

Irregularities

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 15, 1905-
to
DECEMBER 8, 1908

May 30, 1905

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kentucky State College held at President's office and Trustees Room on the College Grounds, at Lexington, Ky., at 2 O'clock P. M., Tuesday May 30, 1905 being the regular semi-annual meeting.

Present: Messrs. Barker, Carpenter, Nelson, Clay, Kinkad, McChord, Brooks, Frazee, Hopkins, Nichols, Stout, Patterson. 12

Absent: Messrs. Ferguson, Hager, Bell and Ramsey. 4.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Judge Barker, who nominated Mr. Frazee as Chairman, which motion was duly seconded and being put to vote was carried, whereupon Mr. D. F. Frazee took the chair.

Upon motion of Judge Barker duly seconded and carried all absent members were excused.

President Patterson stated that he had the resignation of Judge Hagar as a member of the Board, and upon motion, duly made seconded and carried, after appropriate remarks, said resignation was accepted.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Secretary was directed to transmit to Judge Hagar, the remark made by President Patterson, upon his resignation.

The Chairman then announced that nomination to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Hagar were then in order.

Thereupon Judge Barker placed in nomination as a Trustee Judge Lafferty of Cynthiana, which nomination was duly recorded.

Mr. Nichols placed in nomination Mr. John Wood of Ashland, which nomination was duly recorded.

No nominations further were made and upon a vote by ballot the votes stood as follows:

For Judge Lafferty	5
" Mr. Wood	3

The Chairman therefore declared Judge Lafferty to be duly elected.

At this point an informal discussion was had as to whether Mr. Ramsey, - he having removed from the State,- was still a member of this Board, and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Ramsey, and ascertain whether his residence out of the State was permanent or not, and what he desired done about his membership on the Board.

At this point the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, which without objection, stood approved as read.

The Secretary here read the minutes of the various meetings of the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Board, which, without objection stood approved as read.

The reading of the minutes of the faculty since last meeting of Board was by consent postponed for the present.

At this point President here read his Report, to the Board, which is in words,-and figures-as follow, to-wit:

Lexington, Kentucky
May 20, 1905

To the Honorable Board of Trustees:
of the A. and M. College of Ky.
Gentlemen:

The collegiate year just closed has been one of average prosperity. The matriculation is not quite so large as that of the preceding year but the material enrolled judging from the reports of heads of Departments and Deans of Courses of Study, herewith submitted and made part of this report, has been above the average of preceding years. This is gratifying and due to the gradually improving conditions of the public schools and to the good material received from the Accredited Schools. These latter send us many good students. Their affiliations with the State College and the credit allowed pupils who complete their respective courses give them dignity and prestige at home. They show a desire to meet the requirements of the College in the thoroughness and compass of work done. We do not hesitate to acquaint them with any deficiencies which we note in the preparation of students sent. These suggestions are welcomed and acted upon. The consequence is that we are gradually bringing these secondary schools to a higher degree of efficiency, thus bene-

fitting the communities in which they are established as well as securing for ourselves a better **preparation** in the graduates sent us. One of the great necessities of the Commonwealth from an educational point of view is a high grade of High Schools. To the realization of this end the State College through its accredited schools systems is contributing an important part.

I desire to call the attention of the Board to the necessity of increasing facilities for agricultural education.

