Reno, Nevada
September 17, 1924

The adjourned meeting of the Board was held in the Office of President Clark at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, September 17, 1924. Present: Chairman Pratt, Mrs. Hood, Judge Talbot, President Clark, Architect De Longchamps, Drs. Adams, Hartman and Sears and Comptroller Gorman.

The architect submitted plans for a Science building, which, if fireproofed, would not come within the estimated amount which Mr. Mackay is willing to pay. The building would need to be made smaller in order to come within the estimate. After a general discussion as to probabilities, President Clark asked architect De Longchamps if he would be willing to continue to work with the Heads of the Departments and the Board of Regents and to draft such plans as finally were agreed upon for presentation to Mr. Mackay, with the understanding that if Mr. Mackay approved one of his plans, Mr. De Longchamps would be appointed as the architect for the new building, receiving the usual architect's fee understood to cover all this preliminary service as well as the due drafting of final plans and specifications and architectural responsibility for the building during its construction. Mr. De Longchamps stated that he would be perfectly willing to take his chances with Mr. Mackay, with definite understanding that he should receive no compensation for his services unless and until Mr. Mackay approved plans drawn by Mr. De Longchamps and that then his compensation both for this preliminary service and for his regular duties as architect should be covered by the usual architect's commission. Judge Talbot then moved that the Heads of the 3 Departments interested, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, cooperate with Mr. De Longchamps to the end that he submit two sets of plans to the Board at their October meeting, one set to be the set for the building even larger than to come within the maximum proposed to Mr. Mackay and the second to be a reduced set. Vote:

Mrs. Hood Aye
Mr. Pratt Aye
Judge Talbot Aye
Comptroller Gorman read the bids for fuel oil, which had been submitted at a previous meeting of the Board, as follows:

Union Oil Company. Market price and not to exceed $1.50 per bbl. to February 28th or $1.75 per bbl. from March 1 to August 31. It is understood by Comptroller Gorman that this oil is not always shipped from the refinery but often is shipped directly from the wells, which means an inferior grade of oil.

Standard Oil Company. $1.15 per bbl. now and not to exceed $1.40 prior to February 28th, and $1.65 per bbl. from March 1 to September 1, 1925. This oil is from the refinery and not direct from the wells.

Shell Oil Company. Market price and not to exceed $1.40 per bbl. to February 28th, 1925, and not to exceed $1.65 per bbl. from March 1, to May 1, 1925. An 8 months' guarantee. Oil loaded from refinery and not from wells.

After lengthy discussion as to the merits of the respective contracts, Mr. Gorman maintaining that the contract from the Standard was the best because of the shrinkage factor in their contract, and Judge Talbot and Mr. Pratt feeling that the Standard had had the contract for several years and that the University business should be divided among the several oil firms, Judge Talbot moved that the oil contract be given to the Shell Oil Company. Vote:

Mrs. Hood            No
Mr. Pratt            Aye
Judge Talbot         Aye

Judge Talbot brought up the matter of closing the Campus to automobile traffic. President Clark stated that signs limiting the speed of automobiles to 20 miles an hour on the Campus and requesting that mufflers be kept closed had been placed along the driveways at proper intervals, that student cards were not being given parking privilege near recitation buildings but were parking in the rear of the Gymnasium or outside the University gates. All these things in combination he felt had reduced the noise from any automobile traffic to a minimum while in no wise embarrassing drivers of automobiles. President Clark was requested to secure written reports from Dean Adams, Dean Hall and Dean Stewart and from Librarian Layman as to the interference, if any, being caused under these changed conditions to the proper carrying out of lecture, recitation and library
work, and to present these reports at the next meeting of the Board.

President Clark read a letter from Governor Scrugham in which the Governor requested University aid in the exploration and survey work in uncovering archaeological remains in this State. President Clark was authorized to write the Governor that while the University had no funds to give toward such exploration and survey, it would cover the expenses of members of its teaching staff while in the field during such periods as they severally could be spared from University instruction until such times as funds, either Federal or State, might be available to cover such field work expenses.

The matter of heating the two Dormitories was again taken up. Chairman Pratt and Mr. Gorman had gone into the subject very thoroughly and after due consideration had decided that probably keeping the present plant in operation during both day and night, and running full capacity for the hours during which the plant customarily functioned and at half capacity during the night hours when previously the plant had been shut down, putting the circulating pump now in use at Manzanita Hall, in Lincoln Hall and installing a circulating pump at Manzanita Hall on the return flow pipe would solve the difficulty. This would necessitate the employment of an additional man on night shift from about November 15th to March 15th, but there would probably be some saving on fuel since the system would not cool off at any time during this period. After discussion of this subject, Judge Talbot moved that the action of the Board in directing the installation of the temporary heating plants at Manzanita and Lincoln Halls be rescinded and the Chairman, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Gorman be continued as a Committee to install a 2 1/2" pump on the return flow pipe at Manzanita Hall, install the present 1 1/2" Manzanita Hall pump in Lincoln Hall, and make such other alterations as they think best and to make any reduction in radiation in the Agricultural and Education buildings which they deem feasible. Also that during cold weather an additional man be employed so that the heating plant will run all night. Vote:

Mrs. Hood Aye
Mr. Pratt Aye
Judge Talbot Aye

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

Walter E. Pratt
Chairman
Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary