

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

—OF THE—

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

February 21, 1917

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Blackstone Hotel, in Chicago, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, February 21, 1917, pursuant to the following notice which was sent out by the Secretary on February 16, 1917:

On 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 Blackstone Hotel, in Chicago, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, February 21, 1917, to consider such matters as the committees of the Board and the President of the University may submit, and such other matters as may be duly presented.

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

President James was present.

There being no quorum, the Board adjourned.

H. E. CUNNINGHAM

Secretary

W. L. ABBOTT

President

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 21, 1917

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the Blackstone Hotel, in Chicago, on Wednesday, February 21, 1917, immediately following the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the same day.

Mr. Abbott, Chairman, and Mr. Hoit, a member of the Committee, were present; also Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Henrotin, Mr. Taggart, and Miss Watson, members of the Board.

President James was present.

MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES

The Executive Committee proceeded to the consideration of the following matters submitted by the President of the University.

APPROPRIATION BILLS

(1) Two proposed bills for presentation to the General Assembly relating to the appropriations for the University for the biennium beginning July 1, 1917.

The first bill asks for six million dollars instead of five million dollars as granted by the last legislature. This will probably mean something in excess of the amount which the mill tax will yield. This bill provides for the running expenses of the institution for two years and for certain very necessary expenditures for the completion and erection of buildings now necessary in the work of the University.

This includes, for example, the money necessary to complete the Women's Residence Hall and the building for the School of Education; also the sum necessary to add to the gift of Captain T. J. Smith for the erection of a music building; also the sum necessary to add to the gift of the Honorable William B. McKinley for the erection of the student infirmary. It includes \$250,000 for a clinical building which ought to be erected immediately, and \$250,000 for agricultural buildings sorely needed. We should also complete as soon as possible the Transportation Building, the Locomotive Testing Laboratory, Natural History Hall, add a section to the Commerce Building, and complete Lincoln Hall and the Armory.

The second bill relates to a building program calling for an expenditure of ten million dollars, to be extended over a period of ten years, and is intended primarily to call the attention of the Legislature and the people of the state to what ought to be done and to secure a certain sum of money with which to begin the program.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, these recommendations were approved and the President of the University was authorized to secure the introduction of these bills.

After full discussion, it was voted to authorize the President of the Board to agree to such modifications in these bills as may be necessary in order to secure the approval of the Legislature.

ROOMS FOR SOCIAL HEAD FOR WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALL

(2) The following statement:

The Board has not definitely decided as to the best method of administering the Women's Residence Hall. It is possible to administer this hall by one person who might be called matron, manager, stewardess, or head of the hall. The hall, however, will contain one hundred girls, and the work of looking after the material welfare of so many young women will be of itself sufficient to take up the entire time of a competent woman. The service which another woman can render to such a group on the social side of their activity is sufficient to occupy the full time of another competent

woman. To her would be assigned the general direction of the social life of the institution. Without deciding this question at the present time, the Board must decide on the placing of certain partitions in the Residence Hall, if the question is to be left open as to whether such a head of the hall is to be employed or not. In the plans submitted to the Board, ample provision was made for the stewardess, matron, or whatever the official may be called to whom the duties ordinarily included under such a head are assigned. In order to make provision for the social head of the hall, the Supervising Architect proposes a plan involving a bed-room and a parlor of considerable size on the first floor at the north-east corner of the building.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the Supervising Architect was authorized to set apart this space as a possible assignment for a head of the hall in accordance with the blue print submitted.

PROFESSOR ALVORD'S LEAVE EXTENDED

(3) A request from Professor Charles W. Alvord that his leave of absence be extended for two weeks or possibly one month, on the ground that his health does not improve as rapidly as he had expected.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the President of the University was authorized to extend Professor Alvord's leave of absence.

PROPOSED AGENCY FOR SALE OF SMITH FARM

(4) A request from Mr. Harry Reichman, a real estate agent in Champaign, to be made the agent of the Board for the sale of the farm in Section 26, Stanton Township, containing 240 acres, presented to the University by Captain T. J. Smith. He offers to handle that piece of land for a commission of two dollars an acre.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this matter was referred to the President of the University, with power to act.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

(5) A letter from Professor Charles C. Torrey of Yale College in regard to the School of Research at Jerusalem. I think it is very desirable that the University should join with other leading universities of the country in the support of these historic schools, but I am not prepared at the present time to make recommendation on this subject.

No action was taken in this matter.

