

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Regents held March 15th 1883.

Present Regents, Ashbel Smith, J. D. Norton, E. J. Simkins, M. W. Garrett and B. Hadra.

The minutes of the meetings of Nov. 16 + 17 1882 were read and adopted.

Upon motion duly offered, seconded and carried the executive Committee of the Regents of the University of Texas - and such other members of the Board as may be present at the Capital during the present session of the Legislature are appointed a special Committee to present to the legislature of the State of Texas such proper measures as will in their judgment promote the best interests of the University of Texas, and are especially are enjoined to use their best efforts to procure a liberal land grant in aid of said University.

Upon motion the Board adjourned sine die

Approved Ashbel Smith Secretary A. P. Woodridge

Pres. Bd. Regents Univ. Texas (Meeting No. 7)

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas held at the office of the Board in Austin Texas April 30, 1883.

Present Regents, Ashbel Smith President of the Board - E. J. Simkins, M. W. Garrett, J. D. Norton, James P. Clarke and T. D. Wootton.

It was moved seconded and carried that a Committee of three Regents be appointed by the President of the Board to examine into the wisdom of that investment heretofore made by this Board in which the Board sold about \$24,000 of the available bonds of the University to its permanent fund and that this said Committee be empowered and requested to consult with the Comptroller of the State of Texas for the purpose of obtaining full light upon the subject, and the further duty is devolved upon this Committee of conferring with the Comptroller of the State of Texas, as to the best mode of investing the money now on hand and coming from late legis-

lative grants to the University of Texas and by and by these grants under the Constitution of the State made a part of its permanent fund. The chair appointed Regents E. J. Simkins, M. W. Garrett and James P. Clarke this Committee. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried all Regents present voting aye the annual sum of \$500. is allowed the professors of the University of Texas, as a commutation for house-rent. Upon motion duly seconded and carried, Regents E. J. Simkins, M. W. Garrett and James P. Clarke were appointed by the President of the Board, as a special Committee to confer and cooperate with the State Land Board in ascertaining the exact status of the University Lands, as to title, location and value and to aid said board in advertising and leasing said lands.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to 10 a.m. of May 1st -

Approved Ashbel Smith Secretary A. P. Woodridge Pres. Bd. Regents Univ. Texas

Board met this May 1st at 10 o'clock a.m. present same as on yesterday with the addition of Regent J. M. Harwood.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The Committee appointed to look into the judiciousness of the sale heretofore made by the authority of this Board of about \$24,000 of its available Bonds to the permanent fund of the University of Texas, reported through Regent Garrett a member thereof, to the effect that said sale of bonds was the best that could then have been done and in the opinion of the Committee should not be disturbed. The committee made no report as to the best mode of investing our recently acquired and uninvested funds and upon motion was continued in the performance of this duty - with the addition to its membership of Regent J. D. Wootton. Much debate was had, as to the best mode of investing our unemployed funds, but the conclusion

arrived at way that it was impracticable to determine this important matter until after the election to be had. at which certain Constitutional Amendments are to be voted upon - and which if adopted will enlarge the list of securities in which we can invest our permanent funds. At present we are by Constitutional provisions restricted to investment in either State or United States Bonds, the low rate of interest and the high premiums upon which said securities render them more or less undesirable.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to 3 P.M. of this day.

Approved _____ A.P. Woodruff
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Aschel Smith
 Pres. Board of Regents Univ. Texas
 Board met pursuant to adjournment, present same as in the morning.

After some discussion as to the charge for admission of students to the University of Texas, Regent J. A. Wooton moved and motion was seconded that an annual charge of \$30. for tuition be made against the students of the University who enter the professional schools. Upon motion of Regent Garrett this resolution of Regent Wooton was tabled.

Regent Garrett introduced the following resolution - which was duly seconded and carried.

Resolved: That the Hon'ble Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas be and he is hereby requested at his earliest convenience to designate and set apart, out of the 2,000,000 acres of land heretofore donated by the Legislature of the State of Texas to the University and Common Schools of this state, the 1,000,000 acres thereof belonging to the University of Texas and to furnish this Board with maps and plats of this 1,000,000 acres so to be designated by him. And the said Hon'ble Commissioner is also hereby requested to furnish this Board with maps and plats of the 1,000,000 acres of land heretofore by the Constitution of 1876 and the acts of the legislature made in pursuance thereof, donated

to the University of Texas. The Secretary of this Board is directed to furnish the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office with a copy of this resolution.

Hon'ble W. C. Walsh Commissioner General Land Office State of Texas and Hon'ble A. W. Terrell a member of the State Senate of Texas and a warm and active promoter of the interests of the University of Texas were by invitation present at this sitting of the Board of Regents and each furnished the Board with much valuable statistical information, as to the lands likely to be designated and set apart to the University of Texas - under authority of the recent Legislative grants made in its behalf. The effect and general result of this information was, that the 1,000,000 acres secured to us by the acts of the last legislature is in the main excellent grazing lands and while there is not much surface water upon it, by digging, abundant wholesome water can be readily procured at a few feet below the surface. This section of Texas is at this time almost unknown to our people as its actual condition and character, but all who have visited it concur in pronouncing it admirable for sheep and cattle and prospectively valuable.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to 9-30 A.M. of May 2^d, 1883.

Approved _____ A.P. Woodruff
 Aschel Smith
 Secy

Pres. Board of Regents Univ. Texas
 Board met pursuant to adjournment, present same as yesterday afternoon. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Col. H. Cook the Contractor building the new building of the University of Texas was present at this meeting of the Board and requested permission to substitute wooden for iron lathes to the ceilings in the University rooms, giving as a reason therefor that iron lathes or the iron wire upon which the plastering is put will sag. The architect of the Building Mr. F. E. Ruffini expressed contrary

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views to those of Col Cook whereupon the following resolution was introduced by Regent Garnett. seconded and carried. Resolved that the request of Contractor Cook to change the specifications of the contract for the University Building so as to authorize ordinary lath instead of wire netting upon which to place the plastering be declined and that he be instructed to proceed in accordance with the contract to complete the building.

Upon motion it was resolved that the Board do now proceed to the election of a professor to the chair of Mental and moral Philosophy in the University of Texas. with an annual salary of \$3,500 and \$500 commutation for house rent.

Dr R. L. Dabney of Virginia and Dr J. G. Jones of Tennessee were placed in nomination before the Board with the following result by ballot.

R. L. Dabney	4 votes
J. G. Jones	3 votes

Dr Dabney having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected and the President of the Board was requested to notify him of the fact by telegraph.

The following resolution was presented by Regent Garnett - seconded and carried. Resolved that the sum of \$10,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary out of the available University fund, is hereby permitted and authorized to be used by the President of this Board - for the purchase supplying and arranging of apparatus furniture and equipment for the departments of Physics and Chemistry in the University of Texas.

The following resolution of Regent Garnett was seconded and carried. Resolved that the President of this Board communicate as early as practicable with the professors who have been elected to the faculty of our University and arrange with them for a meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon for the purpose of arranging for

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the organization of the University of Texas and establishing a curriculum of studies and for the issuance of a prospectus for the information of the public and for the purpose of conferring upon other matters of interest appertaining to the University of Texas.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to meet at the Capital on June 14th next.

