STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT
BENSON HOTEL, PORTLAND, OREGON
November 24, 1935

MEETING #41 The Oregon State Board of Higher Education convened for a special meeting at the call of Vice-President Willard L. Marks at the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon, at 3:00 p. m., November 24, 1935. The following members were present:

ROLL CALL  Mr. G. A. Brand  Mr. Willard L. Marks
           Mr. F. E. Callister  Mr. Herman Oliver
           Mr. G. B. McLeod  Mr. E. C. Sammons

Vice-President Marks directed that the secretary of the Board communicate with Mrs. Pierce following the meeting and extend to her the sympathy of the Board in her illness and its hope for her speedy recovery.

CWA FUNDS FOR LABOR, EXP. STATION The Board approved the action of the Executive Committee in making application to the State Committee of the Civil Works Administration for $8,700 to do hand work on the experimental farms at the College.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY LAND SURVEY The Board granted permission for the following faculty members of the University of Oregon and Oregon State College to appear, when called, before any committee of the special session of the Legislature with reference to the land survey of Tillamook County, as requested by C. W. Barrick, Chairman of the Special Committee of the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce.

University of Oregon: Dean J. H. Gilbert, Social Science; Dean H. V. Hoyt, Business Administration; Dean J. R. Jewell, Education; Director Herman Kehrli, Municipal Research.

Oregon State College: Dean George W. Peavy, Forestry; Professor C. A. Mockmore, Civil Engineering; Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, Agriculture; Professor G. R. Hyslop, Agriculture.

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM The Board directed that a committee of three be appointed with power to act to confer with the City Commissioners of Portland, the State Board of Control, or any other public bodies in regard to any cooperation or contractual agreements with these bodies in erecting and maintaining hospitals or other medical units on the Medical School campus, with the understanding that if any plan worked out should involve changes in policy or expenditures of money by the Board contrary to the stipulations of the resolution in regard to the Psychopathic and Communicable Disease Wards at the Medical School adopted July 17, 1935, the Committee
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will report back to the Board before committing the Board to convey the land.

Vice-President Marks appointed Mr. Sammons, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Irvine to serve on this Committee.

RESOLUTION

The Board adopted the following resolution in memory of Dr. Robert C. Coffey, Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Oregon Medical School:

Dr. Robert C. Coffey, distinguished member of the faculty of the University of Oregon Medical School, having met an untimely death in the wreck of an airplane on November 9, 1933, in the sacrificial performance of urgent duty, the State Board of Higher Education takes occasion to express its admiration for his eminent services, and its profound regret at his loss from the faculty and the medical profession, both of which he honored by original research, masterly skill and an inspiring example of penetration, devotion and supreme achievement. Realizing the debt that society owes, not only to such expert service as he performed but also to such nobility of purpose as he exemplified, the Board records its gratitude for his preeminent contributions to his profession, its admiration for his lofty personal character, and its sympathy for his colleagues and his bereaved family.

CWA REPAIR AND OTHER PROJECTS

Following presentation by the Chancellor of a summary of the possible Civil Works projects for the institutions of higher learning, the Board voted to cooperate with the Federal government in repair and other projects at the various educational institutions and directed that the matter be referred to the Building and Finance Committees with power to act and that they be authorized to incur expenditures not exceeding $15,000 of the unappropriated funds of the Board to meet the necessary costs of materials, etc., for these projects.

RESOLUTION ON MORSE INVESTIGATION

The Board then proceeded to the special purpose for which the meeting was called—consideration of recent disturbances affecting the higher educational institutions. Upon motion by Mr. McLeod and second by Mr. Callister, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board taking cognizance of recent happenings in connection with the institutions under its control, and particularly a reported demand by the
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Dean of the Law School at the University of Oregon, WAYNE L. MORSE, that Chancellor W. J. Kerr, the executive officer of this Board, should resign, and

WHEREAS, Dean Morse has attacked the official budget of this Board, and

WHEREAS, This Board will not countenance disregard of its authority or insubordination, and

WHEREAS, There is a well-defined and orderly method for any faculty member, being dissatisfied or having complaints, to present the same to this body through constituted channels and procedure,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Board, not wishing to take action without a hearing, directs the Vice-President to appoint a committee of three to investigate hereupon and report to this Board with all expedition possible.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

WILLARD L. MARKS, Vice-President

CHARLES D. BYRNE, Acting Secretary