

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
—OF THE—
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

September 12, 1916

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Trustees' room, at the University, in Urbana, at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, September 12, 1916.

When the Board convened, the following members were present: President Abbott, Mrs. Busey, Mr. Carr, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Hoit, Miss Watson.

President James was present; also, during a portion of the day, Professor J. M. White, Supervising Architect, Professor O. A. Harker, Legal Counsel, and Mr. Lloyd Morey, Acting Comptroller.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. E. J. Filbey was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

As there was no quorum, a recess until 3 p. m. was taken.

E. J. FILBEY

Secretary pro tempore

W. L. ABBOTT

President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1916

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, at Urbana, on Tuesday, September 12, 1916, during the recess taken by the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the same day.

All the members of the Executive Committee were present, namely, Mr. W. L. Abbott, Chairman, Mr. R. F. Carr, and Mr. O. W. Hoit; also Mrs. Mary E. Busey, Mrs. Laura B. Evans, and Miss Florence E. Watson, members of the Board. President James was present.

INSPECTION OF SITES

The President of the University stated that it was very desir-

able that the Trustees should visit and inspect the sites recommended for the new feeding plant and the new horticulture plant; also the Kerr woods and the Brownfield woods, two tracts of land three and one-half miles northeast of Urbana, which have been offered to the University by their owners and which are recommended for purchase by the departments of botany, entomology, and zoology.

Accordingly a recess was taken until 3 p. m. and these sites were visited and inspected.

After the recess, the same persons were present as during the morning session.

MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Executive Committee considered the following matters submitted by President James.

RESIGNATION OF DR. CASEY A. WOOD PRESENTED

(1) The resignation of Dr. Casey A. Wood as professor of ophthalmology in the College of Medicine. As Dr. Wood's appointment was for one year only and expired on August 31, 1916, a resignation was not in order. As it was our intention to nominate Dr. Wood for the coming year, this resignation has been taken as an indication that he would not accept reappointment.

I request authority to appoint Dr. Wood as professor of ophthalmology and head of the department for the academic year beginning September 1, 1916, with leave of absence until the close of the year.

This request was granted.

EDUCATION BUILDING

(2) A statement concerning plans for the Education Building submitted by Holabird, Roche, & Co., of Chicago.

Professor White explained the details of these plans.

An extended discussion took place covering the merits of the plans and the financial ability of the University to adopt them and carry them through.

It was finally voted to ask Professor White to consult with the architects again to see whether he could not find a simpler and less expensive plan, and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

DELEGATION OF SIGNING WARRANTS

(3) A statement concerning the need for the delegation of the power to sign the names of the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees to warrants on the Treasurer of the University and to vouchers on the Auditor of Public Accounts.

This matter was discussed at length, but no action was taken.

SETTLEMENT FOR CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

(4) A letter from the Supervising Architect concerning the settlement with Freeman and Brooks for the addition to the Chemistry Laboratory.

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President Edmund J. James, University of Illinois

MY DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES:

The plans agreed on as a basis of settlement with Freeman and Brooks, the contractors for the new Chemical Laboratory, have not materialized because Freeman and Brooks's lawyers insisted that a consideration in their agreeing to arbitrate the disputed differences was that the University should pay to the bonding company the amount of money which the University records showed to be due Freeman and Brooks. The total of the claims filed is about three times the amount which we consider to be due and it is, therefore, impossible for us to pay this balance to the bonding company without the State Auditor and the University Comptroller being liable for the other claims. The proposition was submitted to the State Auditor who advised that unless all liens were withdrawn and an order given by Freeman and Brooks for the distribution of the balance, he would not pay any more on Freeman and Brooks's contract.

As there did not seem to be any prospect of an agreement between the bonding company and the claimants, five of the claimants have entered suit against the bonding company.

We still hope that it may be possible for us to arbitrate our differences with Freeman and Brooks so as to determine just what our obligation to them is. After that has been accomplished the case will probably have to be settled in the courts as between the sub-contractors and the bonding company.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. WHITE

Supervising Architect

No action was taken on this matter.

RELATIONS WITH THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PRINTING

(5) A request from the State Superintendent of Printing for complete statistics covering the amount of printing, printers' supplies, office supplies, and stationery purchased by the University during the past year.

Judge Harker, who was present by request, stated his view of the application to the University of the provisions of the law passed in 1915 concerning the State Superintendent of Printing. In his opinion, this law abrogated all previous laws on the subject, and, inasmuch as it did not mention specifically the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois among the institutions to which the law should apply, the University could not be held subject to the pro-

visions of the law ; and the Board of Trustees have full authority to handle the matter of University printing as they deem best.

The Executive Committee adjourned.

E. J. FILBEY
Clerk

W. L. ABBOTT
Chairman

AFTERNOON SESSION, SEPTEMBER 12, 1916

When the Board convened on the afternoon of September 12, 1916, after the recess, the same members were present as at the morning session.

The Board adjourned to meet in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in the State House, at Springfield, at 9 a .m. on Thursday, September 21, 1916.

E. J. FILBEY
Secretary pro tempore

W. L. ABBOTT
President