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Minutes of the Meeting-Board of Regents  
 April, 19, 1919---9:00 A.M.  
 Office of President of University

Present: Presdt. Brooks, Sec-Treas., Reidy, Hon. Nathan Jaffa.

Minutes---Of the Board Meeting of August 27, 1918 were read and minutes of the seven meetings of the Executive Committee, were also read and taken up in their order as follows:

Sept. 13, 1918, Oct. 6, 1918, Nov. 14, 1918, Dec. 20, 1918,  
 Jan. 18, 1919, Feb. 25, 1919, and April 7, 1919

On motion of Mr. Jaffa, all minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Regents and the seven subsequent meetings of the Executive Committee, up to and including April 7, 1919, were approved.

Reports---The following reports were read by the President, the Sec.-Treas., and the President of the Board.

The President of the Board reported that since the last Board Meeting, many important questions had come up, as shown by the minutes just read of the Executive Committee Meetings.

Board  
 Meetings

First of all, he would again call attention to the fact that the responsibility falling upon the shoulders of one or two men under the present plan of Executive Committee meetings is too great and would most urgently recommend, as at the last meeting, that regular meetings of the Board be arranged for, to convene once every two months, and stated that under this plan all members of the Board could and would keep better posted as to University affairs, each assuming due proportion of the responsibility, with better satisfaction to all concerned.

Water---

With relation to the water situation, the President of the Board reported that everything had worked out satisfactorily at the well and the pump, until about two months ago when the small motor had given out, but that the new, large 75 h.p. motor, which was bought and paid for last year, was now being installed, and that within a few days the pumping plant would again be in full working order. He further reported in this connection that the compression tank system, located at the well, for supplying all buildings with water and for doing a portion of the lawn sprinkling had been greatly improved and amplified, all parts having been duplicated, so that should one pump or motor break down, another would be immediately available without having to go back to the use of city water while repairs were under way. He further reported, in this connection, that the water supply for the present season, for all grounds and plowed lands, would be amply sufficient, providing the Board should determine that the expense of pumping and applying the water might be afforded.

Fuel-----It was further reported, in connection with the fuel system, that very important additions and improvements had been made at the Power House, in the pipe lines, and in the radiation system, and that while the expense had been heavy, the saving in fuel would eventually wipe out and return all of this expense; further, in this connection, that experiments had been made during the past winter, and are now being made, with coke instead of coal, and that thus far these experiments indicate that coke may be adopted, as the fuel for the future instead of coal.

#### Treasurer's

Report-----The Treasurer of the Board reported all bills as having been paid, and a checking balance in the banks of \$8,341.61. He also reported that during the very heavy expenditures last fall--the S.A.T.C. times-- it had become necessary to borrow \$20,000. at the banks, all of which had been paid off; that the \$2,100.31, reported at the last meeting as remaining unpaid of the 1917 appropriation, had all been paid before November 30, 1918; that of the Building Apprtn. for 1918, \$5,352.26 was unpaid within the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, last, and that all of this still remains unpaid. He reported that at times, since November 15, 1918, when funds were low, a portion of the Building Fund on hand had temporarily been made use of for general purposes, knowing that such money would shortly be returned to the fund.

American -----The President of the Board further reported that a complete copy of the contract between the McKinley Land & Contract Lumber Co. and the Company, formerly known as the American Lumber Co., with the State Land Commissioner had been obtained and would in due time be spread upon the Minute Book.

Dormitory-----The President of the University reported that the dormitory charge to students had been raised to \$4.00 per month as ordered at the last meeting, and recommended that the charge for board, owing to the great advance in the cost of supplies, be raised from \$16. to \$18., a month, to date from the beginning of next term

Barracks-----Referring to the resolution of the last meeting in relation to negotiating the purchase of the military camp buildings, the President of the Board reported that after several meetings had with Gen. Baca by Dr. Boyd and himself, the purchase of everything was finally made for \$3,500. and paid for by giving a six-months' note for that sum; further, that the purchase proved to be very fortunate in connection with the S.A.T.C. as through modifications and changes in these buildings, exceptionally suitable barracks, mess halls, and buildings were provided for the S.A.T.C.. He added that the full \$3,500. had been, or would be returned to the University through amounts received account of the S.A.T.C.

