STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT
UNIVERSITY CLUB, PORTLAND, OREGON
September 11, 1933

Meeting #59

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education met at the University Club in Portland, Oregon, at the call of President C. L. Starr at 2:00 p.m. September 11, 1933. Vice-President C. C. Colt presided due to the absence of President C. L. Starr, who was ill. The following members were present:

Mr. C. A. Brand  Mr. G. G. McLeod
Mr. F. E. Callister  Mr. Herman Oliver
Mr. C. C. Colt  Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce
Mr. E. F. Irvine  Mr. E. C. Sammons

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 1933, meeting #58, was dispensed with and the minutes approved as submitted.

The Board approved the following report of the Building Committee recommending that $1,000 be added to the repair budget at the University:

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

After careful investigation, it appears that there are certain building repairs at the University that must be made in order to protect the property from serious and permanent damage. The present budget for building repairs at the University is inadequate to care for these repairs.

The committee therefore recommends that the sum of $1,000 be added to the repair budget at the University to care for the re-roofing of the dining room and kitchen of Hendricks Hall, refinishing certain rooms and treating the porch roof of the Arts and Architecture Building, and other miscellaneous repair items.

(Signed) F. E. Callister, Chairman
C. C. Colt
G. B. McLeod

Approved by Executive Committee:

C. L. Starr, Chairman
C. C. Colt
The Board approved the following report of the Building Committee in regard to the architectural contract between the former University Board of Regents and the firm of Lawrence and Holford and its successors—Lawrence, Holford, Whitehouse and Fouilhoux; Lawrence, Holford and Whitehouse; Lawrence, Holford and Allyn; and Lawrence, Holford, Allyn and Bean—for architectural service at the University, and directed that the contract be cancelled providing there is nothing in the original contract which will obviate its cancellation:

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The architectural firm of Lawrence and Holford—and its successors Lawrence, Holford, Whitehouse and Fouilhoux; Lawrence, Holford and Whitehouse; Lawrence, Holford and Allyn; and Lawrence, Holford, Allyn and Bean—was employed under contract over a period of years by the former University Board of Regents. The contract called for architectural service, including not only preparation of plans and specifications for new University buildings and supervision of the construction thereof but also similar work in connection with additions, alterations and repairs of buildings. Terms of payment were fixed and stipulated in the contract.

Since the State Board of Higher Education now has control of all the state institutions of higher learning, the location of the different institutions in the various sections of the state and the changing economic conditions which cause wide variations in costs of structural work from time to time make it advisable that the Board have complete freedom in negotiating architectural contracts as the needs for architectural services in connection with building projects on the various campuses arise.

The Building Committee of the Board therefore recommends that the contract with the firm of Lawrence and Holford and its successors be cancelled. The Committee also recommends that this action supersede any previous action of the former Board of Regents of the University or of the State Board of Higher Education in conflict therewith.

The Committee wishes to make it clear that this recommendation does not contemplate or imply that the firm of Lawrence, Holford, Allyn and Bean will not be employed by the Board, but merely gives the Board the privilege of freedom in the employment of architects for any or all building projects of whatever kind in connection with the institutions under its control and of making such selection and stipulating such terms as the time and conditions warrant.

(Signed) F. E. Callister, Chairman
G. G. Colt
G. B. McLeod
The Board approved the following report of the Building Committee recommending the appropriation of $5500 for repairs to the Administration Building at Oregon Normal School:

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Following an inspection of the Administration Building at the Oregon Normal School, the Building Committee was convinced that the building needed attention. Prof. M. C. Phillips was called on to inspect the building and make estimates on the cost of the necessary repairs.

The report on the condition of the building indicated that the following repairs were necessary: underpinning for the south wing; down spouts and drains; fire hose lines; miscellaneous repairs on roofs, cornices, floors, etc.; and painting on both exterior and interior. Details of Professor Phillips' report are on file in the Board's office.

The following estimates were submitted on the costs of the necessary repairs:

1. Underpin walls ............ $1287.00
   Down spouts and drainage ...... 665.00 $1952.00
2. Fire hose lines ............... 560.00
3. Repairs to exterior .......... 1590.00
4. Repairs to interior .......... 1400.00
   $5482.00

The Building Committee therefore recommends that a sum of $5500 be appropriated from the Board's unappropriated funds to care for these repairs and that the Executive Committee of the Board declare an emergency and authorize the work to go forward immediately.

