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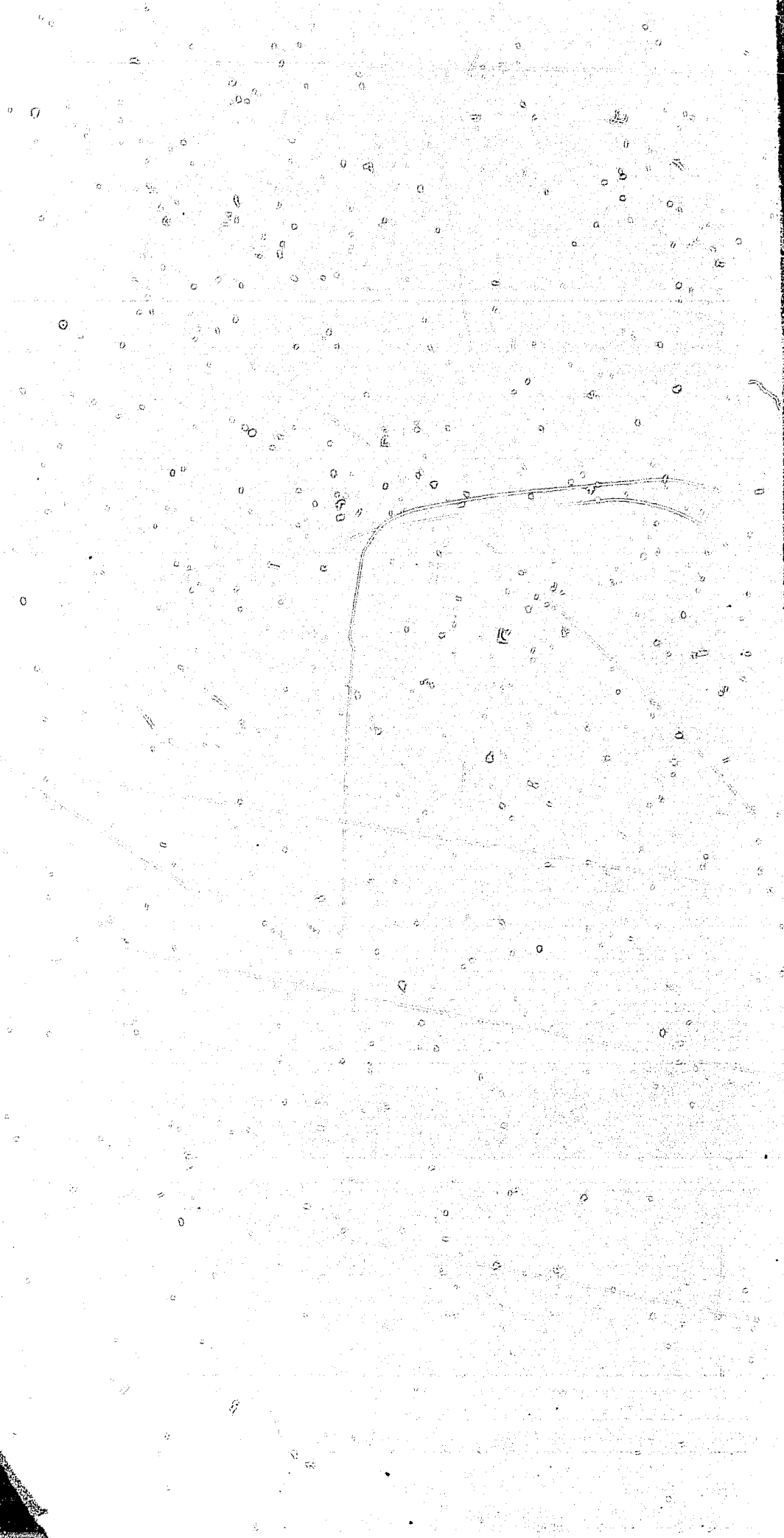
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City of Austin Nov 15th a. D. 1881

