

Meeting of April 29, 1909.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Palmer House, in Chicago, April 29, 1909, pursuant to the following notice which was sent out by the secretary April 20, 1909:

By order 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. Thursday, April 29, 1909, to authorize, upon the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Pharmacy, conferring degrees upon those approved for graduation that day and to consider and act upon matters submitted by the president of the University, upon committee reports, and upon such other business as may be duly presented.

When the board met pursuant to this call, the following members were present: Messrs. Abbott, Blair, Davison, Grout, Hatch and Meeker, and Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Busey; absent, Governor Deneen, Messrs. Crebs and Moore, and Mrs. Alexander. President James was present.

The secretary, Mr. Pillsbury, presented the minutes of the meeting of March 31, 1909, which were approved on motion of Mr. Hatch.

GRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

President James presented the following list of persons recommended by the Faculty of the School of Pharmacy for degrees, and on motion of Mr. Blair authority was given the president to confer degrees at the commencement to be held in the afternoon.

Gustav Adolph Anderson	David Emanuel Swanson
Luther Baker	Milton White Thompson
Hugo Frank Beyermann	Harry Aloys Underriner
John Kosmer Cheleski	Richard Van Dusen
H. Harry Connors	George Kimmel Voss
Augustus F. Cover	Henry Venn
Horace Otto Dahlin	George Carl Wirth
Anna Eicher	Clemence Zimmerman
Carl David Ekstrom	Winfield Scott Hubbard (Class of '04)
Frederick Louis Frauenhoff	George Leo Detrick (Class of '05)
Schuyler Van Rensselaer Gross	Frank Edmund Blake (Class of '07)
Julian Bulmer Howell	Floyd Falconer Bunch (Class of '07)
John George Howly	Dee Earl Ellsworth (Class of '07)
Otto William Leininger	Jacob Goodman (Class of '07)
Otto William Lukasek	Andrew Vern Plummer (Class of '07)
Thomas Joseph McNamara	Bertha Reisman (Class of '07)
John Joseph Michalak	Frederick Henry Ruicker (Class of '07)
Grover Cleveland Montgomery	Jesse F. N. Buerkett (Class of '07)
Frank H. Niemeyer	Walter William Doerr (Class of '08)

Thomas Osborne
 Alexander Casimir Peska
 William Ernst Ploetz
 Samuel George Prentice
 Clarence Edward Raetz
 John Myron Rambo
 Larry Lewis Rummerfield
 Charles Shipsman
 John Edgar Sisk
 Herbert William Smith
 Matthew Gustave Stahlfeld
 William J. Staman

Otto August Fett (Class of '08)
 Otto John Lorenz (Class of '08)
 Edward Emil Luken (Class of '08)
 Eugene Lester Miles (Class of '08)
 James Strachen Miller (Class of '08)
 Frederick James Lyons (Class of '08)
 Herman Lawrence Rauschert (Class
 of '08)
 Harry Garrison Skinner (Class of '08)
 John Staszak (Class of '08)
 John Joseph Urban (Class of '08)

HEATING CONTRACT, NATURAL HISTORY BUILDING.

A communication from Professor White, supervising architect, was received stating that some credits should be taken into consideration which would reduce the amount of the heating contract for the Natural History building from \$7,793.60, as stated on page 128 of the minutes of the meeting of March 31, to \$7,672.60.

SECOND TRACK ON OLD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Mr. Abbott reported that pursuant to instructions given at the meeting of the board of March 31, he had conferred with Judge Harker, and also with the officers of the Illinois Traction System, and that as the result of this conference the work would not be carried on to completion across the University grounds until a further agreement was had between the University and the railway company. He also presented the following communications from Judge Harker and Mr. George M. Mattis, vice-president of the Illinois Traction System which were received for record:

URBANA, ILL., April 27, 1909.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

In obedience to your direction of March 31, 1909, I have investigated the matter of the Urbana and Champaign Railway, Gas and Electric Company laying an additional track across the campus on the old right of way, and beg leave to make the following report:

I find that in compromise of pending litigation between the company and the University, the company, in December, 1903, conveyed and quit-claimed to the University all its interest in the "strip of ground known as the old right of way of the street railway company, forty feet wide and extending from Wright street in Champaign east to what is known as Nelson or Mathews avenue in Urbana," and that the Board of Trustees of the University by resolution at its December meeting, 1903, granted to the company permission to lay a track and operate its cars over such strip of land. The grant was made subject to the option of the University to require the company to vacate the premises if desired for building purposes and was limited until a time when the city of Urbana should grant a franchise to the company to operate its line on certain parts of Mathews and Springfield avenues.

On investigation I find that the company has been doing considerable excavating on the strip of ground in question with a view of laying a second track. In a conference with Mr. W. B. McKinley, representing the road, I insisted that the right to lay a track did not give them the right to lay two tracks and that a continuation of the work was without any authority from the Board of Trustees. He stated that the operation of two tracks over the strip was necessary, in view of the proposed taking up of the track

on Green street, and promises to vacate Green street entirely on the board's allowing the company to construct and operate a second track on the old right of way.

So far as the legal features of the case are concerned it is quite clear to my mind that the company has no power to lay an additional track. The term, a track, clearly means one and not two tracks. There is no law to prevent the board, if it sees fit, from granting the permission to the company.

Respectfully submitted,
OLIVER A. HARKER,
Counsel for the University of Illinois.

