

The Executive Committee of the State University of Kentucky met in special session in President Barker's office, Friday, March 5, 1915, at 12 o'clock.

Those present were: Messrs. C. B. Nichols, T. L. Edelen, R. C. Stoll, J.C. Brown and P. P. Johnston.

Absent: Messrs. C. B. Terrell and G. W. Brock.

President Barker made a report relative to improvements being made in Winslow Street. He stated that in company with Mr. Johnston, he had gone down to see the commissioners about the street and found that they were not at all impressed with the idea that they should deliberately pay any part of it. They stated that they were under the impression that it was for the benefit of the University, and that but for the University, they would not have engaged in it. They had passed no ordinance nor authorized anybody to do anything at all with reference to the street. The President further stated that he had never talked with the commissioners before on the subject and they did not pretend that he ever had. They admitted that nobody purporting to represent the Board of Trustees or Executive Committee had ever talked with them. They, however, were under the impression that Judge Lafferty had spoken by authority in what he had said to them, although he had not told them this in so many words.

President Barker replied that they ought to know that only the Board of Trustees had full authority to bind the University and that the Executive Committee represented the Board when it was not in session. Further conversation was carried on with the commissioners who were very kind and friendly towards the University; The President stated that he explained to them that this was not a question of what the Board of Trustees would like to do. They were confronted with the law, which as they interpreted it, was like the law of the Medes and Persians- no variation in it whatever. The President said that on being asked to give his opinion, he had declined. The commissioners cited the matter of improving Limestone Street, toward which the University was to make annual payments for ten years, and said that they considered Winslow a parallel case. In this the President said that he thought the University had done wisely, but that this action on the part of the Board would not bind it as to future improvements.

The Commissioners held the opinion that they had the right to put the street through and take the University's ground.

The following letter from the Mayor of the City of Lexington to the Executive Committee, was read:

To the Members of  
the Executive Committee  
State University of Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

For some time past negotiations have been held between the Board of Commissioners of the City of Lexington and Judge Lafferty, as representative of the State University, looking toward the improvement of Winslow Street. The Board of Commissioners and Judge Lafferty finally agreed upon the following program:

That the University should dedicate to the City a strip of ground adjoining Winslow Street, about thirty feet in width, which should become a part of the street; that the City should then order Winslow Street, thus widened, improved; and that the cost of this improvement should be assessed against the abutting property owners, the University to pay its proportionate part of such cost and the City to pay the cost of intersections and of a storm water sewer.

In order for the street to be improved during the coming summer and fall it was necessary that the fills should be made at once so that earth could settle sufficiently to safely receive the paving. Relying upon the understanding with Judge Lafferty the City arranged with the Carey-Reed Company to begin the construction of the fills, and under this arrangement the Carey-Reed Company has practically completed the grading of the street at a cost of approximately \$2000.00 as I am advised.

I may say here that at the time this arrangement was made the Commissioners were of the opinion that other streets in the City should be improved before Winslow Street, and that it was largely in order to accommodate the University and to comply with the urgent request of its representative that the Board of Commissioners decided upon the program outlined above; and, of course, it was in reliance upon this understanding with your representative that the expense of grading mentioned above was incurred.

The City, of course, understood that Judge Lafferty was acting as the authorized representative of the University and that we could rely on his statement. He has appeared often heretofore on other matters pertaining to the University and we have always endeavored to comply with his requests in order to aid the University in any way the City could. We have always considered that a request from him was a request from the proper authorities of the University.

In making up the budget for the present year the Board of Commissioners did not appropriate any money for the construction of Winslow Street other than it was obligated to spend under the arrangement with Judge Lafferty; and it would be impossible for the City to assume the cost of this work.

It is the earnest desire of the Commissioners to cooperate with the University in every way possible and,

insofar as the City can do so, to comply with its wishes with respect to public improvements. The City authorities appreciate the State University and it was this fact that really induced the Board of Commissioners to undertake the improvement of Winslow Street.

I do not know the financial conditions of the University or the restrictions resting upon its authorities in the expenditure of its funds, but in view of the fact that these arrangements were entered into in absolutely good faith by both sides and the situation has resulted in the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, I earnestly request that your Committee consider the question seriously and see if some means cannot be devised by which this unfortunate situation can be taken care of and the improvement completed in some way satisfactory to all parties.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Cassidy  
Mayor

P.S. As Mayor of the City I fully realize that no officer or any person in any way connected with the State University, of Lexington, Kentucky, has contracted any obligation for or on behalf of said institution in regard to this improvement, but the City would appreciate a solution of the matter in strict accordance with the law.

J. E. C.

Thereupon, upon motion, made, seconded and carried (Mr. Stoll not voting), the Chairman of the Executive Committee was authorized and directed to send to the Mayor of the City of Lexington a letter, of which the following is a copy, in response to his letter, outlining the proposition from the University to the City of Lexington, which said letter is as follows:

Mayor J. E. Cassidy,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Sir:

We, the Executive Committee of the State University, acknowledge receipt of your letter in reference to Winslow Street, and also desire to say that we fully appreciate the kind spirit in which it is written, and regret that the legal limitations by which we are surrounded forbid our doing anything in regard to the matter except as follows:

The Committee is willing to dedicate, or deed, as you may desire, the strip of land thirty feet wide, which you have heretofore taken as part of Winslow Street, from the Campus of the University; but we cannot obligate ourselves or the University to pay any part of the improvement of the street, but are willing to deed the property as our contribution to public improvement. It is, however, to be distinctly understood that this is upon condition that the street is built within a reasonable time, not to exceed one

year from date, and to be at no cost to the State University,

Regretting our inability to do anything further in forwarding this public improvement, we are

Very respectfully yours,

The Executive Committee  
By C. B. Nichols, Chairman.