Approved: *Abner Smith*

Pres: *Boa Regent*
Univ. of Texas

A. P. Woodbridge
Secretary.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Regents held at the Capital beginning June 4, 1883.

Board met pursuant to adjournment present, Regents *Abner Smith*, *T. D. Norton*, *E. J. Smith*, *M. H. Garnett* and *B. H. Adair*.

Dr R. L. Dabney the Professor elect of mental & moral Philosophy was also present by invitation. Dr Dabney gave in brief his reasons for visiting Texas at this time - the substance of which was that he might not only see the country and meet the people with whom his future life was probably to be spent, but the Regents might in turn see him and have an opportunity to consider from personal knowledge with him the propriety of their choice in electing him to the faculty of our University.

After listening attentively to Prof Dabney's remarks - the Board expressed itself as satisfied with their selection of Dr Dabney and first to him by resolution the express question whether or not he would accept the Professorship of mental and Moral Philosophy in our University.

Dr Dabney thereupon declared that he would promptly respond to the proffer of the Board and retired from the Regents' room.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and by resolution approved.

Regent *T. D. Norton* for the special Land Committee reported that he had called upon the Commissioner of the Land Office in the interest of securing a speedy designation of the lands set apart to the University by the last

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Legislature. That the Commissioner informed him that owing to the inadequacy of the clerical force in his department especially of competent draftsmen it had been impossible to date to set apart our lands, but that he had conferred with Governor Ireland, and they two had deemed it best to employ an additional draftsman and assign to him this especial work of designating and mapping and platting our recently acquired lands, the expense of which would be defrayed out of the available University fund. The Commissioner promised to give all information in his power that would facilitate our leasing our lands and would upon request furnish field notes and sketches of same. The Commissioner considered Newspaper advertisement as more economical and more effectual than pamphlet advertisement for bringing our lands to the notice of the public.

By resolution the Commissioner of the General Land Office was invited to meet with the Board during its present session for the purpose of conference upon the Land interests of the State University.

Regent Ashbel Smith reported verbally for the Committee delegated to meet and confer with the professors elect upon methods touching the general interests of the University especially its organization - course of instruction, qualifications for students as to admission &c to the effect that he had by agreement met the faculty at Nashville May 17th that all were present and had after much consultation adopted the preliminary announcement &c which now here next follows.

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University of Texas
Austin Texas.

First Session
1883-4

Preliminary Announcement.

Board of Regents.

1. Ashbel Smith - Harris Co.
President of the Board.
 - 2 - J. M. Harwood - Gonzales Co.
 - 3 - J. D. Wooten - Travis "
 - 4 - G. Hadra - Bexar "
 - 5 - E. J. Simkins - Navarro "
 - 6 - M. W. Garnett - Harris "
 - 7 - James B. Clarke - Tarrant "
 - 8 - M. L. Crawford - Dallas "
- A. P. Woodbridge, Secretary. Travis "

Faculty

Chairman of the Faculty (to be elected)

Literary Department

Professors.

J. W. Mallet Ph.D. (Göttingen) M.D. L.L.D. F.R.S.
Professor of Chemistry (and temporarily in charge of
Department of Physics)

Milton W. Humphreys, M.A. L.L.D. Ph.D. (Leipzig)
Professor of Ancient Languages

Wm Leroy Brown M.A. L.L.D.
Professor of Mathematics.

A. L. Sabney D.D. L.L.D.
Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

Leslie Waggoner M.A. L.L.D.
Professor of the English Language History
and Literature.

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A. Tallichet B. S. (Lausanne) A. Lit.
Professor of Modern Languages.

Law Department

O. M. Roberts L. L. D. (Ex Governor and Chief Justice of Texas)
Professor of Law.

Robert S. Gould L. L. D. (Ex Chief Justice of Texas)
Professor of Law.

(Additional professors and assistant instructors and necessary other officers will hereafter be appointed)

The session will begin on the 15th of September, 1883, and extend to the 15th of June, 1884.

The following are the courses of instruction as at present established.

1st A course of general education, extending over four years, and leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

2nd A modified course of education with literary learning, of the same duration and leading to the degree of Bachelor of Letters.

3rd A modified course of education with scientific learning, of the same duration and leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

4th Five special courses of advanced education in the main departments of human study each course based upon the previous attainment of the degree of Bachelor of Arts, demanding usually about two years of special study and leading to the degree of Master of Arts respectively in,

1st Mathematical Studies

2nd Classical Studies.

3rd Modern Languages and Belle Letters.

4th Metaphysical and Political Science

5th Sciences of observation and Political Science

5th Purely special courses of instruction in individual academic schools, with demand for the time varying in accordance with the nature of each subject, and leading to the title of school graduate in these several subjects.

School
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6th A course of professional education in Law, extending over two years, and leading to the degree of Bachelor of Law.

7th Medical Department located at Galveston not yet organized.

No merely honorary degrees will be conferred by the University of Texas.

Applicants for admission should be of good moral character, not less than sixteen years of age in the case of young men, or seventeen years in the case of young women, and capable of standing creditably the following,

Examinations for entrance -

1st Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, entering at the Commencement of the course;

In classics Latin Grammar, elementary exercises in translation from English into Latin, any two books of Caesar's Commentaries, any three Orations of Cicero, and the first two books of Virgil's Aeneid. Greek Grammar Elementary exercises in translation from English into Greek, any two books of Xenophon's Anabasis and any two books of Xenophon's Memorabilia. A knowledge of accent is desirable, and will in future be required.

In Mathematics, Arithmetic, including Proportion, Decimals, Interest, Annuity, Denominate Numbers and the Metric System; Algebra including Theory of Exponents, Simple and Quadratic Equations; and the Elements of Plane Geometry.

In English, English Grammar, as tested by a practical exercise in composition including elementary analysis, due attention being given to correct spelling, punctuation, etc; elementary History of the United States; and Political Geography.

2nd Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Letters and Bachelor of Science.

All of the above requirements, except that in the case of the degree of Bachelor of Science then may be substituted for elementary Latin and Greek as above specified, a corresponding elementary knowledge of French and German.

3rd Applicants for specially selected courses of

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instruction in individual academic schools, will be required to satisfy the professors, under whom they propose to study, of their adequate preparation for what they desire.

4^o Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Law — A fair English education, embracing a reasonable familiarity with the histories of the United States and of England, will alone be required. Although a classical or collegiate education is not exacted, it is recommended as highly desirable.

In examining the question of admission due consideration will be given to the fact of graduation or previous study in other chartered Universities or Colleges.

The general method of instruction will be highly by lectures, aided by text-books with frequent class-room examinations.

Detailed statements of the courses in the several schools, with the text-books to be used, and the distribution of hours, will be published hereafter.

The Constitution of the State of Texas provides that no charges whatever shall be made for tuition but a matriculation fee is authorized and \$20⁰⁰ per term in the Law Department and \$10⁰⁰ per term in the Literary Department is by order of the Board of Regents imposed.

