

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

December 7, 1932

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Advanced Study was held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, on Wednesday, December 7, 1932, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Present: Mr. Louis Bamberger, presiding  
Mrs. Fuld  
Mr. Aydelotte  
Mr. Flexner  
Mr. Leidesdorf  
Mr. Maass, by invitation

Absent and excused: Messrs. Hardin and Lehman

Mr. Maass acted as Secretary.

The Director advised the Committee that he had received an acceptance from Professor Hermann Weyl of the University of Göttingen upon the terms which the Director had outlined to the officers of the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the authorization of the Board at its meeting on April 11, 1932, on which occasion the Trustees had referred the matter of faculty appointments to the Executive Committee with power.

The Director thereupon read the cablegram of acceptance which he had received from Professor Weyl, which included a request that a formal contract be sent to him. In lieu of a formal contract, the Director submitted to the Committee a letter to Professor Weyl, embodying the terms upon which he would become associated with the Institute.

After discussion, it was, on motion, duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried,

RESOLVED, That the letter presented by the Director to be sent to Professor Hermann Weyl of the University of Göttingen is approved and that the Director is authorized to transmit the same and to secure the services of Professor Weyl on the terms therein defined.

The Director thereupon suggested the advisability of appointing an additional professor in the School of Mathematics and stated that he would like to secure the services of Professor James Waddell Alexander of Princeton University, a younger and yet distinguished mathematician.

After discussion, the Director was authorized and empowered to negotiate with Professor Alexander and to report to the Committee or Board for approval the terms upon which such association might be established.

The Director called attention to various communications which he had received regarding fellows to be sent to the Institute and other general matters, and thereupon at 2:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.