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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
Saturday, June 19, 1920.

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

Street
Paving

The proposition already brought to the attention of the Board of Regents for the paving of East Central Avenue was considered, and certain ambiguities in the language of the proposed Contract were pointed out, especially with reference to the paving to the "east end of the University property". It was agreed to secure accurate measurements from the middle of Plum Street to the east side of Yale Avenue. If this distance did not exceed 1200 feet the Committee would consider writing this definitely into the contract. President Hill was instructed to secure this measurement with the help of Mr. Frank.

Communica-
tion from
Ministerial
Alliance of
Albuquerque

The following communication from the Ministerial Alliance of Albuquerque to President Hill was made a matter of record.

Being desirous of a deeper religious atmosphere and influences at the New Mexico State University we the ministers of the Protestant churches of Albuquerque wish to submit the following program for our cooperation:

1. That a reception be given by the churches of Albuquerque to the students and faculty of the University at the University on or about the evening of Oct. 1st, 1920. That each minister be accompanied to this reception by two of his young people, and that this reception be well announced in the University Bulletin.

2. That the churches of Albuquerque cooperate in holding courses in Bible Study at the University under the leadership of Rev. John S. Burns, as Student Pastor and that credits be given to the students for this work if possible.

3. That the churches offer to supply speakers for the Friday Assembly once a month and that the Ministerial Alliance in cooperation with the President, the Student Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. determine on who these speakers shall be.

4. That we recommend the holding of vesper services each Sunday afternoon or evening at the University and that the ministers offer their assistance in establishing and carrying on these services during the year.

5. That the churches supply an attractive bulletin giving the names and locations of the churches of Albuquerque, and that this bulletin be hung in the vestibule of the main building of the University.

Signed by the Committee of the Ministerial
Alliance of Albuquerque, N. M.

President Hill reported in this connection that he had been waited upon by Reverend Burns, Davidson, Beckman, and Knudsen. He further reported that he had said in substance the following to these gentlemen:

1. That a reception by the churches of Albuquerque would be looked upon with favor but that he advised that the reception be held down town; (2) that he would not grant permission for the installation of Bible Courses for credit since this matter should be brought in the first instance before the Committee on Curricula and the Faculty and that the proposition was involved in many difficulties. It was made plain that the Law of the State provides distinctly against sectarian teaching in the institution; (3) that he was opposed to surrender to the Ministerial Alliance or any other group, of his right to name the speakers at the Friday Assemblies although he would be pleased to receive suggestions at any time; (4) that while the expression Vesper Services might be avoided it might be possible to arrange for a Sunday afternoon religious service to be conducted by volunteers in a strictly non-sectarian fashion; (5) that he could see no objection to the hanging of a suitable Bulletin or advertisement in the Main Building of the University.

The following communication from Adjutant General P. C. Harris was read :

Scholarships
for
Enlisted
Men.

The President:

On March 3rd the Secretary of War addressed a letter to you requesting that you consider granting of scholarships to enlisted men, recommended by their commanding officers, upon their honorable discharge from the New Army, - the understanding being that as far as possible the man selected be a native of the State or a member of the regiment allocated to the State in which the Educational Institution is located. As yet no reply has been received, and it is feared that the letter of the Secretary of War may have miscarried.

Definite plans are now being formulated by which the scholarships offered by the various educational institutions throughout the country can best be utilized, and it is a matter of vital importance that those in charge of this work should know the attitude of your institution.

While it is not the purpose of the War Department to inaugurate this new plan until the fall of 1921, it is necessary to adopt a standard system of testing which will be acceptable to every institution, and for this reason it is desirable that the requirements of each institution be at hand as soon as possible.

If it is possible for you to give a favorable answer to this general proposition, the details of the plan will be communicated to you.

Great interest has been aroused throughout the Army by the announcement that many of our great Educational Institutions have been able to grant the request of the Secretary of War, and offer scholarships. Support from such an institution as yours would be an added encouragement to those interested in this plan, and it is hoped that you will look upon it with favor.

P.C.Harris,
The Adjutant General.

It was the sentiment of the Committee that the institution was altogether favorable to the general proposition of helping honorably discharged men from the Army; that the Board of Regents would be glad to receive and consider the definite plans referred to in the letter from General Harris, that in taking up this matter with General Harris, attention should be called to the limited facilities of the University of New Mexico.

Signed:

(copy) J. A. Reidy.

Secretary-Treasurer, Board of
Regents.

Date: June 19, 1920