The State of Texas Be it remembered that on this, Tuesday November County of Travis I her the fifteenth a. D. 1881, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas consisting of the following named members present to wit: Ashbel Smith, Thos J. Deime R. B. Hubbard, Smith Ragsdale, T. W. Woolen, T. M. Harwood and A. M. Edwards convened in the City of Austin at 4, O, CLK P. M. in obedience to the following Proclamation made by his Excellency O. M. Roberts Governor of Texas, the same being a true copy of Original Proclamation to wit:

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas convening the Board of Regents of the University of Texas:

Whereas the Official Returns of the Election held Sept 6th 1881, which said Returns are now on file in the Office of the Secretary of State, show that Austin has been selected by the people as the location of the University of Texas with the Medical Branch at Galveston,

Now therefore I, O. M. Roberts Governor of Texas by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the laws of this State do hereby call the Board of Regents of the University of Texas to convene at the City of Austin on Tuesday the fifteenth day of November 1881 to effect the permanent organization of the Board and to take such action as the law requires for the establishment and organization of the University

In testimony whereof I hereto sign my name and cause the Seal of State to be affixed at the city of Austin this 19th day of October a. D. 1881

By the Governor,
J. H. Bowman
Sec of State.

O. M. Roberts
Governor

The permanent organization of the Board was effected by electing Ashbel Smith President and A. M. Edwards Secy.

It was resolved by the Board that no persons other than members of the Board be present during their deliberation the results of said deliberation however may be given to the public by the Secretary,

In compliance with Sec. 6. Memorandum of an act entitled "An Act to Establish the University of Texas" approved March 30th 1881. The members of the Board present drew for their respective classes in the Board with the following result viz;

- Class one (1) Smith Raysdale and J. W. Woolen
 - " Two (2) Ashbel Smith and J. L. Camp.
 - " Three (3) J. M. Harwood and A. N. Edwards
 - " Four (4) R. B. Hubbard and Thos. J. Devine
- Col J. L. Camp being absent the President drew for him in his stead.

On Motion the following named were appointed a Committee on "By Laws Rules and Regulations" to wit; R. B. Hubbard, Thos. J. Devine and J. M. Harwood,

On Motion the following named were constituted a committee to devise a University Seal to wit; Ashbel Smith Smith Raysdale and Thos. J. Devine,

On Motion the following named were constituted a Committee to call upon His Excellency the Governor and the Comptroller respectively to lay before the Board of Regents such information as they may deem necessary for the Board, &c. to wit; Ashbel Smith, J. M. Harwood and J. W. Woolen

Be it remembered that the Secretary be and he is authorized to purchase a suitable Minute Book in which to record the proceedings of this Board also stationery necessary for their use for which payment is provided to be paid out of the University Fund upon presentation and allowance of account for same,

Be it ordered by the Board that the Secretary be and he is authorized and instructed to employ a Porter to attend upon the Board during its present session.

On Motion the Board adjourned until to-morrow Morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning November 16th 1881

The Board convened pursuant to adjournment, Present and presiding as on yesterday

The proceedings of yesterday were read and after correction adopted.

The Committee appointed on yesterday to prepare a design for a Seal. Made the following Report - "To the Board of Regents of the University of Texas

The Committee appointed to report a suitable design for a seal to be used as the Common Seal of the Board have selected the following design viz;

"A Texas Star inscribed within a circle, a second circumference being circumscribed ^{leaving} a narrow space between the two circumferences, on which shall be engraved the Latin words "Universitas Texana", the remaining space if any to be filled with some appropriate design - as a vine or branch with leaves.

