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MINUTES of the meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of
New Mexico, held March 21, 1917, at the office of Presdt. Boyd
in the Administration Building of the University.
Present---His Excellency Governor William E. Lindsey, Presdt. of the
Board of Regents, George L. Brooks, Secretary-Treas. J. A.
Reidy, members Antonio Lucero, John R. McFie, Jr.

Notice of Appointment of the new Board was then presented and read by
the Secretary as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Santa Fe

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING,
KNOW YE, That, reposing special trust and confidence
in the integrity, ability and discretion of:

NATHAN JAFFA
G.L. BROOKS
J.A. REIDY
ANTONIO LUCERO
JOHN R. MCFIE Jr.
CHAVERE COUNTY
BERNALILLO COUNTY
BERNALILLO COUNTY
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY
MCKINLEY COUNTY

I have nominated them as Members of
the Board of Regents of the University of New
Mexico, and by and with the consent and advice
of the Senate of the Third State Legislature, do
hereby appoint them as members of said Board of
Regents for a term of four years.

Done at the Executive Office this
Tenth Day of March, A.D. 1917.
Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

(Signed) W.E. Lindsey,
Governor.

Attested:
(Signed) Antonio Lucero,
Secretary of State

The Oath of Office was then taken by each member present,
and the same duly filed with Hon. Antonio Lucero,
Secretary of State.

Instructions were given to Miss Parsons to make
check for $5.00 to cover filing fees for Oath of
Office for the new Regents appointed by Gov. Lindsey.

On motion duly seconded and passed, the same President (Mr. Brooks)
and the same Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Reidy) were re-appointed.

Reading of Minutes of March 12, 1917, followed, and after this reading on motion duly seconded and passed, the action taken at that meeting, was ratified, this meeting of March 21/17 being considered a continuation of the meeting of March 12/17; also the minutes as read were approved. Minutes of meeting of December 11/16 also read and approved. After the reading of the Minutes of the two meetings immediately preceding (December 11, 1916 and March 12, 1917), it was ordered, on motion duly seconded and passed, that the rules and regulations heretofore in force for the governing of the University be adopted and put in force as the rules and regulations to govern the University for the present, subject to changes that may be made by the Board.

Banks of Deposit—On motion, seconded and passed, it was ordered that the same Banks be places of deposit for University funds that have been so used up to this time, viz., The First National Bank and The State National Bank, both of the city of Albuquerque.

It was further ordered that the Secretary-Treasurer, being furnished with a copy of the law relating thereto, shall require of each of above-named banks, a Bond in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00), the law reading that the Bond of said Secretary-Treasurer shall be Twenty Thousand Dollars, this sum being deemed sufficient at this time to cover any amount of money likely to be handled by him.

Auditing Committee—On motion duly seconded and passed, it was resolved that the Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Board of Regents pass on all bills, and constitute the Auditing Committee.

It was further resolved (on motion duly seconded and passed) that all bills to the date of March 1, 1917 be approved.

Assistant to Presdt. Board of Regents, On motion by Dr. Reidy, seconded by Mr. McFie, and passed, the Presdt. of the Board (Mr. Brooks) was empowered to employ a competent person, who, under his direction, should act as his assistant, and as Purchasing Agent, at a salary of not more than One Hundred Dollars ( $100.) per month.

Well & Pump—The President of the Board reported in relation to the University well and pump, that a contract had been closed recently with the Layne-Bowker Pump Corporation of Los Angeles, Cal. for a deep well pump at the contract price of $1,570.00 (as previously authorized by the Board), and that it would be delivered at the University within the next two or three weeks, and that installation under the superintendence of a
Layne-Bowler representative would be made at that time.

Layne & Bowler Proposition. It was then ordered, on motion seconded and passed, that the proposition from the Layne & Bowler Corp. be accepted.

Strip of land enclosed by Water Company--The Presdt. of the Board reported that he had taken up with Mr. McMillen the subject of the small strip of land which the latter had fenced in to the west of the Reservoir, and the Mr. McMillen seemed surprised that any U.N.M. land had been enclosed, and made the point that this ground had been within his fence for more than ten years. This seemed to indicate that he would claim title for the Water Company, on the basis of more than ten years' possession.

Legal Aspect. It was moved by Mr. Lucero, seconded by Dr. Reidy, that Mr. McFie look into the legal aspect of this strip of land adjoining the reservoir. The motion was passed and Mr. McFie requested so to do.

