

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - April 12, 1912

The Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky met at the Phoenix Hotel, Friday, April 12, 1912, at twelve o'clock.

Present: Governor James B. McCreary, Messrs. Barksdale Hamlett, Cassius M. Clay, Hywel Davies, Richard C. Stoll, Louis L. Walker, T. L. Edelen, C. B. Nichols, Jas. W. Turner, Robert W. Brown, Tibbis Carpenter, William H. Cox, Denny P. Smith, Claude B. Terrell, and President H. S. Barker.

Absent: Messrs. Richard N. Wathen, James Breathitt and James K. Patterson.

Governor McCreary in the chair.

The Chairman announced that as this was a called meeting, only such business as was set out in the call could be considered. The Secretary was thereupon requested to read the call, which is as follows:

To W. T. Lafferty,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees,

State University.

Sir:

You will please call a meeting of the Board of Trustees of State University, Lexington, Kentucky, to meet at the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky, at twelve o'clock M., Friday, April 12, 1912, the meeting to be called:

1. For the purpose of considering and acting upon the recommendation of the Committee appointed by the Legislature to investigate the affairs of the University, and to consider, act upon, reaffirm or repeal the order of the Board of Trustees made December 14, 1909, prescribing the conditions of the resignation and retirement of James K. Patterson as President of the University.

2. To consider the finances of the University and to consider the report of the expert accountant which will then be made to the Board.

3. To consider and act upon recommendations of the Executive Committee and Faculty.

4. For the purpose of re-organizing the University, including all departments, courses of study, fees, charges, tuition, transportation of students, appointments and all other matters incident thereto, and for the further purpose of considering whether or no the Model School shall be discontinued as a department of the University.

(Signed) H. S. Barker
C. B. Nichols
R. C. Stoll
by W. T. Lafferty.

Motion made by Mr. Brown that the meeting proceed at once to business, in accordance with the call as issued by the Secretary and just read. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Governor McCreary then read the first paragraph of the call, which is as follows:

"1. For the purpose of considering and acting upon the recommendation of the Committee appointed by the Legislature to investigate the affairs of the University, and to consider, act upon, reaffirm or repeal the order of the Board of Trustees made December 14, 1909, prescribing the conditions of the resignation and retirement of James K. Patterson as President of the University."

President Barker offered a resolution that the contract made on December 14, 1909 by the Board of Trustees with Ex-President Patterson be set aside and held for naught.

Mr. Davies seconded this resolution, with the statement that an effort was being made to harmonize and adjust the discordant elements in the University, and expressed the belief that a compromise could be brought about, if action on this matter could be deferred a few hours.

Motion made by Mr. Nichols that a committee consisting of Messrs. Davies, Clay and Terrell be appointed to take up this matter, and see what can be done and report to the Board immediately after lunch, to which committee President Barker's resolution should be referred. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

The second section of the call was then read, which is as follows:

"2. To consider the finances of the University and to consider the report of the expert accountant which will then be made to the Board."

The Business Agent was called upon for the report of the expert accountant, but he stated that he had only a tentative report to make, as the expert had not yet finished his work. This preliminary statement was then read, and President Barker presented the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of State University that a special committee composed of Messrs. Terrell, Davies, Brown, Hamlett and Edelen is hereby appointed to examine into all the affairs of the University and report at the June meeting of this Board what, if any, changes in the government and organization of the institution are necessary to promote its best interests for the future."

On motion President Barker's resolution was adopted unanimously.

The third section of the call was read by the Chairman, which is as follows:

"3. To consider and act upon recommendations of the Executive Committee and Faculty."

In this connection President Barker reported that the Council of Deans recommended in a lengthy report the establishment of a Graduate School and the election of a Dean of this School, which would entail no additional expense, but was a necessary department of a University.

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Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Motion made by Judge Walker that the Special Committee appointed under President Barker's resolution be specifically directed to prepare the budget for the ensuing year and keep it within the appropriation now allowed by law for the benefit of the University, which motion was seconded by President Barker and unanimously carried.

The fourth section of the call was then read by the Chairman, as follows:

"4. For the purpose of re-organizing the University, including all departments, courses of study, fees, charges, tuition, transportation of students, appointments and all other matters incident thereto, and for the further purpose of considering whether or not the Model School shall be discontinued as a department of the University."

The following suggestions in regard to the re-organization were then read by Judge Lafferty:

1. All students who are residents of the State of Kentucky shall be admitted into the State University of Kentucky free of tuition.
2. Students who hold county appointments and who occupy rooms in the University dormitories shall each pay a fee of \$10., to cover use of furniture, service of matron, service of janitor, medical inspection and benefits of university hospital.
3. Students who hold county appointments and who do not occupy rooms in the University dormitories shall not be required to pay any University fees.
4. All students who do not hold county appointments shall pay an incidental fee of \$10. each and the funds derived from such incidental fees shall be used to pay the transportation expenses of the students who do not hold county appointments.

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5. No student will be entitled to expenses of transportation for more than one round trip to and from the University each year and then only upon the condition that he remains for the full period of the school year.

6. Non-resident students shall each pay a tuition fee of \$10., each year he attends. Students entering after the Christmas holidays of any school year will pay one-half of the fees here stipulated.

7. Hereafter rooms will not be furnished to male students holding county appointments, except in the two dormitories upon the campus and such other places as may be provided in houses owned by the University. Furniture owned by the University, such as beds, tables, wash-stands and chairs, not used in any of the rooms above referred to may be turned over for the use of students who are appointees, under such regulations as may be adopted by the Executive Committee.

At this point a recess was taken for lunch.

At 2.20 the Board re-convened.

Motion was made by Judge Walker that the matters contained in the above recommendations be referred to the Special Committee with power to act. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

In regard to discontinuing the academy, the following recommendation was presented by Judge Lafferty:

No preparatory instruction will hereafter be provided for, except for the purpose of enabling students who are classified in the University courses, or in the short courses, to remove conditions. This will not, however, apply to students now in the University doing preparatory work.

Motion was made that this recommendation be referred to the Special Committee with power to act. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously that the President of the University be added to this Special Committee.

The Chairman stated that only the first paragraph of the call remained to be acted upon.

The committee appointed to confer with the President Emeritus James K. Patterson at this time returned and Mr. Clay, as Chairman, reported that the committee had considered the matter and had held consultations both with Judge Barker and with ex-President Patterson, and that they had both agreed to this: That President Patterson is to have his pension and to retain his residence on the grounds at \$20. per month, but on the other hand, President Patterson is to give up all his official connection with the University, he is to resign his trusteeship by the first of June, he is to resign his position on the faculty, he is to resign his position on the library committee and his office in the library and all connection with the library; that he is to pledge himself not to publicly criticise the present administration, that he is to be absolutely neutral, and indeed to assist them.

Mr. Stoll made a motion that the report be accepted and the proposition contained therein be agreed to by the Board, which was duly seconded, and on roll-call the vote stood:

Yeas: Governor Cox, Messrs. Terrell, Davies, Clay, Edelen, Stoll,

Hamlett, Turner, Walker, Carpenter, Nichols and Governor McCreary. 12

Noes: None.

Governor McCreary stated that the four propositions included in the call for this meeting had each one been considered and disposed of.

Motion was thereupon made and carried to adjourn.

James B. McCreary
Chairman

Secretary

Missing report(s)