

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Meeting Held February 3rd., 1910

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of State University, held on the 3rd day of February, 1910, at 11 o'clock A.M. in the Board Room of the Capitol Building, at Frankfort, Kentucky, pursuant to call.

The meeting opened with His Excellency Augustus E. Willson Governor of Kentucky, in the chair.

~~Charles-B.-Nichols~~

T. L. Edelin and James H. Patterson presented their credentials and were sworn in by Governor Willson. ~~President-Patterson~~ Charles B. Nichols having been previously sworn in by the County Clerk. Mr. Jas. Turner who came into the meeting later was also sworn by the Governor.

Before the roll was called the Governor read the following telegram from Hon. Hywel Davies, -

"Sincerely regret my inability to attend Board meeting to elect president of State University on account of severe attack of grippe which has confined me to my room since Sunday. Congratulations and best wishes to the new and may the choicest blessings fall to the lot of the retireing (retiring) president whose well merited fame will live as long as the University", signed, "Hywel Davies".

The roll was then called and was as follows: -

His Excellency Governor Willson	Present
President James K. Patterson	Present
Hon. John G. Crabbe,	Present
Hon. John B. Atkinson	Absent
Hon. Jas. W. Turner	Present

Charles B. Nichols, Esq.,	Present
T. L. Edelin, Esq.,	Present
Judge Henry S. Barker,	Absent
Hon. Tibbis Carpenter,	Present
Hon. William H. Cox,	Present
Denny P. Smith, Esq.,	Absent
Hon. Claude B. Terrell,	Present
Hon. Cassius M. Clay,	Present
Hywel Davies, Esq.,	Absent
Richard C. Stoll, Esq.,	Present
Louis L. Walker, Esq.,	Present
Richard N. Wathen, Esq.,	Present

Mr. Stoll then moved that all absent members be excused, which motion having been duly seconded was unanimously carried.

Mr. Stoll then said: The Executive Committee reported to the Board in December that in its judgment it was advisable that the College should purchase a piece of property on the corner of Winslow and Adams Street for the future use of the College, and I therefore move that the Executive Committee of the College be authorized to purchase the McLaughlin property at the corner of Limestone and Winslow for an amount not exceeding \$6,000.00, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the Committee.

President Patterson then stated that the purchase price would be \$5,500.00

Which motion was duly seconded and the vote was as follows:-

Governor Willson,	Aye
President Patterson	Aye
Mr. Nichols	Aye
Mr. Edelin	Aye

Mr. Carpenter	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Terrell	Aye
Mr. Clay	Aye
Mr. Stoll	Aye
Mr. Walker	Aye
Mr. Wathen	Aye

Motion carried.

President Patterson (see papers in tin box)

Professor: - There are some bills before the Legislature looking towards an additional income from the Commonwealth to the State University. I want to say here that I have kept my pledge given to you not to introduce any measures relating to additional appropriations for the University, unless by previous consultation, hence I have had no hand in the introduction of these measures, yet they are before the Legislature and I heard the Bills will pass giving us some additional annual income. If that shall take place, we will then have an enlargement of income to such an extent that we can do something we thought ought to be done and which we thought we could not do under present circumstances; one important measure is the increase in the salaries of our professors, professors in chief and assistant professors. They are all working for us for salaries much below the average salaries of institutions whose income is not so large as ours. We are in constant danger of losing some of them, some of our best men, men of experience, men of national reputation and who can demand salaries better than we are paying. Salaries that we have in the past deemed adequate for the maintaining of the household are not now equal to the draft made upon the home treasury, and from that point of view, I want to introduce a resolution here this morning for your consideration that the measure under which the Committee on salaries appear be enlarged so as to

include, before the June meeting, a revision of the salaries of the institution, due regard being had to our income and expenditure, due regard being had for the services rendered by the professors, and this Committee on salaries report to the next meeting of the Board in June. That will require a great deal of careful consideration and I am not sure but that committee ought not to be enlarged by the addition of one or two other members. I would like to see added to that committee one or two men of eminent business capacity, and I should suggest Hon. Cassius M. Clay as one additional member and Governor Cox as another additional member.