Bids on Science Hall -- The President of the Board reported that he had notified all bidders on the Science Hall that their respective bids were rejected, and suggested that they hold their figures intact, as, a little later, modified bids would in all likelihood be called for. He also reported that another bid for plumbing and heating had come in since the last meeting, from Beeman & Ayer, of Albuquerque, for $9,390.00, which also had been rejected.

On motion, seconded and passed, the President of the Board was instructed to confer with the Architect in regard to lower cost of construction of new buildings, to come within the Appropriation for that purpose.

Coal Bills--The Executive Committee reported that since the meeting of December 11/16 they had not been able to discover the reason for the steady increase in coal bills during the past three or four years and that the subject would be further taken up, after results for the present term were known.

It was moved, seconded and ordered that the Presdt. and Secretary of the Board continue their investigation.

Chemistry Bldg. -- The Presdt. of the Board reported that the Chemistry Bldg. was nearly completed, awaiting now, only the arrival of the metallic doors, which were contracted for as per instructions of the Board, and that in order that the re-enforced concrete floor and metallic doors be installed as authorized at the meeting of December 11/16, extension of time for building had been granted to Campbell Bros., from January 1 to April 15. He also stated that the work of the Contractors had been very satisfactory. Further, that the building would require no insurance, due to the fact that there was no combustible material in it but that the furniture and chemicals, after installation,
would have to be insured.

It was further ordered—on motion seconded and passed—that the Presdt. of the Board be empowered to accept the Chemistry Building when completed.

Street Car Tickets—A memorandum was made to ask Miss Parsons for a report on car tickets sold.

Purchase of Methodist Santrm.

The Presdt. of the Board reported that all instructions of the Board Meeting of December 11/16, in relation to the purchase of the Methodist Sanatorium had been carried into effect, the two thousand dollars ($2,000.) having been paid in money, and three thousand dollars ($3,000.) in notes of the Regents; proper conveyance papers to the Regents obtained and recorded, and a complete abstract of Title, showing the record title to be complete. He also stated that he had plans drawn for remodeling to some extent the buildings acquired from the Methodist Sanatorium, which plans were then and there submitted to the Board.

On motion duly seconded and passed, above report was accepted and adopted.

H.B. Hening—It was further reported to this meeting by the Presdt. of the Board that Ex-Governor MacDonald, about December 20, 1916, called up Mr. Brooks over long distance, and gave peremptory orders that Mr. Hening be discharged at once, and that a meeting of the Board be called for this purpose. Mr. Brooks answered that a meeting of the Board would not be necessary, and that the subject would receive prompt attention, and in furtherance of the Governor's orders, Mr. Hening was called upon to resign, and the next day handed in his resignation, which was accepted at once, and Governor MacDonald so notified. No action was taken in connection with this subject, further than to approve the course pursued by the President of the Board.

Letter Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity—The following letter was then read:

Board of Regents
University of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

As a Committee representing the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, we hereby request a loan from the Permanent Fund for the purpose of erecting a Chapter House. We propose to build either on the Campus, preferably near our present Estufa, or on lots owned by the Fraternity, immediately opposite the Main Building on Central Ave.

The estimated cost of the proposed building is $7,500, which we are desirous of securing at as low a rate of interest as possible. Further details in the matter could be arranged, if a Committee be appointed from your Board to confer with us.

Action is requested at this meeting as very little time remains in which to push our plans to completion before the Fall Opening of school, and we are particularly anxious to get started now.
Letter P.K.A.F.-cont'd.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J.E. McCanna
(Signed) Floyd Lee
(Signed) Chas. Lembke

Committee

On motion, duly seconded and passed, it was resolved that a Committee of the Board of Regents be appointed by the Chair to confer with a like Committee of the Fraternity, and report at the next Board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was here entertained.

Memo. All Meetings of Executive Committee, held at office of Presdt. Brooks

Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Committee held May 1, 1917 -- Mr. G. L. Brooks, Dr. J. A. Reidy, Dr. David R. Boyd

Methodist San. Mr. Brooks referred to the several conversations which had taken place with the members of the Committee for several weeks, in relation to putting the recently acquired Methodist Sanatorium Building into shape to make it useful for University purposes, and submitted several bids from various contractors, which they had made on the plans and specifications prepared by Architect A. C. LaDriere, showing that Wallace Hesselden was the lowest bidder, his bid being $792.00.

By unanimous consent it was decided that the building be converted into rooms for dormitory purposes, according to the plans prepared, and that Mr. Brooks notify Mr. Hesselden that his bid is accepted.

There being no further business, adjournment was taken, subject to call.

[Signatures]

Exe. Com.