

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Q: There is a 1930 photograph of the formal dedication of UCLA's Westwood campus that featured Dr. John R. Haynes as a UC Regent. What were the connections among Dr. Haynes, the UC system and UCLA and how strong were they?

There was a very strong connection. It began in earnest when Dr. Haynes was appointed a Regent of the University of California (UC) on December 30, 1922.

At that time, the UC officially had only a single campus, in Berkeley. Founded in 1868, the UC created the Southern Branch of the University of California (SBUC) in 1919, when the UC took over the Los Angeles State Normal School on Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles. Thus, at the close of 1922, SBUC was only a branch of UC and only offered a two-year curriculum. In the next few years, Dr. Haynes would play a key role in several historic decisions that resulted in the establishment of the University of California, Los Angeles.

The first decision came in early 1923. The UC Regents, with Dr. Haynes' strong support, authorized the SBUC to add a third year of instruction to the SBUC curriculum. Later in 1923, to the delight of the SBUC student body, the Regents added a fourth year to the course of instruction, allowing SBUC to award an undergraduate degree.

By 1925, SBUC, with 3,200 students, was the fifth largest university in the country, surpassed only by the state universities in Texas (3,300), Minnesota (3,700), Michigan (4,800) and the largest by far Berkeley (8,000).

And it was later in 1925 that the Regents, after a lengthy investigation, approved Westwood as the new home for the Southern Branch. In 1926, student leaders at the Berkeley campus settled on the nickname of "Golden Bears" and offered the name "Bruins" to the Southern Branch, which was quickly adopted.

Finally, in 1927, the Regents renamed the Southern Branch of the University of California campus as the University of California at Los Angeles (soon to be known as UCLA).

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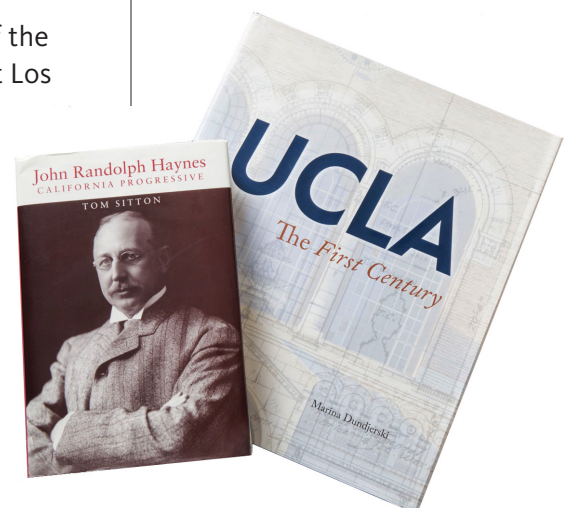
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Recognizing Dr. Haynes' strong support for each of these initiatives, Dr. Haynes joined Governor William Stephens of California and Director Ernest Carroll Moore, the founding Director of UCLA, at the formal dedication of the Westwood Campus on March 27, 1930.

On a related note, while Dr. Haynes' first seven years as a UC Trustee was a time of great and lasting change for the University of California and for Los Angeles, it was in 1926 that Dr. and Mrs. Haynes founded their own institution, the Haynes Foundation, an institution that continues to follow their vision today.