(Signed) F. E. Callister, Chairman
C. C. Colt
G. B. McLeod

Approved by Executive Committee:
C. L. Starr, Chairman
C. C. Colt

Mr. E. C. Sammons, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reviewed the matter of the disposition of the University of Oregon Infirmary Fund, which had been referred to the Finance Committee at the meeting of the Board June 26, 1935, for recommendation following an opinion secured from the Attorney-General under date of June 12, 1935.

The Board approved the report of the Finance Committee regarding the University of Oregon Infirmary Fund and directed that the State Treasurer
be instructed to turn over to the University of Oregon Alumni Holding Company the fund now designated as the University of Oregon Infirmary Fund, together with accrued interest, for the purposes for which it was originally intended.

B. F. Irvine, Chairman of the Rules and By-Laws Committee, reported that the By-Laws of the Board had been revised but the other members of the committee had not had an opportunity to review the changes. Action was deferred.

The Board voted not to have read the letter from Dr. B. R. Shoemaker of Roseburg, Oregon, regarding the building of infirmaries at the University and College and received under date of August 8, 1933, inasmuch as all members of the Board had received copies of the letter.

The Board received a communication under date of September 7, 1933, from R. W. Nelson, President of the Oregon Council of Hospitals, submitting a report on the proposed new infirmaries at the University and College on behalf of the Council. Following the reading of the communication and a summary of the report, and also the reply of Dean Richard B. Dillehunt of the Medical School under date of September 5 to Mr. Nelson and the reply of the Chancellor to the letter of Dr. B. R. Shoemaker under date of August 14th, the Board voted to adhere to its original program in regard to the building of infirmaries at the University and College.

The report of J. A. Churchill, Director of Elementary Teacher Training, under date of July 31, 1933, on the conference with Superintendent Rice regarding employment of Oregon Normal School graduates in Portland City Schools, was read.

The Board authorized the Chancellor to contact the heirs of Ellen Condon McCormack and determine whether or not the fellowship known as the Thomas Condon Fellowship in Paleontology may not be given in some other subject at the University inasmuch as upper division and graduate science, including Paleontology, has now been transferred to the College.

Following a report to the Board on the opinion of the Attorney-General received under date of July 26, 1933, on the disposition of interest on Board funds on deposit with the State Treasurer, the Board directed that in view of the fact that the Board or the institutions are not now receiving interest on certain funds—under the provisions of Chapter 202, Laws of Oregon, 1933, and the interpretation of the Attorney-General—the arrangements made with the State Treasurer regarding the assumption of part of his payroll be eliminated and that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to so notify the State Treasurer.

Mrs. A. M. Dibble, President of the Oregon Mothers, appearing in behalf of the Oregon Mothers presented verbally to the Board a protest on the rumored dismissal of the Dean of Women on the University of Oregon campus.
Miss Henriette Horak, President of the Independent Women Students of the University of Oregon, presented and read a letter signed by Margaret Ann Pollitt, President of Pan-Hellenic at the University of Oregon, a letter signed by herself as President of the Independent Women, and a letter signed by Marygolde Hardison, Chairman of the Freshman Counselors—all the letters bearing on the matter of the rumored dismissal of the Dean of Women. (Copies of these letters are on file in the Board's office.)

There followed considerable discussion of the case, the Board members and Chancellor participating.

A letter from Karl W. Omthank, Dean of Personnel, to C. A. Brand was read.

The Board voted that in order to rectify the damage done and to straighten out the matter in regard to Mrs. Hazel Schwering, Dean of Women, and Mrs. Alice MacDuff, Assistant Dean of Women, they be employed for the present school year in their present positions.

Upon recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board authorized the Chancellor to strengthen the work of the deans of men and women and personnel organization at the University and voted that $600 be allowed for this purpose as conditions may require.

