

The Board of Trustees of the State University met in semi-annual session, in the Trustees' Room in the Gymnasium, Wednesday, December 12, 1911, at two o'clock P. M.

Present: Messrs. Clay, Carpenter, Nichols, Wathen, Walker, Regenstein, Turner, Patterson, Edelen, and President Barker.

Absent: Messrs. Terrell, Stoll, Davies, Smith, Cox.

The Governor being absent, on motion Mr. Clay was unanimously elected Chairman.

President Barker read his report, which was as follows:

December 9, 1911.

To the Board of Trustees,

State University of Kentucky.

Gentlemen:-

As President of the State University of Kentucky, I have the honor to make the following report to your honorable body, as by law required.

During the months of June and July 1911, there was offered under the auspices of the University eight weeks of Summer School, for the benefit of all who desired to take advantage of the opportunity to acquire knowledge, with the result that there were enrolled one hundred and thirty-seven students, (mostly teachers of public schools), who were taught the subjects as set forth in the following table:

CHEMISTRY		ENGLISH	
Inorganic Chemistry	5	Sub-Freshman	5
Qualitative Analysis	2	Romantic Period	<u>11</u>
Chemistry of Metals	4		16
Quantitative Analysis	2	HISTORY	
Elementary Chemistry	4	History	12
	<u>17</u>	Economics	<u>1</u>
			13

PHYSICS		LATIN	
Physics VI	4	Latin	6
Physics VII	1		
Physics VI & VII	3		
Physics I or III	11		
Physics II Lab.	12	GERMAN	
Sub-Freshman	5	Beginning & Adv. German	29
	<u>36</u>	French	10

MATHEMATICS		CIVIL ENGINEERING	
Calculus I and II	3	Field Work	2
Calculus II and III	3	Masonry Construction	3
Calculus III	2	Surveying	2
Plane Trig.	3	Desc. Geometry	4
Spher. Trig.	1	Roof Truss Design	2
Analytics	16	Water Supply	2
Algebra	8		
Solid Geometry	7	EDUCATION	
Plane Geometry	1	Education	
	<u>44</u>	(Professional work)	11
		Physiology	1

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This was the first Summer School held under the authority of the University; heretofore efforts have been made by some of the professors and instructors to hold summer schools, but the results were both unremunerative and unsatisfactory, and the whole scheme was a failure. Deeming it very important that a summer school should be conducted by the University, the Executive Committee authorized the expenditure of \$2500. in maintaining such a school for the term before mentioned. I believe the expenditure, while somewhat in the nature of an experiment, was more than justified by the result. The Summer School was a fine advertisement for the University and as the students (teachers) were much pleased with the instruction received by them at practically nominal tuition fees, in their gratitude they took an interest in directing students to the University for the regular term. I believe that no one thing which was done to advertise and popularize the University contributed more toward this end than did the Summer School.

The members of the Board will remember that during the Summer vacation the University received a proposition from the Trustees of the Peabody Fund to endow the School of Education in the sum of \$40,000., provided the University would agree to expend upon the maintenance of the school such annual sum as, when supplemented by the interest upon the endowment of \$40,000., would make an aggregate of \$10,000. A special meeting of the Board was called to consider this proposition, with the result that a quorum was not obtained, but the proposition was discussed informally and referred to the Executive Committee. There was some trouble in the mind of at least one member of the Board as to whether or not the proposition should be accepted as made, because it was feared that the Board might bind itself to an unwise contract. Without going into this feature of the matter at any further length, I succeeded in getting Dr. Wickliffe Rose, the Secretary of the Trustees of the Peabody Fund, to come to Lexington to inspect the School of Education, with the result that we agreed upon the following expenditures, which were to be considered in making up the amount which the University would be obliged to expend under the proposed contract:

Salary, Prof. Noe	\$2000.
Salary, Prof. Tigert	2000.
Expense account of Prof. McHenry Rhoads	500.
On the maintenance of the Summer School	1000.
On account of departmental pedagogy	1000.
For equipment	500.
Salary, one assistant in Dept. of Education	1000.
Making a total of	<u>\$8000.</u>

This, with the interest on the endowment fund, calculated at five percent, will aggregate the full sum of \$10,000. It will thus be observed that the only new money which the University will have to expend will be the salary of the Assistant in the Department of Education, estimated at \$1000. The University already pays the expenses of McHenry Rhoads, estimated at \$500. per annum, and I am assuming that more than \$1000. will be expended on the maintenance of the Summer School. The item of \$1000. for the Department of pedagogy is made up in the aggregate of the pro rate of the salaries of the various professors who teach the students in the School of Education. Dr. Rose made the calculation himself and said he would allow the aggregate sum of

\$1000. to be counted from this source. As the University already pays the salaries of these professors, it is out nothing for this item. Dr. Rose also considered that the University was already expending and would necessarily expend annually the sum of \$500. for equipment, and we agreed that the salary of the additional assistant would be the only new money which the University would be required to expend. This aggregates the sum of \$8000., and as aforesaid, with the additional sum of \$2000., being the interest on \$40,000., calculated at five percent, makes the full sum of \$10,000. Dr. Rose desires that the contract be ratified by the Board of Trustees and has agreed to send it on for your consideration. At the time this report is written, it has not yet arrived, but I confidently expect it to be here before the Board meets on the 13th of December.

