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# DAVID ROSS BOYD

## **5th University President**

Served 1912 - 1919

Born Coshocton, Ohio

July 31, 1853

Dr. Boyd focused on increasing the enrollment from 78 students in 1912 to 348 when he left in 1919.



## **Education**

David Ross Boyd received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wooster and his honorary Ph.D. in 1900.

## **Career**

Dr. Boyd was a former President of the University of Oklahoma and was in missionary work before arriving at our University.

## **University Activities**

David Boyd built up the physical plant of the university by the enlargement of the campus from 20 to 300 acres and had a survey performed on the 200,00 acre federal land grant made to the university.

# University of New Mexico Presidents

In 1914 the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the University was celebrated with the exercises being held March 2.

In 1915 the Board of Regents adopted a policy giving the President full power to discharge selected members of the faculty.

The telephone system was installed in 1916 with an instrument in each dorm, offices, the dining hall, etc.

The books of the University were audited in 1916 and found to be in superior order. The net worth of the University by that date was \$221,840.33. Laws effective after January, 1917 required each state institution to keep its books in such shape that a daily cash balance would be shown.

The "12 Minute Service" to the University was inaugurated in 1916 by the extension of the City Electric carline and the horse and wagon purchased at the opening of 1912 were retired.

The University actively participated in wartime training after the entry of the U.S. into the war in April, 1917. The N.M. National Guard leased campus land for a mobilization camp and Battery A was stationed on campus during the summer. A branch of the Red Cross was begun and classes were added in home nursing, Red Cross work and dietetics.

Dr. Boyd resigned in 1919 after Governor Lindsey criticized the Board of Regents for improvements made on campus during 1918. "The University did not need any money for improvements but should confine expenditures to the educational demands and needs."

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