I will assist as far as possible and will ascertain the salaries paid to professors of other institutions similar to ours and report at the June meeting.

Said motion being duly seconded was unanimously carried.

The Chairman then appointed Hon. Cassius M. Clay and Governor Cox as additional members of the Committee.

President Patterson: - At a meeting of the Faculty held day before yesterday the following named persons were recommended to the Board of Trustees for the following degrees, - Jonathan Blair McAfee, Ardmore, Pa., for the degree of Doctor of Engineering.

J. Levering Jones, Philadelphia, Pa., for the degree of LL. D.

Alex. P. Humphrey, Louisville, Ky. for the degree of LL. D.

W. W. Finley, President of Southern Railroad, Washington D. C. for the degree LL.D.

Henry Clews, New York City, for the degree LL. D.

This is from the Secretary of the Faculty, (Here reads) letter signed C. W. Mathews, Secretary of the Faculty.

Moved that the recommendation of the Faculty be approved as to these five honorary degrees, and the degrees be conferred in June. Which motion being duly seconded was unanimously carried.

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By Mr. Stoll: - You will all recall at the June Meeting of the Board 1909, a special committee was appointed to recommend to this Board a person for President of the University. This committee has had several meetings, and at all of these meetings I have been Secretary and Judge Barker was Chairman. A meeting held in this room in Frankfort the 13th day of January, the committee unanimously desired to recommend to this Board as President of this University Judge Henry S. Barker of Louisville. I will say as a member of that Committee that Judge Barker was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Walker: - I move that the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

President Patterson:- I was present, of course, at the meeting of the Committee and I expressed my views to my fellow members pretty fully. I had prepared a statement in writing which I had intended to submit to them but which I did not do. I acquiesced in the Committee, - I did not want to raise any factious opposition, and while I cannot say that Judge Barker had my support, I did not oppose it. The opinion prevails that the action of the Committee was unanimous. It was unanimous with that interpretation. I entertained a sort of negative acquiescence, because I believed that the recommendation made by the majority of the Committee was a mistake. I wish to express to you now, gentlemen, the views which I hold upon this matter, and in order to avoid saying a great deal that I wish to say or more than I wish to say, I take the privilege to present them on paper, - disclaiming all personal considerations and assuring you, gentlemen, of my high regard, esteem and friendship for the distinguished gentleman whose name is before you as my successor, I desire to place on record the views which I hold in regard to the qualifications that should attach to that high office, the most important, I believe, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A clear, vigorous moral sense, discretion, tact, business capacity, patience, courtesy, facility of speech, are essential qualifications, but as a condition precedent for their application and availability certain other qualifications are indispensable, viz: Intellectual ability of a high order, a qualification readily conceded, and education broad and deep, at once liberal and scientific and practical, and in

addition thereto a large experience in collegiate and university work, enabling their possessor to coordinate lines of acquisition and research and the adjustment of means to ends in the economy of time and labor, of student and professor. These qualifications are by unanimous consent of all college men fundamental and indispensable. Their presence is vital and their absence may be fatal. The standard of education has been materially raised within the last thirty-five years and qualifications which were deemed adequate forty years ago no longer meet modern requirements. A higher standard is required in assistants, in heads of departments, in deans of courses of study, and above all, in the President of the institution. A large majority of the ablest and foremost college and university Presidents of today (today), in addition to the undergraduate and post-graduate courses which they had in America, have spent years abroad doing advanced work in Germany, England, France, and Italy, in order to become qualified and eligible for the positions which they now hold. I do not know of any reputable university or college in America, the President of which has not had the advantages of collegiate and university training. I do not know of any board of Trustees of any kind of any first-class University in America, which would consider the claims of any applicant for this high office in whom these qualifications were deficient or wholly absent. What would you say if a ship owner who should commit his vessel, with its cargo and its freight of human lives to a captain and pilot who had no knowledge of the principles of navigation and the art of seamanship? ^(would we) What would we think of any minister of marine who should place a landsman in command of a modern battleship, or in command of a fleet of battleships and cruisers, who was wholly devoid of naval education and training and utterly ignorant of the science and art of naval warfare? High character and moral principles and urbanity and good fellowship and tact and discretion are valuable adjuncts, but of themselves they would neither win important battles nor navigate dangerous seas. A crisis in the history of the University is now upon us. The life of the University and its prosperity are dear to me. I have given to it more than forty years of loyal service. I cannot then be indifferent to its fate. The present crisis has given