Text-books can be procured from the booksellers of Austin at moderate prices.

There are no detailed rules of discipline but full confidence is felt in the upright principles and honorable feeling of the young men and young women of Texas, for whose benefit the University has been founded. It is however the reserved right as it is the duty of the Faculty to exclude from this benefit any students who either by misconduct or by persistent neglect of their studies prove that they are doing harm to themselves or others. Offences against state or municipal law, will be omitted altogether to the civil authorities to be dealt with.

It should be understood that a University is

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for students capable of self control, and not requiring constant restraint by parents or teachers. It is most unwise to send to such an institution those who are too young to be safely trusted to their own government in morals and habits, although they may be aided by judicious advice from their teachers and good influence from home, they incur grave risk of injury if sent out into the world before they are themselves prepared to resist such influence for evil as is of necessity every where to be met in some degree.

There are no dormitory rooms connected with the University, and all students, young men and young women, must arrange for boarding in private families in the city of Austin. In each case the special sanction of the Faculty must be obtained before any such individual arrangement can be permitted. Parents and guardians are warned against serious dangers connected with extravagance in the supply of money to students, and are strongly advised to deposit the funds of their children and wards, either in the hands of a discreet friend, or with the Provost of the University.

Regent Smith further reported that Dr. Mallet deemed the sum of \$10,000 heretofore appropriated to the purpose of furnishing apparatus to the Chemical and Physical Schools of his department as entirely insufficient and asked \$6,000 more for immediate use. Prof Mallet also considered it proper that inasmuch as a large proportion of his time would be from this time on devoted to the business of selecting and purchasing apparatus for the uses of the University he should be compensated at the rate of his regular ^{annual} salary from May 15, 1883 to Sept 15, 1883.

Prof Mallet was the choice of the Literary Faculty assembled at Nashville for the chairmanship of the faculty — but as he was reluctant to accept, the matter of selecting a chairman

was by the faculty for the time postponed.

The above report especially the request of Prof Mallet asking for an appropriation of more money to equip his schools giving rise to inquiry and solicitude as to the ability of the Board to meet his demands. It was resolved that in respect of the State Comptroller an exact report of our present financial status and Dr Regent Wootton was asked to procure the same from the Comptroller, by the afternoon sitting of this Board.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to 3 P.M. of this day.

Approved: *Asahel Smith* Secretary *A.P. Woolbridge*

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Regents held at 3 P.M. of June 4, 1883 pursuant to adjournment.

Present same Regents as in the morning with the addition of Regent James B. Clarke.

After considerable discussion it was resolved by the Board that an admission fee of \$10. per session be charged against students of the literary schools of the University and \$20. per session be charged against students of the Law Department and that the prospectus as prepared by the faculty at Nashville be amended in this respect accordingly.

The following motion was made seconded and carried, That the course of studies in each department as prescribed in the curriculum furnished by the professor in charge shall be published along with and in the same Pamphlet with the prospectus of the University provided for at this meeting. And resolved further that Regents Smith and Clarke and the Secretary A.P. Woolbridge be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine said curriculum and select from them such portions thereof as relate to the course of studies to be pursued and have the same published in said Pamphlet. And the

Secretary is instructed to communicate as early as practicable with such of the Professors as have not yet furnished to the Board their suggestions as to the course of study in their respective departments and request them to furnish such outlines and course of study and text books as early as possible, so that the same may be published in said Pamphlet.

It was moved seconded and carried that \$6,000 additional to the sums heretofore set apart for that purpose, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the purchase of apparatus and equipment of the departments of Physics and Chemistry in the University of Texas.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the sum of \$1,333's shall be paid to Prof J. W. Mallet as a specific compensation for services heretofore rendered and hereafter to be rendered to and expenses incurred for and on account of the University of Texas during the months of June, July and August 1883 in the matter of selecting ordering and purchasing apparatus for the departments of Chemistry and Physics in the University.

The following motion was passed. Resolved that the Board of Regents will proceed to the erection of a chemical Laboratory at the earliest practicable moment.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. of Tuesday 5th June.

Approved: *Asahel Smith* Secretary *A.P. Woolbridge*

Austin June 5th 10 a.m. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present same as yesterday afternoon and present also Dr A. L. Dabney and Judges Roberts and Gould.

Prof Dabney read an outline of the course of study and text books to be used in the school of Moral Philosophy and as a supplement to his scheme of study recommended the purchase by the Board of such essential books as his department as students would most promptly and immediately need.

The course of Law and text books

to be used in this department was read and approved by the Board and 3000 copies thereof were ordered printed for the immediate use of the professors in this school.

The morning of this day was principally devoted to hearing read the Preliminary announcement for the University organization - the course of study authorized outlined by Prof Sabney for his school and the scheme of study in the Law department in the University.

Board adjourned to meet at 3:30 P. M. of this day.

A. P. Woodruff

Minutes of an adjourned meeting held at 3:30 P. M. of this June 5, 1883. Present same as before.

Commissioner Walsh was present in the Board by invitation and stated substantially the same reasons why the 1,000,000 acres of land recently granted as had not been designated - that had been given by Regent Woodson in his report upon the subject. The Commissioner in response to an offer by the Board to pay a clerk to do the work of designating these lands under his supervision, declined the offer - saying no other clerical aid than that of an expert draftsman would avail in this matter and this he had already arranged to procure.

The Commissioner also informed that no part of the 1,000,000 acres recently granted as would probably be located in the Panhandle of Texas, but they would mostly lie in the Counties of Tom Green, Tarrant, Crockett and Presidio.

It was adopted by resolution that the sittings of this Board in future be from 9:30 to 1 P. M. and from 4 P. M. to 6:30 P. M.

The following resolution was upon motion duly adopted.

Whereas, The University of Texas will be opened at Austin on the 15th of September 1883 and there is a good prospect for a large attendance of students at such opening; and

Whereas, The successful inauguration of the institution will be dependent in a great measure on the facilities afforded to students for comfortable and cheap boarding and lodgings; and

Whereas, There is at present no adequate provision for the accommodation of such students in the neighborhood of the University, and such provision cannot be made without the active aid and assistance of the citizens of Austin, and immediate action in the premises being necessary; therefore be it Resolved by the Board of Regents that the following named citizens of Austin to wit, Ed. Christian, C. P. Miller, A. W. Merrill, George H. Sampson, J. J. Tobin, W. B. M. Smead, J. S. Sneed, Walter Sipeps, N. G. Skelley, Frank Hamilton, A. J. Peeler, J. N. Preston, Wm. Brueggerhoff, Eugene Bremont, J. P. Brackenridge, M. A. Saylor, S. Loomis, be and they are hereby appointed and respectfully requested to act as a Committee to set on foot and perfect, by private enterprise and exertion, adequate and timely arrangements, as in their judgement may be necessary for affording to the students, who may attend the University, convenient, comfortable, and cheap boarding and lodging.

Board adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. of June 6 1883.

A. P. Woodruff Secretary

Approved: Robert Smith Pres. Bd. Regents June 6, 1883 Univ. of Texas

Board met pursuant to adjournment, present same as yesterday, except Regent Hadron.

