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Atentamente trasladada a la Junta de Síndicos para enterarla del éxito obtenido en Washington por la Srta. Josefita Monserrate cuyos gastos de viaje autorizó la Junta en sesión reciente.

C. E. Chardon

Cancellor.

Hon. Carlos E. Chardon, Chancellor
University of Porto Rico
Rio Piedras, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Chardon:

I am writing to express my pleasure and the pleasure of the other members of the Association for Childhood Education in having with us during our recent convention in Washington, District of Columbia, as a delegate, Josefita Monserrate, a member of the faculty of the University of Porto Rico.

Her enthusiasm and her eagerness to gain inspiration and help was a challenge to us all.

Following the convention I had the satisfaction of having Miss Monserrate in my office for an entire morning. At this time I was happy to learn more of the details of her work in connection with the University.

We appreciate the opportunity her visit has given us to know more intimately of the splendid work that is being carried on by your Department of Education.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary E. Leeper

Mary E. Leeper
Executive Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF PORTO RICO
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May 10, 1932

Mrs. Muna Lee de Muñoz Marin
National Woman's Party
Alva Belmont House
Capitol Hill, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Muñoz Marin:

Your request bearing date of April 16 ultimo, that your authorized leave without pay be extended until September 20 of this year, was received in due opportunity, and the matter included in calendar for next meeting of the Board. Any action in the matter will be promptly informed to you with pleasure.

Your news about your reading from your Porto Rican poems to the Modern Poetry Club of George Washington University at a dinner which was given in your honor, and your lecture given to the Gerard Manly Hopkins Club, of Georgetown University, where you were the first woman invited to address your husband's alma mater, is of such real interest, that I am preparing, after having had a talk with Mr. Gueits, a statement on the subject, which I will forward him for publicity to let our people know that you are active in the States disclosing the progress of the University and the people of Porto Rico altogether.

Thanking you again for your interest and for your valuable cooperation accorded, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FJR
Fernando J. Rodil
Secretary.

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Note: The Board, at its meeting held late this afternoon, unanimously approved your request for an extension of leave without pay until Sept. 4, 1932 - Congratulations. pardon for delay.

Trasladada a la Junta de Síndicos para su consideración C.E. Ch.

GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO
UNIVERSIDAD DE PUERTO RICO
RIO PIEDRAS



OFICINA DEL
DECANO DE ADMINISTRACION

30 de marzo de 1932

MEMORANDUM PARA EL CANCELIER

Estimado Sr. Chardon:

Le traslado adjunto una carta de la Sra. Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín, fechada 17 de marzo, en la que ella solicita una aclaración con respecto a la extensión de licencia que le fué concedida hace algún tiempo por la Junta de Síndicos.

Me permito sugerirle que esta carta de la Sra. Muñoz Marín sea pasada al Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos, Don Fernando J. Rodil, para los efectos oportunos.

De usted sinceramente,

Decano de Administración.

National Woman's Party

ALVA BELMONT HOUSE
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 17, 1932

CABLE ADDRESS: NAWOP



Dr. Gildo Massó
Dean of Administration
University of Porto Rico
Río Piedras
Porto Rico

Dear Dr. Massó:

Last August you wrote an acknowledgment of my request for a year's additional leave of absence, saying that you hoped that the Board of Trustees would see its way clear to granting my leave without pay, as I asked, until September 4, 1932. Sometime later I received a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, informing me that my requested leave had been granted "for the school year". When I wrote to inquire just what this meant, I was told that it meant until May 28 next.

Of course, mine is a twelve-months tenure, and so there is no particular reason why the close of the school year should affect my leave of absence in any way. I am wondering therefore if there may not have been some misinterpretation of the matter; and am writing to you to be absolutely certain. I prefer having my leave extended as I requested until September 4; but if the Board of Trustees feels that I should return by May 28, I will do so. My only reason in writing you is to be perfectly certain that the expression "for the school year" was not instead "for an additional year". In any case, you may be sure that I shall be present at my University post on the day that I am expected.

I shall greatly appreciate the favor of an answer as soon as possible in order that I may make necessary arrangements here.