The Board authorized the addition of the following courses to the curricula at State College:

**Arts and Letters—**
Radio Speaking, PSp 234, 3 hours

**Fine Arts—**
College Chorus, Mus 290, 1 hour
College Orchestra, Mus 390, 1 hour

**Education—**
Group Thinking, Ed 491, 3 hours
Introduction to Thesis Writing, Ed 501, 2 hours
(Service course for students in all schools)

The Board authorized the Chancellor to add to the curricula offerings of the normal schools at La Grande and Ashland within the capacity of the present faculties such modern languages required for junior college work as are necessitated by the demands of the present attendance.

The Board referred to the Chancellor with power to act the addition of the following course requested by the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee at the University:

**Elementary Analysis, Mth 101, 102, 103.**
Three terms, 2 hours each term.
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The Board approved the recommendation of the Chancellor that a Graduate Division be created embracing all graduate work in the System and that Dr. George Rebec of the University be appointed Dean and Director of the Graduate Division.

The Board authorized a budget of $250 for the present fiscal year for the maintenance of the Ethnological Collection at the University.

The Board approved the recommendation that the anticipated income estimated at $1200 coming from the collection of a 5-cent fee on agglutination tests paid by the State Department of Agriculture be added to the Experiment Station budget of the Veterinary Medicine Department in order to make possible the crediting of the income from this fee to the Fees and Sales account of the Veterinary Department and thereby meet whatever expense is involved in the testing work.

The Board approved the following addition to the budget of the School of Engineering at the College for continuing limited mining instruction and service work in accordance with Board action of June 23, 1933:

Salary for Prof. J. H. Batcheller (reduced rate and 3/4 time) $2391.75
Requisition account for instruction (including $425 for changes in laboratories) ........ 560.00
Requisition account for mining service to state ................ 500.00

Now budgeted to mines account for Prof. Batcheller on sabbatical leave ........  $1872.00

Net budget addition .......... $1579.75

J. B. McLaughlin, President of the Eastern Oregon Broadcasting Company, Inc., of La Grande, Oregon, appeared before the Board in the interests of his company to present an offer to purchase the entire facilities and equipment of Station KOAC. This offer, he said, was the same offer made in a letter under date of August 9, 1935, sent to all Board members but not sent to the office of the Board. A copy of the letter, supplied by Mr. E. C. Sammons, is reproduced below:

J. B. McLaughlin  
President

J. H. Peare  
Vice-President

EASTERN OREGON BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
301 Sacajawea Hotel  
La Grande, Oregon

Mr. E. C. Sammons,  
Honorable Board of Higher Education  
State of Oregon  
August 9, 1935

SUBJECT......Radio Station KOAC, "Corvallis."

With reference to our correspondence under date of June 8th, wherein we have made a request for a portion of
the facilities of radio station KOAC, at Corvallis, and having before the Federal Radio Commission a hearing in Washington D.C., the date having been set by that body for September 13, 1933.

Incorporated in our communication mentioned above, a copy of which was mailed to each member of the Board of Higher Education, we clearly set forth the fact, should we be granted the facilities requested in return we would broadcast educational features as well as agricultural reports through our Eastern Oregon institutions without expense to the state of Oregon, giving the entire state a greater benefit from this additional broadcast, due to better coverage.

Although there has been two meetings of the state Board of Higher Education since the above request has been made the Honorable Body has taken no action upon this proposal, nor have we received acknowledgment from the Secretary of the Board of our communication under date June 8th.

We therefore, after careful consideration submit the following proposal, and desire that some action be taken at your next Board meeting upon said proposal as hereunder submitted:

"The Eastern Oregon Broadcasting Co., Inc, request the opportunity to purchase the entire facilities and equipment of station KOAC, (located at Corvallis, Oregon, operating under 1 kw by authority of the Federal Radio Commission), for the stipulated amount of $15,000, and in addition to purchase thereof, we shall agree to continue the educational and agricultural broadcasts which heretofore have been broadcast through station KOAC, this concession without expense to the state of Oregon."

As your Honorable Body is aware, the expense of operating station KOAC by the taxpayers of the state of Oregon, has been approximately $36,000.00 per year. Our proposal to acquire station KOAC will relieve this burden of expense permitting the Board of Higher Education to apply this appropriation elsewhere and the state of Oregon will still continue to receive the educational and agricultural features as per our agreement.

If requested, our representatives will meet with your Honorable Board.