The following resolution of Regent Garnett was unanimously adopted. That 5000 copies of the prospectus of the University as a good upon at Nashville and as amended at this meeting be published in pamphlet form, as early as practicable and that the same be distributed by the Secretary throughout the State, and to such persons as may apply for the same.

And it is further resolved that a short advertisement of the opening of the University on Sept 15, 1883 be published in the Galveston News and Austin Statesman from this time until August 1, 1883. The advertisement will be published in the Daily Galveston News in three successive issues, and after that in the weekly News until August 1, 1883 and said advertisement will be published in the weekly

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Austin Statesman from now until August 1, 1883

— Notice to be as follows —

The University of Texas will be opened for the admission of Students, at Austin, Texas, on September 15th 1883. The session will begin on that date and end on the 15th of June 1884.

For full information as to the curriculum and other particulars concerning the institution persons interested are referred to A. P. Woolbridge Esq. Secretary of the Board of Regents at Austin who will on application furnish prospectus and all information that may be desired.

The Faculty of the University is as follows.

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It was moved seconded and carried that the engagements of the professors composing the faculty of the University of Texas shall be for and during the satisfactory performance of their duties.

Considerable complaint having been made owing to the progress of Col Cook, the Contractor of the University Building, the following official communication was upon resolution ordered to be addressed to him and the sureties on his Bond

To A. H. Cook Esq

his Sureties

E. Christian Esq

S. Loomis

Under the Contract between the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, and Mr A. H. Cook for the erection and completion of the West Wing of the University Building at Austin, said West Wing is required to be completed and delivered to the Board of Regents on or before June 1, 1883 and under the contract said Cook is bound and obliged to pay to said Board the sum of 50¢ for each and every day after June 1, 1883 that said Building remains uncompleted. There is now due to the Board of Regents by Mr Cook and his sureties for his compliance with this contract the sum

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of \$150. The same being 50¢ per day for the 2^d & 3rd and 4th days of June - and payment of said sum is hereby demanded of you.

We further notify you that a rigid compliance with said contract will be exacted by the Board and for each and every day from this time forward that said building remains uncompleted and incomplete you will be required to pay 50¢ in accordance with the contract.

The Secretary was directed by resolution to furnish the professors elect with sketches of the University Building, showing location sizes of rooms &c and to ask of them suggestions as to the proper sort of furniture for the equipment of the rooms which needed furniture of a durable but not costly kind. The Executive Committee was directed to procure the matter being principally referred to Regent Hooden. The Secy was intended to connect with the State University - as well as other State Buildings not reaching the building under the contract heretofore made with the builders thereof by about \$100 full - the Executive Committee was by resolution empowered to contract for the proper extension thereof.

The Secretary was by resolution directed to communicate with the professors elect and procure from each a list of such most valuable books as are most required in their several departments and to purchase the same at their request for the use and as a part of the Library of the University of Texas.

The President of the Board of Regents was by resolution empowered and directed to advertise in form and manner as he deemed best for the leasing of the 1,000,000 acres of land heretofore granted to the University of Texas under the Constitution of 1876 and the acts made in pursuance thereof.

Upon motion the Board adjourned to meet at 12 M of August 8, 1883

Approved
A. P. Woolbridge
Secy: Board Regents Univ Texas

Secretary

Office of Comptroller
Austin Nov 14th 1887

Gov O. M. Roberts
Austin Texas.

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 7th inst: the following relating to the University Fund is furnished, accompanied by transcripts in detail of the University fund account and the University Land sales account.

For the quarter ending Feby 28. 1860 there appears to have been in the Treasury to the credit of the University the sum of \$130,684.26

This had been derived from the following sources:-

- 1. From Principal on U.S. Bonds donated by the State to University Fund \$100,000.00
 - 2^d. Accrued interest on said bonds 9,422.76
 - 3^d. Proceeds of sales of University Lands 21,261.50
- Total \$130,684.26

The books of the Comptroller's office show that the State University fund has been disposed of as follows:- By authority of an act approved January 31st 1860 there was transferred from the University fund to State Revenue account as follows:-

- In 5% United States Bonds \$100,000.00
 - " interest on same 9,472.26
- Total \$109,472.26

This transfer was made on the books of the Comptroller on February 29th 1860.

By authority of an act approved January 29th and February 8. 1861 there was an additional transfer from the University fund - viz:

- Act of Jan 29. 1861 9,768.62
 - " " Feb 8. 1861 25,000.00
- Total \$34,768.62

This transfer was made Feby 28. 1861.

On January 9th 1862 another act was approved by which an additional transfer was made to the General Fund amounting to \$1520.⁴⁰ making total transfer from the University fund to State Revenue account as follows:-

Under act of Jan'y 31. 1860 -	\$ 109,472.26
" " " " 29. 1861 -	9,768.62
" " " " Feby 8. 1861 -	25,000.00
" " " " Jan'y 9. 1862 -	1,520.40
Total Transfers	\$ 145,761.28

The last transfer - viz - under act of Jan'y 9. 1862 consumed the entire University fund except

Specie	59 ⁴
Confidants notes	\$ 3,952.74
Warrants	4,638.97
10 Interest warrants	12,055.80

Subsequent to that date and up to June 1865 there were further receipts to the University fund in warrants \$10,300.41 and in interest bearing warrants \$12,230.39.

It appears that by an oversight the 59⁴ in specie was dropped from the account. On June 8th 1865 the warrants (\$10,300.41) were canceled and a certificate of indebtedness issued to the University fund by W. L. Roberts the Comptroller. The books of this Department show that on the 31st day of July 1867 under the 3^d section of an ordinance of the Convention the above interest bearing warrants (\$12,230.³⁹) were dropped from the books.

These warrants were paid into the University Fund 1859 to 1863 inclusive - received for sale of lands.

There was thus left to the credit of the University Fund only \$10,300.⁴¹ represented by the Comptroller's certificate of indebtedness.

This amount is still to the credit of that account as will be seen by reference to reports from this Office.

The several acts referred to appropriating the University fund to general purposes provided that the amount appropriated should be returned to that account.

The books of this Department show that on August 1. 1867 under act approved Nov. 12. 1866. there was issued and placed to the credit of the University Fund in 5% State Bonds \$134,472.²⁶.

The records show no further reimbursement of that fund and the only amount appearing on the books of this Department to the credit of the University fund is \$134,472.26.

An examination of the records disclose no reason why the remainder of the amount borrowed from the University fund was not also returned.

There has been received for University Land sales account from April 1874, the date of the act under which collections are made, to Sept 30. 1881 as follows:

Principal on Land notes	\$ 255,905.00
Interest on Land notes	110,745.87
Interest on bonds to credit of that fund	70,719.90

The above funds were invested as they accrued in State Bonds.

The University accounts had to their credit Sept 1881 as follows:-

University Fund account.	
5% State Bonds	\$ 134,472.26
University Land Sales Account.	
5% State Bonds	\$ 77,400.00
6% " "	195,500.00
7% " "	114,000.00
Comptroller's Certificate of indebtedness	10,300.41
Cash	205.69

The Bonds to the credit of University Fund account are 12 year bonds from January 1st 1867, matured January 1st 1879.

