

Meeting of January 25, 1908.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, January 25, 1908, pursuant to the following notice which was sent out by the secretary, January 16, 1908:

Upon the call of the President, Mr. W. L. Abbott, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the Palmer House in Chicago, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., Saturday, January 25, 1908, to consider such subjects as may be duly presented.

When the board met pursuant to this call the following members were present: Messrs. Abbott, Blair, Davison, Hatch, Madden and Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Busey; absent, Governor Deneen and Mr. Lehman.

President James was present.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES.

The president submitted the following matters for consideration:

1. The list of leases thus far made on behalf of the University by Professors Hopkins and Blair.

Voted that an abstract of said leases be printed in the minutes of the board. [For subsequent action see p. 420.]

2. A request from the acting librarian for an addition to the library staff for the rest of the present year as follows:

One student paging assistant for sixteen hours a week at ten dollars a month for eight months from February 1, 1908; two student shelf assistants on half time, twenty-four hours a week, at twenty dollars each a month, for six months, from February 1, 1908; one order assistant for typing and book-keeping at fifty dollars a month for eight months from February 1, 1908; one cataloguer to help on current work, at sixty dollars a month for eight months from February 1, 1908; one cataloguer for the Dittenberger library at seventy-five dollars a month for eight months from February 1, 1908.

Voted on motion of Mr. Blair that the appointment of said members of the library staff at the remuneration indicated be approved.

3. A request from the head of the department of domestic science for authorization to employ Miss Pincomb from February 1st, for her full time at a remuneration of seventy-five dollars (\$75) per month, until July 1st; further that Miss Morrow be given additional work from February 1st and receive additional remuneration of ten dollars' (\$10) a month from February 1st to July 1st; third, that Miss Caroline Busey be appointed laboratory assistant for four months from February 1st at a salary of thirty-five dollars (\$35) a month.

Approved on motion of Mr. Blair.

4. A request from Assistant Professor E. J. Lake that he be granted leave of absence from September 1, 1908, for one year on half pay, for the purpose of studying in Europe in preparation for future University service.

This request is in accordance with the rule adopted by the Board except in one point. The rule adopted by the board provides that persons of professional rank who should have served seven years may, if consistent with the interests of the University, be given leave of absence for one year on half pay for purposes of further study in Europe. Mr. Lake has been assistant professor for five years only, but was instructor for the four years preceding his appointment of five years as assistant professor, so that he has been in continuous service for nine years, has done excellent service and is willing to agree to remain with us for three years after his return, in accordance with the provisions contained in the rule of the board. It will be necessary to appoint an instructor for the year to take care of Professor Lake's work.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Alexander that Professor Lake be given leave of absence as he requests, provided the president can make suitable arrangements for his work during his absence.

5. A communication from R. C. Obrecht is regard to the purchase of a team suitable for use on the grounds.

Voted that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with power to act.

6. A request from Professor L. P. Breckénridge, Director of the Engineering Experiment Station, that John M. Snodgrass be appointed assistant in the Engineering Experiment Station, department of mechanical engineering, with the rank of associate at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per year, to date from January 1, 1908,

Voted on motion of Mr. Blair that such appointment be made.

7. A request from Professor William A. Noyes, director of the chemical laboratory, approved by E. J. Townsend, Dean of the College of Science, for the appointment of Dr. M. H. Bedford of Paris, Ky., as assistant in the laboratory at a remuneration of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the five months beginning February 1, 1908.

Voted on motion of Mr. Hatch that such appointment be made.

8. A statement from the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, that if Professor H. W. Mumford is to be sent to South America for the purpose of studying market conditions, it will be necessary for him to leave early in February and that consequently action upon this matter is much desired.

This matter has been referred to the Committee of the Board on Agriculture and they will doubtless present a recommendation. [See p. 421.]

9. A request from the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, that Professor J. G. Mosier's salary be fixed at twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) for the current academic year, beginning September 1, 1907,

This matter has been referred to the Committee of the Board on Agriculture and they will doubtless report upon it at this meeting. [p. 421.]

10. A recommendation from the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, that Professor W. J. Fraser's salary be fixed at three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the current academic year, beginning September 1, 1907.

This was referred to the Committee of the Board on Agriculture and they will doubtless make a report upon it at this meeting. [p. 421.]

11. A request from the Department of Household Science, that authority be given for undertaking certain work as outlined in a memorandum presented on this subject.

This matter has been referred to the Committee on Instruction and they will doubtless report upon it later. [p. 421.]

ATHLETIC POLICY.

12. The University Senate, in accordance with the authority vested in it by the Board of Trustees, has determined from time to time the general policy of the University in regard to athletics, leaving to the athletic board the management of administrative details under the supervision of the University Council.

The so-called Big Nine conference, including representatives from the Universities of Illinois, Michigan, Chicago, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Purdue, and Indiana, adopted a year ago certain so-called reform rules relating to training table, number of intercollegiate games, eligibility of freshmen, etc. An attempt was made to alter these rules for the coming year. The Senate of the University of Illinois has voted to stand by the present rules until further notice.

At the request of certain students I called a mass meeting of the student body, inviting the members of the Senate to attend, and gave the students an opportunity to express their desires in the matter through speakers selected by representative student bodies.

