

Meeting of April 25, 1906.

The following call for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was issued April 17, 1906:

"Upon the call of the President, Mr. S. A. Bullard, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois at the University at 2:00 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, April 25, 1906, to open bids and award a contract upon satisfactory bid, for the erection of a farm mechanics building. Also to hear the report of the committee on cadet uniforms, and to transact such other business as may be duly presented."

When the Board was called to order the members present were Messrs. Abbott, Bayliss, Bullard; Davison, Kerrick, Lehman and McLean, and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Busey, and Mrs. Evans; absent, Governor Deneen and Mr. Barber. President James came in later.

FARM MECHANICS BUILDING.

Bids were opened for the construction of the farm mechanics building. They were as follows:

GENERAL CONTRACT.

BIDDERS.	Gross bids.	REDUCTIONS SUGGESTED IN SPECIFICATIONS.					
		Dormers.	Quoins.	Cement floors.	Pent house.	Doors.	Walls to 12 in.
W. M Allen, Son & Co.....	\$29,587 00	\$500 00	\$1,400 00	\$1,200 00	\$ 75 00	\$500 00	\$900 00
English Bros.....	29,995 00	500 00	1,900 00	1,250 00	65 00	420 00	696 00
L. M. Moore & Son.....	37,325 00	500 00	1,875 00	1,325 00	210 00	475 00	750 00
A. W. Stoolman.....	31,580 00	340 00	1,600 00	1,360 00	200 00	525 00	700 00

Heating and plumbing bids received were:

Carson-Payson Co.....	\$2,414 00
Reliable Plumbing and Heating Co.....	2,796 00

Elevator bids received were:

Otis Elevator Co.....	\$2,500 00
J. W. Rudy Elevator Mfg. Co.....	1,563 00
Parkhurst Mfg. Co.....	1,095 00

These bids were referred to Professor Case, and Messrs. Davenport and Kerrick for examination and report.

RELEASE OF LIEN ON NORWOOD PROPERTY.

The University having been asked to release a certain tract of land from the lien of a judgment against certain of the bondsmen of C. W. Spaulding, rendered in suit brought in the name of the University of Illinois, Mr. Matthew S. Bradley, Attorney of Chicago, was heard in behalf of the request.

After the discussion, on motion of Mr. Kerrick, it was voted that if the commission created by an Act of the General Assembly, approved June 11, 1897, and in force on that day, so advise, the Board will formally release the said lien; and the President and Secretary of the Board were authorized to execute a proper release when so advised by the commission.

A recess was taken to witness an inspection of the regiment and attend convocation.

FARM MECHANICS BUILDING.

URBANA, April 25, 1906.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

Your special committee reports recommending the acceptance of the following lowest bids tendered for the construction of the farm mechanics building:

General contract: W. M. Allen & Son, Peoria—Gross bid, \$29,587; deduct for batten doors, \$500; net bid, \$29,087.

Heating and plumbing: Carson-Payson Company, Danville—\$2,414.

Elevator: Parkhurst Manufacturing Company, Peru, Indiana—Direct connected elevator, \$1,095.

The bids of \$880 and \$945 by this company are not acceptable, as they are not based upon a direct-connected elevator as required.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CASE,
E. DAVENPORT,
L. H. KERRICK,

Committee.

By the report of the committee, it appeared that the cost of the building on the plans which had been prepared would be something over \$33,000, while but \$25,000 was available for that purpose. After considerable discussion, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Bayliss, was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee created by section 1 of an Act of the General Assembly, regarding the College of Agriculture, approved May 13, 1905, advised that of the \$50,000 appropriated for the College for the year beginning July 1, 1905, by said section of said Act, \$16,500 be used to provide a residence for the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has advised the Board of Trustees of the University that it may not lawfully use said sum of money as recommended; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the University requests the said Advisory Committee to reconsider said recommendation and in the exercise of its discretion advise the Trustees further as to the best use of the said sum of \$16,500.

On motion of Mr. Lehman, the President of the Board was authorized to close contracts with the lowest bidders for the construction of the farm mechanics building, as recommended by the special committee, in the event that the additional money needed therefor be made available by the Advisory Committee.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT TO HAVE A ROOM IN FARM MECHANICS BUILDING.

