

## Meeting of the Executive Committee.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the University the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 26, 1909.

The members of the committee present were Messrs. Abbott and Grout; absent, Mrs. Bahrenburg. Other members of the board present were Governor Deneen, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Moore and Mrs. Evans. President James was present and the State architect, W. Carbys Zimmerman.

Action was taken as follows:

### PURCHASE OF FARM FOR HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

1. It appeared, after some informal discussion, that the sentiment of the members present was in favor of purchasing the so-called White farm for horticultural purposes. This farm is situated on the main

road just one-half mile east of the city limits of Olney, on what is known as the Vincennes and St. Louis road, in section thirty-six (36) and thirty-five (35), township four (4) north, range ten (10) east.

#### ADDITIONAL SHELVING IN THE LIBRARY.

2. In answer to an urgent request from the University librarian for additional shelving in the library, an appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) was made for this purpose.

3. Dr. W. J. MacNeal was appointed assistant professor of bacteriology in the University for one year, beginning Sept. 1, 1909, with no increase in his remuneration beyond that fixed at the time he was appointed assistant chief in the agricultural experiment station.

#### PAVEMENT ON FOURTH STREET.

4. The committee voted upon recommendation of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds in regard to a request from the city of Champaign concerning the pavement of a portion of Fourth street, along the west side of the University property, that nothing should be done in this matter until an appropriation be obtained from the Legislature to defray the expense of such pavement.

#### NEW UNIVERSITY HALL.

5. Mr. Zimmerman presented a plan for the new University hall, for which the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was granted by the General Assembly at its last session.

He made the following recommendations:

1. LOCATION. That the new building shall be located on the west side of Burrill avenue, south of the present woman's building, in such a way that the eastern facade shall face Burrill avenue, at a distance of 70 feet from the center line of Burrill avenue. The building shall be 230 feet, more or less, in length, with two wings 127 feet long from the front facade to the rear of the wings. The width of the wings shall be approximately 52 feet 4 inches, and the axis of the north wing shall coincide with the center line of the paved portion of Chalmers street prolonged.

This location leaves a space of approximately 140 feet between the north wall of the new University hall and the south wall of the present Woman's hall, and the distance from the southeast corner of the new hall to the nearest point of the Auditorium will be approximately 114 feet.

2. PLAN OF BUILDING. That the plan for the new building submitted by him at this meeting be approved. This is the third plan prepared by the State Architect in pursuance of the direction of the board, and it has been carefully worked over with the representatives of all the various interests to be housed in this building, and has finally been approved by Dean E. B. Greene of the College of Literature and Arts, and the supervising architect of the University.

The plan involves the expenditure of two hundred thousand dollars, more or less, in the erection of the building, including heating and lighting, and fifty thousand dollars, more or less, in the equipment and furnishing of the same, the whole not to exceed the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars granted for this purpose. The plan involves assigning the building, generally speaking, for the use of those departments in the College of Literature and Arts which are at present suffering greatly for lack of accommodation, especially in their advanced work, namely: English, Romance languages, Germanic languages, History, Economics, Political and Social Science, Philosophy and Psychology.

The building will include primarily seminary rooms, conference rooms, class rooms, study offices, with two museums in the attic of the building in the fourth story of the wings, one for archeology and the other for history.

The building will be provided with ample elevator and the grand stair case facing the entrance with the two stair cases, one in each wing, will provide ample facilities for the circulation of students.

3. NAME. That the name of Abraham Lincoln Hall be given to this building. The appropriation for this building was obtained during the centennial year of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It will be a noble structure, and it would be quite proper to name the hall after him. The plan involves a handsome vestibule and entrance hall, which may very properly be planned and ornamented with reference to its being a memorial hall in honor of our great president.

Voted that the above recommendations of the State Architect be hereby approved and that he be directed to elaborate and submit working drawings as soon as possible.

The committee adjourned.

W. L. ABBOTT,

A. P. GROUT,

*Executive Committee.*

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### Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois met at 139 Adams street, Chicago, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1909.

All the members of the Executive Committee were present, Messrs. Abbott and Grout, and Mrs. Bahrenburg. Another member of the board, Mr. Hatch, was present. President James was present.

Action was taken by the committee as follows:

1. Recommendation by W. C. Zimmerman, State Architect, that the contract for placing the ceiling lights in the vaulted portion of the museum room in the addition to the Natural History hall be let to L. J. Millet, lowest bidder, for the sum of \$480.00.

Said recommendation approved.

2. A report of the Engineering Committee was presented, recommending the appointment of Dr. Ernst Julius Berg as Professor of Elec-

trical Engineering and head of the Department of Electrical Engineering in the University of Illinois at a salary of \$4,000.00 per annum, for a term of three years. Said appointment to become effective as soon as Dr. Berg may report for duty at the University.

Said report was approved, and the appointment of Dr. Berg to said position was made.

3. A report of the Agricultural Committee was received, recommending the purchase of the A. V. White farm at Olney, for the purpose of agricultural experiments, on the terms indicated in the preliminary offer made by Mr. White.

Voted that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that this farm be purchased for said purpose.

4. A recommendation was presented from the supervising architect, that the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated for the purchase of book-cases to be placed behind the loan desk and in the former librarian's office, for the use of the University library.

Said recommendation was adopted.

#### MINING ENGINEERING.

5. A recommendation from the president of the University that the sum of \$15,000.00 granted by the last Legislature for the establishment and maintenance of the Department of Mining Engineering be hereby appropriated for said purpose, to be expended upon recommendations made by the Dean of the College of Engineering, and approved by the president of the University.

Said recommendation was adopted.

6. It was voted to fix George Huff's salary as director of Physical Training for the academic year beginning Sept. 1, 1909, at the sum of \$3,000.00.

7. It was voted to extend, beginning Feb. 7, 1910, the exemption from tuition in the Graduate school to members of the staffs of auxiliary bureaus and scientific stations connected with the University, who may be enrolled as regular students in the Graduate school.

8. The sum of not to exceed \$75.00 was appropriated for the purpose of procuring dies for the University gold medal, and the Military Commandant was authorized to procure such dies.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR FIREPROOF BOOK-STACK IN LAW BUILDING.

9. Money granted by the last Legislature for the construction and furnishing of a fireproof book-stack in the law building was appropriated for this purpose, and the comptroller was authorized to approve bills contracted for this purpose, approved by the supervising architect.

The committee adjourned.

W. L. ABBOTT,  
CARRIE ALEXANDER-BAHRENBURG,  
A. P. GROUT,

*Executive Committee.*