This meeting was held in the Auditorium and six students presented the desires of the student body upon this subject.

I have asked the Senate to reconsider their action upon the subject in the light of the representation by the student body. The matter will be taken up again in the near future for further consideration.

I take this occasion to express my gratification at the good record which Illinois has made in the matter of intercollegiate athletics. It has not always won games by any means, especially in football, but it has maintained a consistently clean record for honesty and fairness and sportsman-like conduct in the best sense of that term and a faithful observance of the agreements made with other institutions. And the men who have had charge of athletics, including students as well as professors, and especially the Director of Athletics, Mr. Huff, certainly deserve credit for the time and attention which they have given to the many vexing problems connected with this subject, and for their persistent determination to maintain high standards and high ideals.

FIRE ESCAPE; IMPROVEMENTS.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds made the following report, which was adopted, and the appropriations asked for were made:

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 25, 1908.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds approves recommendations made by the Supervising Architect, Professor White, as follows:

1. The erection of a fire escape on the west side of University Hall.
2. The construction of a bath in the beef cattle building, at an expense not to exceed \$60.
3. Equipping the sash on the south side of the University greenhouse with apparatus for raising and lowering the sash, at an expense not to exceed \$125.
4. Putting in heating apparatus at the Observatory, at an estimated expense of \$350.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. ABBOTT,
Chairman.

REVOCATION OF C. P. A. DIPLOMA.

The secretary presented a formal request for the revocation of C. P. A. diploma No. 70 issued to William H. Roberts, October 27, 1904. He was directed on motion of Mr. Madden, to confer with Dean Harker with reference to the form of procedure to be followed in such case.

The secretary presented a notice that Mr. Hay's bond as purchasing agent would expire February 12th, and it was ordered that the bond be renewed for the present amount, \$15,000, and that the premium of \$25 be paid.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

URBANA, ILL., Dec. 27, 1907.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

At a meeting of your Executive Committee, held at the University today, the following communication was received from the Committee on Buildings and Grounds:

AUDITORIUM.

The following extras, which have been recommended by the supervising architect, were approved by the committee:

For the Auditorium—

Matting.....	\$ 53 65
Additional lighting fixtures.....	30 00
Extra on tunnel.....	82 50
A lantern circuit.....	40 00
Stair enclosure in attic.....	30 00
Additional hardware.....	100 00

For University Hall—

Window ventilators, amount to be expended at the discretion of the supervising architect.....	100 00
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Respectfully submitted,

W. L. ABBOTT,

Chairman Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for expenditures as follows:

\$336.15 as extra for the Auditorium.

\$100.00 for ventilators in University Hall.

It also appropriated \$500.00 as an incidental fund for use by Professor White in connection with the Physics Building.

The committee also ordered that \$25.00 be given the Urbana fire department because of a run made by the department December 21st in response to a fire alarm.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. ABBOTT,

Chairman of Executive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was approved for record.

A motion made by Mrs. Alexander, advising the appointment of a standing committee on the College of Science, was referred to the special committee on the revision of the By-laws of the board and the University statutes.

PURCHASES AND LEASES OF LAND FOR THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

The question of leases and purchases of land for the use of the Agricultural Experiment Station, with a list of those already made, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture for examination and report.

The board took a recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

When the board convened after the recess the same members were present as before.

HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Blair, Chairman of the Committee on Instruction, made the following report and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed.

CHICAGO, January 25, 1908.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

Your committee has read and considered the "Plan for the Further Development of the Household Science Department" and makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the further development of the extension work "in connection with high school instruction in household affairs; in the form of farmers' and teachers' institute addresses and a winter school for house-keepers."

2. We recommend strongly the plan for the preparation of teachers in these subjects for colleges and high schools and supervisors for this work in the elementary schools, provided that in no case shall the teacher's diploma be granted until the candidate has earned the college degree.

3. We recommend a course of lectures and demonstrations by some member of the faculty of some nurses' training school of good standing connected with some metropolitan hospital.

4. We recommend the establishment of research work in foods and that such work be offered by the Graduate School.

5. We recommend that the expense incurred in carrying out these recommendations be paid out of the special appropriations for instruction in household science.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. BLAIR,
CHARLES DAVISON,
MARY E. BUSEY,

Committee.

SENDING PROFESSOR MUMFORD TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The Committee on Agriculture made the following report:

CHICAGO, ILL., January 25, 1908.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

Your Committee on Agriculture recommends that Mr. Mosier's salary be made \$2,400 from September 1, 1907.

Your Committee also recommends that Mr. Fraser's salary be made \$3,000 from September 1, 1907.

Your Committee reports back the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Animal Husbandry and the Dean of the College of Agriculture that Professor Mumford be sent to the Argentine Republic to investigate the present conditions and future prospect of the beef interests there without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. HATCH,
GEORGE H. MADDEN,
MARY E. BUSEY,

Committee on Agriculture.

The recommendations with regard to Mr. Mosier and Mr. Fraser were severally adopted, on motion of Mr. Hatch.

It was also voted, on motion of Mr. Hatch, that Professor Mumford be sent to the Argentine Republic to make the investigation proposed, and that \$1,500 be appropriated to cover his expenses.

The board adjourned.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.

W. L. ABBOTT,
President.