ILLINOIS TRACTION SYSTEM.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., April 26, 1909.

Mr. W. L. Abbott, 139 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois:

DEAR SIR—As soon as I got your letter of the 21st, we stopped work on the double track through the University grounds, but are still working on the curve on the west side of the University grounds, which is necessary to come out on to Wright street in a southerly direction.

I would like to say that our starting to lay this track through the University grounds without securing permission from the trustees was because of our ignorance, although of course, this is no excuse. When the understanding with the University was arrived at in 1903, I was not with this company and Mr. Pepper seems to have known nothing about the negotiations; we were both under the impression that the right of way of which our track was laid belonged to the company, and we both realized that we could not take up our track on Green street, unless we had a double track through the University where our old right of way was, because it would be impossible for us to give to the University and the citizens of Champaign and Urbana the street car service which they are entitled to with a single track, because both our interurban cars and city cars would have to use this track, and there would be considerable delay, unless a double track was put in. Mr. McKinley was away at the time and he would not have permitted us to start this work without securing permission from the trustees.

Mr. McKinley has had a little conversation with President James and Judge Harker concerning this matter and it seems to us that it would be more satisfactory all around if we could enter into an agreement with the University authorities that we shall remove the track on Green street and shall be permitted to put a double track on this old right of way; in other particulars the agreement could embody the terms of the understanding arrived at in 1903.

As you probably know, the city of Urbana claims that that part of Green street which our track is laid on is a street, and that it is under their jurisdiction and not under the control of the University; personally, I have always thought the city of Urbana was right in their contention, as I can very well remember when it was a street and was open to the public.

Yours very truly,

GEO. M. MATTIS,
Vice-President.

The whole question was then referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for investigation and report to the board.

Later Hon. W. B. McKinley, president of the system, was heard.

President Abbott announced that pursuant to the directions of the board he had appointed a committee to consider a plan of the grounds, and an arrangement of the new buildings thereon. The members of the committee are Messrs. W. C. Zimmerman of Chicago, chairman, D. H. Burnham, of Chicago, and C. H. Blackall, of Boston.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY PRESIDENT JAMES.

President James recommended—

1. That Albert V. Bleininger be appointed Professor of Ceramics at a salary of \$3,000 a year, the compensation to begin when he enters upon the duties of the position.

The appointment was approved on motion of Mr. Hatch.

2. That Boyd H. Bode be appointed Professor of Philosophy at a salary of \$3,000 a year, service to begin Sept. 1, 1909.

This appointment was approved on motion of Mr. Blair.

3. That Stuart P. Sherman be made Associate Professor of English at a salary of \$3,000 a year from Sept. 1, 1909.

This recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Blair.

4. That the salary of John C. Duncan, Assistant Professor of Accounting, be made \$2,500 from Sept. 1, next.

This recommendation was approved on motion of Mrs. Evans.

5. That Professor Thomas W. Hughes be paid \$250 for an extra class carried during the present semester.

This recommendation was approved on motion of Mrs. Busey.

The foregoing five recommendations were severally approved by the following vote: Yeas, Blair, Abbott, Davison, Busey, Hatch, Grout, Evans and Meeker; nays, none; absent, Governor Deneen, Messrs. Crebs and Moore, and Mrs. Alexander.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MR. PILLSBURY'S RESIGNATION.

In accepting the resignation of W. L. Pillsbury as registrar of the University the Board of Trustees desire to make a permanent record of their appreciation of his great services. His work, although public attention has rarely been called to it, has had much to do with the remarkable growth of the institution. Conscientious, untiring, careful of details, holding in his memory the names and faces of the thousands of students as they have come and gone, courteous but firm, dealing fairly and justly with all, the Board of Trustees feel that they are justified in the statement that he represents the highest type of a public servant for the public good.

He has fairly earned an honorable retirement and with it the gratitude and good will of the students, the faculty, and the Board of Trustees of the University.

LAURA B. EVANS,
F. G. BLAIR,

Committee.

OPPOSITION TO APPROPRIATIONS.

The matter of opposition to the appropriations the University is asking for, made by a member of the board, was considered at some length and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Abbott, Grout and Meeker.

The board then took a recess until 4:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session, April 29, 1909.

When the board convened after recess, the same members were present as during the morning session. The committee appointed during the morning session to consider the matter reported as follows with regard to Mrs. Alexander's course:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois has been credibly informed that Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander, a member of this board, appeared yesterday before the House Appropriations Committee in Springfield and stated in effect that the University of Illinois has no legitimate need for the increased appropriations that it is now asking for; and,

WHEREAS, The University Appropriation Bill was carefully prepared by those most familiar with the needs of the different departments of the University, and was fully discussed and considered, item by item, and unanimously approved by all the trustees present, including Mrs. Alexander, at a special meeting held for that purpose, Jan. 15, 1909; and,

WHEREAS, The other members of the board believe that they were elected to represent the interests of the University and do not consider that they would be discharging their obligation faithfully if they failed to ask for appropriations sufficient to meet the increasing demands made by the people of this State upon this great institution; be it

Resolved, That we again endorse our appropriation bill and that we condemn the attempt of one member of this board to discredit the unanimously expressed judgment of the entire board and to harass it in its efforts to maintain and build up a University worthy of the State.

Mrs. Busey voted no, giving as reason that she considered no action necessary.

The board adjourned.

W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.

W. L. ABBOTT,
President.