Yours truly,

Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín

Director of National Activities

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ALVA BELMONT HOUSE
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 17, 1932
CABLE ADDRESS: NAWOP



Mr. Carlos Chardón, Chancellor
University of Porto Rico
Río Piedras, Porto Rico

Dear Mr. Chardón:

Last week I returned from abroad. You have probably received a letter written from Geneva in which I asked you to let me know the exact terms of the leave of absence without pay which the University has extended for me at my own request. From a letter received from the Secretary of the Board of Regents, I understand that the extension is until May 28 of this year. My request was for an extension to September 4 of this year. Would you be so good as to inform me of the exact terms of the extension? I should prefer to remain here until September, as my plans as Director of National Activities of the Woman's Party include an extensive campaign in Chicago at the time of the two National Conventions there. However, if my leave as granted by the University expires on May 28, I shall of course be in my place in Río Piedras on the date appointed.

My position in the University of course is administrative, so that there is no especial reason for my leave having to do anything with the school year. Mine is a twelve-month year; and my bureau functions pretty much the same from one month to another.

When I last saw Governor Roosevelt, shortly before he left for the Philippines, he assured me that he had spoken to members of the Board regarding my leave and that the arrangement would be for it to be extended until September 4. I have not had official notification to that effect, which explains why I am writing this second request to you. I trust that the foregoing makes my position in the matter clear: I should prefer staying here with extended leave until September 4; but if the Board of Regents think it best for me to return by May 28, I shall do so unhesitatingly.

Yesterday I had the very great pleasure of a long conversation with Mr. López Baralt and his debating team from the University. They had had a splendid trip, and I sent Associates Press and United Press reporters around to their hotel to see them. These debating trips do a great deal in advertising the University of Porto Rico in the most favorable way among different institutions.

With cordial greetings for Carlotta,

Yours sincerely,

Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín
Director of National Activities

National Woman's Party

ALVA BELMONT HOUSE
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CABLE ADDRESS: NAWOP



April 22, 1932

Dr. Jose Padín
Commissioner of Education
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Dr. Padín:

Thank you for your letters of March 28 and 31, with the information which I requested about my leave. Will you please consider this letter a formal application to have my leave extended until September 4, and will you be good enough to present to the Board of Regents as such? I have also written to the Chancellor and the Secretary of the Board.

I shall be very happy to be back in the University, because my deepest and most enduring interests are - naturally - in Puerto Rico. However, I feel that the months here have been valuable not only for me but for my University bureau as well, because of the contacts I have made.

You may be interested to know that two weeks ago I read a group of my Porto Rican poems, and spoke on our work at the University, at a dinner given by The Modern Poetry Club of George Washington University. Last week I spoke on Porto Rican poems before the Gerard Manly Hopkins Club of Georgetown University. I was informed that I am the first woman to whom Georgetown ever extended such an invitation. On Saturday I was a guest of honor of the Washington Association of Teachers of Spanish at their Montalvo dinner at the Madrillon. All of which I relate as indicative of where my heart is!

With best wishes for you and Mrs. Padín (in which Munita petitions to join me),

Yours sincerely,

Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín

Director of National Activities

ML/rm

National Woman's Party

ALVA BELMONT HOUSE
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 16, 1932
CABLE ADDRESS: NAWOP

UNIVERSITY OF PORTO RICO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
R.O. PIEDRAS, P. R.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Received: *Apr 25/32*
Referred to:

ARCHIVO CENTRAL
UNIVERSIDAD DE PUERTO RICO
ARCHIVO HISTORICO

Sr. Don Fernando J. Rodil, Secretary
Board of Regents
University of Porto Rico
Rio Piedras, Porto Rico

Dear Mr. Rodil:

After receipt of your letter stating that my leave of absence expires on May 28, I wrote Mr. Chardon, Dr. Padin, and Dr. Massó, asking that my leave be extended. They have all replied saying that I should make a formal request to that effect. I am therefore writing to you, as Secretary of the Board of Regents, to repeat my request for an extension of leave, without pay, until September 20 of this year. Will you be so good as to transmit my request to the Board at its next meeting?

I shall be very happy to get back to the University; yet I do not feel it is quite fair to the Woman's Party for me to leave here on the very eve of the two national political conventions, which are of great moment to the organization. So I prefer staying here, if it can be arranged for my leave to be extended, until September.

