

Meeting of the Executive Committee July 14, 1911.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the trustees' room, at the University, in Urbana, at 1:30 p. m., on the afternoon of Friday, July 14, 1911.

All the members of the committee were present, namely: Mr. W. L. Abbott, Mr. A. P. Grout and Mr. F. L. Hatch; also Mrs. Evans and Mr. Hoit, members of the board, President James, and Professor J. M. White, supervising architect.

SALE OF HOUSES ON ENGINEERING TRACT.

President James presented the following letter from Dr. W. F. M. Goss, Dean of the College of Engineering:

URBANA, ILL., July 12, 1911.

President Edmund J. James, University of Illinois:

DEAR SIR—Referring to the authority given to me by the trustees with reference to a site for the Engineering building, I hereby make the following recommendations to the Executive Committee, with the request that the same be approved:

1. That I be authorized to sell the buildings now owned by the University on the site to be occupied by the new Engineering building, under the following conditions:

(a) That the supervising architect prepare a description of these buildings which can be used in an advertisement.

(b) That the sale be announced by advertisements, the first of which shall appear thirty days prior to the date of the sale.

(c) That the advertisements call for sealed bids specifying the amount which the bidder will give for the building or buildings upon which he bids.

(d) That all bids be accompanied by an agreement on the part of the bidder to remove from the University property, without cost to the University, the building or buildings which may be allotted to him under his bid, within a period of thirty days after the formal acceptance of the bid, every precaution to be taken in this connection to safeguard the University interests against damage.

(e) That the advertisement provide that any or all bids may be rejected.

2. That Mr. S. K. Hughes be asked to call into conference one real estate man of Champaign and one of Urbana, the three together to make a survey of all the improvements on the area which we are in process of securing, for the purpose of arriving at a fair estimate of the value of said improvements as apart from the land upon which they stand, and to make a formal report of the facts as they find them.

Under my direction our Blue Print Department has already made photographs of all of these buildings. I should expect that the results of the findings of this committee, together with the photographs of the buildings in question, would be embodied in a formal report to the president and trustees, the purpose of which would be to make of record a present-day estimate of the amounts we are paying for real estate, based, of course, upon the purchase price paid for the property involved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. M. Goss.

It was voted that Dean Goss be given the authority requested in the foregoing letter, to sell the buildings now owned by the University on the site to be occupied by the new Engineering building, in accordance with the plan of procedure proposed in the letter.

PLANS FOR NEW BUILDINGS.

The supervising architect was heard on the subject of the plans for the new buildings for which the Forty-seventh General Assembly made appropriations.

It was voted that the supervising architect be directed to proceed with the plans for the addition to the Women's building, these plans to be submitted for criticism to McKim, Mead and White.

It was voted also that the supervising architect be directed to proceed with the plans for the kiln house for the department of ceramics, for which the General Assembly made an appropriation of \$21,000.00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND AGRICULTURE.

It was voted to approve in full the recommendations contained in the following report of the joint meeting of the Committees on Buildings and Grounds and Agriculture held on July 14, 1911:

URBANA, ILL., July 14, 1911.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

Your Committees on Agriculture and on Buildings and Grounds held a joint meeting at the University on this date. Mr. Grout and Mr. Hoyt of the Committee on Agriculture, Mr. Abbott and Mrs. Evans of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and Mr. Hatch, member of both committees, were present.

LOCATION OF GREENHOUSES.

The supervising architect was heard on the question of the location of the additions to the greenhouses of the Department of Horticulture, and the additions to the Agronomy Greenhouse.

In this connection President James submitted a letter from Dr. T. J. Burrill, vice president, in regard to the prospective needs, in the way of building space, of the College of Science within the next ten years. Dr. Burrill considered it certain that within the time named the College of Science will need an addition to the Chemistry building as large as the present building and still another building equal in size to the present Natural History hall.

It was voted to recommend to the board that the additions to the Horticultural greenhouses be located as requested by the Department of Horticulture; the floricultural greenhouse in the form of a show range, consisting of a central palm house 60x80 feet, two bedding houses 40x40 feet, and two end houses 50x40 feet, to the east of the experimental houses, facing on Wright street, beginning on the south side 12 feet from the south fence of the Horticultural grounds, and extending north to within 105 feet of the Horticultural building; the vegetable and plant breeding house to form a new range directly west of the floricultural experiment houses; the range to consist of a service building, a vegetable house, and two plant breeding houses; the service building to be on a line with the service building of the floricultural range; the north wall of the vegetable and forcing houses to be on a line with the north walls of the north houses of the floricultural range; the east wall of the vegetable house to be 62 feet from the west walls of the present floricultural experiment house.

It was voted that the joint committee recommend to the board that authority be given to locate and construct the addition to the agronomy greenhouse in accordance with the plans submitted by the Department of Agronomy, in the space north of the Entomological building, surrounded by the old horticultural houses on the south, the iron-framed agronomy greenhouses on the west, the Entomological building on the south, and a group of evergreen trees on the east; the addition to include all of the old horticultural greenhouses immediately south of the Agricultural building, and to include also, if the funds are sufficient, a further addition immediately south of the old horticultural greenhouses and connected therewith in the reconstruction.

It was voted to recommend, also, that the Supervising Architect be instructed to secure designs and bids from horticultural builders for the proposed floricultural, vegetable, and agronomy greenhouses.

LOCATION OF CERAMICS BUILDING.

It was voted that the committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that the new kiln house for the Department of Ceramics be located north of Silver creek, with the south wall approximately in line with the south wall of the present Ceramics building, and with the west wall at least 132 feet east of Mathews avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. ABBOTT,
 LAURA B. EVANS,
 A. P. GROUT,
 F. L. HATCH,
 O. W. HOFF.

The following report from the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was received for record:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

URBANA, ILL., July 14, 1911.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds met today at the University, Mr. Abbott, Mrs. Evans, and Mr. Hatch, members of the committee, were present; also Mr. Grout and Mr. Hoit, members of the board, President James, and Professor J. M. White, supervising architect.

CLOSING ENTRANCES TO CAMPUS.

The committee voted to approve the following recommendation of the Council of Administration, which was referred to this committee, with power to act (see p. 67):

That the John street and California avenue entrances to the campus be closed; that Burrill avenue be closed south of the Auditorium; and that a notice barring automobiles and motorcycles be posted at the entrance of Burrill avenue on the south side of Green street.

REPAIRS IN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

Under the authority given to this committee by the Executive Committee of the board at its meeting on July 8, 1911 (see page 459 above), this committee has authorized the supervising architect to proceed with the repairs and reconstruction of the building of the College of Medicine, as recommended by him, subject to the approval of the president of the board.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FARM MECHANICS BUILDING.

Your committee has further instructed the supervising architect to proceed with the reconstruction of the Farm Mechanics building in accordance with the plans submitted, and within the appropriation of \$8,000.00 given for this purpose by the Forty-seventh General Assembly and appropriated to the purpose by the board; this matter having been referred to this committee with power to act at the meeting of June 22, 1911 (see page 166).

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. ABBOTT,
LAURA EVANS,
F. L. HATCH.

The Executive Committee adjourned.

W. L. ABBOTT,
A. P. GROUT,
F. L. HATCH,

Committee.

C. M. McCONN,
Clerk.