Some weeks ago I received an urgent request to attend the meeting of the Shelby County farmers in their annual Institute. A special message came to me saying that our assault had been planned upon the State College, because of its neglect of Agricultural education, the inadequacy of its instruction, the insufficiency of its staff and its failing to realize the just expectations of the farmers of the State. I attended the Institute. Meanwhile, measures were taken to disconnect the attack, I addressed the meeting with results even better than I could have anticipated. But for a time the **danger was real**. The danger still exist, and its recrudescence before the Legislature would seriously embarrass us. The fact is we have not provided adequately for Agriculture education. This course of study is attracting students in annually increasing numbers. We are bound by the obligations of the Act of Congress of 1862 establishing the College, to ~~make~~ adequate provisions for those branches of learning relating to Agriculture as well as for those relating to Mechanical Arts. We have fulfilled our obligations fairly well as regards the latter, but I regret to say that as regard to the former we are **justly chargeable with neglect**. This fact is PAGE openly charged that we are building up the Engineering, especially the Mechanical Engineering at the expense of the Agricultural. I have called attention to this neglect on former occasions and now on this desire to **urge** and emphasize the necessity. I have urged that a Professor of Agriculture should be appointed, and a Professor of Horticulture. I now add that a Professor of Animal Industry should be appointed, and that these be paid their salaries out of the fertilizer fund. I am quite sure they can be legally paid out of this fund. I have taken the opinion of Hon. James Wilson, Sec'y of Agriculture on this subject. He holds that any expenditure designed to benefit the farmer can be **legitimately** paid out of **our** fertilizer fund, and that there is nothing that can benefit the farmers more than thorough theoretical and practical instruction in the College course of Agriculture. I am quite sure that if so appointed and paid the legality of the expenditure will never be questioned. But whether paid out of the income from fertilizers or not, they must be appointed if we have regard to our duty. We must entrench ourselves in the good will of the farmers by the good work that we do in the Experiment Station on the one hand and on the good and adequate education in scientific Agriculture which we provide in the college on the other. On this subject I beg to commend to your careful consideration the excellent report of the Dean of Agriculture.

The authority given sometime ago to appoint a competent man to organize and conduct Farmer's Institutes in conjunction with the State Commissioner of Agriculture, and while not so employed to do experimental work in the Experimental Station, has not been productive of the results anticipated the Agriculture side of State College claims your attention and urgently claims it. If you ignore or neglect it, you fail in your duty and the interest of the Institution will suffer. The farmers will aid us if we do our duty to them. If we do not, we shall come to grief.

I again call your attention to the very disadvantageous conditions under which instruction in the various departments of Engineering is given. The recitation rooms, the drawing rooms, and shops in the Mechanical building are crowded beyond their capacity for comfortable and effective work. The Mechanical Laboratories is so congested with machinery that pass ways scarcely exists, and some pieces are practically useless because of the lack of space and power for their operations. The fewest facilities exists for the Mining Engineering and these are the most meager kind. A little wooden building, improvised at small cost, contains all that exists in the way of equipments. The parsimony with which this department expected to do work is a disgrace to the State.

The department of Physics is in equally evil plight. We possess a lot of good physical apparatus but the Laboratories and classrooms, are so small and overcrowded that satisfactory work cannot be done. And lastly the Normal Department is in great need of enlarged quarters. A new building with all the appliances for instruction, elementary, and advanced, is indispensable for the growth of this department. The indications are that increased attendance, in this Dept. will embarrass the College still more. The air is full of rumors that the State Teachers Association, inspired by hostility outside our own organization, and by disaffected persons within.

are organizing a movement against the present relations of the Normal Department of the State College with a view to the severance of its connection and its establishments on an independent basis.

The meeting at Maysville adopted resolution last year looking in this direction. Copies of these resolutions have been sent by certain parties connected with the State College to every Superintendent of the County Schools in Kentucky, urging their adoption by the institution of their respective counties.

The forth coming meeting at Mammoth Cave will take collective action on the reports received and this action is not likely to be inimical to us. It behooves us to be on the alert in order

to prevent disintegration and impartment of revenue. I believe that the Board can truthfully say that the Normal Dept. equally with the others has shared without prejudice in the provision made for the instruction, and in the free and unrestricted use of all the advantages offered by all the associated Departments of the College. The College is still straightened by the reason of the failure of revenue to keep acc with the expenditures. Page 10

While hopeful of a favorable decision by the Court of Appeals on the Constitutionality of the appropriation made by the last Legislature, hope in this case as in others is not convertible with certainty. Our estimates must therefore be based on existing facts of income and expenditures.

Last year I succeeded with the concurrence of the Board of Trustee in reducing expenditure by economies which did not impair the efficiency of administration or instruction.

I believe that more economies still could be introduced with like satisfactory results. The perfection of modern industrial production is due largely to the economic use of power through improved mechanical contrivances for its transmission and for its dynamic efficiency. The same principles should be applied in administering such a trust as that committed to us by the Commonwealth. The same principles should guide us in these matters as control a prudent householder in his domestic concerns.