Very truly yours,

Eastern Oregon Broadcasting Co. Inc.
Following discussion of the matter, the Board directed that a committee be appointed to investigate the offer of the Eastern Oregon Broadcasting Company of La Grande in regard to the selling or sharing of the radio facilities of KOAC. Vice-President Colt appointed the following committee: G. B. McLeod, E. C. Sammons, Herman Oliver.

The Board approved the following budget allotments for the General Extension Division:

The sum of $500 to be added to Portland Extension Center budget for faculty lectures to unemployed young people in cooperation with free-time classes.

The sum of $300 to be added to Portland Extension Center budget for additional expense arising from increased cost of travel and subsistence of staff members not anticipated in original budget.

Action on the budget for the 1934 summer sessions was deferred.

The Board approved a budget addition of $4000 to the Department of Horticultural Products at the College to enable the department to handle a larger pack of canned products due to the low prices of raw products, with the understanding that the budget increase will be compensated for by at least a comparable increased income from sales.

The Board ratified the action of the Chancellor in submitting to the Attorney-General the question of whether or not the Board has authority to borrow money and to levy fees on students for building construction.

The Board directed that the question of the amount of rental to be paid by L. K. Johnson, Emeritus Comptroller, on the house owned by the University and the entire question of annuity payments to faculty members be referred to the Faculty Welfare and Finance committees for report to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board approved the following appointments at the University:

Paul Everett Raymond, Instructor in Law for one year, ten months basis, beginning October 1, 1933, at a base salary of $1500, actual salary $1527.50. Provided for in budget.

Herman Kehrli, Director of Municipal Research and Service, twelve months basis, beginning October 1, 1933, base salary $3000, reduced rate $2520. Provided for in budget.

Horace Robinson, Instructor in English, ten months basis, beginning October 1, 1933, base salary $1800, reduced rate $1392. Succeeds George L. Andreini, resigned. Provided for in budget.
The Board approved the recommendation that John H. Mueller, Associate Professor of Sociology, be granted a year's leave of absence without pay, effective October 1, 1933, and without commitment on future tenure at the University.

The Board approved the following adjustments in the budget of the Department of Sociology to care for the added load occasioned by Dr. Mueller's leave of absence:

a. Restoration of the following faculty members to full time and their original salary bases (with regular cut applied) because of the added load they will carry:

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Budget increase for salary adjustments (3% of year). $615.11

b. Increasing the budget in the Department of Sociology for secretarial help. $12.50

Total budget increase. $1427.61

Subtracting budget increase from $1913.62, saving due to Dr. Mueller's leave of absence, gives a net budget saving of $486.01.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Executive Committee that Wayne L. Morse, Dean of the School of Law in the University of Oregon, be placed on "indefinite tenure" and his salary base raised from $4500 to $5000 on a ten months basis, actual salary from $3420 to $3700.

The Board approved the recommendation that Orlando John Hollis, Professor of Law, be placed on "indefinite tenure" without change in salary.

At this point the Board adjourned for dinner, to meet again at 7 p.m.
ADJOURNED MEETING

The Board reconvened at the call of Vice-President Colt at 7 p.m. at the University Club. The following members were present:

Mr. C. A. Brand  Mr. G. B. McLeod  Mr. F. E. Callister  Mr. Herman Oliver  Mr. C. C. Colt  Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce  Mr. B. F. Irvine  Mr. E. C. Sammons

The Board approved the following sabbatical leaves at the College:

D. D. Hill, Associate Professor of Farm Crops, sabbatical leave from October 1, 1933, to September 30, 1934, for graduate study at Cornell University, under the provision that his compensation while on sabbatical leave be reduced by whatever sum is necessary to provide for required substitute help (in accordance with paragraph one, Board's Regulations on Sabbatical Leaves).

Dr. S. M. Zeller, Plant Pathologist at the Experiment Station, sabbatical leave on full pay from January 1, 1934, to February 28, 1934, for scientific study at Washington University (in accordance with paragraph seven, Board's Regulations on Sabbatical Leaves).

The Board approved the recommendation that Miss Rena Heagen, Assistant Professor of Hygiene at the College, be given a leave of absence without pay for the fall term of 1933-34 due to illness; and because of time limitations in arranging to care for Miss Heagen's work that the Chancellor be authorized to approve recommendations for substitutes within the budget authorizations.