S.A.T.C.-----Referring to the resolution passed at the last meeting,  
 Equipt. relating to \$19,650.00 for equipment account S.A.T.C.,  
 the President of the Board reported that no such amount was  
 invested in equipment, which proved fortunate inasmuch as  
 the S.A.T.C. was abandoned within three months after start-  
 ing, and that the attempt to obtain this sum or an amount  
 somewhat less from the Council of Defense met with a great  
 deal of opposition from Governor Lindsey, and although  
 members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the  
 Kiwanis Club were taken to Santa Fe at the request of the  
 Governor, and every effort made to obtain this appropria-  
 tion from the Council of Defense, Governor Lindsey prevented  
 anything being done, but through the course pursued by the  
 President of the Board, in conjunction with Senator Kaseman,  
 it can be announced that an appropriation of about \$12,000.00  
 has been secured and the payment of same has been promised  
 for May 10 th.

It was further reported, in connection with the Council  
 of Defense, that the following letter was written to Senator  
 Kaseman, and by him handed to Mr. Springer, Chairman, through  
 whom Governor Larrazola ordered the appropriation made, pay-  
 ment of which, we are advised, will be in the sum of \$12,000.  
 and made about May 10 th.

February 24, 1919

Hon. Geo. A. Kaseman,  
 Senate  
 Santa Fe N.M.

Dear Sir:

Herewith our figures for moneys ex-  
 pended by the University on account of the  
 establishment of the SATC for many of which  
 we shall get no allowance whatever from the  
 Government:--

To State Council of Defense for	
Barracks-----	\$3,500.00
For rebuilding Barracks-----	6,922.56
For Housing Equipmt.-----	1,037.80
For Re-building Mess Hall-----	1,001.05
For 3 lathes purchased as additional equipt. for Dept.	
Pract Mechanics.-----	650.00
For 2 Continental Motors-same dept	450.00
For Subsistence of men awaiting induction, total of \$5,850. of which amount the Govt. will not allow-----	2,000.00
For remodeling Pract Mech Bldg for more room -----	350.00
For remodeling room for drafting----	450.00

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For Gymnasium Equipmt. (Government states no allowance for)-----	\$2,000.00
For additional teacher (1 professor, 1 yr.) ----	1,800.00
For Administration Chgs. (Extra stenographer paper, telegrams, )-----	300.00
For 5 flag poles -----	300.00
For express, freight, drayage, and incidentals, Chemistry Dept.-----	150.00
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	\$20,911.41.

\$12,000., of this, we are practically sure not to get.

Very truly yours,  
 (Signed) G.L. BROOKS  
 P.O. Box 338

S.A.T.C.-----A list of the items where expenditures were caused by the S.A.T.C., and for which no allowance was made or payment received from the Government, is as follows:

Balance cost of Buildings from Council of Defense---	\$1,550.00
3 addtl. lathes for Prac. Mech.-----	650.00
2 Continental Motors " " -----	450.00
Remodeling Pract Mech Bldg.-----	350.00
Drawing Room -----	450.00
Gymnasium Equipmt. -----	2,000.00
Athletic Goods -----	1,000.00
1 addtl. professor 1 yr. -----	1,800.00
For addtl. Administration chgs & expns.-----	500.00
5 flag poles -----	300.00
Express, frt & Drayage -----	150.00
Addtl. Chemicals-Chem Dept. -----	200.00
Addtl. Equipmt. for Dining Hall -----	600.00
For Donnell's and Watchman's wages-----	1,080.00
For addtl. wages, cleaning grounds, hauling garbage, running sprinkler wagon and addtl. coal for heat -----	1,000.00
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Total -----	\$12,080.00.

Further reported, that in connection with the SATC there were the following receipts:

STATEMENT OF SALVAGE  
 FROM SATC

Albq. Lumber Co. (Bldgs) -----	\$605.00
Huning Electr Co. (Wiring)-----	120.00
Beeman & Ayer-----Plumbing-----	50.00
Fire Extns hrs-----	60.00
F. J. Wilson-----Ice Box -----	25.00
W. P. Metcalf-----Stove -----	30.00
County Schools Stoves(2)-----	60.00

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J.Korber & Co.-----range-----	150.00
Heating stvs.-----	100.00
C.L.Keppler Co. Mess Equipmt.-----	62.62
Cash collected from boys under age--	299.93

\$1,562.55-cash collectd

EQUIPMENT TAKEN BY THE UNM

Dining Hall Provisions-----	577.55
Dining Hall Equipmt. -----	39.25
Housing Equipment-showers, stoves &c	143.80
	760.60
Grand Total-----	2,323.15

Receipts in total (Actual)

From U.S.Govt., voucher -----	5,890.70
From U.S.Govt., voucher -----	10,222.08
From Salvage as above -----	2,323.15
	18,435.93

Records, including \$3,500.00, note to Council of Defense, show that total expenditures and charges on books of UNM to SATC are:

18,280.30

Add the amount to come from the Council of Defense-----	12,000.00
	30,280.30

As against this \$30,280.30 received (actual and prospective) the expenditures account of SATC have been for about the same amount.