me anxious days and sleepless nights and sorrow of heart and anguish of spirit. I recall a passage from Tacitus which has been much in my mind during these latter days, viz. "That while the sovereignty of Rome was being transferred to another, Galba, ignorant of what had happened, and intent upon the sacrifices, was wearying by his importunities, the gods of an Empire, now no longer his own." The parallelism is suggestive, except, happily, in the moral aspects. Nevertheless, whatever its results may be, I will give my successor a loyal support and aid him in every way I can to make his administration effective and successful. This I shall do, because the life and success and good name of the University are with me paramount to all other interests and considerations, whether public or private, official or personal.

Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees: - I will now add verbally what has not been incorporated in the paper which I have submitted to your consideration, that when in New York I presented to DR. Pritchett, on behalf of the Board of Trustees the preliminary conditions for the eligibility of the State University to the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation, viz:

1st. A certified copy of the formal application made by the Board of Trustees.

2nd. The formal approval of the Governor of Kentucky.

3rd. The joint resolution passed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky endorsing the application of the Board and the approval of the Governor.

The President of the Foundation informed me that these were entirely correct in matter and in form, but he added in substance as follows:

"If your Board of Trustees elect a man as your successor in the presidency who has not had the benefit of a collegiate or university education and who has had no experience whatever in the organization of university work and no administrative or executive experience thereon, I could not think under these conditions of recommending at present to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation that the State University be placed upon the list of its beneficiaries."

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Thus you see, gentlemen of the Board, we shall be placed at a manifest disadvantage through loss of prestige in our own Commonwealth and through loss of prestige in the Association of Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and Experiment Stations, and more important still, in the Association of American State Universities. We shall virtually be placed in quarantine and not allowed to land until we can show a clean bill of health.

After remarks by Mr. Walker and Mr. Wathen, Mr. Clay made the following statement:- In order to put my position on record I am going to move to strike out from the report of the Committee the name of Judge H.S. Barker and insert that of Professor Smith of the University of Louisiana. There being no second to this motion, the Chairman directed the Secretary to call the roll upon the motion as to whether the report of the Committee should be adopted and the vote stood as follows:-

Governor Willson	Aye
President Patterson	
Mr. Turner	Aye
Mr. Nichols	Aye
Mr. Edelin	Aye
Mr. Carpenter	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Terrell	Aye
Mr. Clay	Aye
Mr. Stoll	Aye
Mr. Walker	Aye
Mr. Wathen	Aye

Report of the committee is received and approved.

Moved that Judge Henry S. Barker be elected President of the University.

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Ballots being taken resulted, after count, in 12 ballots for Judge Barker, none against and Judge Barker was declared duly elected President of the State University of Kentucky.

Mr. Walker then moved that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to notify Judge Barker of his election as President of the University and report back to the Board of Trustees in June, which motion being duly seconded and was unanimously carried.

The Chairman then appointed Mr. Walker, Mr. Cox and Mr. Carpenter as members of this Committee, and by unanimous consent President Patterson was added as a member of the Committee.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

D. C. Frazee
Secretary