You will be interested to hear that I gave a reading from my Porto Rican poems to the Modern Poetry Club of George Washington University at a dinner which they gave in my honor two weeks ago. Last Wednesday I gave a reading from my book, and talked on the University of Porto Rico, to the Genard Manly Hopkins Club of Georgetown University. I was, by the way, the first woman they had ever invited to address them. The students and faculty members present showed great interest in Porto Rico, and the instructor in Spanish at Georgetown, son of the Italian Consul in Porto Rico, spoke afterward about Muñoz Rivera and the cultural interests of the island. Georgetown is my husband's University and I found everyone there most cordial and interested.

With best wishes for you and your brilliant son,

Yours sincerely,
Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín

Director of National Activities

ML/rm



November 5, 1931

Mrs. Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín
National Woman's Party
144 B Street Northeast
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Muñoz Marín:

I have read with interest your kind letter of October 22 ultimo, and I desire to heartily congratulate you for the success accomplished by your bright children in the schools at Washington, which reflects credit to our school organization here.

The extensions of leave without pay authorized by this Board in your favor is to expire on the 28th of May, 1932, as per University calendar for the academic year 1931-32, as appears in announcement for the 1931-32 sessions.

We have been confronting, and the matter is not entirely settled at the time of this writing, a problem of disciplinary character in our University, which has resulted in the temporary suspension of a number of students; however, the works have continued without interruption and the abnormal situation created is about to be settled in a satisfactory manner to all concerned. This matter has been the motive of long discussions in our daily papers, public meetings, etc., in which interested outsiders have shared; nevertheless, the majority of our people has backed our Chancellor. The Board originally vested our Chancellor with full authority and final action to deal with the conflict and has invariably maintained its policy. So Dr. Chardón has been in position to act freely with a strong and energetic disposition.

Yesterday we had a splendid Silver Tea of La Fundación Carlota Matienzo; and the third annual art exhibition is successfully going on at the Industrial School where I have my offices. This exhibition is arranged by the College Art Association and is being celebrated under the auspices of the Woman's Faculty Club. For your information, allow me to say that this particular school is now under organization and the regular courses will start during the second semester of this academic year, at the time when the newly erected beautiful building devoted to the college of Arts and Sciences *is to be inaugurated.*

Muna Lee


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Thanking you again for your valuable offer of cooperation, and reassuring you our reciprocation, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,


Fernando J. Rodil
Secretary.

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October 14, 1931

Mrs. Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín
National Women's Party
144 B Street Northeast
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Muñoz Marín:

I am delighted to inform you that at the meeting of this Board held on September 20th, ultimo, your extension of leave without pay for the academic year 1931-32, as recommended by our Chancellor Chardón, was unanimously approved.

Now, allow me to remind you that you have another friend in this office since the first of July, when I was designated Secretary to this Board, and that I always remember you through my eldest boy, who made the record in a general ability test which deserved your special mention in one of the University bulletins, and who is now undergoing his third year in a course of Agricultural Engineering in the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

If at any moment you may be in need of the services of this office in any direction, please do not hesitate to write me with the assurance that it will be my pleasure to be of assistance to you.

Assuring you of my devoted cooperation, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

FJR
Fernando J. Rodil
Secretary.

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National Woman's Party

144 B STREET, NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON, D. C.



October 22, 1931

Señor Don Fernando J. Rodil
University of Porto Rico
Río Piedras, Porto Rico

My dear Mr. Rodil:

Thank you for your letter of October 14, informing me of the action of the Board of Regents in extending my leave of absence in accordance with my request. Will you please tell me at what date the leave as extended will expire? I note that your letter says, "For the academic year 1931-32." I am not quite sure as to whether the academic year ends June 30 or August 31 or at some other date. I should greatly appreciate receiving this information.

