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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee
University of New Mexico, held at the office of the Chairman at 1.00 p.m. Sept. 13, 1918

Present—Dr. Boyd, Dr. Reidy, Mr. Brooks.
Meeting called to order.

Electrical & Mechanical Engineer.

Dr. Boyd stated that Mr. Ray, Professor of Physics and Engineering, had resigned, and asked to be authorized to employ Mr. Coakran at a salary of $2,000.00 for the year, as Electrical Engineer, and to contract with him as Mechanical Engineer, for $600.00, payable quarterly, to superintend and look after the installation of all additional equipment, mechanical devices, etc., demanded by the Students Military Training Corps, and to supervise all of this work during the year, and he was so authorized.

Chamber Commerce

The Chairman read a letter received this morning from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Aldo Leopold, as follows:

Albuquerque, N.M. Sept. 11, 1918

Mr. G.L. Brooks
Board of Regents
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Brooks:

In accordance with my letter of Aug. 22, the University Co-operation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been holding itself in readiness to accompany representatives of the University to Santa Fe for the purpose of procuring funds from the State Council of Defense to provide the necessary equipment for handling the students to be enrolled in the military course for the coming year.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, I was asked what was being done by the University toward providing this equipment, and I told them of my conversation with you, stating that you hoped to be able to take action at an early date.

Do not hesitate to call upon us at the earliest possible moment that it is possible to proceed with this matter.

The Directors also asked me what part of the $1,000 appropriation made by the Chamber of Commerce had so far been expended, and I informed them that a little over half of the money had been used. Inasmuch as more than the original quota of students have already been obtained, I was instructed to request that only such part of the total of $1,000 necessary to obtain satisfactory results be expended. As you know, the appropriation of $1,000 was somewhat of a drain on our financial resources, and any unexpended balance that can be turned in will accordingly be appreciated by the Chamber. This is not to be construed as
a request to call a halt upon the campaign, but only a request to carry it so far as seems advantageous as far as the expenditure of money is concerned.

Naturally the Board of Directors were delighted with the excellent results which had been obtained.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Dr. Boyd and to Mr. Williams.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) ALDO LEOPOLD
Secretary.

Also his answer addressed and delivered to Mr. Leopold this forenoon, as follows:

Sept. 13, 1918

Mr. Aldo Leopold, Sec'y
Albuquerque Chamber Commerce
City

Dear Mr. Leopold:

Have this moment received your letter of day-before-yesterday, and have to say in answer that Dr. Boyd and Secretary of State Lucero had a meeting with Mr. Springer, under instructions from the Board of Regents, in relation to the Council of Defense providing funds for necessary equipment buildings etc., the general result of which was the expression of friendly feeling and favorable attitude on the part of Mr. Springer.

The writer has had one or two conferences with Governor Lindsey on the same subject, and his attitude is quite favorable.

I had already arranged this morning, before receiving your letter, for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, for this afternoon to line up a visit to Santa Fe on this subject, with a view of consulting you and the Chamber of Commerce Committee as soon as we had made this outline to present to you, that is to say, this afternoon or this evening, if possible.

This line of action could not be taken at an earlier date through the fact that we did not know even approximately how much money would be required until last evening, and while estimate had been made showing that about $20,000.00 would be necessary for extra equipment on account of military teaching, yet there would be other expenses which had not been figured out and arrived at until we received the bids late yesterday afternoon for 12 shop buildings 24' x 50', and which we now know will cost about $15,000.00, hence the Committee can now go to Santa Fe for a consultation with the Council of Defense.
and will be in a position to state that the amount we need will be $35,000.00.

With your co-operation no time will be lost in having this conference at Santa Fe. Had we made the trip any earlier, we would have known only of the $20,000, and could not have made even a reasonable guess at the remainder.