The University Land Sales account as at present carried on the books of this Office does not separate the Permanent and available University funds as now distinguished under the Constitution of 1876 and the laws in force.

According to my construction of the Constitution of 1876 all monies, bonds, or other funds to the credit of what was known as the University fund were by the terms of the Constitution

dedicated as a permanent University fund, and all proceeds of sales of University lands, were dedicated as permanent fund.

The lands were to be sold under such regulations as might be directed by the Legislature.

That body authorized the payments of the principal debt to be made in installments, with annual interest.

The "proceeds" of the sales under the system now existing under present legislation include principal of notes taken for University lands and interest thereon.

This principal and interest on the notes taken as purchase money for lands should be in my opinion all set aside and transferred to the Permanent University Fund account.

This principal and interest has been from time to time invested in State Bonds.

Under the Constitution the interest on these bonds constitutes the Available University Fund and is always subject to appropriation and disbursement.

As stated the University Land Sales account as shown on the records of this Department has not separated the Permanent and Available funds arising from the same.

Transfer will be made and the account separated. This separation will show on Sept 1st 1881 as belonging to the Available University fund arising from interest on bonds Total credits to the amount of \$70,219.70

This sum represents interest that accrued on bonds purchased with the "proceeds" of sales of University lands and accrued interest on the Bonds.

As stated heretofore this amount was not retained in the Treasury as Cash to the credit of Available University fund, but as it accrued from time to time it was invested in State Bonds and the general amount of bonds now held to the credit of the University Land Sales account represents both Permanent and available Funds. An investigation of the various investments of this interest determines the proper proportion

of each of the classes of Bonds bearing 6 and 7 per cent interest to be designated as belonging to the available fund.

While the Transfers have not been actually made the following is a summary of the condition of the account covering the \$70,219.70 received as available fund to Sept 1, 1881 arising from interest on bonds which will show the status when the transfer is effected.

1. Available University Fund account will be credited with Total receipts from interest on bonds to Sept 1, 1881 - \$70,219.70

2. To account for this amount in the following items appear.

In Treasury to credit of Available	
fund 7 per cent Bonds	\$26,156.67
do 6 per cent bonds	8,308.37
Premium and cost of purchase of above bonds	4,277.51
Disbursements of Available University fund on appropriation	\$1,477.12
	<u>70,219.70</u>

This shows a balance to the credit of the Available fund in bonds that are in manuscript and consolidated with the Permanent fund the amount of \$34,416.54

The actual and prospective available fund from date to Jan 1, 1883 may be estimated to approximate as follows.

1. Sales of 7 per cent bonds.	
\$26,156.67 at 1.40	26,156.67
Principal	10,462.60
Premium	
2. Sale of 6 per cent bonds	
8,308.37 at 1.15	8,308.37
Principal	1,246.25
Premium	
3. Interest on all Bonds to January 1, 1882	11,190.00
4. Interest on Permanent fund bonds to July 1, 1882	10,066.80
5. Interest on Permanent fund Bonds to Jan 1 1883	10,066.80

January 1. 1883 Total available \$ 77,497.49
Against available fund then remain
out standing unpaid appropriations for
several extraordinary accounts payable from
the University fund to Feby 28. 1883 the
sum of \$ 30,472.³⁸

When these appropriations are satisfied then
will be from this date to Jan 1. 1883 for requi-
sition of the Board of Regents of the State
University the sum of \$ 47,025.¹¹

It is deemed proper to add that the ap-
propriation of \$ 150,000⁰⁰ made by the last
Legislature for the support of the University
has not been considered in summing disburse-
ments actual or prospective. Of course this
appropriation as an entirety has full stand-
ing to draw at any time any available fund
that may be in the Treasury.

No provision, as stated has been made for
redemption of the principal or interest of
the \$ 134,472.²⁶ bonds issued in 1866 and
which matured in January 1879.

By the Constitution of 1876 the principal of
these bonds and any interest due on them
on April 17. 1876 became Permanent Univer-
sity fund.

From April 17. 1879 to January 1879. the
date when the bonds matured it seems we
may consider that the interest due on these
bonds is available University fund.

The interest on the bonds from this date to
the date when the bonds matured Jan 1879,
amounts to \$ 18,209.²²

Should the Legislature make appropriation
of this interest the total amount that will
be subject to requisition by the Honorable
Board of Regents of the State University will be

1. By Sale of Bonds, interest premium or as shown heretofore	\$ 47,025.11
2. Contingent interest as above stated	18,209. ²²
Total	<u>65,234.88</u>

There will be an annual increase to available
fund of not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars
from the continuing sale of lands.

The extraordinary items assumed generally as to
the large amount of the available University
fund have arisen from several errors in
accounts considered as belonging to this fund.

1. The interest taken on notes taken as pur-
chase money for university lands has been con-
sidered as available fund.

This amounts to date to \$ 110,745.⁸²

2. The entire interest on the \$ 134,472.²⁶
Bonds from 1866 to 1879 has been considered
as a certain factor.

This amounts to \$ 80,683.³⁵

Total 191,429.¹⁷

As heretofore stated in this communication
the interest on the notes by the terms of the con-
stitution must be placed to the credit of the
Permanent University fund; and further if
the Legislature makes appropriation for interest
on the \$ 134,472.²⁶ from date of issue to
maturity the entire interest due to April 17. 1876,
when the Constitution went into effect amounting
to \$ 62,473.⁵⁸ must be placed to the credit
of the Permanent University fund.

In my opinion the \$ 191,429.¹⁷ actual and
contingent funds heretofore considered in es-
timates as belonging to the available University
funds belong without doubt to the Permanent
fund and will be treated as such in the records
of this department, except \$ 18,209.²² interest
on the \$ 134,472.²⁶ bonds that accrued after
April 17th 1876.

Respectfully
Wm. Brown
Comptroller.

August 10, 1883

Meeting No. 9.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Regents held in the city of Austin Aug 10-1883 pursuant to adjournment
Present Regents - Ashbel Smith - P. D. Wooten - B. Hadna and Geo. Rodd and the same (Regent Garnett resigned) were declared to be a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Committee upon preliminary announcement and the prospectus of courses of study of the University reported through Mr. A. P. Woodruff a member thereof that 10,000 copies of the same had been printed and 5,000 distributed as effectually as possible over the state of Texas.

The report of the committee was received and the committee was continued.

The committee upon advertising the lands of the University reported through the Secretary of the Board that advertisement was made offering these lands to the public for lease at fair terms but the responses thereto were few and unsatisfactory.

The committee was upon motion continued with instructions to advertise said lands for lease in the Stock Journal an influential paper published at Ft. Worth Texas & devoted to the cattle and sheep interests of Texas.

The committee upon providing boarding facilities for the students expected to attend the University reported through Mr. C. G. Sneed a citizen of Austin Texas that no person or persons in this city had exhibited an inclination to build mess halls or dormitories for the accommodation of students and that such cheap conveniences would not likely be provided for the students at present.

He reported that board could be readily provided for a large number of

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students at an average of \$20 per month and that this amount would likely become the ruling rate for board.

For the present the report of the committee was received & the committee discharged.

The committee on selection of furniture for the University Building reported through Regent P. D. Wooten the chairman thereof that he had examined a number of catalogues of furniture and samples of furniture but had not to date selected any design or class of furniture and asked further time which was upon motion granted.

The committee appointed to see to the connection of the University Building with City sewer reported through Regent P. D. Wooten that the proper connection had been made whereupon committee was on motion discharged.

It was moved by Regent Rodd and motion upon second duly carried that the contract for building the West Wing of the University and the sureties on his bond be directed to push said building to completion with the utmost diligence & dispatch.

It was moved seconded and carried that the office of Proctor of the University be now established and that the duties of his office be by resolution defined.

It was moved seconded and carried that for the present year the duties of Secretary to the faculty and librarian of the University be consolidated with those of the proctor upon one man.

Moved seconded and carried that Regent Rodd draft a resolution defining & establishing the powers & duties of proctor of the University and report the same to this Board at its afternoon session.

Adopted that the secretary of the Board communicate officially with the Council of the State and the Commis-

soner of statistics and History (who as
custodian of the Building have the disposal
their of) ask the use of such apartments
as could be spared in the Temporary
Capital for the accommodation of professors
and students until the University building
was ready for occupancy.

Moved by Regent Rada to strike out
last p 14 and the last three lines p 15 of
the University prospectus which reads as
follows "No enter the lower University
classes a thorough knowledge of elementary
grammar including irregular verbs and
easy reading in French and German
is requisite for the reason that the same is
inconsistent with the general provisions of
the preliminary announcement. An motion
adjourned to 3 P.M. Afternoon session present
same as in the morning."

Regent Radd as a special committee of
one appointed to draft a resolution setting
forth the powers and duties of the proctor
reported the following which was upon motion
adopted.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of
the Proctor to receive and collect all
matriculation and other fees and monies
due from or deposited by students for
account of the University of Texas; to
keep a list of the boarding houses and
the prices of the same and to assign
on their application both male and female
to said houses in such way as shall most
conduce to their interest and convenience.

To keep an accurate account of all
receipts and disbursements made by him for
account of the University of Texas.

He shall have custody and supervision
of the Buildings grounds and locate property
of the University and shall report any
or damage thereto to the Faculty.

He shall perform the duties assigned to
the Steward by Bylaw No. 11. of the Bylaws.

Reserve fees
+

Keep an
account

Custody of
buildings
+

adopted for the University of Texas.
He shall keep his office in the office of
the Board of Regents in the City, until
otherwise ordered.

He shall be "ex officio" Secretary of the
Faculty and Librarian of the University
and shall perform such other duties
as may be required by the Board of
Regents or the Faculty of the University.

He shall be of good moral character
and social standing and shall give a
bond in the sum of \$10,000 to be approved
by the President of the Board of Regents
and Chairman of the Faculty, conditioned
for the faithful performance of his duties.
He shall receive for his services \$1800
per annum.

On motion resolved to go into the election
of a proctor. Prof Smith Ragsdale
& Col A. J. Don, well put in nomination.
with following result: Ragsdale received 3
votes, Don 1 whereupon Prof Ragsdale was
declared the choice of the Board for the
office of proctor, and requested to
enter upon the performance of his
duties at the earliest practicable date.

Minutes of meeting of August 11 - present
same as before.

At this meeting Capt Ed. Christian
principal surety on Contractor Cook's bond.
was present, and stated to the Board that he
had taken control of the University Building
and was pushing same to completion with all
possible dispatch, and that he believed he could
have ready for occupancy the East three rooms
on second floor of the building by Sept 15, 1883.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Secretary
for the Board communicate with Capt M. C. Walsh
Comm. Genl. Land office and ask information
as to the progress making in the designation
of the 7,000,000 acres granted the University in
the Legislature of Texas at the last session.
In response thereto the following communication

minutes
design
ation
1,000,000
2,000,000

August 10, 1883

was received,

General Land Office,

Austin Aug 11 1883

Hon Ashbel Smith }
President Bd Regents }

Dear Sir

Replying to your note of this date I will inform you that for the past six weeks I have had an extra draftsman employed tracing and platting the lands on the maps and giving him all the assistance I could from my regular force.

From present indications I think it will be sixty days before the work is completed. I will hurry it, all that is possible consistent with accuracy.

I have the honor to be
yrs. Respect

W. C. Walsh
Comm.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried Regent Wooten was empowered & directed to employ a competent man to superintend the classification of the 1,000,000 acres University lands granted the University of Texas by the Const. of 1876 and the acts of the Legislature in pursuance thereof.

Upon motion Regent Ashbel Smith was appointed a committee of one to prepare and have distributed a circular announcing the selection of a proctor to the University and the certainty of the opening of the Institution on the 15 of September next.

On motion Board adjourned to Sept 11 1883

Approved
Ashbel Smith
Pres. Bd. Regents
Univ. Texas

A. P. Woldridge
Secretary

copy of
map of
1,000,000
acres.

Classification
of
lands.

Circular
about
my
meeting
Sep. 15.

Austin Texas Sept 14 1883

On this day pursuant to adjournment Ashbel Smith - Seth Shepard, Geo. Ross & A. D. Wooten Regents of the University, were present and ordered the following things to be done:

Upon suggestion of Regent Ross the secretary of the University was directed to call officially upon his Excellency John Ireland, Governor of the State of Texas, and to inform that the Regents of the University would be in formal session on the next day, and to state for the Board that it would be much gratified to receive any communication he might see fit to address to the Board, and that the Board would be pleased if his convenience allowed, to have him personally visit the Board and say before it, any measure deemed the public interest required should be considered by the Board.

The Secretary was further directed to invite the Governor to be present at the formal opening of the University on the 15th inst (to morrow) and address the public on this occasion.

The Secretary was further instructed to invite the Heads of the executive Departments of the State Government, to attend at the opening of the State University on the 15th inst.

Saturday September 15th 1883

At 10 o'clock A.M. of this day the Regents of the University of Texas the Governor and Heads of the departments and the faculty of the University repaired to the University, on the University still and while the West wing remain still uncompleted the North East room on the second floor, was adapted for the reception of an audience and the day being procelian, a large number of our best citizens were present, whereupon Regent Ashbel Smith President of the Board of Regents delivered the opening announcements and made an address generally congratulating the people of the state the faculty & students upon the auspicious opening of the University.

To this address J. M. Mallett chairman of the faculty responded and after him

copy by
Ashbel
Smith

copy by
Mallett

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the Governor of the state of Texas John Ireland spoke.

Upon the conclusion of Gov. Ireland's speech Mr Dudley G. Wooten an atty. of the Austin Bar in behalf of the donor Mrs Elizabeth Key (Montgomery) of Waller County Texas, and grand daughter of Marshal Key of the Army of Napoleon presented in an eloquent address to the University of Texas a bust of Ex. Gov. O. M. Roberts of the law faculty of the University.

The bust was by competent judges pronounced a work of real art.

Regent Seth Shepard for the University received the generous gift of Madam Key and Gov Roberts acknowledged the compliment paid him in a few befitting remarks.

The following letter has since been received by Madam Key as expressive of her motives in making the above donation.

Quinda September 14 - 1883
Wempsted Texas

To the
President of the Board of Regents of the University
Cal Ashbel Smith.

Sir - Permit me to submit to you a work of art which to execute I have been prompted by the impartial high esteem with which the original of the bust inspired me.

In asking of you the great favor to present at the opening day this bust to the Texas University as a gift from the artist.

I must confess to be stimulated to this by the thoughts that the image might not be thought unwelcome of a man whose great impulse and endeavor of life has been the desire of raising the youths of this state to a high standard of education and life.

The image of a man whose chief energy of the latter years has been given with all sincerity to the grand aim which with the 15th of Sept we may regard as entering upon fulfillment

To me it will be greatest reward if

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the bust will be granted a place in the halls which for the future shall be open to the striving youths of this State in the hopes that many of them may leave inspired with as pure an aim for life as the man whose bust I have the honor to present.

In expressing these my feelings to the assembly of whom you are the President you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly
Elizabeth Key.

Oct 3.30 P.M. of this day the Regents met to resume attention to business. Present Regents Ashbel Smith Geo Todd A. D. Wooten and Seth Shepard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and upon motion adopted.

Regent Wooten reported as a special committee of one to act for the Board in conjunction with the State Land Board in the matter of classifying the University lands he had conferred with said

Board, that said Board had engaged the services of Mr Dennis Gorman a surveyor of large experience and superior skill and reliability to visit in person the University lands to classify them as arable, pasture, mineral lands and prairie, unwatered lands and that immediately upon his report to the Land Board it would act thereon as occasion and duty required and promptly offer our lands for lease.

Regent Wooten reported further that Mr Gorman owing to sickness had not yet left for the frontier in the interest of this work but that he would leave immediately upon his recovery. Regent Wooten further reported that Mr Gorman would in a large measure represent in the selection and the classification of the 1,000,000 acres granted to the University by the Legislature at its last session.

The report of the committee was received and the Committee continued and the thanks of the Regents returned to the Land Board for its courtesy and cooperation in the

Matter of selecting & classifying our lands.

Sp. Comm. of the University

The committee appointed to prepare and distribute a supplemental circular setting for the selection of a Proctor for the University and announce the prompt opening of the University of Texas reported that it had prepared and distributed a large number of those circulars in their judgement with good effect. Report of committee received committee discharged.

Chairman of the Board of Regents

Dr J. M. Maclellan Chairman of the faculty was present in regular attendance upon the Board of Regents.

Schedule of the year

Upon motion it was resolved that the scholastic session of the University of Texas open each year upon the 3rd Wednesday of Sept. and close upon the 3rd Wednesday of June of the year next succeeding the 1st.

Annual Meeting of the Faculty

Upon motion resolved that the Regents of the University of Texas meet each year on the Saturday preceding the 3rd Wednesday of June & that this meeting be the annual meeting of the Board.

Annual Meeting of the Faculty to the Regents

Upon motion resolved that the faculty of the University each year make an annual report to the Board of Regents.

Faculty powers

Resolved that in intervals between the meeting of the Board of Regents the faculty of the University of Texas shall have authority to make such by-laws rules & regulations for the government of the Institution as to them may seem necessary, which by-laws rules & regulations not to conflict with the general laws of the State of Texas nor with the regulation of the Board & such rules & regulations as may be so adopted by the Faculty shall be reported to the Regents at their annual meeting for action thereon.

Chairman of Faculty

Resolved that the Chairman of Faculty of the University of Texas as representing the faculty itself is given general executive control of the University of Texas that all other officers report to him.

through him to the Board of Regents.

Moved seconded carried that a resolution which reads as follows be referred to the faculty of the University for its further consideration thereof.

Resolved that the Board of Regents will not receive consider or act upon any private suggestions, propositions representations from any individual members of the Faculty or from other officers of the University, but that all suggestions representations &c shall come through the official channels of the faculty as a whole & be communicated by its chairman.

Resolved that it is the settled policy of the Board of Regents that it will not take action upon any suggestions, propositions &c from outside the University without giving to the faculty an opportunity of respectfully expressing their opinion thereon.

The following resolution relative to expenditures of money for gas fuel & contingent expenses was introduced by Regent Shepard upon motion seconded was passed.

Resolved The funds that have been or may be appropriated by this Board for the purchase of Stoves Fuel for providing gas &c & for contingent expenses at the University shall be expended by the Proctor upon the requisition of the Faculty through its Chairman & a careful account thereof with all necessary vouchers shall be kept by the Proctor who shall make a full report of his action to each meeting of the Board & at such other times as he may be called on by the executive committee and the President of this Board.

Regent Todd was upon motion appointed a committee of one to examine

into report to this Board as to the best mode of investing the present uninvested funds belonging to the University.

Upon motion Board adjourns to meet at 8 PM of this day

At 8 PM Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present same as in the morning. Regent Tadd reads the following report concerning the investment of the University funds belonging to the University of Texas.

To the President & Board of Regents, Gents. Having been requested to report upon the expediency of investing the cash permanent University fund in U.S. Bonds at a premium & thereby nominally diminishing the principal. I beg to report that under the plain import of art 12 the fund can be so invested whether at a premium or discount & can only be so invested with the single addition of State Bonds therefore I suggest the adoption of the following resolution

Whereas the report of the Honorable Comptroller of date 15th Sept 1883 shows \$166,872.50 cash in the Treasury belonging to the permanent University fund at this date & whereas it is not practicable to invest the said funds in State Bonds therefore Resolved that the Board respectfully request the Board of Education through its head, the Governor of Texas, to invest said funds at the earliest time possible in U.S. Bonds upon such terms as shall be in their opinion the most advantageous to the University

(request)

Tadd,

Regent

upon motion carried

The executive committee of the University was directed to devise such necessary proper & simple system of University accounts with provision for annually auditing the same, as are requisite for exhibiting at all times the correct financial condition of the University funds.

Resolved that the matter of designating holidays & allowing vacations to the Students of the University be referred to the faculty for determination.

Resolved that any Professor desiring leave of absence from the University for a longer period than 10 days shall procure such leave from the Board of Regents or the executive committee.

Resolved that the sum of \$2500.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary be & the same is hereby appropriated for the compensation of the Assistants in the University of Texas to be paid at the rate of \$750.00 each per scholastic Session.

Resolved that the sum of \$500.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary be & is hereby appropriated for the purchase of furniture for the equipment of the Rooms in the University of Texas.

Resolved that the sum of \$2500.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary be & the same is hereby appropriated to the purchase of Stoves & the supplying of fuel & gas for the use of the University at Texas for the Scholastic year 1883-84.

Resolved that the sum of \$1500.00 is appropriated in the year 1883-84 to the improvement of the grounds of the University of Texas & resolved further as follows. That the proctor be & is hereby authorized to maintain

improvement
of
same

a plan for the improvement of the University Grounds. We shall first designate the location of the several buildings to be erected thereon & shall for the first year pay special attention to the planting of trees.