LEASES ON SMITH FARMS

(6) A statement from Mr. Lloyd Morey, Acting Comptroller, that on recommendation of Professor J. G. Mosier he has renewed the leases on the three Smith farms. The particulars and terms are identical with those of the year 1916-17. The new leases are for one year from March 1, 1917, and are on file in the Secretary's office.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, these leases were approved.

RECEIPTS FROM SMITH FARMS

(7) A letter from Professor J. G. Mosier relating to the income from the Smith farms during the last year:

February 13, 1917

President Edmund J. James, University of Illinois

DEAR PRESIDENT JAMES:

I am enclosing a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Smith farms since July first. As you see by the report, the corn at the Fisher farm has not been sold, and I have placed upon it an estimated value of \$1100. Six bushels of clover seed produced on that farm still remain unsold, but it will be used for seed this year unless the farm is sold before seeding takes place. We still have the clover seed for the Ludlow and St. Joseph farms, but this will be sold in a short time. It is now being cleaned and put in good shape.

The farms did not produce quite as large an income as last year, but, considering the unfavorable conditions, I think they have done very well. The Fisher farm, including the estimated value of the corn and clover seed, produced a net income of \$9.78 an acre, the Champaign farm, \$10.89, Ludlow, \$7.16, and St. Joseph, \$9.81. The same tenants are to be retained, and the contracts are already in the hands of Mr. Morey for their signatures.

Clover is not a large money crop ordinarily. That fact has cut down the income to a certain extent. There were about 100 acres in clover on these farms, and the yield of seed this year was low. Of course, we expect the yield of corn next year which follows the clover to be much increased. In the case of the Ludlow farm, however, there were 55 acres of clover from which we will get no returns, and I question very much whether it will be a wise plan to leave very much clover because of the fact that the land is liable to be sold at any time. I presume that the rest of these farms will be sold during the present year, and it will probably not be well to do much in the way of soil improvement, other than the application of manure produced on the farm, and ordinary good tillage.

Very truly yours,

J. G. MOSIER

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—SMITH FARMS**Fisher Farm**

| <i>Receipts</i> | | <i>Disbursements</i> | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Oats | \$ 991.58 | Fencing | \$ 141.36 |
| Wheat | 77.93 | Clover seed | 31.25 |
| Clover seed | 78.75 | Hulling seed | 16.20 |
| <i>Total</i> | \$1148.26 | <i>Total</i> | \$ 188.81 |
| <i>Balance</i> | | | \$ 959.45 |

On hand

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| Corn 1200 bu. (estimated value)..... | \$1100.00 |
| Clover seed 6 bu. | 63.00 |
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| | \$1163.00 |

Ludlow Farm*Receipts*

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| Corn | \$ 997.38 |
| Oats | 579.33 |
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| <i>Total</i> | \$1576.71 |

Disbursements

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| Shelling corn | \$ 14.66 |
| Threshing | 29.70 |
| Hulling clover seed | 19.20 |
| Labor | 4.00 |
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| <i>Total</i> | \$ 67.56 |

Balance\$ 1509.15

On hand

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| Clover seed 9 bu. (estimated value)..... | \$ 94.50 |
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St. Joseph Farm*Receipts*

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| Oats | \$ 449.25 |
| Corn | 1883.28 |
| Rent of pasture..... | 100.00 |
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| <i>Total</i> | \$2432.53 |

Disbursements

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| Lumber | \$ 15.01 |
| Repairs | 10.00 |
| Papering house..... | 11.70 |
| Sacks | 1.82 |
| Windmill | 108.13 |
| Hulling clover seed | 14.23 |
| Hardware | 10.99 |
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| <i>Total</i> | \$ 171.88 |

Balance\$ 2260.65

On hand

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| Clover seed 9 bu. (estimated value)..... | \$ 94.50 |
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Champaign Farm*Receipts*

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| Wheat..... | \$ 904.51 |
| <i>Balance</i> | \$ 871.31 |

Disbursements

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| Threshing wheat ... | \$ 33.20 |
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This report was received for record.

BUSINESS SUBJECTS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION

(8) A recommendation from the University Senate that the subjects of shorthand, typewriting, and commercial arithmetic be accepted toward admission to the University.