The University is to be congratulated on receiving this endowment from the generosity of the Trustees of the Peabody Fund. It enables the Board of Trustees to greatly strengthen and build up the College of Education. No department of the University is more important to the State than the College of Education. The educational interest of the Commonwealth has great need of accomplished teachers and this need will in large part be supplied year by year from the graduates of this school.

The Board will be pleased to know that there has been a very large increase in the number of our students for the present term. That you may at once appreciate the increase, I subjoin a tabulated statement of the annual number of students enrolled beginning with the year 1905-6 and ending with that of 1911-12:

YEAR	No. of Students
1905-06	813
1906-07	901
1907-08	1064
1908-09	772
1909-10	721
1910-11	803
1911-12	1108

It will be observed that while for the term 1911-12 there is an increase of about forty percent over the number of the preceding term, this does not state accurately the real situation. The number for the term of 1910-11 is for the entire term, while the number given for 1911-12 is only for the first half of the term; judging the

future by the past, I confidently expect an additional enrollment of from 100 to 200 students during the last half of the present term. That is, I expect an enrollment of from 1200 to 1300 students by the end of the present term.

In this connection, I desire to assure the Board that notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, this great increase in the number of the student body has not been caused by either a lowering of the entrance requirements or by an illegal use of the power of appointment. I have tried to follow the statute, but always giving a liberal construction in the direction of affording an education to the greatest possible number of the youth of the State. I am of opinion that the intention of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in establishing and maintaining this institution was to educate the youth of Kentucky and not for the purpose of affording a livelihood for the faculty, - and therefore the wider the beneficial circle of the charity is extended, the nearer we will be to the generous spirit of the donors.

The entrance requirements of the State University are as high and enforced as rigorously as in any similar institution in the United States. So far as the appointing power is concerned, we have two hundred appointees less than the statute authorizes.

I feel sure the Board will rejoice to know of the great success achieved by our agricultural students in the national stock judging contests held in Chicago during the present collegiate term. In October there were offered at the National Dairy Show six prizes for the best judges of various strains of dairy cattle. In these contests eleven of the foremost state universities of the United States participated; among these were Cornell, Ohio State, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. Of the six prizes contended for, our students were awarded four. If they had received only one prize or even honorable mention, we would have had just cause to be proud; but instead, our team, constituting one-eleventh of the contestants, captures four-sixths of the trophies. Again, in the present month we sent a team to Chicago to contend for the prize offered for the best judges of saddle horses; in this contest five state universities had student teams, with the result that our team was awarded the prize.

Undoubtedly Prof. Scovell, the Dean of the Agricultural College, and Prof. Hooper, who so ably instructed the young men who constituted these teams, deserve the highest praise for their great work. The young men themselves are to be congratulated upon their faithful industry and their great success. The efficiency of our teams was greatly aided by the fact that in the country adjacent to our institution there are so many splendid models of the various animals belonging to the classes to be judged, and that the owners of these animals have been more than kind and generous in affording our students every opportunity to study these animals. This shows that our Agricultural College should be the very best in the country. I see no reason why we should excel other Universities in Arts and Sciences or Mechanics, although we may reasonably hope to equal them in all these, but Lexington is the place of all others, in my opinion, where there should be built up the greatest Agricultural College in the United States. Where else will you find a richer soil, a more beautiful landscape, a more equable climate, a higher development of fine stock, or a greater diversity of crops, than in the blue grass country? It seems to me that we need only put forth a reasonable effort to obtain absolute supremacy in the teaching of Agriculture.

It gives me great pleasure to report to the Board that our students by an overwhelming vote have adopted the honor system for the government of themselves; this, when ratified by the faculty will be formally installed as a system of university government. From the institution of this system, I confidently hope great things along the lines of a general uplift in the moral tone of the student body. This system places the government of the students in the hands of the student body, and casts upon them the responsibility of maintaining law and order and the building up and fostering of high ideals of manhood and good citizenship. This is not said with a view of creating the impression that our student body needs moral uplift to a greater degree than that of other similar institutions; on the contrary, I believe that ninety-five percent of our students are as fine ladies and gentlemen as are to be found anywhere. The honor system places the government of the student body in the hands of the virtuous

majority and enables them to eliminate the disorderly minority from the institution, unless they reform their conduct so as to conform to the rules and laws of the University.

As I reported to you in June, the financial condition of the institution is far from satisfactory. Our indebtedness in round numbers is \$88,000. Of this \$50,000. was inherited from the preceding administration, \$13,121.23 was incurred in the term of 1910-11, and \$21,000. (estimated) will accrue during the school year 1911-12. That we exceed our income during this year is due to the very large increase in the number of our students, for the reason that we have been forced to purchase a large amount of new equipment and to largely increase the number and efficiency of our teaching force. Our income is not equal to our needs and it goes without saying that we must apply to the General Assembly at its approaching session for adequate financial relief. I shall not enter into more minute details of the financial condition; the statement of the business agent will show it in detail.

In conclusion, I take pleasure in saying that, except as to its finances, the institution was never in a better shape than now. The student body as a whole is of an exceptionally high character, and I believe the university spirit was never higher in either the faculty or the student body. I have no doubt that if the Legislature furnishes us with an income sufficient to carry forward the work as it should be done, in a few years this institution can be placed in the very front rank of State Universities.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Henry S. Barker
President.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried that the President's report be referred to the proper committee when appointed.

The minutes of the June meeting of the Board of Trustees were read by the Secretary, which upon motion made and duly seconded, were approved.

President Barker offered the following resolution on the death of Mr. John B. Atkinson, a member of this Board:

Since the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky, Mr. John B. Atkinson, a member of the Board, departed this life. Mr. Atkinson was a man of great culture both of mind and heart and had for many years been intimately connected with and engaged in the development of the resources of Kentucky. He was a man of wide sympathy and broad views and was especially interested in the educational interests of the State of Kentucky. As a member of this Board he was faithful to the interests of State University and in his death this institution has sustained a great loss. He was a good citizen, a good friend and a good man. The world is better because he has lived and poorer because he has died.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy transmitted to the family of Mr. Atkinson.

The above resolution was, upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously adopted.

President Barker requested that action be taken by the Board in regard to the offer of the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund of \$40,000. as an endowment of the School of Education of the State University. He read a letter from Dr. Wickliffe Rose, the Secretary of the Peabody Fund, stating that he could not send the proposed contract in time for the December meeting of the Board. The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky that the Executive Committee of this Board be and it is hereby empowered to enter into a contract with the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund, relative to the endowment of \$40,000., with which it is proposed to endow the School of Education in this institution. When the proposed contract between the Trustees of the Peabody Education

Fund and this Board is approved by the Executive Committee, at a meeting held for that purpose, and signed by its Chairman, it shall bind this University as fully as if approved by this Board and signed by its President.

The Secretary was then requested to read the minutes of the Executive Committee, which was done, and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as read.

President Barker stated that there were two vacancies in the Board of Trustees, one in the Second District, caused by the death of Mr. John G. Atkinson, and one in the Fifth District, caused by his own (President Barker's) resignation, and he therefore nominated from the Second District Hon. James Breathitt, the retiring Attorney General of the State, and from the Fifth, Mr. Robert W. Brown of Louisville.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast one vote for each one of the nominees.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that all committees appointed at the June meeting be continued for another six months, until the meeting in June.

The following resolution was offered, which was upon motion unanimously adopted:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky that the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of two members to serve with himself as a Legislative Committee, with power to confer with similar committees from the two Normal Schools and agree on all matters of interest

arising at the next General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The following resolution was offered, which was upon motion unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky that the President be and is hereby authorized to appoint any person or persons from the faculty whom he sees fit, to aid him in advancing the interests of the University before the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The following resolution was offered, which was upon motion unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky that hereafter all athletics, including gymnasium work at the University, shall be under the supervision and control of the Athletic Committee.

Should any question arise between the committee and any professor or instructor in athletic work, either party may have an appeal to the President, whose decision in the matter shall be final until the first meeting thereafter of this Board.

President Barker offered the following resolution, which was upon motion unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees of the State University of Kentucky that Prof. C. R. Melcher be and he is hereby made Professor of Modern Languages, his salary to remain as fixed at present, but to increase under the general rule applicable to the salaries of professors.

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President Barker presented a letter from Mrs. Caroline E. Wallis, enclosing an account for \$230., balance claimed by her as due on salary as Matron of Patterson Hall.

Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to investigate the facts and report back to the Board.

President Barker reported a request from the Y.W.C. A. for the annual appropriation of \$50., for travelling expenses of delegates to the Conventions, for literature, etc.

On motion this matter was unanimously referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act.

President Patterson protested against the action of the Executive Committee in regard to his travelling expenses, and requested the Board to take definite action on the matter.

Motion was made and duly seconded that the two outstanding accounts of President Emeritus Patterson for travelling expenses be allowed, but that President Barker shall have the power to control representation at Educational Conventions in the future.

Before the vote on this motion was taken, a division of the vote was requested as to the two accounts.

A vote was thereupon called for on the first account for expenses of Dr. Patterson to Richmond, Virginia, to attend the meeting of the International Tax Association, which was defeated.

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The vote being also taken on the account for attendance at the meeting of the National Association of State Universities, said motion was carried, and the motion as a whole was then unanimously passed, with the amendment as to the expenses to Richmond, Virginia, as voted on.

Motion was then made and carried to adjourn sine die.

C. M. Clay

Chairman pro Tem

Secretary.