Though circumscribed in its operations by limited accommodations and equipments, and by lack of means to provide assistants for several courses of study, the results obtained are most gratifying. Our graduates in Science, in Classics, in Pedagogy, in Agriculture, and in Engineering readily find remunerative occupations and stand well to the front in their respective avocation. Indeed when they enter the list as competitors with the best men and women graduated from other institution, their success is no less surprising than gratifying. But with more means we could do more and better work. Assistants are urgently demanded in English, in Modern Languages, in Physics, in the Normal School, in Botany, in Chemistry, in Biology, in Geology, in Physiology, in Civil Engineering, in Mining Engineering, in Mathematics. It is painful to see the straits to which our heads of Departments are reduced, in their efforts to place their departments on proper basis, and still more painful to know that their appeal to the Board cannot be met with an appropriations needed for meeting the most urgent necessities.

The estimated revenue for the coming year is \$73,046.

The estimated expenditure on the basis of appropriation (asked for) \$79,210.

With an existing deficit of \$23,100, it is easy to see what the result will be if all asked for be allowed in the budget. It behooves us then to project our expenditures on the most economic basis, making such provisions as is absolutely necessary for instruction and such appropriations for current expenditures as are indispensable in order to make education effective. Some must be disappointed. This is to be regretted but cannot be avoided. You are administering a great trust. The college is growing in usefulness and efficiency every year. No man in its governing body is indispensable, no man in its administration. Men serve their time and pass away, but Institutions remain.

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Those who serve will be held in grateful remembrance as benefactors, and their work will live in the perpetuity of the institutions which they serve. They may be exposed to obliging and to ignorant or malicious construction, but the good will remain and the evil will pass into oblivion.

There is a power that works for righteousness. You give of your time and your thought to serve your generation, not for material personal gain, but for the good of your contemporaries and posterity.

You sow and others will reap, but meanwhile those who follow will recall the services of those who went before and "praise the deeds of great men and of the fathers who begat them."

Thanking you for your continued confidence and support.

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With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

James K. Patterson.

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Salaries of President, Professors, assistant Professors,
Tutors and Fellows for 1905-06.

James K. Patterson	\$3300.00
J. K. Neville	2000.00
Dr. Chase Palmer	1500.00
Prin. Normal Dept.	1500.00
Prin. Academy	1500.00
Paul Wernicke	2000.00
Jas. G. White	2000.00
F. P. Anderson	2000.00
A. M. Miller	2000.00
M. L. Pence	2000.00
J. P. Brooks	2000.00
A. S. Mackenzie	2000.00
C. W. Mathews	2000.00
J. W. Pryor	1700.00
J. M. Davis	1000.00
Miss Kinkead	800.00
Asst. in Normal Dept.	1000.00
J. T. Faig	1700.00
Asst. in Academy	600.00
W. W. K. Mustaine	1000.00
V. E. Muncy	1000.00
J. L. Logan	7200.00
A. M. Wilson	1300.00
L. A. Mollan	600.00
2nd Asst. in Mathematics	600.00
Mrs. Stout	800.00
T. T. Jones	600.00
Joe Dicker	700.00
M. A. Doyle	400.00
Gordon Thurman	400.00
T. W. Freeman	600.00
Asst. in Agriculture	1200.00
Fellows	2400.00
Tutors	1000.00
Drawing	150.00
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MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

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Stationary & Printing	\$ 700.00
Fuel and Lights & Water	7000.00
Insurance	200.00
Repairs and Improv's	2000.00
Mining Eng.	750.00
Mech. "	3500.00

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS (CONT'D)

Civil Eng.	\$ 250.00
Geology and Zoology	400.00
Military Instruction	650.00
Physiology	200.00
Botany	250.00
Chemistry	750.00
Officers	500.00
Postage	600.00
Traveling Expenses	2000.00
Gen'l Traveling "	500.00
Trustees Meeting	300.00
Student Labor	600.00
Academy	100.00
Pol. Econ. and History	150.00
English	100.00
Modern Lang.	100.00
Ancient "	100.00
Mathematics	500.00
Contingent Fund	1500.00
Class Day	50.00
Etymology	100.00
Advertising	1200.00
Miscellaneous	2000.00
	<u>\$ 27,050.00</u>
Agriculture	500.00
Athletics Assoc.	500.00
	<u>28,050.00</u>