There is still another point which has caused some delay and that is we had to know whether or not we were going to have barracks for the military students, probably 300 in number, and this question has finally been solved through the purchase by the Board of Regents from the Council of Defense of all the buildings at the encampment for $3,500, with the relinquishment on their part of any claim to the water system, which came to us through the attitude and kindly consideration of the Chamber of Commerce. The transfer of these buildings will likely be made today or tomorrow. In any event, the Committee visiting Santa Fe will now know definitely that no money will have to be provided for barracks as we can handle the barracks situation through the buildings which we have purchased.

As related to the expenditure of $1,000, appropriated by the Chamber of Commerce, have to say that the Executive Committee has had nothing whatever to do with that subject, except authorizing Dr. Boyd to ask you for the appropriation, which he did and has had the expenditure of the money, whatever it may have been. However, will say in this connection that the Executive Committee will call upon him this afternoon to make you a report of everything up to the present time, and have no doubt it will be satisfactory.

I am sending you this by messenger so that there may be no delay in your receiving the information contained therein.

Thanking you for your letter and all consideration shown, I remain,

Very truly yours,

President Board of Regents
University of New Mexico

It was further explained that arrangements had been made with the Chamber of Commerce to call the meeting of the University Co-operative Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at which meeting the members of this Committee will be present.

The Chairman explained that Gen. Baca had arranged to arrive in Albuquerque tomorrow forenoon for the purpose of making the transfer of the encampment buildings, and that he would meet General Baca
Council of Defense was instructed to go to Santa Fe with the Chamber of Commerce Committee and in conjunction with Secretary of State Lucero to meet with the Chamber of Commerce Committee, and other Albuquerque Committees in making the presentation to the Council of Defense of our request for $35,000, appropriation on the special State fund which was provided by the extra session of the legislature for purposes of this nature.

Dr. Boyd was further instructed that in the event the State Council of Defense should refuse in part or in whole the request made for help, he and Mr. Lucero were empowered, in their discretion, to call on the State Treasurer and find out the prospect for borrowing the money from Permanent and School, or other funds that may be available for such purposes and on what terms.

The subject came up of providing dormitory space for girls, the number to be provided for unknown at the present time, for the term to commence October 1, and inasmuch as the Boys' Dormitory would not be required for boys this winter, it was determined for the time being, to make such changes in the Boys' Dormitory as would make it suitable for the use of girls, for the coming term.

The Chairman called attention to, and showed plans and figures for an expenditure of between $1,500, and $2,000, on radiators and fixtures installation in the heating system of the University, not only for betterment but as a fuel saving proposition, it being estimated that probably one-half this sum could be saved through this installation every year.

Dr. Boyd stated that he received word from the War Dept., that the Inspector would arrive in the State, Sept. 16, and soon thereafter would be here to inspect our preparations for the Student Army Training Corps, and instructions were given that he should be shown in every way possible that all preparations are being made as rapidly as possible to take care of all students registering for this course. In this connection, Dr. Boyd stated that up to this time 265 had so registered, and expressed the opinion that the number would reach 300 at least.

Dr. Boyd presented correspondence recently had with Mr. A. W. Wend, formerly professor of Civil Engineering at the University in which a claim for $300, compensation for two-thirds of his summer vacation, was made. On motion, this was ordered paid.

The Chairman read the following letter:-

Sept. 9, 1918

Mr. George L. Brooks, President
Board of Regents
University of New Mexico CITY.

Dear Sir:

Subject to written acceptance, on or before October 1, 1918, we make you the following offer:—

We will sell you 50,000 street car tickets, to be sold to students and persons on the payroll of the University only,
Price $2,500, less 5% discount. To be delivered on November 1, 1918; payable one-half in cash, and the other half payable by means of a six-months' note, bearing 8% interest per annum after maturity.

Yours truly,

(Signed) GEORGE ROSLINGTON
President

Thereupon the Chairman was authorized to accept the proposition as made through the foregoing letter.

Bids. The Chairman explained that under plans prepared at the University through Dr. Boyd, bids had been obtained on twelve shop buildings which would be necessary for the Students Army Training Corps, that is to say, for the housing of the $19,650 equipment which is estimated to be necessary. These bids being $11,241 from J.A. HARLAN, to furnish all material and complete according to specifications; also from the same contractor $3,166 for labor and the University to furnish material; also SUPERIOR LUMBER & MILL CO. of $13,150, complete, material and labor; no proposition has yet come from them for labor alone.

It was further stated that the SUPERIOR LUMBER & MILL CO. would likely submit a proposition for labor alone; and also that PRICHARD & PRICHARD would likely submit a bid today or tomorrow.

It was ordered that the President of the Board obtain any further bids he might think proper, and hold all bids in abeyance until it is known what provision is to be made for funds from the Council of Defense or otherwise.

Insurance Dr. Boyd made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Reidy, that the Chairman obtain all additional insurance necessary on the new buildings purchased from the Council of Defense, if the same can be had at reasonable rates.

Correspondence Dr. Boyd presented the correspondence he had had with Captain Robert C. Gregory, of the 33d Infantry, who has been assigned to take charge of the Training Corps at the University, and called attention to the fact that he had done everything possible to get Capt. Gregory to come here at once, but that up to this time, was unadvised as to when he would arrive.

Contract—War Dept. Dr. Boyd presented copy of tentative contract which had been submitted from the War Dept., to remain in force for a short time, until permanent contract can be made for Students Army Training Corps. After carefully considering the same, and on motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Boyd was authorized to sign the same for the University and forward it to the Department.
This tentative contract, in words and figures, reads as follows:

REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SOLDIERS OF STUDENTS' ARMY TRAINING CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

TO

College (University)

a corporation

under the laws of the State of __________—hereby requests the War Department of the United States to assign to the Institution

______________ soldiers of the United States

(Estimated number in S.A.T.C.Unit)

Army, members of the Students' Army Training Corps, on the following conditions:

1. Eligible students are to be inducted into the United States Army on their voluntary application, on or about October 1, 1918, and are forthwith to be assigned on active duty at the Institution.

2. The Institution will, after the assignment of such soldiers:
   (a) Furnish such academic instruction to the said soldiers as may be approved or prescribed by the War Department, it being understood that until the War Department otherwise indicates, the regular curriculum shall be deemed approved;
   (b) Will provide for the proper and sanitary housing of said soldiers in as large groups as reasonably possible;
   (c) Will provide meals for the said soldiers of quantity and quality equivalent to the standard army ration, and under the proper sanitary conditions;
   (d) Will provide suitable and adequate grounds for military instruction and drill of the soldiers and suitable offices for the military administration of the unit;
   (e) Will co-operate closely with the War Department and its authorized representatives in all matters above referred to;
   (f) Will receive from its students who are eligible for the Students' Army Training Corps, and indicate their intention of applying for induction therein, only such proportion of the usual tuition and other fees, as will cover the period from the opening of the college year to October 1, 1918, or if more has already been received, will make individual adjustment with the students accordingly.

3. The War Department will
   (a) Provide for the military instruction of the soldiers;
(b) Provide uniforms and the necessary personal equipment of the soldiers to the extent practicable;

(c) Furnish necessary cots, blankets, bed-sacks or mattresses to the extent practicable;

(d) Pay to the Institution as soon as practicable, after submission of duly executed vouchers, the sum of one dollar ($1.00) per day for each soldier assigned to the Institution on active duty, plus the sum of ten cents (See note) per day for each soldier so assigned, for tuition, making a total of one dollar and ten cents per day per soldier. The first voucher submitted will cover the period of two weeks following the induction of the soldiers and their assignment to active duty, and will be submitted monthly thereafter.

4. It is understood that the arrangement evidenced hereby shall be temporary and that as soon as practicable a permanent contract shall be made between the Institution and the War Department, covering the period to July 1, 1918. The basis of that contract with respect to payment shall be reimbursement for the actual and necessary costs of providing the instruction, subsistence and housing required during the entire period of the contractual relation with the War Department, the necessary adjustments to be made accordingly, provided that the per diem allowance to be made for cost of academic instruction shall not exceed the regular per diem tuition charge of the Institution.

5. The Institution and the War Department will co-operate to the fullest extent to obtain the best results, and will endeavor, as soon as practicable, to arrive at the said permanent contract on an equitable financial basis, in accordance with the principle of reimbursement for actual costs as above stated.