Dr. Edmund J. James, President

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

The University Senate, at its meeting of February 12, 1917, voted to make the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees with reference to the acceptance of the subjects of shorthand, typewriting, and commercial arithmetic toward admission to the University:

1. That these subjects be included in List C of subjects accepted for admission to the University.

2. That no credit be given for either shorthand or typewriting if taken alone.

3. That one unit of credit be given for work in shorthand and typewriting occupying not less than two periods daily of forty minutes each for one year of thirty-six weeks, the standard of attainment at the end of the year to be 75 words per minute in dictation and 25 words per minute in transcription on the machine of such dictation, with accuracy in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing, and attention to the care of the machine, methods of copying, manifoldng, etc.

4. That two units of credit be given for work in shorthand and typewriting occupying not less than two periods daily of forty minutes each for two years of thirty-six weeks each, the standard of attainment to be 100 words per minute in dictation and 35 words per minute in the transcription on the machine of such dictation, with accuracy in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing, and attention to care of machine, methods of copying, manifoldng, etc.

5. That one-half unit of credit be given for work in commercial arithmetic occupying not less than five periods of forty minutes each week for one-half year of eighteen weeks, with daily preparation; the standard attainment being accuracy and speed in all kinds of ordinary business computations in accordance with a fixed time limit for both oral and written work; but with the proviso that this study must follow algebra and geometry in the high school course to entitle the student carrying it to the entrance credit proposed.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. McCONN

Clerk of the Senate

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the recommendations were approved.

DEGREES CONFERRED

(9) A recommendation from the University Senate that the President of the University be authorized to confer certain degrees.

February 13, 1917

Dr. Edmund J. James, President

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

At its meeting of February 12, 1917, the University senate voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that degrees be conferred as follows:

Graduate School

Albert Washington Marker, Master of Arts

Gilbeart Hooper Collings, Master of Science

Ross Earlby Gilmore, Master of Science

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

George Charles Blohm, Bachelor of Arts

Arthur Louis Epstein, Bachelor of Arts
 Archie Leo Hegener, Bachelor of Arts
 Clarence Eugene Kimmel, Bachelor of Arts
 Frank Philip Rohrer, Bachelor of Arts
 Louis Gustave Krug, Bachelor of Science
 Frank Hulit Tendick, Bachelor of Science

College of Commerce

Wilbur Meek, Bachelor of Arts

College of Agriculture

Clement Eddy Trout, Bachelor of Science

Sincerely yours,

C. M. McCONN

Clerk of the Senate

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this recommendation was approved.

PRESIDENT WILSON INVITED TO DELIVER SEMI-CENTENNIAL ADDRESS

(10) A recommendation from the University Senate that President Woodrow Wilson be invited to attend the Semi-Centennial exercises of the University on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 17, 18, and 19, 1918, and to deliver an oration at the University convocation to be held on Friday, October 18.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this recommendation was concurred in.

RELATIONS WITH BOARD OF PRISON INDUSTRIES

(11) A letter from the Comptroller in regard to the status of our relations with the State Board of Prison Industries.

This letter was received for filing.

BOHEMIAN SETTLEMENT DISPENSARY

(12) A letter from the Comptroller, stating that in accordance with authority given by the Board at its meeting of October 18, 1916 (page 130), he had signed an agreement with the Bohemian Settlement House of Chicago for the establishment and management of a free medical and surgical dispensary at that place.

This letter was received for filing.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

(13) The following statement:

The faculty of the College of Engineering has been drawing up a scheme which would represent the needs of the College during the next twelve years, and asks for the approval of the same on the part of the Board for its presentation to the Legislature. The request of the faculty involves about five million dollars. This is more than twice as much as I have indi-

cated in the second bill proposed, though it is not more than in my opinion ought to be spent on the engineering project.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this plan was approved for presentation to the Legislature.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PROFESSOR FULTON

(14) A request from Professor Edward Fulton of the Department of English for leave of absence for a few weeks on account of illness. This request is approved by Professor Frank W. Scott, acting head of the department, and by Dean K. C. Babcock.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the President of the University was authorized to grant Professor Fulton leave of absence, on one-half pay, from February 1, 1917, until September 1, 1917.

LIVE STOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(15) Nomination for the Livestock Breeders' Association of men to be considered for membership in the Livestock Advisory Committee of the University. The following list has been submitted: Mr. L. E. Thomas, Golden; Mr. Charles Taylor, Williamsville, Mr. Dan Augustine, Carlock; Mr. C. S. Beggs, Ashland. The Board under its regulations is to choose one from this list.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the President of the University was authorized to make an appointment from this list.

