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A special meeting of the faculty was called April 3, 1917, with quorum present. In the absence of President Barker, Dean Anderson presided.

The Chairman called attention to the desirability of the rearrangement of the University schedule on Thursday on account of the presence of Dr. A. E. Winship in Lexington, whom it was desired to secure to address the students in chapel. Professor Melcher stated that Superintendent Cassidy had conferred with President Barker regarding this matter and Dr. Winship had at first been expected to take the regular chapel period on Tuesday, but was unable to be here at that time. On motion of Professor Jones seconded by Professor Mathews, it was ordered that the program on Thursday be arranged to permit of a chapel period at the usual hour for this address.

Professor Melcher called attention to the importance of securing material for getting out the schedule of studies for next year by May first, and stated that it should be in the hands of the committee two weeks earlier than that date.

Dean Anderson called attention to the fact that on the fourteenth of October, last, the honorary degree of LL.D. had been voted for James Lane Allen, among other distinguished persons honored at that time. On account of the rule that no such degree is conferred in absentia, Mr. Allen having been sick at that time, the degree was not conferred. Prof. Miller stated that it was believed that Mr. Allen was ill of an incurable malady and he felt, therefore, that in view of this fact that it would be appropriate to waive the University rule and grant the honorary degree in absentia. A motion was made by Professor Melcher and seconded by Professor Jones, that it may be recommended that the degree of LL.D. <sup>Comm. program give LL.D.</sup> be so conferred on Mr. Allen in his absence, if it be clear that he could not be present. After a discussion by Professor Hooper, Professors Miller, Jones Dantzler and others, the motion was carried also that the chairman appoint a committee to make further inquiry into the matter and Professors Hooper, Jones and Dean Hamilton were sp so

appointed.\*

Dean Anderson then explained to the Faculty the object and purposes of the so-called "officers reserve corps" for the development of further military interests in this institution, after which, the meeting adjourned.

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\* - No further note appears in minutes but minutes of Board of Trustees of June 5, 1917 and in the Commencement program of June, 1917 - it shows that Mr. Allen was granted the degree of "Doctor of Literature" instead of "Doctor of Laws" and that the degree was conferred "in absentia."