adopted.

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- 6. That the resignation of Hans T. Gebhardt, research assistant in dairy husbandry, be accepted; to take effect March 28, 1931, p. 78. (Correcting resignation as of April 1, 1931, accepted March 27, 1931.)

 Adopted.
- 7. That Eleanor Southcott be reappointed home demonstration agent in Wood County, beginning June 15, 1931; salary at the rate of \$2,200 per annum, twelve months' basis, to be distributed as follows: University \$1,600, County \$600; provided in the budget, p. 82, fund 8A revolving.

 Adopted.

- 8. That the Board of Regents accept the remaining money which is left in the treasury of the Hoard Memorial Fund, of approximately \$3000, for the purpose of further beautifying the Henry Quadrangle or mall. We further recommend that the University Constructional Development Committee be asked to construct a highway in front of the new Agronomy Building from Linden Drive to University Avenue See and the Adopted.
- 9. That the salary of Noble Clark be modified from March 1st to the balance of the fiscal year at the rate of \$4500 annually, total compensation. (Compensation for 1930-31 including summer service \$4233.44.)

Adopted.

10. The Agricultural Committee has carefully studied the program contemplated by the Wisconsin Institute of Animal Research and is satisfied that the project has real merit, essential to the proper development of the livestock industry of Wisconsin. We therefore recommend that the project be financially supported and advanced as fast as conditions permit.

Adopted.

(These recommendations had been previous/considered by the Committee on Agriculture and were recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Ullsperger, seconded by Regent Eimon, recommendations 1 to 10 under Agriculture were adopted with the understanding that the Constructional Development Committee will report back to the regents before a highway is constructed in front of the new Agronomy Building.

- Medicine -

- 1. That \$200 be transferred from staff salaries to clerical and extra labor salaries, radiology, to cover the salary of Eleanor Hauge, under technician, p. 115, fund lA.

 Adopted.
- 2. That Dr. R. C. Buerki be appointed superintendent of the Wisconsin Orthopedic Hospital for Crippled Children, effective April 15, 1931.

 Adopted.

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Adopted

3. That the salary of each of the physicians of the Student Health staff (seven this year), be increased \$21 per annum to cover the cost of the premium on liability insurance; this increase to be paid in April each year. The list is as follows:

Dr. Helen Pratt Davis

Dr. Charles E. Lyght

Dr. Ruth Caldwell

Dr. Peter A. Drehr Dr. Carlyle R. Pearson

Dr. William A. Mowry

Dr. Sarah I. Morris

Adopted.

(These recommendations had been previously considered by the Committee on Medical School and were recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Berger, seconded by Regent Schmidtmann, recommendations 1 to 3 under Medical School were adopted.

- Summer Session -

That the title of the Director of the Summer Session be changed to Dean of the Summer Session. Adopted.

(This recommendation had been previously considered by the Committee on Summer Session and was recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Berger, seconded by Regent Callahan, the recommendation was adopted.

- By-Laws -

That the following amendment to the by-laws be approved:

A student entering after midsemester and prior to May 15 will pay one-half of the semester fee plus one-half of the infirmary and union fee; one entering after May 15 may register on the summer session basis and pay fees on that basis, viz: \$5.00 a week plus infirmary and union fee. Adopted.

(This recommendation had been previously considered by the Committee on By-Laws and was recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Eimon, seconded by Regent Berger, the recommendation was by called vote adopted, all regents present voting and voting "Aye".

Regent Schmidtmann reported for the Constructional Development Committee, stating that the Committee recommends expanding the university dormitory system as fast as funds are available; that the Committee does not believe the balance now available sufficient to undertake construction this year. He also presented the following recommendation:

That in the future payments of principal and interest due the Wisconsin University Building Corporation on the men's dormitory project be made from the combined net profits of the Department of Dormitories and Commons rather than from the profits of the men's units alone.