The space between the points of the star to be filled with the Latin Motto - Non sine pulvere palma -

All of which is respectfully submitted
Ashbel Smith }
Thos. J. Devine } Committee
Smith Raysdale }

On Motion the above report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on yesterday to call upon his Excellency the Governor, also the Comptroller inviting them to furnish this Board certain information - made the following report to wit:

The Committee appointed to call upon his Excellency, the Governor and also Comptroller inviting them respectively to furnish the Board of Regents such information as their respective offices for the Board on the financial means the means, lands, and other means if any, which have been appropriated for the organization and support of the University, respectively report that they have called on the above named gentlemen, and further that these gentlemen will in the course of the day lay before the Board the information asked for

signed Ashbel Smith

which report was on Motion adopted

Resolution inviting Judge Hastings to a seat.
Resolved that Judge Hastings of California be invited to be present at the meetings of the Board of Regents and give the Board the benefit of his experience and information on the subject of the organization and future operation of the University of Texas. which resolution was adopted.

Finance Committee

On Motion the following named gentlemen were constituted a Committee on Finance to wit: Thos. J. Devine T. W. Wooten and Smith Rapdale

Executive Committee

On Motion the following named gentlemen were constituted Executive Committee to wit: Ashbel Smith, R. B. Hubbard and S. M. Harwood.

Committee on Departments of the University

On Motion the following named gentlemen were constituted a Committee on the Departments of the University to wit: Ashbel Smith, Smith Rapdale and T. W. Wooten

Resolution

Resolved by the Board that the Finance Committee be authorized to compile all the laws and Constitutional Provisions touching upon appropriations and endowments of the State University together with Department Reports, showing the present amounts constituting the permanent and available funds now to the credit of the University, as also the acts of the legislature authorizing the organization of the Board together with the proclamation of the Governor announcing the location of the University at the City of Austin, and convening the Board to meet at the City of Austin on the 15th day of November 1881. and that the same be printed in suitable and convenient form for the use of the Board which said resolution was on Motion adopted.

Communication from the Governor

A Communication was received from his Excellency the Governor, O. M. Roberts relative to the lands and funds belonging to the University of Texas. which on motion was referred to Finance Committee

On Motion the President of this Board was authorized and instructed to forward invite the Comptroller to be present with the Board to give information concerning his report when the same shall have been prepared and presented to this Board,

Report from Comptroller

The Comptroller in obedience with the request made of him by the Board, appeared before the Board, with a report of the financial account of the University Fund which after being read and explained by him before the Board was on Motion referred to Finance Committee.

Report from the Commissioner of Land & Office

The Commissioner from Land & Office sent in Report of University Lands which after being read by the Secretary was on Motion referred to Finance Committee

The Treasurer sent in Report of Financial account of University Funds which after having been read on Motion referred to Finance Committee

On Motion the Board adjourn recess at 5 P.M. until 8 P.M.

At 8 O'clock P.M. the Board assembled and were called to order by President. the members all being present,

Motion to Proceed &c.

On Motion it was resolved by the Board that the Board do proceed in accordance with Sec 1511 of the act of the Legislature entitled an act to establish the University of Texas, approved March 20th 1891 viz:

- First: To establish the departments of the University.
- Second: To define the general plan of the University Buildings.
- Third: To advertise for plans and specifications of same.
- Fourth: To take such action as may be deemed advisable for the creation of professorship and the election of Professors.
- Fifth: To take such other action as may be deemed necessary for perfecting the organization of the University.

On Motion the Finance Committee were constituted a Committee on general plan of the University Building and that they be requested to Report a General plan to be adopted for main University Building.

The Committee on Departments of the University reported that the following departments and branches of the same be adopted and established to wit:

- Academic Department
- 1st English Language - English Literature & History. Chair occupied with One Professor
 - 2nd Chemistry One Professor.
 - 3rd Natural Philosophy - Astronomy - Mechanics and Meteorology One Professor
 - 4th Natural History and Botany. One Professor

- 5th Mathematics and Practical Engineering One Professor
- 6th School of Mines - Geology and Mineralogy One Professor
- 7th Moral Philosophy - Ethics & Political Economy One Professor
- 8th Ancient Languages - Greek and Latin One Professor
- 9th Modern Languages - Spanish - German - French. One Professor.

Science of Government
Department of Law

Law,
Embracing - Civil - Common - Constitutional and Statute of Texas. Two Professors.