INSURANCE ON MEDICAL AND DENTAL BUILDINGS

(16) A letter from the Comptroller relating to additional insurance for the Medical and Dental College buildings, stating that it is possible to secure a reduction of the rate for insurance on the Medical building from \$1.80 to \$1.00 a hundred, and on its contents from \$1.80 to \$1.25, and on the Dental building from \$2.25 to \$1.25, and a new rate on the contents of the Dental building of \$1.50. The insurance company appraises the value of the Medical building at \$273,716.69, and of the Dental building at \$120,393.* We are now carrying an insurance of \$215,000 on these buildings, and the premiums for five years cost us \$4,140. We can now obtain a total insurance on these buildings and their contents of \$415,000 at a total cost for five years of \$4,790. We could therefore, at the new rates, practically double the insurance at an additional cost of \$650 for a five-year period, counting the rebates which would be received on the premiums already paid if the insurance policies now in force were cancelled.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, the President of the University was authorized to direct the taking out of additional insurance on the

*The valuation of the Medical Building made by the Chicago Real Estate Board Committee at the time of its gift to the University was \$155,000.00 and of the Dental Building, \$30,000.00. The insurance valuation is nearer the real valuation for our purposes than that of the Real Estate Board.

Dental and Medical buildings and their contents to bring the total amount up to three hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

PURCHASE OF DEAN GOSS'S HOUSE RECOMMENDED

(17) A letter from Professor J. M. White recommending that the official residence now occupied by the President of the University be assigned to the use of the Military department; and that, if the President is willing, the house of Dean W. F. M. Goss, located on the south side of Nevada street between Mathews avenue and Goodwin avenue, be purchased and assigned to the President for his use. This recommendation is made with the understanding that the University should purchase the next lot west of Dean Goss's, 73 feet in width, and the second lot west, 35 feet in width, belonging to Professor Morgan Brooks, and that these be added to the Goss property as a yard or garden. This arrangement would secure for the University a frontage of 180 feet on Nevada street, and a lot which might properly be used in the future for the erection of a Women's Residence Hall.

The Executive Committee recommended to the Board that this arrangement be made if possible. The other members present concurred in the recommendation.

PURCHASE OF TRINITY CHURCH

(18) A recommendation from Professor W. C. Bagley, approved by his colleagues in the department of education and by Dean Babcock, that the department of education be moved from its quarters in University Hall and Lincoln Hall to the neighborhood of the new School of Education building at the corner of Springfield and Mathews avenues; that the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of Springfield and Mathews avenues be purchased and assigned, together with the frame building owned by the University and situated east of the Education Building, to the uses of the department of education. Professor Bagley thinks the changes would not be very expensive, and that the church could be purchased as it stands for thirty thousand dollars. This would release two large rooms on the first floor of University Hall, a work room and store room in the basement of University Hall, a large room on the third floor of University Hall, and the use of some additional class rooms in University Hall and Lincoln Hall at certain hours; also one conference room on the first floor of Lincoln Hall.

No action was taken in this matter.

SITE FOR MCKINLEY HOSPITAL

(19) A letter from Professor White submitting certain possible locations for the University Infirmary. His final recommendation is that the infirmary be located in the center of the north half of the present athletic field and that arrangements be made to transfer the baseball diamond and football gridiron to the new athletic field west of the University campus next to the Illinois Central Railroad. He thinks this arrangement could be

made at an expense which would not exceed that required for the purchase of an adequate site for the infirmary.

No action was taken in this matter.

LEGACY TO UNIVERSITY FROM ALFRED B. JENKINS

(20) A letter from Pharnum Yardley and Henry W. Montague, 80 White Street, New York, executors of the estate of the late Alfred B. Jenkins of West Orange, New Jersey, stating that a bequest had been made to the University, as shown in an enclosed copy of Mr. Jenkins's will. One clause of that will provides that some twelve institutions in the country shall be residuary legatees of his estate, sharing equally, the principal of each gift to be held as a part of the endowment fund of the institution and to be known as the "Alfred B. Jenkins Endowment." I do not know why Mr. Jenkins was interested in the University of Illinois except that he regarded it as a good place to invest money for the benefit of posterity.

This statement was received for record.