Further reported in this connection that while the salvage prices are seemingly low, no loss was sustained, as the difference between these prices and the cost prices have been paid to the UNM by the Government.

Building Fund-- The President of the Board reported that there have been collected account of the Building Fund, up to this time \$54,647.74, and expended on account of the Chemistry Bldg. and Science Hall the sum of \$36,928.37, leaving \$17,719.37, now in the fund; further, that the cash in bank and the \$12,000. to come May 10, aggregate \$20,245.61, hence, for the purposes of this meeting, the Building Fund may be considered as all on hand. It may be said further that

other remittances are to come from the State Treasurer, between now and April 30, and between that date and May 10, from which current bills and expenses can be paid. This estimate also includes the payment of the \$3,500. note to the State Council of Defense.

It is further reported that it is possible that funds may be low from time to time, hence the Board should instruct whether, in such cases, this idle Building Fund money shall be used temporarily or whether loans at 8% shall be obtained temporarily from the banks.

It is further reported that in the handling of SATC matters in the rush last fall, keeping track of everything, and in preparation of reports required by the Government, much credit is due to F.S.DONNELL and to E.L.GROSE.

Budget System-----The President of the Board reported that the budget system, as called for by Chapters 81 and 114, Laws of 1915, had come into operation for the first time at the beginning of the present fiscal year, and that in answer to a call from Gov.Lindsey, received late in November, the budget had been prepared and filed at Santa Fe on proper blanks. It showed all receipts and expenditures for the sixth fiscal year ending November 30, 1918, an estimate of receipts and expenditures for the seventh fiscal year, ending November 30, 1919, also estimates of receipts and expenditures for the 8 th. and 9 th, fiscal yrs. Briefly stated, and appropriation of \$125,000.00 per annum, for maintenance, was asked for, to cover the 8 th. and 9 th fiscal years, and a building appropriation for each of those two years to cover addition to Science Building, \$25,000.00 per annum, remodeling of Library Building \$5,000. per annum, and a new dormitory for girls \$7,500. per annum.

Asked from  
Legsltr-  
January, 1919

After examination. Gov.Larrazola and his Committee filed their recommendation with the Legislature, cutting our request for Maintenance from \$125,000.00 to \$75,000.00, per annum, and cutting out entirely our requests for Building Appropriation.

It is further reported, in this connection, that the President of the Board filed a short schedule of very necessary additional appropriations that would be needed, amounting to \$25,000.00 per annum, which schedule Senator Kaseman used with the financial committees of both Houses, and finally succeeded in securing for Maintenance an additional \$10,000.00 per annum, and the Bill was so passed, carrying \$85,000.00 per annum for the 8 th. and 9 th., fiscal years. Senator Kaseman stated that no amount of argument would induce the Legislature to give the UNM any appropriation whatever for building purposes. This, in spite of the fact that it was explained to the LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE that the one appropriation for buildings,

made four years ago,, in \$20,000.00 annual installments, was the only building appropriation that the UNM had had since the building of the two dormitories some fifteen or twenty years ago.

Criticism  
by Governor  
and Mr.Springer

It is further reported that in reviewing the UNM budget, both Gov.Larrazola and Mr.Charles Springer criticized the expenditures made during the past year for improvements of grounds, expressing the opinion that the UNM did not need any money for improvements, and that its expenditures should be confined to educational demands and purposes, whereupon the President of the Board wrote the following letter to Senator Kaseman, which he presented to the Governor and Mr.Springer.

Copy of letter  
G.L.Brooks to  
G.A.Kaseman

March 3,1919

Hon.George A.Kaseman,  
Santa Fe,N.M.

