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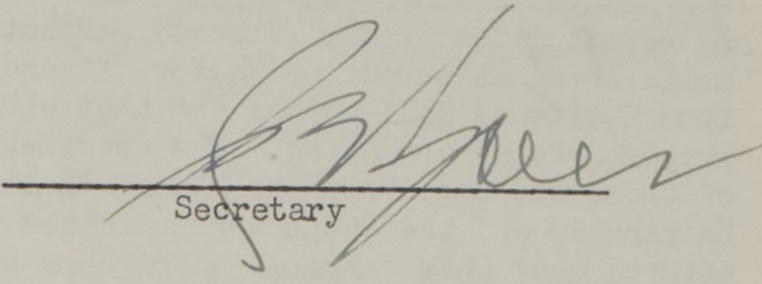
Thomas, Chairman

Coleman

Hoffman

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8. There being no further business before the faculty the meeting adjourned.


 Secretary

June 1, 1945

1. A meeting of the faculty was held at 4:10 p.m. on the call of President Ernest O. Melby, who presided.

Present: Ames, Anderson, Armsby, Arnold, Arnoldson, Atkinson, Bateman, Bennett, Bischoff, Bloom, Briggs, Browman, Bue, Brownell, Campbell, Castle, Chatland, W. P. Clark, Cogswell, Coleman, Crowder, Dahlberg, Diettert, Dubisch, Ely, Ferguson, Freeman, Hearn, Hertler, Hetler, Hoffman, Howard, Jesse, Kramer, Leaphart, Line, Lowell, Marble, Marvin, Meadows, Melby, Mollett, Moore, Nutterville, Paton, Platt, Redford, Severy, Shallenberger, Sorenson, Spaulding, J. B. Speer, Suchy, Swearingen, Thomas, Turner, Van Winkle, Waldon, Wilhelm, Wright, and Youel.

Accounted for: Clapp, Ferro, Flint, Hovee, Jacobs, Jeppesen, Krug, Lester, MacArthur, Merriam, Miller, Morris, Nelson, Patten, Ramskill, Smith, L. Speer, Teel, Waters, Weisberg, White, B. Wilson, and V. Wilson.

2. The minutes of the meeting of May 17th were approved.

3. The Committee on Admission and Graduation, Ames, Chairman, and the Committee on Graduate Study, Waters Chairman, reported that all candidates for degrees and certificates approved by the faculty on May 17, 1945 (List No. 24) had been certified by the Registrar as having complied with all requirements for their respective degrees and certificates except:

I. For the degree of Bachelor of ArtsNameMajor

Jane Van Cleve Abbott

Spanish

4. The Budget and Policy Committee, Castle, Chairman, reported that in accordance with action of the faculty at the previous meeting:

- (1) the following had been elected representatives from the faculty to the county-wide teachers' council:

Walter A. Anderson, to serve one year

J. W. Howard, to serve two years

Lucia B. Mirrieles, to serve three years

- (2) Recommended that each representative serve a period of three years after the initial period of service.

- (3) Recommended that replacements on the council be elected by the faculty each spring at the same time as elections for the Budget and Policy Committee are held; and members may succeed themselves.

5. The following announcements were made:

- (a) By Faculty Affairs Committee, Arnoldson, Chairman:

All bills of the Committee are paid and a normally adequate balance on hand.

- (b) By War Bond Committee, Bennett, Chairman:

A campaign covering University employees is underway for the 7th War Loan, and appreciation of cooperation in the drive was expressed.

6. The President discussed the campus land acquisition problems, that legislative appropriation of \$29,021.00 for land now used for campus purposes would be available July 1st from which acquisitions of land, to which title was held

by the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation, would be completed; that these transactions would enable the corporation to pay off its indebtedness for loans, made for purchase by it of various properties, to all creditors including student organization, banks and private parties; that all properties (except the gold course site) to which titles were held by the corporation, would be conveyed to the State for the use and benefit of the State University; that several of these transfers were made possible by recent gifts of the Missoula Mercantile Company; that two lots within the Residence Halls area, at corner of University and Arthur Avenues, had recently been purchased from Residence Hall funds; and that other negotiations for rental of essential campus properties were pending. The President also expressed appreciation of the efforts of those who organized the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation, that the University and the State were indebted to them for a substantial public spirited effort; that this corporation perhaps somewhat modified, might be a very useful agency for further development of the campus.

7. The President discussed the budget situation; that he had considered the salary situation the most urgent budget problem, with which some of his colleagues were not always wholly in accord; that developments during recent weeks had convinced him that the salary problem was more urgent than he had anticipated; that funds used for increased salary rates restricted increases in numbers of the staff; that a policy of going outside for new staff members at higher than present salary rates was essential and a justifiable means of securing higher salary levels.

8. Browman, chairman of Schedule Committee, moved, seconded by Thomas, that a committee of three (3) be selected to study and make recommendations about (1) problems concerning final examination procedures on this campus, and (2) the advisability of abolishing or modifying final examination week, one member to be appointed by the President and two members elected by the faculty, and that this committee should present its recommendations to the faculty and administration not later than October, 1945.

A ballot was taken and after the report of tellers the chair announced the election of Browman and Thomas. (The President subsequently appointed Dr. C. R. Jeppesen as a member of the Committee)

Freeman, Chairman of Public Exercises Committee asked that 11 o'clock Friday, with shortened periods, be retained as the regular convocation hour.

9. President Melby, preliminary to his announcement of his decision to present his resignation as president effective September 1, 1945, and acceptance of the position of Dean of the School of Education of New York University said that:

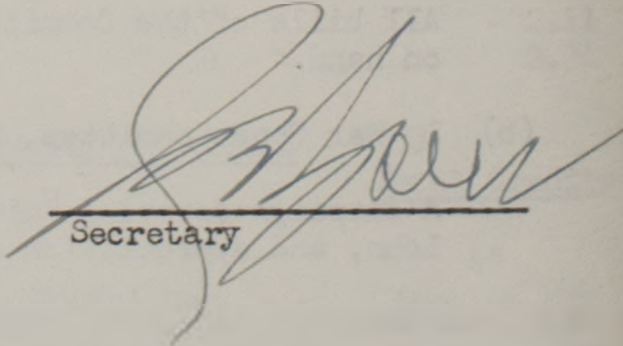
So much of our lives are lived with the help of others, and this was his experience during his four years at Montana State University; no faculty could be more cooperative; that these had been four wonderful years in spite of the difficulties of the position of President, and of Chancellor, which position he had held for one year. "There is no better place in the United States than Montana to learn things." This decision was his to make, and it was a tremendous conflict, both in mind and heart. Friends had advised him when he came to Montana that he was primarily a teacher, although he had always had administrative duties, with rare exceptions, in his professional life. But he had a growing feeling that his interests were working directly with people, man to man, and not remotely as is required of a University president. His decision therefore depended upon what is the best thing to do for education with whatever abilities he had; that salary was not of much personal importance; there was no better place to live than Missoula.

That teacher education, his field of specialization, is of great importance, and New York University offered a great opportunity in this field.

That he had had conferences with the State Board of Education relative to his decision; that he could leave Montana State University with the feeling that it was in good hands; that the board will be guided with the welfare of the institution as a whole in mind, and without politics as such; that the faculty should have full confidence in the attitude of the board.

The remarks were concluded by an expression of appreciation to each member of the staff in behalf of himself and Mrs. Melby.

10. The meeting then adjourned.


Secretary