Department of Medicine

- 1st Anatomy - Clinical Diseases of the Eye and Ear. One Professor.
- 2nd Clinical Medicine and Diseases of Children. One Professor.
- 3rd Physiology and Physical Diagnosis. One Professor.
- 4th Science and Practice of Medicine and Public Hygiene. One Professor.
- 5th Obstetrics and Medical and Surgical Diseases of women. One Professor.
- 6th Materia Med. Therapeutics - Med. Chem. and Diseases of Nervous System. One Professor.
- 7th Surgery and Chemical Surgery. One Professor.

Adopted

Report of Committee on Plans

The Committee on General Plans for University Building Reported the following plan to-wit:
Buildings to be 200 ft long by 76 ft wide with a hall running through 16 feet wide - The front divided into six rooms 30 x 39 ft. with hall 20 ft wide running

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through the center 136 ft with rooms on ground floor in rear of the 16 ft hall 2. Next to large hall 60 x 30 and outside of same 2, rooms 30 x 30 x 2 rooms in rear on main building on each side of main 20 ft hall 30 x 30 with vestibule in front 40 x 20 ft with 1 room on each side for cloak room.

Second floor to contain hall 76 x 90 & balance of said floor divided into rooms as below 30 x 30. The third story to be a Mansard roof with rooms & halls as on first floor as large as the construction of the Mansard will allow. Front Porticoes to be at end of each hall all to be drawn up & regulated by the Architect in accordance with accounts & Architecture which said report was adapted. Diagram on opposite page.

On Motion the following Resolution was adopted

Resolved that Finance Committee be authorized and required to advertise for plans and specifications for the main University Building and contract with Architect for same. subject to ratification by the Board.

On Motion, the following Resolution was adopted & wit:
That when this Board adjourn from this session that it do adjourn to meet when the next ensuing Legislature convenes unless sooner convened by the President

On Motion the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved that Ashbel Smith, Thos. J. Devine, & M. Harwood be and they are appointed a committee to memorialize the Legislature through the Governor setting forth the present status of the University funds and other property and urging upon the Legislature the importance of proper suitable to the end that all funds borrowed from the University by the State, may be redeemed with interest from the date of the transfer and such legislation as may be necessary for the speedy erection of buildings and complete the organization of the University

on Motion the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock

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Thursday Morning November 17th 1881 at 9 o'clock

The Board Convened pursuant to adjournment. Present and spending as on yesterday.

Resolution to pay Secretary.

Resolved by the Board that the Secretary be allowed five dollars (\$5⁰⁰) per day for four days at present meeting for clerical work. Resolution adopted and Secretary authorized to make out vouchers for same

The following Bill of Expenses incurred by the members of the Board of Regents respectively at this session of the Board of Regents, was allowed and it is ordered that the Secretary make out vouchers for the same, to wit:

Y. Smith Raysdale	\$52.10
" T. H. Wooten	15.00
" R. B. Hubbard	35.75
" Thos. J. Devine	20.00
" T. M. Harwood	30.00
" Ashbel Smith	89.25
" A. N. Edwards	48.75
Total	\$237.85

Be it further ordered by the Board that the sum of \$3.15 be allowed to pay itemized bill filed for minute book. Stationary and ink, also the sum of \$4.00 allowed to pay Porter, and that the Secretary be authorized to make out voucher for said several sums.

On motion - It was resolved that the Executive Committee be and they are authorized and required to enclose the University Ground with substantial & cheap enclosure (fence)

On Motion the Committee on Finance be and they are authorized to confer with the authorities of Galveston in reference to the buildings for medical department of the University and if necessary to advertise for plans for a suitable building for said department.

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The Committee on by laws. made the following report - which on motion was accepted and the report adopted.

To the Chairman of the Board of Regents for the University of Texas.

The undersigned a Committee appointed to draw up and submit a system of by laws for the Government of this Board would respectfully report the following viz.

1st The meetings of the Board of Regents shall be held at the City of Austin, on the call of the President of the Board, or on such day as may be named by the Board before each adjournment.