We shall consult with the faculty & executive committee before final adoption of a plan or system & shall not incur any expenditures therein without the approval of the executive committee.

We may consult with an expert in such matters but in no case shall we make contracts or incur expenditures beyond the sum appropriated for that purpose.

Resolved that the sum of \$750⁰⁰ or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated to pay the General Expenses of the Board of Regents for the Scholastic year 1883-1884

Resolved that the sum of \$600⁰⁰ per year be & the same is hereby appropriated for the salary of a Janitor for the University building & \$300⁰⁰ for the pay of a porter for the building & grounds

Resolved that the sum of \$600⁰⁰ per year appropriated to the Chairman of the faculty of the University as compensation for his services as such

Resolved that the sum of \$1500⁰⁰ be appropriated to the purpose of defraying the contingent expenses of the University for the year 1883-84 to be disbursed by the proctor upon the requisition of the Chairman of the faculty

3750 for
expenses of
the Board

3600 for
Janitor &
porter

3600 for
Chairman of
Faculty

1500 for
Contingent
Expenses

Resolved that the sum of \$1000 be appropriated for the year of 1883, 1884 to the purchase of Books for the General Library of the University of Texas

Resolved that the sum of \$1500 be appropriated to the special equipments of the schools of History, Literature, Mental & Moral science, Mathematics, Latin & Greek, Modern Languages & the department of Law in the University of Texas

Resolved that the sum of \$2000 or so much thereof as may be necessary be & the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of packing and fixing freight and insurance upon the apparatus purchased for the department of Physics & Chemistry in the University of Texas

Resolved that \$1500 or so much thereof as may be required be and same is hereby appropriated to the purpose of pending suitable accommodations

Resolved that the sum of \$900 or so much thereof as may be required be and same is hereby appropriated to the purchase of procuring suitable engraved plates for printing the diplomas to be issued by the University of Texas. The design of said Diplomas to be selected by the Faculty of the University and the price of the work not to exceed the \$900 as afore said to be paid out of this appropriation by the proctor upon the requisition of the Chairman of the Faculty of the University

Resolved that the salaries of the professors at the University be paid in 3 equal installments. The 1st on Dec 15th of each year, the 2nd on Mar 15th of each year & the 3rd installment upon June 15th of each year.
Resolved that the Executive Committee

Salaries
Professors
Disburse

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of the University be they can hereby empowered to enquire into the practicability of heating the University Building by Steam & in connection therewith the Committee is also requested to consider the expediency of lighting the Building by means of Electricity & to take such steps in the premises hereof as to them may seem best & in the event they conclude to light the building by electricity or heat it by steam the unexpended parts of any of the appropriations for fuel lights & gas is set apart to the purpose of this resolution.

By resolution the President of the University was authorized to secure & have established a telephone connection between the University Building & the City & to pay the monthly rental for use of same.

Resolved that the sum of \$500.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be the same is hereby appropriated to pay for the purchase of proper cases for the storage & safe keeping of the apparatus of the Department of Physics in the University & the matter of having such cases selected ordered & sent up is hereby referred to the Professor in charge of this Department.

Resolved that the age of sixteen years be strictly enforced as the age for the admission of Students to the University save in cases where the Faculty shall from meritorious consideration recommend an exception to the rule & such recommendation shall have been first formally acted upon by the Board of Regents when in session.

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Resolved that Daniel Masters of Galveston Texas although under the age of 16 be admitted to the University. Resolved that non residents of the State of Texas who desire to enter the University as Students shall be permitted to do so upon payment in advance of a tuition fee of \$20 in addition to the usual matriculation fee.

Resolved that in the event two non resident students who have matriculated in the University this session decline to pay the additional tuition fee provided for in the proceedings resolution that the Proctor shall in that event refund to them the matriculation fee heretofore paid by them and that they be declared no longer students of the University of Texas.

Board adjourned to meet at 8 AM the day present same as above with the addition Regents Harwood & Clark who having heard the resolutions of the Board passed at this meeting read & expressly concurred in them.

The Faculty reported to the Board its desire to have further time granted for the consideration of the matter of communication coming from members of the Faculty to members of the Board other than in the usual way by its chairman the time asked was granted.

Resolved that any student who matriculated in the law department and paid the matriculation fee of \$20 therefor if he desires be permitted to enter any of the academic schools and attend the session thereof without extra charges and any student matriculating regularly in the academic schools may take the law department or any of the schools thereof by paying the balance of fee necessary after deducting the matriculation fee already paid in the library schools for attendance.

House for
purpose in
the name

Resolved that the sum of \$1000 be appropriated to the purpose of procuring fire insurance risks upon the University buildings and contents and that the details of procuring such insurances be left entirely with the executive Committee of the University

Salary of
Proctor

Upon motion of Regent Todd duly seconded it was resolved that the annual salary of the Proctor of the University shall be the sum of \$2000 and that in addition hereto the sum of \$300 be allowed to him as a commutation for House Rent

Thanks to
Woodbridge
Salary of
Secy of
Board

Resolved that the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to the Hon. H. P. Woodbridge our Secy for his great services heretofore rendered without fee or charge and that hereafter the compensation of Secy of the Board shall be the sum of \$300 per annum

Whereas only \$24178⁰⁰ of the \$59000 appropriated to complete the west wing of the University Building now remains in the State Treasury and the supervising Architect estimates that \$28500⁰⁰ will be required to complete said wing

Proctor's
Salary

Therefore it is ordered by the Board that of the work done and material supplied in the construction of said west wing only 4/5 of the estimates shall be paid with the view of preventing any deficit of funds should it become necessary for the contract to build said west wing of the University with contractor Cook to be canceled and a new contract with other parties to be entered into

Chemical
Laboratory
design by
Rufini

Architect Rufini was present and submitted several designs for the contemplated laboratory building to be constructed as an adjunct to the University work said building being deemed necessary in the interest of more efficient & high scientific work and after considerable debate & examination of plans and consideration of

figures it was deemed that the design submitted by architect Rufini and marked No 2 was the preferable one whereupon Regent Starwood moved and motion was carried that the sum of \$25000⁰⁰ be appropriated out of the available University funds to the purpose of erecting a Chemical Laboratory Building for use by the University of Texas

provided that upon more careful examination into the expense of building it should be satisfactory ascertained that the main building & the two wings as observed in design No 2 could be erected for that price

The minutes of a meeting of the Faculty held Sept. 10 were read & the Rules & Regulations therein purposed to be adopted were by the Board of Regents approved

Regent Shepard introduced the following resolution which after some discussion was adopted

Resolved that a committee of two of the Board be appointed to take into consideration the necessary steps to organize the Medical Department of this University who shall report their action to the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the sum of \$15000 be and is hereby set apart for the available funds to and for the Medical Department

The chairman appointed Regent Shepard & Mooren and upon vote the chairman was added to the committee

Upon motion the Board adjourned subject to the call of the President

Approved: H. P. Woodbridge Secretary
Nichel Smith
Per: H. P. Regent Univ. Texas