It is indeed a pleasure to know that you have been designated Secretary to the Board of Trustees. I remember most vividly the splendid record made by your son, and I am glad to learn that he is continuing his work with such success in Agricultural Engineering. It always gives me a thrill of pride to hear of the progress of our splendid young people. The scholastic record made by Porto Rican students here in the United States seems to me nothing short of amazing. I feel that the scholastic record of my own children is a tribute to the fine preparation which is given by our Porto Rican schools. Munita, who is eleven years old and has a very high standing in the 6th grade of the Washington Public Schools, in a test on reading and composition given last year (before her eleventh birthday) made the rating of a 10th grade student; the highest in her class. It was her first year in an English-speaking school, all her previous training having been in the Sacred Heart ~~School~~ on San Juan. Luisito, who is in the Stuyvesant School in Warrenton, Virginia, and who is ten years old, made the second highest scholastic standing in his class last year. This year, in the 5th grade, he has already been advanced in arithmetic, geography, and history ahead of his class, and has been awarded a scholarship on the basis of his school work and of his general deportment. His entire previous training had come from the Model School of the University. I might add, in his case, that he has done much better work and made much higher grades in the school up here than he did in Porto Rico.

I am always so deeply interested in everything that happens to the University that I should be greatly in your debt if you

would write from time to time giving me news of its progress. I saw Governor Roosevelt when he was in Washington a week or so ago; and had the pleasure of hearing his splendid speech before the Fourth Pan American Commercial Congress, to which I was a delegate from the Inter American Commission of Women. I also met Miss Arcelay, and had several newspaper people interview her as a representative of Porto Rico. If there is ever any way in which I can be of service to the University or to you, here in Washington, please call upon me.



Faithfully yours,

Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín

Director of National Activities

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UNIVERSITY OF PORTO RICO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
R. O. F. DRAG, P. R.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Received: 10/29/31
Referred to:



September 19, 1931

Mrs. Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín
National Women's Party
144 B. Street Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Muñoz Marín:

Your letter of July 30, 1931, addressed to our Chancellor Chardón, requesting an extension of leave for the year 1931-32, will be submitted to the consideration of the Board of Trustees in its next meeting; and it will be my pleasure to keep you informed as to the action taken in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. Rodil
Fernando J. Rodil
Secretary

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National Woman's Party

144 B STREET, NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON, D. C.



July 30, 1931

Dr. Carlos Chardón, Chancellor,
University of Porto Rico
Rio Piedras, Porto Rico

Dear Dr. Chardon:

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Last year the Board of Regents of the University of Porto Rico, at my request, granted me a leave of absence without pay from November 19, 1930, to September 4, 1931. I asked for this leave in order to accept a position with the National Woman's Party for one year as Director of National Activities of that nationwide feminist organization. Now that my leave draws nears to its close, the National Council of the Woman's Party has ~~unanimously~~ requested me to remain with them for another year, if possible, to continue the work inaugurated ~~since~~ last autumn.

My home is in Porto Rico, and my own deepest interests are centered there. I have no wish to leave the faculty of the University, and no desire to establish myself permanently in Washington. But I feel that it may be advantageous to me and to my future work in the University, in many ways, if I accept the suggestion of the Woman's Party and continue to act as their Director for the period indicated. The contacts I am establishing here, nationally and internationally, with the press as well as with men and women of widespread influence, can but be helpful to the University of Porto Rico when I resume my ~~post~~ as Director of its Bureau of International Relations. Accordingly, I am asking you that my leave of absence be extended for one more year, without pay; or until September 4, 1932. I shall be most grateful to you if the Board of Regents accedes to my request. I have spoken of this matter to Governor Roosevelt, and while he was good enough to indicate that the University is in great need of me, he will agree, I think, that there are many ways in which I may be of service to the University while here, if my leave is extended.

During the past year, I have done everything within my power to further the interests of the University of Porto Rico, and of the island in general. I was (for the third year) a speaker at the Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Virginia last month; and while my assigned subject was "Nationality", I took part in Round Table discussions on cultural relations with Latin America, explaining in detail the part our University has played in interpreting the North to the South and vice versa.

National Woman's Party

144 B STREET, NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON, D. C.



An interview with me on Porto Rico, stressing the work of our educational system, was syndicated by the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which has a press service covering the country. When our debating team was in Washington, I gave them a garden party attended by four hundred guests, representing many Latin American countries, official Washington, and local universities and colleges. During the winter it was my pleasure to act on several occasions as hostess to the Washington Branch of the National Association of Teachers of Spanish; and to address them on the work of the University of Porto Rico. I also made a brief address on Porto Rico to the Sunday School classes at President Hoover's Quaker Church. In short, I take advantage of every opportunity to explain the work of the University of whose faculty I have the honor of being a member, and ~~the~~ conditions on the island which is my home.

