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Meeting of July 16, 1918

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of New Mexico, held at 409 W. Copper Ave., at 4 p.m., July 16, 1918,

Present: Dr. Boyd, Dr. Reidy, Mr. Brooks

Military Training & Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Boyd explained the action he had recently taken before the Rotary Club and the Kiwanee Club of Albuquerque, relative to obtaining 100 New Mexico students for the Military Course (Training), as outlined at the last meeting of this Committee, and showed that there was very good prospect that this could be accomplished and probably at no very great outlay of money, explaining further that he had had a meeting with Presdt. McMillen of the Chamber of Commerce, and that a Committee of that Body would soon receive him, for the purpose of listening to a proposal that solicitation be made over the State, to secure the 100 military students required, and with a view to having the Chamber of Commerce agree to pay the expenses.

On motion, the action of Dr. Boyd was approved, and he was authorized to proceed and do everything possible with the Chamber of Commerce to secure favorable action, and to himself take the lead in conducting and pushing the canvass of the State to secure the students, also to get the active influence and help of County Superintendents, Banks, Clubs, and the Game Protective Assctn., but not in a financial way.

Publicity Contract

Mr. Brooks called attention to the fact that the annual contract on publicity and advertising, made with Mr. Hening, had expired on July 1, 1918, and presented a proposition from Mr. Hening to conduct a campaign for the following year, and after due consideration, Dr. Reidy moved that the plan involving an expenditure of $1,380.00 be accepted, and that Mr. Hening be notified accordingly, and that Mr. Hening's proposition be spread on the Minutes of this meeting. The motion having been seconded, it was unanimously carried.

Ath. Track

The question of moving the Athletic Track from where it is at present west of the City Reservoir, to the ground just north of the City Reservoir was brought up, and when it was explained that about as much expenditure would be required to change the form of the present track as would be required to move it to the proposed new location, it was unanimously decided to move the track as proposed, at the earliest date consistent with other work going on at the campus.

Dining Hall

The question of running the Dining Hall was considered, whereupon Dr. Boyd moved that Mrs. Kerr, who is now the cook at the Dining Hall, be given the position of Stewardess, as long as her work may be satisfactory, and a salary of $80 per month and board, for the combined positions, be paid her; also, that as Stewardess, Mrs. Kerr be provided with an Assistant, the position being now held by Miss Wolverton, at such salary as may be necessary, Miss Wolverton to continue in the position, if agreeable to her. The motion, having been seconded, was unanimously carried.
There being no further business, adjournment was taken, subject to call.

George L. Brodie
J. A. Reed

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War Department, Washington, May 8, 1918

To the Presidents of all Institutions of collegiate grade

Dear Sirs:

In order to provide military instruction for the college students of the country during the present emergency, a comprehensive plan will be put in effect by the War Department, beginning with the next college year, in September, 1918. The details remain to be worked out, but in general the plan will be as follows:

Military instruction under officers and non-commissioned officers of the Army will be provided in every institution of college grade, which enrolls for the instruction 100 or more able-bodied students over the age of eighteen. The necessary military equipment will, so far as possible, be provided by the Government. There will be created a military training unit in each institution. Enlistment will be purely voluntary but all students over the age of eighteen will be encouraged to enlist. The enlistment will constitute the student a member of the Army of the United States, liable to active duty at the call of the President. It will, however, be the policy of the Government not to call the members of the training units to active duty until they have reached the age of twenty-one, unless urgent military necessity compels an earlier call. Students under eighteen and therefore not legally eligible for enlistment, will be encouraged to enroll in the training units. Provision will be made for co-ordinating the Reserve Officers' Training Corps system, which exists in about one-third of the collegiate institutions, with this broader plan.

This new policy aims to accomplish a twofold object: first, to develop as a great military asset the large body of young men in the colleges; and second, to prevent unnecessary and wasteful depletion of the colleges through indiscriminate volunteering, by offering to the students a definite and immediate military status.
Later announcements will be made of the details of the new system. In the meantime, presidents of collegiate institutions are requested to call this matter to the attention of all their students. Those who do not graduate this spring should be urged to continue their education and take advantage of this opportunity to serve the nation.

I trust that the policy above stated will have your support and co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Newton D. Baker

Secretary of War.