The Board accepted the resignation of J. H. Irvine, Associate Professor of Accounting at the College, effective October 1, 1933, and approved the following adjustments to care for his work (budget saving of $541):

Prof. Curtis Kelley, now on two-thirds time, reinstated on full time.

Prof. E. E. Bosworth, now on two-thirds time, reinstated on full time.

The Board accepted the resignation of H. S. Rogers, Dean of the School of Engineering and Mechanic Arts at the College, effective October 1, 1933, and approved the following recommendations to care for Dean Rogers' work (budget saving of $2,019.75):

An administrative committee consisting of the heads of the various engineering departments, with Prof. R. H. Dearborn as chairman, to administer the School.
Increase in base salary for this year of Prof. Dearborn from $4000 to $4500, actual salary from $5120 to $5420.

Reinstatement of Prof. H. Cockerline from two-thirds time to full time.

Appointment of Prof. C. A. Mockmore as Acting Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, replacing Dean Rogers in that department, change in his title from Associate Professor to full Professor, and increase in his salary base from $3500 to $3800, actual salary from $2800 to $2984.

The Board approved the part-time release of C. R. Briggs, Director of Agricultural Radio Programs, from his present work to serve as emergency agent in Linn County in connection with the Federal Farm Adjustment act, appointment to be from August 7 to October 7, 1933, with the understanding that his radio work would be cared for without additional cost.

The Board approved the recommendation that Prof. J. F. Brumbaugh, Professor of Psychology at the College, be employed on eight-tenths instead of one-half time for the coming year and that three-tenths of his time be budgeted to the Economics and Sociology Department at the College to partially replace Dr. French who was transferred from the College to the University (no budget addition).

The Board approved the following adjustments in the budgets of the School of Agriculture at State College (no budget additions):

Reinstatement of Prof. A. G. B. Bouquet, Department of Horticulture, from seven-tenths time to full time to conduct necessary experimental work in vegetable production. Now budgeted at $2335.71 base and $1962 reduced. New base $3500, reduced rate $2800 on 10 months basis. Budget addition of $838.00 to be cared for by transferring $400 Purnell money and $458 of Farm Maintenance millage from the Dean's office to Department of Horticulture.

Reinstatement of B. W. Rodenwold of the Animal Husbandry Department from one-half time to full time because of the necessity of placing him in charge of all the farms and feed purchasing for livestock and also certain work in connection with Purnell projects. Now budgeted for $1112.50. New base $3000, reduced rate $2520 on 12 months basis. Budget addition of $987.50 to be cared for from Farm Maintenance budget and from Purnell Funds.

Transfer of a portion of Prof. E. L. Potter's time from Animal Husbandry to Agricultural Economics to replace the loss of Dr. W. N. Nelson's time and the charging of $435.75 of Prof. Potter's salary to the Agricultural Economics department, payment to be made with
funds released by Dr. Nelson's transfer, the remainder of the funds released by Dr. Nelson's transfer to be budgeted in Agricultural Economics as follows: wages, $372.27; materials and supplies, $50; telephone, $75.

The Board approved the appointment of Miss Calla Van Syckle as Home Demonstration Agent in Deschutes County at a base salary of $2000, reduced rate $1740, twelve months basis, appointment effective September 1, 1933. Miss Van Syckle replaces Miss Elizabeth Vance, resigned.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Chancellor that three months leave of absence with pay, beginning October 1, 1935, be granted Dr. R. B. Dillehunt, Dean of the Medical School, with the understanding that arrangements will be made to take care of his work without additional cost (in accordance with paragraph seven, Board's Regulations on Sabbatical Leaves).

The Board approved the recommendation that Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain be promoted from Clinical Associate in Otolaryngology to Associate Clinical Professor. This is an unsalaried voluntary position.

The Board adopted the following resolution in recognition of the years of service of Dr. J. Earl Else to the Medical School:

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Earl Else, of Portland, has been acting in the capacity of director and chairman of the department of Surgery in the Medical School for a period of twelve years, during which he has given most freely of his time and labor in the organization of the department and the development of the services for the care of the surgical patients in the Multnomah Hospital, Doernbecher Memorial Hospital, and Outpatient Clinic of the Medical School, as a result of which the department has been amplified both with regard to teaching and clinical services, the Board of Higher Education desires to express to Doctor Else its deep appreciation of these services rendered without compensation; in acknowledgment thereof, on recommendation of the Dean of the Medical School and the Chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, Doctor Else is hereby appointed Emeritus Professor of Surgery.

