STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT
UNIVERSITY CLUB, PORTLAND, OREGON
JANUARY 23, 1933.

Meeting #33

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education met at the University Club in Portland, Oregon, at the call of President C. L. Starr at 10:15 A.M., January 23, 1933. The following members were present:

Mr. C. L. Starr
Mr. E. C. Sammons
Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce
Mr. G. C. Colt
Mr. F. E. Callister
Mr. Herman Oliver
Mr. B. F. Irvine

The minutes of the meeting of November 3, 1932, were read and approved.

The Board directed the Chancellor to secure written statements from the Board of Control of Oregon State College and from the Graduate Manager indicating the exact negotiations made between the Board of Control and Coach Paul J. Schissler in regard to the question of a salary reduction.

The minutes of the meeting of December 19, 1932, were read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of January 8, 1933, were read and approved.

The Board authorized the Chancellor to sign diplomas for students graduating at Oregon State College as Chancellor of the Board in lieu of the signature of the President as heretofore required.

The Board directed that the Chancellor be given written authority to appear before the Legislature, committees or members thereof, at any time when requested by said Legislature, Committees or members thereof, and to take with him any member or members of his staff when he deems it necessary.

The Board voted to discontinue membership in the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions and to tender a resignation to that body.

The Board authorized the Chancellor to sign for the withdrawal of funds in connection with the Noble Wiley Jones fund on deposit in the United States National Bank of Portland, said funds now subject to withdrawal upon the signature of the President of the University of Oregon.

The Board approved the recommendation that the employment of Miss Laura Robertiello as instructor in sociology and assistant director of the Lane County Training Center for rural executives be continued for the remainder of the fiscal year at a salary of $1,000 per year subject to the regular salary reduction.
The Board approved the recommendation that a fifteen months leave of absence without pay be granted Dr. A. R. Moore of the Department of Zoology at State College with the further provision of no commitment by the Board regarding position or salary at the end of this period.

The Board directed that the following letter of apology from C. C. Hall, Chairman of the Oregon Products Committee, in regard to the purchase of award sweaters by the University of Oregon and Oregon State College from firms outside the state, be included in the minutes.

January 18, 1933.

Mr. C. C. Colt,
First National Bank,
Portland, Oregon.

Re: OREGON PRODUCTS

Dear Mr. Colt:

Owing to the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. A. C. Clark, I am writing you to explain the misunderstanding with reference to the purchase of Award sweaters for the athletes at University of Oregon and Oregon State College.

It is indeed unfortunate that after so many years of effective, enthusiastic and successful service of the late Mr. Clark, that he should make an error in his enthusiasm.

Mr. C. A. Lodell, of Oregon State College and Hugh Rosson of University of Oregon called upon Mr. Clark, and I had the privilege of sitting in on the conversation. They both made a satisfactory explanation that they were buying as much Oregon Made goods in their department as possible. That the Award sweaters were specially made sweaters, and so far, no manufacturer in Oregon had offered the same service as the Wil-Wite people of Seattle.

Under the circumstances, having read a copy of the letter written by Mr. Clark to you and forwarded to Chancellor Kerr, we feel that an apology is due to both Mr. Rosson and Mr. Lodell.

I wish further to explain it was discovered during this conference that the sweater Mr. Clark referred to, was not an Oregon Award sweater, but a Wil-Wite sweater of an inferior grade made and sold to the Washington High School of Portland, Oregon. This explains the matter of the shoddy wool referred to in Mr. Clark's letter, he being misinformed as to the origin of this sweater.
It is regrettable, especially under the circumstances, that this incident has occurred, and, while the officials of the East Side Commercial Club are fully convinced that every public institution must be converted to the use of Oregon manufactured articles, at the same time we desire to apologize to you for the unfortunate way in which Mr. Clark's letter was worded, and assure you that both Mr. Rosson and Mr. Lodell conducted themselves in this entire transaction in a fine and wholesome manner, and have made good friends of our Oregon Products Committee.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Rosson and Mr. Lodell.

Trusting that this letter will clear up any misunderstanding, I am,

Yours very truly,

(signed) C. C. HALL  
Chairman,  
OREGON PRODUCTS COMMITTEE

The Board adopted the following resolution accepting the gift to the University of Oregon of the W. E. Miner property of Eugene subject to a favorable opinion of the Attorney General:

WHEREAS, W. E. MINER, of Eugene, Oregon, has offered and proposed to convey certain real property situated in the City of Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, to the Security Savings and Trust Company, an Oregon corporation, in trust for the State of Oregon, for certain uses and purposes which shall benefit the University of Oregon, the said trust to be subject to certain terms and conditions particularly specified, and about which the Board has been fully informed,

NOW, THEREFORE, the State Board of Higher Education of the State of Oregon, at this meeting regularly called and held in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, on the 23rd day of January, 1933 and being fully advised in the premises, do hereby RESOLVE:
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(1) That the said offer and proposal of said W. E. Miner be and the same is hereby accepted subject to all of the terms and conditions of said Trust, specified by said W. E. Miner, and

(2) That the duties required of the State Board of Higher Education under said trust shall be fully observed and performed, and

(3) That the President and Secretary of this Board be and they are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the State Board of Higher Education of the State of Oregon, to execute such instruments as may be required, or which may be appropriate, in connection with the creation or administration of said Trust or of the transfer of any property forming the corpus of said Trust, and to do and perform such other acts or things as they, in their discretion, shall deem necessary or appropriate in the premises.

The Board directed that the new schedule of salary reductions provided for at the meeting of January 8, 1933, become effective January 15, 1933.

The Board directed that a statement or statements setting forth the financial conditions under which the Board is operating be prepared by the Public Relations Committee in cooperation with the Chancellor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and that this statement be issued to the public through the press and distributed among the members of the Legislature.

The Board authorized that Arne G. Rae be permitted to represent the Oregon State Editorial Association at the Legislature with the understanding that he is in no way to be considered as a representative of the University, and that he be granted a leave of absence from the University during the period in which he is representing the Editorial Association at the Legislature.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the plan submitted by the Chancellor calling for the reorganization of the business office and its removal to Corvallis be adopted with the understanding that this business office set-up eventually contemplates a comptroller in charge of the fiscal operations of the system in place of Dean Hoyt as supervisor of business offices, and that the comptroller shall take charge as of July 1, 1935, or as soon thereafter as is feasible. A negative vote was cast by Mrs. Pierce.
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The Board authorized the Executive Committee of the Board and the Chancellor to work out any details necessary in effecting the immediate reorganization of the business office and its removal from Salem to Corvallis.

The Board voted to have prepared and presented to the Legislature a bill providing for the repeal of Section 12 of Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1929, the act creating the Board. The repeal of the section was to be effective July 1, 1933.

The Board instructed the Committee on Rules and By-Laws to revise the rules and by-laws of the Board in harmony with the action taken on the office of executive secretary and the business office, and to define the duties and powers of the comptroller, the secretary of the Board, and the Chancellor.

The matter of reimbursing John V. Bennes for preparing plans and specifications for the Eastern Oregon Normal Training School was referred to President Starr who will secure from Mr. Bennes his claim for actual outlay in connection with preparing the plans.

The Board referred to Mr. Colt and the Executive Committee the matter of insurance on properties under the control of the Board and directed that this matter be brought to the attention of the members of the Legislature.

The Board adjourned at 5 P.M. subject to the call of the President.

C. L. STARR, President.

C. D. BYRNE, Acting Secretary.