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Minutes of Meeting
Executive Committee
University of New Mexico

Held at office of Chairman
5:00 p.m. Feb. 25, 1919

Present—Mr. Brooks, Dr. Reidy, the former in the Chair.

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of authorising the acceptance of various bids which had been made for the housing and material used in connection with the SATC, the sale of which to the highest bidders had been made necessary by the requirements of the U.S. Government. Further, that the following order or instruction issued by the Government makes it necessary to sell the buildings and material used in connection with the SATC in order that the Government shall allow payment to the U.N.M. of the differences between the cost of same and the sale price. It was further explained that advertisements had been put six times in both Albuquerque daily papers and that personal solicitation had been maintained for more than three months by Mr. Donnell, Mr. Grose and Mr. Brooks, in an earnest effort to obtain better offers than shown in the aforementioned bids, and that it had been found impossible to do any better.

It was further explained that the following names constitute the highest bidders:

The Albuquerque Lumber Co. for 12 board buildings, used for barracks, mess hall, infirmary, bath room and store room—$605.00

The Arno Hunning Electric Co., for all wiring and electric connections in said bldgs.—120.00

Beeman & Ayer Supply Co., for all plumbing connections not heretofore transferred to the campus bldgs.—50.00

Beeman & Ayer Supply Co., for 12 fire extinguishers—60.00

Western Meat Co., 1 second-hand refrgrtr. —25.00

Korber & Co., 9 Economy Heaters —100.00

Korber & Co., Range —150.00

The C.L. Keppler Furntr Co., All dishes, cooking utensils, garbage cans and other like material not heretofore transferred to the regular Dining Hall—62.62

Father Mandelari, 1 flag pole —15.00

W.P. Metcalf, 1 Economy Heater —30.00

The County Supt Schools (Bernalillo)

2 Economy Heaters —60.00
On motion it was ordered that all of the foregoing bids be accepted at once and as such action completes all details in connection with the SATC to a point where complete reports on Government blanks may be rendered to the Government, setting forth the claims of the U.N.M. on account of the SATC, it is ordered that Mr. Grose who has these reports nearly ready, shall complete the same for proper execution and that they be mailed to the Government officials.

There being no further business, adjournment was taken.

Minutes of the Meeting
Executive Committee
University of New Mexico
Held at office of Chairman
4:30 p.m. April 7, 1919

Present: Dr. Reidy
Dr. Boyd
Mr. Brooks, the last named in the Chair.

Dept Hygiene

Dr. Boyd presented for consideration a letter from Mr. Thomas A. Storey, Executive Secretary Interdepartmental Associate Hygiene Board, of Washington D.C., and from Hon. Jonathan H. Wagner, State Supt. Dept. Education, of Santa Fe New Mex., to establish a Department of Hygiene, and offering plans by which allotments might be made from the Board's Scientific Research Fund, and from its Educational, Research and Development Fund, in order to help establish the work in this State, and Dr. Boyd also presented for consideration the printed regulations of the Board and application blanks and recommended the acceptance of the proposition without delay.

As this appeared to be a worthy and important project in connection with the University work, and the proportion of expense falling upon the University, not heavy, Dr. Boyd as President of the University was author-
Perrin
ized to execute and forward the application, and after ascertaining the probable proportion of expense to fall upon the University, report to the Board or the Executive Committee for further action.

The President of the Board stated that he had been called upon by Mr. E. B. Jamison, Attorney, with offices in this city, on which occasion Mr. Jamison stated that he was the attorney for Mr. Henry Foote Perrin, and that he had been authorized to bring suit against the Board of Regents, under the contract made late in 1918, by which Mr. Perrin was employed by Dr. Boyd to take charge of the Department of Music and Fine Arts, and that under the terms of the contract, he claims for his client payment for the entire year, which will expire September 30, 1919, since Dr. Boyd, notwithstanding the nature of the contract has recently discharged Mr. Perrin. Mr. Jamison intimated that in order to prevent suit being brought, a settlement might be made, and that Mr. Perrin could be re-instated in his work and complete his contract. Thereupon, Dr. Boyd was requested to explain the situation.

Dr. Boyd stated that Mr. Perrin had proved himself wholly unfit for the work, not so much in a professional way as in a personal way, and that he had made several propositions to Mr. Perrin to pay him from $100. to $200. for his resignation; that Mr. Perrin had threatened him personally with various damaging statements he was going to make to the Governor of the State and to the legislature; that he seemed to be more or less unbalanced and not wholly responsible; that his pupils had continued to leave him until, at the end of the second quarter, practically none were left; that it was simply impossible to retain his services, and he (Dr. Boyd) recommended, that, if necessary, the remaining portion of the salary from April 1 to October 1, 1919, amounting to $800. be paid, rather than to attempt to reinstate him in his work; moreover, that it would be useless to reinstate him as there were not now no music students and nothing for him to do.

After considerable discussion, other members of the Executive Committee expressed themselves to the effect that while a legal fight might be made and possibly won on the basis that Mr. Perrin had failed to fulfill his part of the contract, the contract was so worded as to make the full payment for the year practically positive, and the criticism was offered that the 30-day clause, contained in contracts, should be operative from the time of signing and not one year thereafter. Dr. Boyd's attention was called to the fact that this 30-day notice should be operative from the time of signing, and it was urged upon him last summer to consider this fact in the making of new contracts. He was again urged in the future to endeavor to secure this proviso, which is as fair to members of the faculty, as it is to the University, because it should be optional with either to give this notice.

It was finally decided on the suggestion of Dr. Reidy, that Mr. Brooks have another meeting with Attorney Jamison, and secure a settlement on the best cash basis possible, even to the extent of offering to pay $400. if he should find that settlement could not be obtained for any lower sum.
R.O.T.C. Dr Boyd said that the R.O.T.C., which was being quite generally installed by the Government at various Universities, had been secured for this University, and that the students had recently voted unanimously for this installation; that the Government had already assigned a sergeant and Captain Charles Purviance to take charge of the work; that they had already arrived for this purpose, and that it was his intention to proceed with this work as a permanent feature in connection with the University.

On motion this action was approved.

There being no further business, adjournment was taken.

[Signatures]