ATTACHES

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R. S. Bullock	\$ 100.00
D. C. Frazee	1200.00
Miss Hedges	480.00
R. R. Milliagn	700.00
L. D. Moore	400.00
John Smith	260.00
Pier Whiteman	200.00
A. Mitchel	300.00
G. D. Ellis	240.00
Chas. Turner	300.00
J. T. Friley	300.00
Mrs. Blackburn	800.00
	<u>5,480.00</u>
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	<u>46 850.00</u>
Total	\$80,380.00

This budget was adopted by the Executive Committee and is the same as in the Executive Committee Book.

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Upon motion of Judge Stout duly made recorded and carried the Report of the President was received, and referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

At this point the Report of the Treasurer was read and was upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, referred to the Committee on Finance.

At this Point President Patterson announced to the Board that it was invited by Mrs. Wallace, the Matron of the young ladies dormitory, to supper at 6:30 o'clock this evening, and was also invited to lunch with President Patterson at one o'clock to-morrow. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried both invitations were accepted with thanks.

The Report of the Business Agent for the past year was here read, and after discussion, upon motion of Mr. Clay, duly recorded and carried, said Report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

At this point there arose a discussion concerning the action of the students in refusing to pay gymnasium fees, and the division of same with the Athletic Association.

Judge Kinkead made a motion with reference thereto, but action on same was postponed until the Chairman of the Athletic Association could have an opportunity to make a statement, and said motion will appear in full at the point where action was taken thereon.

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Thereupon the following resolution was offered by Judge Barker: It is moved that all honor graduates of high schools be admitted to the college without payment of fees throughout the State, and in addition thereto that the President of the College be allowed to waive the payments of fees in all cases where, in his judgments it ought to be waived, to the extent of one hundred. Said motion was duly seconded by Mr. Clay, and after discussion, was put upon its passage and carried. At this point the Chairman announced the standing Committees as follows:

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Committee on Salaries:

Stout, Chairman, Nelson and Barker.

Committee on Minutes of Faculty and Minutes of Special faculties:

Messrs. Barker, Chairman, Brooks, Stout.

Committee on Internal Expansion:-

Messrs. Brook, Chairman, McChrod, Clay.

Committee on Experiment Station:-

Messrs. Nelson, Chairman, Nicholas, Carpenter.

Committee on Appropriations:-

Messrs. Kinkead, Chairman, Nelson, McChord,

Committee in Building and Grounds:-

Messrs. Brooks, Chairman, Clay, and Stout.

Committee on Military Instruction and College discipline:-

Messrs. Clay, Chairman, Brooks, Hopkins.

Committee on Finance:-

Messrs. Nicholas, Chairman, Stout and Kinkead.

Committee on President Report:-

Messrs. Hopkins, Chairman, Nicholas & Barker.

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Upon motion duly made recorded, and carried the Board at this point adjourned to meet tomorrow morning May 31st, 1905 at nine thirty o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment at nine thiry o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, May 31st, 1905.

Present: Messrs. Frazee, Clay, Brooks, Hopkins, Nicholas, McChord, Carpenter, Barker, Kinkead, Stout, Bell, Nelson, Ferguson, Lafferty, and Governor Beckham. 15 Mr. Clay in chair.

A committee of ladies from Lexington, representing the various ladies organization of Lexington, came before the Board to make statements in behalf of the establishment of the Department of Domestic Science in the College: among the ladies present were the following: Mesdames. Morton Gratz, Hamilton Scott, Beauchamp; Winston, Arnsperger, Hay, Oldham, Warner, Kinkead, McConnell, James Headley, Vance Nicholas, Wickliffe Preston, and Miss Laura Clay.

Statements and talks were made by Miss Clay, Mrs. Warner Kinkead, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Beauchamp, and other ladies.

After various greetings from members of the Board, and some informal discussion, the ladies retired.

Missing report(s)