ADDITION TO LABORATORY ANNEX

(21) A statement that it seems to be quite necessary, in order to make provision for the medical and dental students of the next and following years, that an addition be made to the laboratory annex of the Medical building, on Lincoln street running from the alley separating the Medical building from the West-Side Hospital, north along Lincoln street to the walk which leads up to the west entrance of the Medical building. It is estimated that it will take at least fifty thousand dollars to erect and equip this annex together with the reconstruction in the Dental building which will be necessitated by the probable increase of students for the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this matter was referred to the Committee on the College of Medicine and the President of the University, with power to act.

WAGES OF JANITORS

(22) A notification from the Janitors' Protective Union of a possible strike unless their wages were increased and adjusted to suit them.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this matter was referred to Mr. Abbott.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

(23) A request from the mayor of Urbana and the mayor of Champaign that the University afford additional fire protection to the University buildings.

On motion of Mr. Hoit, this matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for consideration and report.

SITE FOR CLINICAL BUILDING

President Abbott reported that the Executive Committee was engaged in the purchase of land for a site for the clinical building

in Chicago, and that the Committee expected to complete this purchase within a short time.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT JAMES

The Secretary of the Board presented for record the following list of appointments made by the President of the University.

Barnes, O. A., Graduate Assistant in Chemistry, for five months beginning February 1, 1917, at a salary of thirty dollars (\$30) a month. (February 3, 1917*).

Brooks, Ruth, University Stenographer, Rank II, in the Business Office, at a salary of fifty dollars (\$50) a month, beginning February 1, 1917, and continuing until further notice, subject to the rules of the Civil Service Commission. (February 12, 1917).

Craig, E. E., Order Stenographer in the purchasing department of the Business Office, at a salary of sixty dollars (\$60) a month, beginning January 1, 1917, and continuing until further notice, subject to the rules of the Civil Service Commission. (January 15, 1917).

Fazel, C. S., Assistant in Physics, on full time, for five months beginning February 1, 1917, at a salary of eighty dollars (\$80) a month, this appointment superseding his previous appointment at sixty dollars a month. (February 7, 1917).

Goodyear, H. M., Graduate Assistant in Anatomy, in the College of Medicine, without salary, for the second semester of the current academic year. (January 27, 1917).

Knight, Joseph, Technician in the department of physiology and physiological chemistry in the College of Medicine, beginning January 10, 1917, and continuing until further notice, but not longer than January 1, 1918, at a salary of forty dollars (\$40) a month. (February 6, 1917).

Little, R. F., Assistant in Business Law, on part time, for the second semester of the current academic year, at a salary of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the semester. (February 12, 1917).

Nelson, M. N., Assistant in Economics, on one-half time, for the second semester of the current academic year, at a salary of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the semester. (February 17, 1917).

O'Gorman, J. W., Instructor in Education, for five months beginning February 1, 1917, at a salary of two hundred dollars (\$200) a month. (January 30, 1917).

Phelps, C. E., Assistant to the Director of the Shop Laboratories in the department of mechanical engineering, beginning when he reports for duty and continuing until September 1, 1918, at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800) a year. (February 12, 1917).

Randolph, J. R., Student Draftsman in the department of mechanical engineering, on one-half time, beginning when he reports for duty and continuing until July 1, 1917, at a salary of forty dollars (\$40) a month. (February 7, 1917).

*The date in parenthesis is the date on which the appointment was made by the President of the University.

Smith, O. M., Assistant Chemist in the State Water Survey, from February 1, 1917, to June 30, 1917, at a salary of seventy dollars (\$70) a month. (February 3, 1917).

Tohill, L. A., Assistant in Economics, on one-half time, for the second semester of the current academic year, at a salary of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the semester. (February 17, 1917).

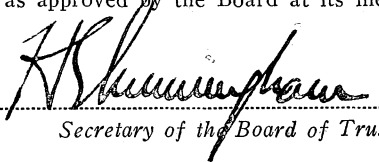
Voorhees, L. E., Assistant in Physics, on part time, for five months beginning February 1, 1917, at a salary of fifty dollars (\$50) a month. (February 7, 1917).

Yager, Beatrice, University Stenographer, Rank II, in the Registrar's Office, at a salary of fifty-five dollars (\$55) a month, beginning February 1, 1917, and continuing until further notice, subject to the rules of the Civil Service Commission. (February 7, 1917).

The Executive Committee adjourned.

URBANA, ILLINOIS, March 14, 1917

I certify that in the foregoing pages, numbered 231 to 242, inclusive, is contained the record of the transactions of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and of the Executive Committee of the Board, at the meetings of February 21, 1917, as approved by the Board at its meeting of March 13, 1917.



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees