

December 10, 1907

To the Honorable Board of Regents

University of Wisconsin

Madison

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Regents, Tuesday, December 10th, 1907.

The annual meeting of the Board of Regents was called at 10 o'clock a. m. There were present Regents, Northrop, Wyman, Olsen, Owen, Comstock, Nelson, Rice, Butler.

Reading of the printed minutes of the last meeting of the Board was omitted.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee of October 3rd, November 6th and December 4th were read and corrected and the Board of Regents voted to approve, ratify and confirm the action of the Executive Committee as recorded.

Chairman Nelson of the Building and Grounds Committee presented a verbal report of progress, recommended that it would be unwise to install smoke consumers in the present old lighting and heating plants, also recommended the use of the exhaust steam from the Electrical Engineering building; also recommended the use of a better quality of coal.

The Committee on Geological and Natural History Survey presented a verbal report, recommending that Professor Clements be heard concerning the future use of the Geological and Natural History Survey fund.

A Special Committee appointed to investigate the present condition of affairs in the French Department presented the following written report, through its chairman, Regent Olsen:

December 3rd, 1907.

To The Honorable Board of Regents,
University of Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

The special committee appointed at the June meeting of your Board to investigate the condition of affairs in the department of French, begs leave to report as follows:

Your committee met September 12th, and again on November 20th, at the University. Professor Benton, Madame Bertin and others were heard at length. A transcript of the testimony given by Professor Benton and Madame Bertin is submitted herewith.

Your committee finds

First: That Madame Bertin has been guilty of insubordination, as evidenced by her own testimony.

Second: That the lack of harmony has rendered the administration of the Department of Modern Languages difficult, and Professor Benton has not, with tact and firmness, exercised the right to have his plans, under definite direction, worked out, hence has failed to fully live up to his opportunities for the upbuilding of his department.

Third: We recommend that as a penalty the salary of Madame Bertin be reduced \$50.00 for the present year, and that the salary of Professor Benton be reduced \$100.00 for the present year.

Fourth: Your committee recommends that all professors and instructors in the University be instructed by the Board of Regents hereafter not to criticize adversely other professors or instructors in the University, except to the President, or members of the

Board of Regents, Department Heads, or Deans in charge.
Respectfully submitted,

Signed, J. W. Olson,

A. E. Rice,

Executive Committee.
This report was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Gillette and Clifford appeared before the Board of Regents and spoke concerning the plans for an enlarged campus. It was voted that first, in the judgment of the Board of Regents, it is necessary to have a definite plan for our proposed campus prepared by some competent landscape architect. Second, that the selection of an architect and the execution of the plans be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate the question of the division of the department of Politics and Economics through its chairman, Regent Owen presented the following written report:

To The Honorable Board of Regents,
Gentlemen:—The committee appointed to consider the matter of the division of the department of Politics and Economics begs leave to report that upon investigation it decided unanimously to recommend to this Board that the division be made. That Wm. A. Schaper be placed in charge of the Political Science department, and that Professor C. D. Allin be appointed assistant at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, Thomas Wilson,

J. W. Olson,

S. M. Owen, Chairman.