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Thomas M. Joyce as Head of the Department of Surgery to succeed Dr. J. Earl Else, appointment to be effective immediately and without salary.

The Board approved the following appointments at the Normal schools:
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Henry R. Hendren, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Oregon Normal School, twelve months basis, base rate $1597.85, reduced rate $1406.09, appointment effective August 16, 1933. Mr. Hendren succeeds Roy E. Knowles who resigned on May 5th.

Gertrude Lang, Supervisor of Teaching at Eastern Oregon Normal School, ten months basis, beginning September 1, 1933, base salary $1800, reduced rate $1674. Of this amount, $774 is to be paid from Board funds, the remainder by the La Grande School District. Miss Lang succeeds Miss Freeda Kennedy, resigned.

Mrs. Mona D. Sheldon, Supervisor of Teaching at the Oregon Normal School, nine months basis, beginning September 16, 1933, base salary $1701, reduced rate $1273.86. Of this amount $688.36 is to be paid from Board funds, the remainder by the Independence School District. Mrs. Sheldon succeeds Miss Leila C. Howe, deceased.

The Board authorized the Chancellor to look into the matter of the employment of a nurse at the Eastern Oregon Normal School and directed that if positive engagement has not been made this service should be eliminated unless essential, and that if the engagement has been made it should not be extended any longer than necessary; and that the Chancellor be asked to take up with Dr. Dillehunt complaints on the health service at the Eastern Oregon Normal School and arrange to clear up the matter before Dr. Dillehunt leaves.

A financial report compiled by the statistician (Pages 1 and 2 of Supplementary Docket, September 11, 1933) indicating the budget increases and decreases since the adoption of the budget and the balance to date was presented by the Chancellor.

The Chancellor then presented the matter of administrative organization (Page 3, Supplementary Docket, September 11, 1933) and after some discussion the Board passed the following motion:

That the matter of a Secretary to the Board, Director of Registrars, and Comptroller and the question of executive secretaries be deferred until a subsequent meeting of the Board at the earliest possible date to consider the matter in its entirety and make a decision.

Mr. Sammons, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report on the state audit of the Oregon State System of Higher Education:
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
STATE OF OREGON.

GENTLEMEN:

On May 12, 1933, I was informed that the auditors for the
Secretary of State had completed their audit report touching the
Oregon System of Higher Education, and on May 13, 1933, I re-
quested Hal E. Ross, Secretary of State, to send me, as Chairman
of the Finance Committee, nine copies of the completed audit,
and also a copy of the special report dated February 10, 1933,
with reference to a particular phase of the audit.

I learned that the auditors had found it necessary to make
a special report covering the Department of Buildings at the
College and that they had filed with the Secretary of State, a
special report touching that department, pointing out certain
irregularities. I also learned that upon receipt of the special
report, the Secretary of State called in the Chancellor and fur-
nished him with a copy of the report; and that on or about March
16, 1933, the Chancellor had filed with the Secretary of State,
apparently on behalf of the State Board of Higher Education, a
report in the nature of a reply to the said special report of
the auditors. I further learned that the state auditors, seem-
ingly unsatisfied with the reply report of the Chancellor, would
file a rejoinder, claiming that the reply of the Chancellor had
not satisfactorily covered or explained the discovered or learned
irregularities.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee I was surprised beyond
words to learn that when irregularities at the College had been
reported by the state auditors, no report thereof had ever been
brought to the attention of the Board. I made inquiries among
the members to confirm this fact. The report of the auditors had
been filed in February of this year and I had first heard of it
on May 12, 1933, or about thirteen weeks thereafter, or about
eight weeks after the Chancellor had filed his reply. Why these
facts should be kept from the Board I could not understand.

The Secretary of State advised me under date of May 16, that
sufficient copies of the audit report would be furnished me to
supply each member of the Board in accordance with my request of
May 13, 1933. He refused to send me a copy of the preliminary re-
port under date of February 10, 1933. Subsequently on July 5, 1933,
I made a demand on the Secretary of State to furnish me with copies
of the three reports. To my surprise he refused. Why the Secre-
tary of State should refuse to allow me as a member of the Board
of Higher Education and as Chairman of the Finance Committee thereof
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to have access to a report of his auditors touching irregularities in one of the institutions under control of this Board, and a reply thereto made by the Chancellor seemingly on behalf of this Board, was certainly inexplicable to me.

Having failed in my efforts to persuade the Secretary of State to furnish me with copies of these reports, I went then to the Chancellor and asked for an explanation. His explanation was that the matter had been closed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State and so he considered the incident closed. But why a matter of such vital interest to this Board as irregularities in one of the institutions under its control, of sufficient importance in the opinion of the auditors of the Secretary of State to justify a special report, should be thus quietly closed without the matter having been brought to the attention of the Board, was more than I could understand. During my conversation with the Chancellor, I was informed that the members of the Board would be furnished with copies of these reports. On Tuesday, September 5, 1933, I received from the Chancellor a copy of his reply to the special report of the auditor. But up to the present time the auditors' special report has not reached my hands. Thus it is impossible for me to understand just what facts or irregularities were uncovered by the auditor. That there were irregularities in one department at the College was evident from the report of the Chancellor covering 57 typewritten pages. How this Board is to pass on the charges of the auditors without having access to the report containing them, I cannot see. Certainly the Chancellor would not think that a person charged with irregularities would be exonerated by testimony in his own defense only, without allowing the testimony of the complainant to be heard. This would be a strange and novel procedure; as strange and novel as to listen to the testimony of the complainant without hearing that of the defense. And yet when I ask for all the reports showing both charges and defense in order that the Board may determine what if any action should be taken, the Chancellor furnishes the Board with the defense only, that defense being his own reply to the charges.

Although I have been furnished with only the defense of the party accused, I am surprised to learn that the Chancellor in his letter of transmittal under date of March 16, 1933, admits that the accused—

"took liberties with certain business regulations of the College. It is these irregularities — that have now placed Mr. Jackson in the embarrassing position of not being able clearly to demonstrate the integrity of all his departmental transaction." (Page 2, lines 7-15.)

As a matter of fact the Chancellor continues as follows:
"For these irregularities, in fact, Mr. Jackson has received from me a very earnest reprimand and as a consequence he is being disciplined by having withdrawn from him and his department the purchasing and disbursing privileges granted to him because of the peculiar demands of the work done in the department of buildings." (Page 2, lines 16-20.)

In short, the charges of the auditors in the opinion even of the Chancellor who filed his reply defense, were so irrefutable that he had to admit their existence. Not only did he admit their existence, but they were so serious that he reprimanded the accused and measured out punishment as he saw fit. And yet the matter was never brought to the attention of the Board, not even his findings nor was the Board even asked to approve his actions in meting out punishment. And as if the Board had no rights in the matter, when the affair is finally brought to light and an explanation asked and the reports demanded, they are not forthcoming either from the Secretary of State, who is the custodian of them, or from the Chancellor, who has had copies thereof for many months. In order that this Board may be fully informed in this matter, I therefore move that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each member of this Board with a copy of the Special Report of his auditor, Mr. S. D. Buell, dated February 10, 1933, touching the Superintendent of Buildings of the Oregon State Agricultural College, and also his reply dated on or about June 30, 1933, to the reply report of the Chancellor filed with the Secretary of State on or about March 16, 1933, touching the same matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. C. SAMMONS

E. C. SAMMONS, Chairman
Finance Committee.

Following considerable discussion of the matter, the Board passed the following motion:

That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each member of the Board with a copy of the special report of his auditor, Mr. S. D. Buell, dated February 10, 1933, touching the Superintendent of Buildings of the Oregon State Agricultural College, and also his reply dated on or about June 30, 1933, to the reply report of the Chancellor filed with the Secretary of State on or about March 16, 1933, touching the same matter, and that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be delegated to take such steps as necessary to get them, and in case of the refusal of the Secretary of State that he be authorized to employ legal counsel, if necessary, to obtain the reports.

The Board adjourned at 9:15 p. m.

C. L. Starr, President

C. D. Byrne, Acting Secretary