2. General Parliamentary Rules, subject to be modified by Rules & regulations of the Board shall be observed in conducting business, and in all proceedings before the Board while in session.

3. The officers of the Board shall consist of the President of the Board and a secretary, who shall hold their offices for such terms as the Board shall by resolution direct.

4th The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall have such other duties, as shall be conferred by resolutions of the Board - and in his absence the Board may by resolution appoint a President pro tem - who shall perform the duties of President.

5th The Secretary shall have the custody of all the books and papers of the Board except such as shall be otherwise specially provided for, he shall safely keep such books and papers and deliver them over to his successor subject always to the inspection of the Board and to any Committee or Member thereof. He shall properly file all such papers so that they can be readily found or referred to. He shall keep an accurate journal of all the proceedings of the Board - He shall sign all warrants on the Treasurer, when authorized by the Board or by regulations of

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the Board. He shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office & shall be required by resolution of the Board and in the absence the Board may appoint a secretary pro tem.

6th The order of business in the Board shall be - (After such Religious Exercises the President may see proper to introduce)

1st The reading of the minutes of the last meeting for correction and approval.

2 - Reports from standing & special committees

3 - Petitions, Memorials, Motions & resolutions and the consideration thereof.

4 - Unfinished and miscellaneous business

7th There shall be the following standing committees of the Board.

1st Committee on Finance

2nd Executive Committee

3rd Such other standing committees & special committees as may be raised by resolution of the Board.

8th All standing committees shall consist of three members each, and special committees as shall be named by the resolutions creating them. And all shall exist during the pleasure of the Board.

9th The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of the Board and two Regents to be appointed by the Board whose duty shall be to have the general supervision of the buildings - grounds and other property belonging to the University. They shall have the charge of all the expenditures directed by the Board except when the same are otherwise specially provided for. They shall have authority to cease proceedings to instituted when necessary for the recovery or protection of the property belonging to the University.

10th The Finance Committee shall have the general supervision of the financial affairs of the University subject always to the general rules and regulations and control of the Board - They shall make to the

Board annually, a report showing the financial condition of the University - its revenue - funds with estimates of probable available fund, and probable necessary expenditures for the next ensuing year - accompanied with such recommendations as said committee shall deem proper to make, they shall also make report at any time, other than their annual reports when called upon by the Board.

11. The Board of Regents may by resolution appoint a Steward who before entering upon the duties of his office execute a Bond to the President in the penal sum of One thousand dollars with two good securities to be approved by the Board - conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties which bond shall be deposited with the Secretary for safe keeping - The Steward shall be ministerial officer and agent of the Executive Committee and of the other standing committees subject always to the direction and control of the Board and its general rules and regulations - He shall be in charge of the office for the use of the Board and committees and shall devote himself faithfully to the performance of his duties - He shall have general supervision of the grounds and care and protection of the enclosures - buildings and all property belonging to the University to protect the same from deprecations and destruction and shall make an annual report of his doings to the Board.

12 These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the Board

R.B. Hubbard }
T.M. Herwood } Committee
Thos J. Devine }

Resolution Empowering the Governor to act for the Board

Resolved by the Board, that whereas, by statute as well as by the Constitution the A.M. College and the Prairie View School in Waller County Texas constitute branches of the State University, and are by statute put under the control of the Board of Regents of the University

of Texas. And that each being the case all Expenditures have been to be made by the order of the Board of Regents on vouchers approved by the President of the Board and countersigned whereas it is at this ^{time} expedient for this Board to pass upon the necessary expenditures of said Institution or that the President of this Board shall approve or for the Secretary of this Board to countersign said vouchers - It is therefore the desire of this Board that the appropriations made by the Legislature to cover the expenditures for the current scholastic year for said institutions be continued to be disbursed - under the supervision of the present Board - and approved by the Governor.

On Motion the Board adjourned to convene on the first day of the ensuing session of the Legislature unless sooner convened by the President of the Board of Regents.

Attest
A.N. Edwards Sec of the Board of Regents
Asbel Smith Pres. Board of Regents