Mr. Abbott, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, reported with reference to a request made by Mr. Huff that the warehouse building on the south campus be given to the athletic department

and fitted up with lockers, baths, etc., recommending that, instead a part of the present Farm Mechanics Building be given to the athletic department to be fitted up at the estimated cost of \$534.20.

The report was approved, and the amount of money needed appropriated, the work to be in charge of the Committee.

SALE OF WAREHOUSE BUILDING.

Professor Shattuck was authorized to sell the warehouse building, and was directed to put the amount received to the credit of the proper fund.

The President presented the following matters:

1. The Dean of the College of Agriculture requests authority to convert the small room adjoining the offices of the present animal husbandry department and to the right of the main entrance, into a fire-proof vault for storing and filing the experimental records of the department. It is estimated that the cost of this alteration would be \$150.

Voted that the request be granted and the expenditure be authorized and charged to the funds of the agricultural department.

2. The Director of the School of Music recommends that Mr. Henry C. Scheld be elected Instructor in Violin and Theory for the year 1906-7 at a salary of \$1,200 a year, work and salary to begin September 1, 1906. This man is to take the place of Mr. Schwartz who will be on leave of absence for the coming year. The salary is the same as that which was paid to Mr. Schwartz.

Voted that the recommendation be approved.

3. I submit the lists of persons recommended by the Faculties of the School of Pharmacy and the College of Dentistry for graduation at the approaching commencements of the respective schools.

Voted that the President be authorized to confer the appropriate degrees upon the persons whose names are in these lists.

DEGREE OF GRADUATE IN PHARMACY.

Albert G. C. Ackerman	Frank Fred Krueger
Amilio Alfaro	Henry John Krueger
Walter Edward Anderson	John Ernest Laatz
Ethelyn Belle Arnold	William John Leiner
Allen Becket	Edward Albert Lukasek
Earle Scott Bourne	Hugh McCaslin
Charles William Boyce	Charles Gratiano McDow
Frank Emery Bucklin	Don Grover Machenheimer
Henry Gottfrid Carlson.	R. Frank Mayfield
Daniel Tappenden Cropp	Walter Simonds Mayhew
Gustav Garfield Dale	Frederick M. F. Meixner
Charles Demes	Elmer Joseph Mercil
Leonard Berry Fox	Walter Allen Murray
Narcys George Fry	John Kumler Parker
Charles Desire Gauthier	James Patejdl
Ernst Elmer Grebel	Rolf Reite
Wilbur Grimes	John William Robinson
Loren Milton Haeseler	Hugo Julius Schumm
George Fred Haffner	George William Seifried
John Ross Hall	Paul Seyfert
William Milton Eugene Hawk	Otto Shatzkis
Charles Edward Hoffman	Luther Lee Taylor
David Lewis Holland	Charles Venn
James Michael Honsik	Harvey Andrew Watson
Louis Goodman Jacobs	George Edwin White
Delbert Gustav Knoblock	John Peter Wiltgen

4. I recommend that the Trustees give to the President of the University authority to offer to Professor Arthur Fairbanks of the University of Iowa, the position of Professor of Archaeology and head of the classical department in the University at a salary of \$3,000 a year, work and salary to begin September 1, 1906.

Voted that this recommendation be approved.

5. I recommend that the Trustees give the President of the University authority to offer John Paschal Brooks of the State College of Kentucky the position of Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at a salary of \$2,250 a year, work and salary to begin September 1, 1906.

Voted that this recommendation be approved.

6. I recommend that the Trustees give to the President of the University authority to offer the position of Associate Professor of Mathematics in the University to Dr. G. A. Miller of Leland Stanford Jr. University at a salary of \$2,000 a year, work and salary to begin September 1, 1906.

Voted that this recommendation be approved.

7. I recommend that the Trustees give the President of the University authority to offer the position of Assistant Professor of Mathematics to Dr. Charles Haskins of Cornell University, at a salary of \$1,500 a year, work and salary to begin September 1, 1906.

Voted that this recommendation be approved.

THE OBSERVATORY.

The following letter from Mr. Stebbins, Assistant Professor of Astronomy, was presented by President James and it was ordered that it be printed in the minutes.