Upon motion of Regent Schmidtmann, seconded by Regent Eimon, the recommendation was adopted.

- Memorial Union -

1. That the Director of Dormitories and Commons be permitted to effect an increase in the food cost at the dormitories and that he likewise make a corresponding reduction in certain service costs in order that the payment on the dormitory amortization schedule may be met when due.

Adopted.

(This recommendation had been previously considered by the Committee on Memorial Union and was recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Callahan, seconded by Regent Waters, the recommendation was adopted.

- Law -

1. That the Salmon W. Dalberg Prize be assigned each year to an honor student in the graduating class of the Law School.

Adopted.

Upon motion of Regent Backus, seconded by Regent Eimon, adopted.

Upon recommendation of the President and upon motion of Regent Schmidtmann, seconded by Regent Drexler, it was VOTED, That the George I. Haight Scholarship of \$500 be awarded for the current year to Thomas Parry Jones, LS 3.

Scholar (School)

Upon recommendation of President Frank and upon motion of Regent Ulisperger, seconded by Regent Runge, it was VOTED, That Professor H. F. Janda be appointed to succeed Professor Leonard S. Smith on the planning committee appointed in December, 1925. (Manuel. Other numbers of Com. World, Dealedy t Prof. and)

Upon recommendation of President Frank and upon motion of Regent Runge, seconded by Regent Callahan, it was VOTED, That \$50 be transferred from Student Assistants, Highway Engineering, to Student Assistants, Topographic Engineering.

President Frank reported upon the gift of the Victor Lenher collection of chemicals. It was

VOTED, That the gift be accepted and that President Frank be requested to express to Mrs. Lenher the appreciation of the regents of this gift.

- Administration and General -

- 1. That \$500 be transferred from Regents' Unassigned to the School of Commerce for the annual Business Men's Conference to be held here May 18-25, 1931, fund 1A. Adopted.
- 2. That the actions of the faculty taken March 2, 1931, relating to the following items be approved: (Exhibit \underline{A})
 - (1) Admission of freshmen to the Experimental College.
 - (2) Change in requirements for speech major.
 (3) Revision of the curriculum report defining "proficiency" and "intermediate knowledge".
 Adopted.

1. That degrees be granted in accordance with the certification of the Registrar as shown in Exhibit B, as follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mary Louise Brandon Thomas L. McDermand Helen Schuette Ristad Mary Elizabeth Shaner Gladys Martha Siemers Dorothy Margaret Veum Jerome Monroe Steiner

BACHELOR OF ARTS (Journalism)

Eleanor Ann-Louise Reese

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (General Course)

Dean Darwin Hedrick John Holt Steenis

BACHELOR OF LAWS

James John Conroy Edwin James Hurst Larkin Frederick Falk Poser Ervin August Weinke

BACHEIOR OF SCIENCE (Mechanical Engineering)

Mehmed Behaeddin Kazim

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Civil Engineering)

Erwin Gustav Rusch Philip Henry Thern

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Mining Engineering)

Henry P. Ehrlinger

Adopted. (18)

Degrees

Upon motion of Regent Clausen, seconded by Regent Runge, recommendations 1 and 2 under Administration and General and 1 under Degrees were adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRUST FUND COLMITTEE

entred Was

- l. That the secretary be authorized to sign an agreement to lease lands for gravel pit located on the Henry Christiansen farm on which the regents hold a mortgage, in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 29-9-9, Dane County, to the Dane County Highway Commission, for the sum of ten cents per cubic yard, with the understanding that the full amount received for the gravel shall be paid to the regents to reduce the mortgage.
 - Adopted.
- 2. That the secretary of the regents be authorized to sign an agreement in behalf of the regents, giving to Elmer E. Martin and Carl Tesch, who executed a quit claim deed of the Tesch farm, the same privilege of redemption they would have during the ordinary course of foreclosure.

 Adopted.

(These recommendations had been previously considered by the Committee on Trust Funds and were recommended to the regents for adoption.)

Upon motion of Regent Wilkie, seconded by Regent Mead, recommendations 1 and 2 under Trust Funds were adopted.

Link of 15/31 (2)

The matter of accepting allotments from the Thomas E. Brittingham University of Wisconsin Trust was brought up and President Frank read the following statement:

"The disposition of the funds of the University of Wisconsin Trust, provided in the will of the late Thomas E. Brittingham, raises a question of University policy that I wish to bring to the attention of the Regents.

This will was made and filed with the Board of Regents prior to my assumption of the Presidency of the University. As far as I can find, no formal action, either confirming or taking exception to the provisions of this Trust, was taken by the Regents at the time the will was filed. It was, however, tacitly accepted by the Regents, for in my initial analysis of the

financial structure and status of the University this University of Wisconsin Trust was noted among the potential but as yet untapped resources of the University.

This University of Wisconsin Trust, as created by the will, is an unspecified residual amount, the administration of which is lodged in the hands of the Trustees of the Estate by sub-section (3) of section 4 of the will, which reads as follows:

'Said Trustees shall distribute annually, or from time to time, from the net income of the University of Wisconsin Trust so much thereof as they may deem proper to some individual or individuals, college or colleges, department or departments of the University of Wisconsin such sum or sums of money as they may deem best.'

Several times during the last three years, I have stated to the Regents that this is a form of bequest that should not, in my judgment, be accepted by the University. It is a kind of bequest that lacks clarity of objective, and its disposition is made, for all time to come, too dependent upon judgments other than the judgment of the administrators and regents of the University. Were such an ambiguous bequest, permanently subject to this degree of external control, offered to the University during my administration, I should recommend that the Regents reject it.

But since this bequest was on the books before my assumption of the Presidency of the University, and since it involved but a few thousand dollars, I proceeded in the hope that the careful administration of even an unsatisfactory arrangement might negative the undesirable aspects of the arrangement itself. And the initial understanding respecting the disposition of this bequest arrived at in the first year of my administration indicated that this hope might be justified.

Soon after my assumption of the Presidency of the University, the late Mary C. Brittingham informed me that the University of Wisconsin Trust, created by her late husband's will, would produce approximately \$18,000 a year, and that it was his desire that this income should be used to create three research professorships, preferably in the sciences, at annual salaries of \$6,000 each, and that these professorships should be used to attract to the University outstanding scholars for whom the University might not be able to provide in its normal budget-making. I suggested to Mrs. Brittingham that, in view of the rising scale of salaries for distinguished scholars and teachers in the great private universities, this income might be more effective if it were used to create two endowed professorships at \$9,000 each rather than three at \$6,000 each. She agreed. It was suggested that the first endowed chair to be created from this income be the Brittingham Professorship of Philosophy, and that if and when this chair were vacated the professorship in question might be shifted to some other department. Again she agreed, and the Brittingham

Professorship of Philosophy was established. It was clearly understood that this meant the creation of a permanent professorship at \$9,000, and that a second professorship at \$9,000 would be available to the Regents soon thereafter.

Until a month ago, nothing beyond the \$9,000 for the Brittingham Professorship of Philosophy has been made available to the Regents from the Trust provided in the will. In May, 1930, I was notified by Thomas E. Brittingham, Jr., that the Trustees desired to withdraw their support from the Brittingham Professorship of Philosophy and devote the funds of the Trust to other purposes. I recalled to Mr. Brittingham the understanding with the late Mrs. Brittingham, and in addition pointed out that the budget for the ensuing year had been made. The suggestion for the discontinuance of the Brittingham Professorship of Philosophy was withdrawn.