Witness: ______________________________

(Name of Institution) _____________________

By ___________________________________

Witness: ______________________________

Accepted ______________________________

Secretary of War Department
Committee on Education and
Special Training.

Note: Insert at this point a number of cents equal to the yearly tuition fee of the Institution (or department thereof) in the college year of 1917-1918, divided by 270; e.g., on an average yearly tuition fee of $100, the amount is 100 ÷ 270 = .3703 cents.
Military

The Chairman reported having measured up all the lumber in the military encampment buildings and finding there were more than 165,000 feet, and that offer of $3,500 had been made for buildings, tables etc., just as they stand, which offer was made to the Council of Defense; that the same had been accepted by the Council of Defense and that the transfer would likely be made tomorrow by General Baca. On motion duly made and seconded, this action was approved.

Water

The Chairman further stated that as relates to the pipe and water system put in at the cantonment by the Chamber of Commerce, that the State Council of Defense relinquished its claim upon the urgent request of the Chamber of Commerce through its President, Hon. A.B. McMillen, and that this system which cost about $6,000 to install had come to the University free of any expense other than the use of the land given last year for military purposes.

W.L. Ray

Dr. Boyd stated that after consulting with the other members of the Executive Committee, he had sent Prof. W.L. Ray, Professor of Physics & Engineering to the Colorado schools in the vicinity of Denver, to examine and report conditions being put into force there in connection with military training units, and that Prof. Ray returned this morning and had submitted the following report:

Copy.

President Boyd and Board of Regents
University of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of my trip to Colorado to visit educational institutions.

All colleges, with the exception of the School of Mines will open about the first of October. The School of Mines has already begun work. Colorado College, the School of Mines and Denver University expect to house their students in fraternity houses, boarding houses, armories and large class rooms. The Agricultural College is building two barracks, each with a capacity for 300 men. They have built a mess hall with a capacity of 600 men. The barracks are being erected at a cost of $30,000 each. The mess hall cost $20,000. The University of Colorado is also putting up barracks.

All students who are of college grade will, according to the latest reports, take up regular college work and University work, plus the military drill required by the Government.

Colorado College has a radio school of 200; the University and Agricultural College have Radio work, General Mechanics, Automobile Mechanics, Carpentry and Cement Work. These courses are being given to enlisted men who have been sent to the schools by the Government. The contract price for this work is from $1.20 to $1.70 per man, per day. This includes the cost of feeding, housing, instruction, and in most cases the cost of equipment. The higher price is paid in the beginning of a course and when equipment is paid for, the contract price is lowered.
These schools have contracts that run until next June. This is the only work that these colleges offer in the so-called Class A.

I believe that the University of New Mexico can secure Government contracts for this work in Class A, when we have facilities for giving the work.

The course in Cement work can be given by a Civil Engineering man, but he will have time for nothing else. The courses in General Mechanics can be given if we have a Machine Shop, Wood Shop and Forge Shop, and at least three instructors for this work. The courses in Automobile Mechanics can be given without much additional expense, with one or two extra men.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) W.L. Ray
Professor of Physics

Expense Acct of Visit to Colorado Colleges (Sept. 13/18)
-----Sept. 5-12, 1918-------

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Dr. Boyd then stated that after presenting the report Mr. Ray had immediately presented his resignation, reading as follows:-
and he (Dr. Boyd) recommended its immediate acceptance. Notwithstanding that under his contract Mr. Ray should have given 90 days notice, yet his services, or rather his attitude, has been such that it was ordered that his resignation be immediately accepted.

Mr. Jaffa  

The Chairman called attention to a letter from Mr. Jaffa, received by the Secretary of the University, showing that through a mistake of his office force he had not received notice of the last Board Meeting, and expressing his regret at not being present; and the Chairman thereupon read the letter he had mailed to Mr. Jaffa, submitting for his information a copy of the Minutes of the last Board Meeting.

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

(Signed) G. L. BROOKS

Chairman