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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
Monday, December 8, 1919 at Office of Mr. A. A. Sedillo.

Present: Messrs. Sedillo, Reidy, Montoya, and Hill.

Nature of the Meeting: The meeting was devoted to a consideration of the following six topics.

Quarter vs. Semester Plan. Data collected by President Hill concerning present practice of American colleges and universities in the matter of quarter and semester plans were presented. It was unanimously resolved that the University of New Mexico would return to the Semester Plan about September 15, 1920.

Time of Regular Meeting of Board of Regents. Attention was called to the fact that the Board of Regents had not held its regular, full meeting during the past Quarter. After an examination of the law and the rules on the subject by Mr. Sedillo, it was resolved that the first quarterly meeting should be held at some convenient date to be designated in January, 1920. It was also the sense of the Committee that a special meeting might be called at any time, and that it would be wise to avoid the expense and labor involved in general meetings of the Board.

Authorization to Prepare Brief Course of Study and Catalog. President Hill was authorized to proceed at once, with the aid of the Faculty, in the preparation and printing of the forthcoming catalog. It was agreed that the organization of the University should be set forth for the present as follows:

(a) College of Philosophy, Arts, and Sciences.
(b) College of Engineering.
(c) Graduate School.
(d) Extension Division.

Organization with American School of Research at Santa Fe. President Hill was authorized to invite an affiliation of the American School of Research with the University, if such affiliation seems desirable.

Dining Hall Costs. Mr. John P. Williams, Business Director of the University, appeared before the Committee upon the invitation of President Hill and explained the near-crisis of the financial management of the Dining Hall owing to the increasing cost of provisions since September, notwithstanding the greatly improved service at the Dining Hall. It was agreed that for the present the price of board and room should remain the same.

Proposed Conference with Governor. An informal discussion took place concerning the three fold necessity in this State of:

(a) A scientific survey by experts from outside of the State of the status and activities of our higher institutions;
(b) A reclassification and definition of the functions of each institution in order to eliminate waste;
(c) The possibility of a bond issue for our higher institutions.

The hope was expressed that the Governor might be persuaded to include one or all of these in his call for a Special Session of the Legislature.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Sedillo, the following resolution was prepared and adopted:

"Resolved, that the President of the University, David S. Hill, be authorized and instructed to confer with Governor Larrazolo at once concerning these topics:

(a) Present status and survey, (b) reclassification and reorganization of State educational institutions,

(c) State bond issues for the permanent improvement and enlargement of the plants of all reorganized institutions, including the State University of New Mexico, and other vital educational problems.

President Hill is authorized to talk with the Governor concerning these matters and it is the belief of the Executive Committee that the Governor might include in his Message a paragraph authorizing the consideration of these problems at the next Special Session of the Legislature."

December 19, 1919.

(copy) J. A. Reidy
Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Regents.