

MEETING OF APRIL 22, 1896

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois met in special session in the University parlor, Urbana, Illinois, at 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, April 22, 1896, pursuant to the following call issued by the Secretary, April 15, 1896:

"By order of the President, Mr. James E. Armstrong, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois is called to meet in special session in the University parlor, Urbana, Illinois, at 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, April 22, 1896, to consider plans and specifications for the library building, and to transact such other business as may come before the Board."

There were present Governor Altgeld and Messrs. Armstrong, Bullard, Graham, Inglis, McLean, Morrison, and Raymond, and Dr. Smith and Mrs. Flower; absent, Messrs. Judy and Morgan.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds asked for instructions as to the location of the Observatory.

It was ordered that the building should be erected east of the Experiment Station warehouse on the highest ground between Burrill avenue and Matthews avenue.

On motion of Mr. Bullard, \$700.00 was appropriated for the payment of the architects of the library building.

On motion of Mr. McLean, it was voted to erect the library building a little ways northwest of University Hall, the building to front northeast, as indicated by stakes recently set.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, it was voted that one-half of Mr. Clinton's salary for the year beginning September 1, 1895, be paid from University funds.

After looking over the plans, etc., for the library building, on motion of Mr. Morrison, it was voted to adopt plans as presented.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That advertisements be published forthwith for bids for the erection of the new library building; that bids be taken for the erection of the entire building; that bids be received up to 12 o'clock noon of May 25th by the Secretary of the Board; and that the Board meet at 2 o'clock p. m. of that day and open said bids.

President Draper read a letter from Colonel Morgan expressing his regret at his not being able to be present at this meeting of the Board on account of the date being later than had been first proposed.

President Draper, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Direction of the Experiment Station, asked for an appropriation of \$143.00 from Experiment Station funds to be used in paying the balance required for repairs on the north barn. This appropriation was made on motion of Mr. Raymond.

On motion of Mr. McLean, an appropriation of \$30.00 was made to pay Mr. C. D. McLane for plans for a new barn.

The request of the Colonel Nodine Post of the G. A. R., for the use of the Chapel Decoration Day, was granted.

President Draper presented communications from Mr. A. C. Burnham, instructor in mathematics, and Mr. Alfred H. White, assistant in chemistry, asking leave of absence, in order that they might spend next year in study in Europe.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board has received with pleasure the applications of Messrs. A. C. Burnham and Alfred H. White, instructors in the University, for a year's absence for study in Europe; that while the employment of instructors is not continuous, and, therefore, they do not require a leave of absence, yet it is the purpose of the University to encourage study by its teachers in the leading institutions of the world, and in recognition of the worth of these young men the Board approves of the course which they propose to pursue and will undertake to provide positions for them upon the instructional force when they return.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Complaint has been made that persons connected with the University have been unduly active in local political contests, and

WHEREAS, The Board thinks proper to declare its views touching such matters, although no specific facts have been alleged and there is no thought of reflecting upon any one, therefore

Resolved, First, that the Board recognizes the right of any person being a citizen and having a residence in either of the adjacent cities to exercise any of the rights adhering in such citizenship and residence.

Second, that in most cases there can be no question about teachers in the University acquiring the rights of citizenship here while the status of students in that regard is very uncertain. The question, however, is one which must turn upon the facts of each case and be decided by the local tribunals having jurisdiction thereof. No one should attempt to exercise the suffrage, however, whose right to do so is not clear.

Third, that the University should never be involved in any political or partisan issue. In no case should it be made the basis of operations of its organization used to promote any political end, and to avoid this, or the appearance of it, it is important that all persons connected with it should refrain from political activity.

Fourth, that upon recurring political contests the political committees be requested to refrain from sending carriages to the University to secure votes, and that the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds be directed to deny such carriages the privileges of the grounds. In the opinion of the Board it is not consistent with the dignity of young manhood in the student body that members thereof should respond to solicitation to vote for one candidate or another made at the doors of the University. Students who have a right to vote should exercise it upon their own motion and pursuant to their own judgment.

Governor Alltgeld offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A proposition has been made by the Chicago College of Pharmacy to turn over to, and donate to, this University the said College of Pharmacy with all property it now has, a list of which has been furnished, on the condition that this University do take and maintain and run said College of Pharmacy as a branch or a part of this University, to be in all respects under the absolute control of the Board; it being further represented in said proposition that the debts of said College of Pharmacy do not exceed \$1,500.00, including the debt on the real estate included in said inventory, which debt of \$1,500.00 this University is to assume; and

WHEREAS, This Board is of the opinion that it will be to the interest of this University to accept this proposition; therefore

[*Resolved*, That said proposition by said College of Pharmacy be and the same is hereby accepted, and that the President of this Board and the President of the University see to carrying out and closing this matter, and that the property is turned over.

While the discussion of this resolution was pending the Board took a recess to witness the Battalion drill and inspection. When the Board had reassembled the resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Flower, from the Committee on Instruction, made a report recommending the appointment of Albert P. Carman, Ph. D., of Cedarville, N. J., Professor of Physics in the University at a salary of \$2,250.00 a year from September 1, 1896. On motion of Mr. McLean the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Instruction reported progress and asked for further time for consideration of the report of the Committee on Students' Welfare referred to it at the last meeting of the Board. The request of the Committee was granted.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was adopted:

URBANA, ILL., April 22, 1896.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

GENTLEMEN: Your Finance Committee begs leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Charles W. Spalding, Treasurer, be, and hereby is directed to transfer ten thousand dollars, from the general fund, to the state fund for salaries, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. MORRISON,

Chairman of Committee on Finance.

Appropriations were made as follows:

For freight on cannon	\$51 91
For military scholarships.....	270 00
For band scholarships.....	135 00

A communication from the Union Manufacturing Company with regard to the contract for water was referred to Mr. Graham to investigate and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Twenty dollars was appropriated for the medal for the inter-scholastic debate (p. 234.)

The Board adjourned to meet May 25, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m.

W. L. PILLSBURY,

Secretary.

JAMES E. ARMSTRONG,

President.