Early in this calendar year the officers of the University requested that there be made available from the University of Wisconsin Trust the sum of \$26,250 plus \$4,000 for certain research equipment to cover a five-year program of research in the field of bio-chemistry to be carried out by Professor Karl P. Link, this sum to cover salary and part of the equipment for the five year period. This allocation of funds, suggested by the University and not by the Trustees of the Estate, was agreed to by the Trustees. This specific grant of funds was accepted by the Executive Committee of the Regents at its last meeting. The provisions of this specific grant of funds for research in biochemistry are determined by the University. They are clear and unambiguous. There is nothing in this project or in the provisions respecting it that raises any question regarding the wisdom of accepting this support for it.

An inquiry, however, confirmed the fact that the suggestion of May, 1930, by the Trustees that the support of the Brittingham Professorship of Philosophy be withdrawn is renewed, and that the Trustees intend to discontinue this support at the end of June, 1931. This will, of course, in no wise affect the appointment or status of the incumbent of this professorship, since the University will provide otherwise for the maintenance of this chair. It does, however, raise a fundamental question of policy respecting the relation of the University of Wisconsin to this Trust. I do not consider the specific grant of funds for biochemistry research as raising any question of policy, but the arbitrary cancellation of the clear agreement with the late Mrs. Brittingham does.

The University should not, in my judgment, concur in an administration of a fund, specifically dedicated to the University of Wisconsin, that is liable to periodic reinterpretation and reversal by judgments other than the judgments of the administrators and regents of the University. I suggest, therefore, that the Regents notify the Trustees of the Brittingham Estate, that, in

the future, the University will be glad to receive regularly the total annual income from the University of Wisconsin Trust to be expended, under the direction of the administrators and regents of the University, either for the creation of permanent research professorships or for the short-term stimulation of research in varying fields, but that the University does not care to enter into continuous negotiations with outside judgments on every project to be supported."

After considerable discussion the regents took a five minute recess and the President of the Board appointed a committee, consisting of Regent Wilkie, President Frank and Regent Clausen, to prepare a resolution for the consideration of the regents. The committee presented the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that it is the policy of the Board of Regents with reference to the University of Wisconsin Trust created in the will of Thomas E. Brittingham, deceased, that it will be glad to receive regularly the annual income from such Trust, to be expended under the direction of the Regents of the University, either for the creation of permanent research professorships or for short-term stimulation of research in varying fields, but that conditions limiting the discretion of the Board of Regents cannot be accepted consistently with the duty which rests on the Board.

The Board expresses its appreciation of the purpose of the donor to support the welfare of the University of Wisconsin, and this action is taken for the purpose of clarifying the

The University and In all matters of policy a

Upon motion of Regent Callahan, seconded by Regent Eimon,

it was VOTED, That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on March 9 and March 27, 1931, be approved, ratified and confirmed, except the following recommendation under Agriculture in the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 1931, which the Executive Committee is to review and bring again to the Board:

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"That Professor Karl Link be appointed research professor of bio-chemistry for five years; that the proposal for the appointment and the provision for laboratory facilities, etc., as outlined in Dean Russell's letter to President Frank, dated February 27, 1931, be approved and ratified; the appointment to be effective March 1, 1931; the funds for Professor Link's salary to be provided by the Brittingham University of Wisconsin Trust as follows: \$5000 for each of the first two years, \$5250 for the third year and \$5500 for the fourth and fifth year. (Total for the five years, \$26,250.)"

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

1. That upon the recommendation of Dr. Buerki, the salary of Dr. M. O. Eiel, Resident in Surgery (\$50.00 per month) be charged to 10-B Hospital Operation instead of 10-A Hospital revolving, effective January 1, 1931.

Adopted.

2. That upon the recommendation of Dean Sellery, the following transfers be made in the College of Letters and Science budget:

700 from Printing & Publishing to Office Supplies,
Fund 1-A

1,300 from Apparatus to Books, Fund 1-B

250 from Apparatus to Lantern Slides, Fund 1-D 250 from Apparatus to Furniture, Fund 1-D Adopted.