URBANA, ILLINOIS, April 16, 1906.

President E. J. James, University of Illinois.

MY DEAR SIR—In reference to our recent conversation, I wish to present on behalf of the Observatory, a vigorous protest against the laying of any street car track south of the new Auditorium. I am not sure just what effect the large building will have, but I do know that the passing of street cars near the Observatory would seriously hamper our work, on account of the vibrations they would cause. Several times we have had occasion to ask the men who were cutting grass to work farther away while our students were making observations, and there is no doubt that cars passing every few minutes would prove an intolerable nuisance.

Any astronomer would call it folly to build an observatory so close to a car line. It should be remembered that our instruments exaggerate the small vibrations of the earth just as much as they magnify objects in the sky. At the University of Wisconsin they have found that certain kinds of work can not be done within five minutes after the passing of a train nearly half a mile away. Drake Observatory is within fifty feet of a car line, and they can do absolutely nothing while a street car is in the same block.

Our present building and equipment are worth about \$16,000, and the location has so far been almost ideal for this vicinity. We have been close enough to other buildings for convenience, and far enough away to avoid heavy traffic. If at any future time a sum of say \$25,000 or more should be available for other instruments, there would be a good site just south and east of the present Observatory, provided the street cars do not encroach upon us. To move any of our instruments farther away from the other buildings would practically preclude their use by students. The experience of every University where the Observatory is not near the main campus bears this out.

I hope that the importance of this will be fully appreciated by the Board of Trustees, and I would be glad to appear before them and answer any questions if necessary.

Yours respectfully,

JOEL STEBBINS,
Assistant Professor of Astronomy.

One hundred fifty dollars or so much thereof as might be needed, was appropriated to defray the expenses of a delegate to the National Conference of Charities and Correction in case Governor Deneen should appoint a University man in place of President James, who had been appointed, but would be unable to go.

REPAIRS.

On recommendation of Mr. Abbott, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, \$3,500 was appropriated for repairs, the repairs to be made under the supervision of the Committee.

Mr. Abbott will file later a memorandum of repairs to be made.

LINE FENCE ON SOUTH FARM.

A letter written by Mr. William Sutherland, also one by Professor Davenport, with reference to a line fence on the south farm, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

MR. HAY'S BOND.

The bill of the surety company for Mr. Hay's bond—\$50—was referred to President Bullard with power to act.

CADET UNIFORMS.

The committee appointed to secure bids for cadet uniforms made the following report and recommendation:

URBANA, ILLINOIS, April 20, 1906.

To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

GENTLEMEN—By resolution of the Board of Trustees, the undersigned were constituted a committee to call for bids for uniforms, and report with recommendations.

Pursuant thereto several firms known as uniform manufacturers were invited to make proposals. Three of the firms responded, sending in bids. One of the firms invited to bid, objected to the manner of receiving and opening bids. Acting on the advice of your President, we advertised in three local papers (copy attached), bids to be opened at noon Monday, April 16th. Subsequently it was decided to change the hour to 2:30 p. m., in order to accommodate Chicago bidders; of this all the known competing firms were duly advised. When it was determined to advertise, the bids already received were returned to the firms making them, with a copy of the advertisement:

Bids were received from the firms, as shown in the abstract attached, and opened at 2:30 p. m., Monday, April 16th, in the presence of your President and representatives of the firms of A. E. Armstrong & Co., Fred Kauffmann, and J. H. Hirsch & Co. The firm of M. C. Lilley & Co. presented with its bid a complete uniform made in accordance with our specifications and a standard suit furnished them. The suit is presented for your examination, pending your final action.

The acceptance of Fred Kauffman's bid is recommended. He is not only the lowest bidder, but he has had the contract for several years and has filled it satisfactorily.

The original bids are attached to this report.

Very respectfully,

S. W. SHATTUCK, *Comptroller*,
E. G. FECHET, *U. S. A.*

The Board accepted Mr. Kauffman's bid, as recommended by the committee. The President of the Board was authorized to conclude a contract with him.

The Board adjourned.
W. L. PILLSBURY,
Secretary.

S. A. BULLARD,
President.