Dear Mr.Kaseman:

I want to call your attention to some of the underlying reasons for making improvements on the University grounds. First, the University owns on the Mesa, east of Albuquerque and south of the campus, a tract of land containing 30,000 acres, nearly all of which is good farming land and especially good fruit land, if it had water upon it. Second, it has been demonstrated in the past 15 years, thru the sinking of a dozen or more wells on the mesa that there is an underlying body of water everywhere at from 200 to 350 feet below the surface. These wells, however, have used a system of fine screening so that only from 50 to 75 gallons a minute could be pumped to the surface, which was not sufficient for irrigation purposes. Third, the Board of Regents, some 4 or 5 years ago, took the view that this 30,000 acre tract of land, with the underlying water at depth, was worth only about \$2.50 an acre, and that if a way could be found to bring the water to the surface in quantity and economically, the value of the land could be increased up to \$200. an acre or more and thus, in the course of time, establish a \$2,000,000. endowment for the University. Fourth, with this end in view, 2 or 3 years and several thousand dollars of Land Income money was spent in working out a water



system by which wells could be sunk to the water level, coarse screens and a proper type of pump installed that would bring the water to the surface in quantity, and one such well, nearly 300 feet deep, and pumping system was completed in 1917 and has been pumping 560 gallons of water per minute whenever called upon to do so, from the start.

Fifth, it was demonstrated that this could be done at an expense per acre, per annum, of considerably less than was being paid in California and Colorado for irrigating. Also, that 560 gallons a minute would be sufficient to irrigate 160 acres of farm or fruit land, hence one well and one pumping system would be sufficient for each quarter-section of land.

Sixth, it was confidently believed that each quarter-section when subdivided into 20-acre tracts with the water available could be disposed of for at least \$200. an acre.

Seventh, while thus the University had the land and the water, yet it had not been demonstrated that farm crops to any extent could be produced on the mesa land, hence when the season of 1918 came on it was decided to improve the campus grounds in the vicinity of the University Buildings, especially as such improvement would serve the purpose of putting the grounds in shape for landscape and park work later on. This was done and it was thereby demonstrated by the successful raising of 34 kinds of crops that the land even in a new state was splendidly adapted for all crop-raising and fruit-raising purposes.

Eighth, the plan was followed in all this work to keep the expenditure for these land and water improvements within the Land Income which the University was receiving thru the Land Commissioner's Office. That is to say, moneys received from land were being put back into the improvement of lands and not regular appropriation money.

You will readily understand from the foregoing why the recent handling, under the budget system, of land income by which it would be used for general maintenance has been so exceptionally disappointing and how such method completely upsets for the future all the plans referred to.

Such a course simply means that the University might as well not have any Land Income Fund, because it cannot use it for any purpose toward the up-building for the future of the University. To put it concretely, it simply amounts to this; that if the University had four times as much land income as it has, then the Legislature would not give it any appropriation at all, but tell us that all salaries and expenses should

be paid from the Land Fund.

I am quite sure that you will agree with me that such a course is not for the best interests of the Institution.

Very truly yours,

P.O.Box 338

Recommendation  
for disposition  
of Lands Income

It was further reported and recommended that the Board of Regents devise some method by which the moneys received from Lands Income be used for land improvement, as has been the method followed by this Board for the past six years.

Budget-Sheets

It was further recommended that as these various budget sheets are too long to be spread upon the Minute Book, true copies of the three should be prepared and kept on file in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY.

G.A.Kaseman

The President of the Board further reported that the UNM was under great obligation to Senator George A. Kaseman, for the able and skillful manner in which he furthered the interests of the UNM and looked after its wants before the recent session of the Legislature.

Mesa Land

The President of the Board further reported that attempts had been made to purchase from the Commissioner of Public Lands small portions of the 30,000 acres mesa lands owned by the UNM south of the campus, and that in this connection he recently wrote to the Commissioner as follows:

Copy of  
letter  
Land Commr.

January 30, 1919.

Hon. N.A. Field,  
Commissioner Public Lands  
Santa Fe.,

Dear Sir:

Answering your kind inquiry of the 29 th instant, in relation to 160 acres of land for which Mr. Manuel Sedillo has filed an application to purchase thru Mr. Edmund Ross, have to say that a year or two ago the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico filed a letter in your office, requesting that none of the University lands in Townships 9 North, 3 and 4 East,; and Townships 10 North, 3 and 4 East, should be sold without first consulting the Board; hence, we are thanking you for advising us of this application in advance of any action by your office.

The object the Board has in view is due to the fact that after the expenditure of several thousand dollars it was demonstrated that the Rio Grande, which percolates under all of the lands referred to above, can be pumped profitably to

the surface from a depth of 400 feet or less for agricultural purposes, and the University has been pumping 560 gallons a minute from a depth of 300 feet, irrigating various crops for a year or more. For this reason it is planned to put down wells and install pumping plants gradually for a number of years to come, in order to bring these particular lands to a value of \$200. an acre or more, which, as you know, is a very much greater value than your office could hope to obtain; hence, under this plan, a two million dollar endowment may, in the course of years, be established for the benefit of the University.

We are writing thus at length in order that you may have on file in your office the reason why the Board of Regents of Institution desires your co-operation in holding these lands off from the market, except for leasing purposes.

Again thanking you, we are,

Very truly yours,

President Board of Regents  
University of New Mexico

#### Certificates of Indebtedness

It was further reported by the President of the Board, that when in Santa Fe during the legislative session, he had attempted through Senator Kaseman to obtain legislative relief for the UNM from the old indebtedness of more than \$18,000. held against the UNM, another payment upon which will be due the present year, but that no encouragement could be secured from the Legislative Committee, the principal difficulty seeming to be that none of them would show any interest. It is now recommended that payment be refused until an earnest effort, backed if possible by the Chamber of Commerce of Albuquerque, be made at the beginning of the next legislative session to obtain relief from this burden.

#### Local Budget

The President of the Board further recommended that a budget system be devised and put into operation for the expenditure of all UNM funds.

#### Music Master

Referring to Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of April 7, the President of the Board reported that he had a meeting with Attorney Jamison and settled the Perrin matter for \$325., at the same time receiving and canceling the contract with Mr. Perrin.

#### Hygiene Board

The President of the University reported that he was proceeding with the negotiations in connection with the Interdepartmental Associate Hygiene Board, and while it had developed that the Board would pay the salaries of instructors, negotiations were still pending, and he could not say as yet what proportion of

the expense would fall upon the University.

**Portraits** The President of the University reported that Governor E.S. Stover had presented to the University framed portraits of all University presidents, and on motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Governor Stover and Presdt. Boyd was instructed to prepare and present to Gov. Stover a resolution to this effect.

**Board Meetings** On motion of Mr. Jaffa, seconded by Dr. Reidy, it was ordered that hereafter the Board of Regents should meet quarterly, on the second Mondays of June, September, December and March, and in special sessions whenever called. Carried

**Dining Hall Chgs.** On motion of Dr. Reidy, seconded by Mr. Jaffa, it was ordered that hereafter, commencing with October 1, 1919 the charge for board at the Dining Hall be \$18., instead of \$16. Carried

**Local Budget** It was moved by Dr. Reidy, seconded by Mr. Jaffa, that a local budget system for the UNM be devised, and put into operation, covering the expenditure of all UNM funds. Carried

**Summer Term** It was reported by the President of the University that owing to the system of cost for a summer term the summer quarter would be cut out for the present year, but that such action was only temporary, and that summer quarters would be resumed when conditions should warrant, under such rules and regulations as may be for the best.

**Machine Shop** The President of the University then laid before the Board plans, drawn at his suggestion by Prof. Leupold for a proposed new Machine Shop Building, and after considerable discussion it was agreed by all that a Machine Shop should be built this year, following the general plan as shown by the sketches submitted, and thereupon Mr. Jaffa moved, and Dr. Reidy seconded, that the Executive Committee be instructed to secure as quickly as practicable plans, specifications and estimates of cost for such a building, submitting same by mail to members of the Board, and if unanimously approved, the Executive Committee to proceed to act in the obtaining of bids, and the starting of building operations. -Carried

**UNM Laws** Moved by Mr. Jaffa, seconded by Dr. Reidy, that a compilation of all State laws, affecting the UNM be prepared in the office of the President of the University, and that copies of same be mailed to each member of the Board. Carried

**Jaffa Expenses** On motion of Dr. Reidy, it was ordered that hereafter the expenses of Mr. Jaffa at Board meetings be

considered as \$50., and remittances made without the requirement of itemized bills on his part. This action was taken after it was shown that the expenses are never less than \$50.

## Reports

Mr. Jaffa moved, seconded by Dr. Reidy, that the reports as read by the President of the Board, by the Secretary-Treas. and by the President of the Institution, be approved, and that all matters in which the Executive Committee had transacted business for the Institution, since the last meeting of the Board, be also approved. CARRIED

## Bills

On motion, duly made and seconded, the payment of all bills, since the last meeting of the Board, was approved.

## Oil Balance

Moved by Dr. Reidy, seconded by Mr. Jaffa, that an oil balance, or what is known as an oil head for the deep well pump be ordered and installed at the well at the earliest date possible. Carried

## Adjrnmt.

There being no further business, adjournment was taken until the regular meeting, the second Monday in June (June 9) unless sooner called in special session

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Secretary