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Meeting of the Board of Regents of the University, held June 11/19:

Present: Messrs Jaffa, Reidy, McFie, Montoya, Sedillo and Governor O. A. Larrazola; later, Dr. D. R. Boyd.

Resignation - The following letter having been received, it was read:

Mr. G. L. Brooks

Copy:

Dr. J. A. Reidy, Sec-Treas.
Board of Regents
University of New Mexico
City,

My dear Doctor:

I herewith resign as President of the Board of Regents of the University, having, as you know, already resigned as a member of the Board. Hence, I am placing this resignation in your hands.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) GEORGE L. BROOKS

Mr. Jaffa was named as President by unanimous action, Hon. Nathan Jaffa, was named Permanent Chairman of the Board, and the meeting was organized for the transaction of business before it.

Minutes— Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 19/19, Meeting of Executive Committee of Apr. 22/19; May 15/19; May 22/19, were read and approved, also lists of all bills paid since last approval (April and May). These also were approved.

Resignation of Dr. D. R. Boyd. The letter here copied was then read:

Board of Regents,
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque N. M.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as President of the University of New Mexico, to take effect on July 1, 1919, which is the end of my fiscal year.

The appropriation provided for maintenance and operation of the University, and for its enlargement and improvement, is so wholly inadequate, as to make it in my opinion, impossible to meet the public expectations, or the public's reasonable demands upon the Institution. For that reason, I doubt my
ability to produce for you the results we all desire.

It will be necessary also that I be free the coming summer to give my attention to my personal business affairs, and to that end I request that you arrange to relieve me at the conclusion of my present year; that is, not later than July 1.

I regret very much to sever my connection with the University, because of the loyal support that has been accorded me by your Board, and the cordial and pleasant relations that have existed between us, during all of the seven years of my service with you. Assuring you again of my appreciation of your many courtesies and your vigorous and loyal co-operation and support of my administration of University affairs, and of my high regard for each of you,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) DAVID R. BOYD
President.

Hon. G.L. Brooks, Pres.,
409 W. Copper Ave.,
Albuquerque N.M.

On motion, duly seconded and passed, the resignation of Presdt. Boyd was accepted.

Resignation
of Antonio Lucero

Following the resignation of Presdt. Boyd, came that of Hon. Antonio Lucero, whose letter reads as follows:

Las Vegas N.M.
June 5, 1919

Hon. George L. Brooks,
Albuquerque N.M.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

As much as I had desired to be with you and the other Regents at the meeting to be held tomorrow, I must of necessity forego that pleasure, because I find it impossible to absent myself, even for a day, from the business I am in at the present time.

Realizing likewise that it will be almost impossible for me to attend any of the future meetings, I must resign my place on the Board, in order that the Governor may appoint some one else in my place, who has more time than I to attend the meetings.

Regretting more than I can tell that I cannot be with you, I am,

Very cordially yours,
(Signed) ANTONIO LUCERO.
Next in order to come before the meeting, was the following letter from Governor Larrazola:

Copy Santa Fe, June 2, 1919

My dear Sir:

In view of the very serious situation that arises from the resignation of Dr. Foyd as President of the University of New Mexico, I would like to be present at the next meeting of the Board of Regents, and I pray that you inform me when the next meeting will take place. Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) O. A. LARRAZOLA
Governor

Mr. J. A. Reidy,
Secretary Board of Regents
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Dr. Reidy having responded to the request of the Governor with information as to the date of the proposed meeting, the Governor had come down from Santa Fe and addressed the members of the Board for a few minutes expressing the most friendly sentiments towards the University and promising to do all in his power to further its interests.

The following named students were recommended to the Board of Regents for graduation, with degrees set opposite their names:

Anderman, Eleanor Gibbs----------Bachelor of Arts
Atkinson, Allie Marguerite -------Bachelor of Science
in Home Economics
Greenlee, Regina Martha --------Bachelor of Arts
Kiech, Vera --------Bachelor of Arts
Vincent, Helen Marguerite --------Bachelor of Arts
Wood, Roberta Virginia --------Bachelor of Arts

On motion duly seconded and passed, the students as named were approved by the Board for graduation, and the degrees as listed, conferred upon them.
The following Resolution, emanating from the Student Body was in its order presented to the Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the following open letter be sent to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico with the request that it be read at the meeting of the said Board, to be held Wednesday, June 11, 1919:

To the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico, Gentlemen:

As students of the University of New Mexico, assembled as the Student Body, and feeling that we have a paramount interest in the welfare and progress of the University, and desiring to co-operate with the authorities in charge of the Institution in the building of a Greater University, and believing that it is our right and duty to so co-operate, we respectfully invite your attention to the following requests:

(1) That in the appointment of a President of the University, you will select a man who has no political or personal ties or affiliations which will handicap his work as President of the University. For these reasons it seems necessary that the appointee should be a man from without the State, and one who would be absolutely free and unembarrassed by political or social connections within the State.

(2) That if possible you will secure the services as President of a man who has had some experience in University administration, and who is at the same time young and virile enough to give to the University the energy and initiative that its upbuilding in the next few years will require. The University of New Mexico should play a dominant part in the future development of the State of New Mexico, and if it is to fulfill its proper function in this connection, it must have as President a man who combines the scholarly attainments requisite for the position with the business and administrative ability necessary for the active control and administration of the Institution.

(3) That in this crisis in the affairs of the University, the Board of Regents will endeavor to establish an administration which will actively undertake to build up the University and place it where it should be both as an educational institution and as a factor in the life of the State, and an administration with which the students can co-operate to secure these ends. The students now in attendance at the University desire to co-operate with the Board and the President and Faculty in building up the School and would like to be able to give it their whole-hearted support, and to enlist the support and encourage the attendance of others, but they feel that they
can only do this if the active management and administration of the Institution is to be in the hands of a man who is in sympathy with college spirit and college ideals and who will be unhampered in the improvement of the University.

Without assuming to interfere in the business of the Board of Regents, the Student Body further wishes to ask that some action be taken at an early date to secure the services of competent professors for the ensuing year. It is understood that several of the most efficient members of the present Faculty have offers from other places and are seriously considering accepting them because they have as yet received no assurance that their positions here will be open to them.

Respectfully,

THE STUDENT BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

By The Student Council

Further resolved that this resolution and letter be given to the public press for publication.

Signed:

Donovan M. Richardson
Frances Bear
A. Geo. Gentry
Eleanor Anderman
Allie Atkinson
Chester Boldt
Mayme B. Hart
Perkins L. Patton

Following the presentation of the letter from the Student Body, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Sedillo, duly seconded and passed:

RESOLVED, that it is the consensus of opinion of this Board, that written contracts now in force, between the University authorities and members of the Faculty and Officers of the University, be continued in force during the year 1919-20 (October 1, 1919--October 1, 1920) subject to such modifications as may have been agreed upon between individual members and Dr. Boyd as to the coming year.

Request

The request of Miss E.A. Hickey, faculty member, to accept a position for the summer months with the Mountain Division of the American Red Cross, was granted.

Dr. J D Clark
Att'dc. at meet'g
Southwest, Engrg. Ass'n

A letter from Presdt. Boyd, stating his authorization of the attendance of Dr. J D Clark at the meeting of SOUTHWESTERN ENGINEERING ASS'N, at El Paso, as a representative of the University, and approval of his expense acct ($36.77) was read and accepted. Also the Report of Dr. Clark which has been placed on file.

Adjournment until June 12, 1919 at 2:30 P.M.