Will you please inform me of the action of the Board of Regents with regard to my request for extended leave?

Yours sincerely,

Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín

Director of National Activities



June 10, 1929.

Mrs. ^{H. L.} de Muñoz Marín,
University of Porto Rico.

Dear Mrs. Muñoz:

Replying to your letter of June 7, I beg to refer you to the summary of the criticism I am making to the Board of Trustees of your position which appears in my letter to you dated May 11 last. I do not intend to prefer charges against you before the Board. My criticism touches only your position, and not your preparation for and skill in the work that you have been doing in the University.

Now, as to my criticism of your position. In the first place I have pointed out to you, both verbally and in my letter of May 11, my failure to understand the reason for the existence of a Bureau of International Relations in the University of Porto Rico. The statement of your activities presented in your communication of May 15 has not convinced me that the continuance of your position, considering the paucity of work that it requires as well as the straitened financial circumstances of the institution and the island, is justified in the University of Porto Rico. Since the articles and comments on your work in your present position and on the University of Porto Rico as interpreted through your press activities may lead me to realize the need of the aforesaid Bureau, will you be so kind as to give me an opportunity to peruse the clippings to which you refer in your statement?

Next I have mentioned to you, as another cause which led me to recommend the elimination of your position, the necessity for the utmost economy by the University because of the stringency of its resources. In this connection I wish to inform you that a Trustees' Committee on Adjustment of the University Budget has recently recommended to the Board, among other measures intended to reduce the budget, the consolidation of those positions that in the judgment of the administration of the University lend themselves to such recourse without detriment to the services rendered by the institution. It has seemed to me, as a result



of my close observation of and contact with the administrative machinery of the University for a period of sixteen months, that yours is one of such positions. Its elimination would be in accord with the recommendation referred to above.

Yours very truly,

Acting Chancellor.

Sesión de Junio 21, 1929:



"PUESTOS DE DECANO DE VARONES Y DIRECTORA DEL NEGOCIADO DE RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES.- Se puso a discusión la recomendación hecha en la sesión del 6 de mayo último por el Canciller Interino, Sr. Massó, al efecto de que se supriman los puestos de Decano de Varones y Directora del Negociado de Relaciones Internacionales de la Universidad.

Comparecieron ante la Junta el Decano de Varones Sr. William F. O'Reilly y su abogado Sr. Anglade, quienes argumentaron a favor de la retención del puesto que ocupa el primero. Habló entonces el Sr. Massó aduciendo razones para su recomendación. En el curso de la discusión el Canciller Interino dió cuenta con una petición firmada por 115 estudiantes varones de la Universidad adhiriéndose a la susodicha recomendación.

Después de retirarse del local los señores O'Reilly y Anglade, y habiéndose discutido el asunto, fué acuerdo, con el voto en contra de los señores Matta y Sánchez Morales y absteniéndose de votar el Sr. Barceló, que el actual Decano de Varones, Mr. William F. O'Reilly, continúe ocupando este cargo hasta el 25 de agosto próximo, que se le conceda el intervalo desde el día de hoy hasta la fecha antedicha como período de licencia con paga a base del sueldo anual que en la actualidad percibe, y que se le nombre catedrático auxiliar de inglés con el sueldo de \$2,800 para el año académico 1929-30.

Discutida la proposición al efecto de que se suprimiese también el puesto de Directora del Negociado de Relaciones Internacionales, fué acuerdo por unanimidad mantener dicho puesto y nombrar nuevamente para ocuparlo a la Sra. Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín.

El Canciller Interino presentó a la Junta una comunicación de la Asociación Insular de Mujeres Votantes contentiva de dos acuerdos recientemente adoptados por el Comité Ejecutivo del Comité Directivo Central de dicha asociación en relación con la propuesta eliminación del cargo de Directora del Negociado de Relaciones Internacionales. El primero de estos acuerdos pide a la Junta que 'no imparta su aprobación a la actitud asumida por el actual Canciller Interino de dicho centro, separando de su cargo a la señora Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín'. Por medio del segundo acuerdo 'A moción de la señorita Bellber, unánimemente aprobada, el Comité Ejecutivo del Comité Directivo Central de la Asociación Insular de Mujeres Votantes, hace constar, ante la Junta de Síndicos de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, su protesta más enérgica por el desconocimiento de los méritos y los servicios de una mujer, desconocimiento que representa la actitud del Canciller Interino de la Universidad contra la señora Muna Lee."