Thereupon the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED: That if the City of Lexington accepts the proposition this day made by the Executive Committee, in regard to the making of Winslow Street, the Chairman, Mr. C. B. Nichols, is hereby authorized and empowered, in our name and for the State University, to deed to the City of Lexington, to be apart of the public highway known as Winslow Street, the thirty feet of land which the City has heretofore taken and partially improved as a part of Winslow Street.

On roll call (Mr. Stoll not voting) the above resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Committee then adjourned for lunch.

---

At the afternoon session the following letter from Professor Anderson was read:

February 26, 1915

President Henry S. Barker,  
State University of Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Complying with a request of the Executive Committee of the State University of Kentucky, requiring the dean of each college to present in writing, requests for appropriations or modifications of existing rules pertaining to the business of each department, I herewith submit to you for the consideration of the Executive Committee, the following:

I respectfully request that \$300.00 be appropriated for meeting the expenses of the Summer School in Mechanic Arts for the summer of 1915.

This appropriation of \$300.00 is to be used for advertising and for paying for the services of instructors.

The \$300.00 will meet only in part the expenses of the Summer School in Mechanic Arts but we propose to charge sufficient fees to make up the additional expenses and salaries.

I guarantee that the University will not be called upon to meet any expenses not covered by the \$300.00 appropriated.

The request for this appropriation is made at this time to cover certain expenses for advertising that cannot be contracted for until the expenditure is authorized.

Respectfully submitted,

(not signed)  
Dean, College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Edglen moved that an appropriation of \$300.00 be made Prof. Anderson for Summer School work in his department.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Stoll and on roll call, unanimously carried.

The following letter from Professor Noe, Director of the Summer School, was read:

March 5, 1915

President Henry S. Barker,  
State University of Kentucky.

Dear President Barker:

The department of Education desires to conduct a Summer School this year for the benefit of the high school teachers of the State who are unable to be with us except at the Summer Session. It frequently happens that a teacher comes to us in the Summer School and becomes interested in the State University and soon discontinues his work for a year or so to complete his preparation for teaching here. Some of the best men we have graduated have come to us in that way. We therefore believe that it is quite worth our while to expend a part of our budget for the benefit of such teachers. Our Summer School will not be large, perhaps never can be, owing to the fact that now the George Peabody College of Teachers is appropriating \$200,000 for the Summer Session and making that the most attractive center for teachers in the South and Southwest; but each year interest in the University is growing largely through the Summer Session among the teachers of the State.

We want to offer courses this year in the following subjects:

English  
Education  
Mathematics  
Modern Languages  
Ancient Languages  
Home Economics  
History  
Physics  
Agriculture

There is considerably more demand in some branches than in others. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Kinney will offer a course in Soils and Crops for teachers, giving one hour a day for this

work. The department of Physics will offer a single course for teachers also. In the other subjects there will be several courses in each department. We have planned to conduct the Summer School on the following financial basis:

We are asking \$1,500.00 appropriation from the University. \$1000.00 of this sum comes out to the budget of the Department of Education. Teachers from the following departments have been selected by the Executive committee:

2 in Mathematics  
2 in Education  
2 in Modern Language  
1 in Latin  
1 in History  
1 in English  
1 in Home Economics  
1 in Physics  
A single course divided between two in Agriculture.

We pay the Physics teacher \$100.00; the Agriculture teachers \$100.00 and Home Economics \$150.00.

Each student in the Summer School will be required to pay a fee of \$10.00 and this added to the \$1500.00 from the University, will constitute the total income of the Summer School. After deducting the sums above mentioned to the teachers in the three Departments, along with the general expenses of the Summer School, from the total amount of tuition and appropriation, the balance will be pro-rated among the nine teachers. This will make a very small amount for the services rendered. We ought to have a larger appropriation but the teachers have agreed to work for this sum.

Very respectfully,

J.T.C. Noe

On motion, made, seconded and unanimously carried, the plan as outlined in above said letter was approved by the Committee.

Mr. Stoll raised a question relative to the resolution passed by the Committee at its last meeting, which required that the heads of departments make a report in writing at this meeting of the Committee, giving the number of professors in the department, what they were teaching, how much they were paid, their title, etc., and he wished to know whether this had been complied with.

President Barker stated that owing to the illness of Judge Lafferty, Secretary of the Committee, the deans had not been notified of the resolution.

Mr. Stoll moved that this report be called for at the April meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Brown moved that the President, at the next meeting of the Committee, report the cost to the University of

of Apparatus, etc. used in the Summer School in Chemistry, and the cost to the University in fuel, and wear and tear on machinery used in the School of Mechanical Engineering.

This was seconded by Mr. Johnston, and carried unanimously.

President Barker stated that he would have a copy of the minutes mailed to each member of the Committee, after which the meeting adjourned.

(Not signed)

Secretary