- 3. That upon the recommendation of Dr. Lorenz, the following transfers be made in the Psychiatric Institute budget, fund 20.41 (12):
 - \$ 410 from Salaries & Wages to General Supplies 75 from Salaries & Wages to Telephones & Telegrams Adopted.
- 4. That upon the recommendation of Professor Rundell, the following transfer be made in the Law School budget, Fund 20.41 1-A:
 - \$ 136 from Salaries & Wages to Equipment Repairs Adopted.

Upon motion of Regent Ullsperger, seconded by Regent Gundersen, the recommendations of the Business Manager were adopted.

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President Frank called attention to Joint Resolution No. 34, A, relating to gifts to the University of Wisconsin. (Copy attached to these minutes.)

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At 12:10 the meeting

ADJOURNED.

M. E. McCaffrey,

Secretary.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

(Jt. Res. No. 34, A.)

No. , 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to gifts to the University of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin is a state institution; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin was dedicated to a policy of learning which holds that human rights shall always be paramount over property rights; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin, with its old traditions is a story of high ideals in American citizenship, and of unhampered freedom for truth in learning; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1930, the University Board of Regents authorized the acceptance by the University of money gifts for research from private sources subject to conditions not thoroughly understood; and

WHEREAS, There is an ever present danger that such gifts and donations may color the results of research to the detriment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Intellectual integrity and academic freedom are jeopardized through the receipt of such conditional money gifts from private sources and the confidence of the people in that institution is thereby lost; and

WHEREAS, The general tax levies upon the people for the support of its state institutions of higher education is not justified if private gift money is permitted to influence the program of learning by modern educational exploitations; and

WHEREAS, The independence of our state University is as vital to the welfare of our people as the independence of our state legislature; and



WHEREAS, The American Association of University Professors in their annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1930, reported as follows:

"The wise conclusion would seem to be for all our institutions, academic or research, to refrain from soliciting, and to refuse to receive gifts, from any business source, whether public utilities or otherwise, if these funds are destined to support research or other academic activities on any specific question of actual or probably controverted public policy."

"Where the conflict between private and public interests becomes acute, it is certainly not to the advantage of the University to subject its instructors to either the danger or the suspicion of exposure to influence which may cause them, consciously or unconsciously, to swerve from the path of absolute impartiality and of scientific integrity." And

WHEREAS, It is the thought of this legislature that the University of Wisconsin shall not be under obligations to any one except to the people of this state, who desire research and scholarship at the University to be unrestrained by either fear or favor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this legislature hereby declares the following to be the public policy of this state with reference to gifts to the University:

- 1. The state welcomes gifts to the University if such gifts stipulate they are to be used for buildings, scholarships, endowments, or loans to students.
- search applies to furthering the knowledge of agriculture and dairying, forestry, horticulture, medicine, chemistry, biology, crime, engineering, business science, education, law, mining, navigation, aviation, transportation, and sanitation, when no condition shall be imposed which in any manner restricts the freedom of research or which places the University under obligations to any individual, corporation, or organizations, or which has any tendency to place the University or any department thereof under the control of any outside person or organization, or which may be designed to promote the sale of any commodities or services.
- 3. No gifts, money, or any funds whatsoever, shall be accepted, which comes directly or indirectly from any private person, corporation, or group where the research for which the gift is made has any relation whatsoever to any public or governmental policy. Be it further

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this legislature declares that the regents of the University of Wisconsin

are hereby requested to adopt the policy stipulated herein pertaining to the acceptance of gifts at the earliest possible date and that properly attested copies of this joint resolution shall hereby be sent to the secretary of the University Board of Regents, the President of the University, and the Governor of this state.

(Signed)

HENRY A: HUBER
President of the Senate.

CHAS. B. PERRY
Speaker of the Assembly.

R. A. COBBAN Chief Clerk of the Senate.

C. E. SHAFFER Chief Clerk of the Assembly.