Sesión de 11 de mayo de 1932:

"1. Administración General:

Solicita el Canciller la supresión de las plazas de director del Negociado de Publicidad y la de Abogado Asesor de la Universidad, exponiendo las razones en que basa esta recomendación, siendo la primordial la difícil situación económica del momento.

El síndico, señor Carro, pone sus reparos en cuanto a la supresión de la plaza de Asesor Legal de la Universidad y pide que se mantenga en el presupuesto, siendo secundado por el señor Colón.

Discutida la moción, el Presidente ordena la votación por lista, contestando en la afirmativa: los señores Colón y Carro y en la negativa: el Presidente, señora Andréu de Aguilar, y señores Abril, Annexy y Ruiz Nazario.

La moción es derrotada por mayoría y se mantiene la supresión de estas plazas."

Sesión de 18 de mayo de 1932:

"I Nombramientos:

El Presidente anuncia se va a proceder a confirmar la relación de nombramientos que para el ejercicio 1932-33 presenta el Canciller.

En este momento, el señor Martínez Nadal pide se abra un paréntesis para reconsiderar el asunto de restitución de la plaza de abogado asesor de la Universidad, y se extiende en consideraciones sobre la conveniencia de que dicha plaza se mantenga en presupuesto, haciendo elogiosas manifestaciones con respecto al honorable Manuel F. Rossy, quien la ha venido desempeñando, y las razones por las cuales, a su juicio, debe retenerse a este funcionario en el servicio de la Universidad.

El señor Mariano Abril hace uso de la palabra para abundar en los mismos conceptos vertidos por el síndico, señor Martínez Nadal, y termina solicitando que, conjuntamente con la reinstalación en el presupuesto de la plaza de Asesor Legal, se autorice la de Directora del Negociado de Publicidad de la Universidad, a cargo de la señora Muna Lee de Muñoz Marín, quien disfruta de licencia destacada en Washington, D.C.

La Presidencia manifiesta que no se opondrá a la restitución de ambas plazas si la administración le asegura que puede hacer buen uso de sus servicios.



El Canciller, luego de un breve comentario, retira su recomendación en el sentido de que se supriman estas plazas; y la Junta en pleno adopta la siguiente resolución:

Que se mantengan en el presupuesto durante el ejercicio 1932-33 las plazas de Asesor Legal de la Universidad, con sueldo de \$1,938 por 12 meses, y la de Directora del Negociado de Publicidad, con sueldo de \$2,568 por 12 meses, hechas las correspondientes rebajas de acuerdo con la escala de reducción en sueldos del personal universitario.

En este momento la Presidencia declara terminada la discusión de los proyectos de presupuestos general y parciales, siendo aprobados por unanimidad, disponiéndose se inserte en acta el presupuesto general, para el ejercicio 1932-33, como sigue: "

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May 11, 1929

Mrs. Muna Lee de Rufos Baria
University of Porto Rico
Rio Piedras, Porto Rico

Dear Mrs. Rufos:

Confirming our conversation of this morning, I beg to inform you that the Board of Trustees, at the meeting held on May 6 last, decided to postpone for a future meeting the consideration of your appointment as Director of the Bureau of International Relations. The said action was taken pursuant to a recommendation made by me to the effect that the position be eliminated.

In all frankness, as I pointed out to you in the course of our conversation, I have not been able to understand the reason for the existence of a Bureau of International Relations in the University of Porto Rico. Indeed, as far as I know the said Bureau exists here only in name and does not exist in fact in any other institution of learning. The work that you have done during my period of service in the University and of which I have been aware can be entrusted to the incumbents of other positions already existing.

Furthermore, the financial situation of the University requires the highest degree of parsimony compatible with the functions of the institution. It has seemed to me that under the present stringency of our resources and in view of the existing administrative organization of the University, the existence of your position with an annual salary of \$2700 is exceedingly hard, if not impossible, to justify.

I sincerely regret that my duty, as I see it will compel me to reiterate at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees the aforesaid recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Acting Chancellor