

Minutes of the University Faculty, January 9, 1956

The University Faculty met in regular session in the Assembly Room of Lafferty Hall, Monday, January 9, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. President Donovan presided. Members absent were Staley F. Adams, Gifford Blyton*, W. M. Carter, W. P. Garrigus, Carsie Hammonds, A. D. Kirwan, A. C. McFarlan, Niel Plummer, Helen Reed, J. E. Reeves*, Jasper Shannon*, Hill Shine, Earl P. Slone, Gilbert Webster, Frank J. Welch and M. M. White*.

The minutes of December 12, 1955 were read and approved.

Associate Dean Horlacher read Resolutions on the death of Professor George Roberts and recommended that these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy be sent to Professor Roberts' family. The Faculty approved the Resolutions and the recommendation. President Donovan also paid a brief tribute to Professor Roberts.

The sudden death on December 11, 1955 of Professor George Roberts at the age of 82 brought sorrow to his colleagues in the University and to a host of friends throughout the State. No man was better known nor more highly regarded by the farm people of Kentucky than Professor Roberts. They recognized in him an able conscientious man devoted to agricultural research and dedicated to the task of helping to develop a more profitable and permanent agriculture for the state and they knew he was deeply interested in their welfare. How well he succeeded is indicated in a statement made in 1943 by Dr. Thomas P. Cooper, then dean of the College and director of the Experiment Station. The occasion was Professor Roberts' retirement from full-time duty. Said Dr. Cooper, "In the years that he has been with the Experiment Station, Professor Roberts has performed a service for agriculture that is outstanding and has added greatly to the economic wealth and productivity of the agriculture of the state. Through his leadership farmers of Kentucky have undertaken a soils program, the results of which can be seen everywhere in the state."

Professor Roberts' success with his experimental work was due to careful planning. Before starting the work he sought the advice of the leading men in soil research at various experiment stations. The late Dr. C. G. Hopkins of the University of Illinois Experiment Station, one of the most noted soil research men in the country, was especially helpful in offering suggestions.

In addition to his research work Professor Roberts taught classes in the College of Agriculture and many students who were members of his classes remember him as an inspiring teacher. Even after retirement from full duty he continued to teach one or more classes until recent years.

Professor Roberts received a bachelor degree from the University of Kentucky in 1899 and a masters degree in science in 1901. He was assistant chemist at the Experiment Station, 1901-03. He then left Kentucky and went to California where he was assistant chemist at the Experiment Station of the University of California, 1903-06. While at California he worked under the direction of the late Dr. E. W. Hilgard, an eminent soil chemist and soil research worker. His association with Dr. Hilgard was responsible in a large degree for his choice of research in and teaching of soil fertility as his life work. He returned to the Kentucky Experiment Station in 1906 and served as assistant chemist.

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In 1909 he was named Agronomist and Professor of Agronomy and made head of the Department of Agronomy in which capacity he served until he retired from full duty in 1943. He served as acting dean of the College of Agriculture in 1916 and 1917 and as assistant dean until his retirement.

Professor Roberts was a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and served as treasurer of that organization from 1913 to 1917. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Zeta. He also held membership in the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, the Kentucky Academy of Science and the Research Club of the University of Kentucky. He was named in Who's Who in America and other similar publications. He was a member of Central Christian Church of Lexington and taught a Bible class for many years. He was a member and past president of the Lexington Kiwanis Club. He was exceedingly loyal to the University and cooperated fully in all its activities.

Professor Roberts was devoted to his family and made every possible effort to see that his children all had a good foundation for life work. That his efforts were successful is evidenced by the fact that the three surviving all hold responsible and important positions. Mrs. Roberts died in 1940 and, of course, her death was a terrible shock to Professor Roberts. Just a few years later he received another blow when his older daughter died.

Therefore be it resolved: That in the death of Professor Roberts the University of Kentucky has lost a man whose work brought much credit to the institution.

That the people of Kentucky have lost a friend who envisioned a richer and more prosperous agriculture for the state and did much to make the vision come true.

That we extend to his sons and daughter our deepest sympathy for their great loss.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky and that a copy be sent to his family.

T. R. Bryant)	
P. E. Karraker)	Committee on Resolutions
E. J. Kinney)	

The Chairman of the Rules Committee submitted a recommendation that the rule governing the standing required for special students to become degree candidates remain unchanged. This recommendation was approved by the Faculty.

At the April 1955 meeting of the University Faculty the following recommendation was referred to the Rules Committee:

Amend Item 2, page 17, of the catalog issued May, 1954, referring to one method by which a special student may become a candidate for a degree, to read as follows:

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Completing in residence 67 credits with a standing of at least 2.0 in all work attempted.

This change would lower from 2.5 to 2.0 the standing required for special students to be changed to degree candidates after the completion of 67 hours of work.

The Rules Committee recommends that the 2.5 requirement remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rules Committee
 David K. Blythe
 Leo M. Chamberlain
 Louis Clifton
 Jesse DeBoer
 Stephen Diachun
 Sarah B. Holmes
 H. E. Spivey
 M. M. White
 Robert L. Mills, Chairman

The Rules Committee Chairman also presented recommendations amending the Rules of the University Faculty governing probation and standing:

The Rules Committee recommends that the following be substituted for certain of the material found on pages 30, 33 and 34 of the current University catalog under the headings of Probation and The Marking System (Specific page and paragraph references are cited below). You will note that these changes are, in large part, editorial. However, there are two important exceptions. These are the definition of probation levels, which is intended to clarify the present probation procedure, and the method of handling the WF, I and X grade in computing standing for probation purposes. This latter change provides that standings will be computed in the same manner for graduation, probation and all other University purposes.

Page 30 - Probation. Substitute the following:

Probation. With the exception of the Colleges of Law and Pharmacy, any full-time student who, during a regular semester, fails either to pass nine semester hours of work (or five semester hours during a summer term) or fails to attain the following designated standing shall be placed upon probation by the college in which the student is enrolled.

- 1.4 for students who have been in college for two semesters or less
- 1.6 for students who have been in college for more than two but not more than four full semesters
- 1.8 for students who have been in college more than four semesters (Summer Session counts as one-half semester)

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Probation shall continue until the student attains the scholastic standing specified above. Any student failing to meet the minimum standards specified for two consecutive semesters or terms shall be dropped from the University. Each college shall submit to the Office of the Registrar a complete list of students placed upon probation or dropped from the University within two weeks after the dean of the college receives the grade reports from the Registrar at the close of each semester or term.

The dean of a college may recommend to the Scholarship and Attendance Committee that any student enrolled in his college be removed from probation and the Committee shall review the case and take appropriate action.

The dean of a college may recommend to the committee that a student who has been dropped from any college be readmitted to the University either with or without probation. The Committee shall review the case and take appropriate action. If readmitted, the student shall enroll in the college making the recommendation.

Any student dropped a second time shall not be readmitted to the University.

The above rules shall apply to part-time students with the exception that the minimum number of semester hours a part-time student is required to pass shall be half his scheduled load.

Page 33. Delete paragraph 5 and combine paragraphs 7 and 8 to read as follows:

Standing is understood to be the ratio of the number of points gained to the number of credits attempted. In computing standings for all university purposes a WF, an I, or an X shall be treated as an E and a WP shall be ignored. However, an I, X or E grade will not be counted in computing standing if the student has repeated the course and made a passing grade.

Page 34. Substitute the following for the first paragraph under Requirements for Graduation

Undergraduate Colleges. To be eligible for graduation from any undergraduate college of the University, a student must have completed the requirements of the curriculum as approved by the University Faculty. In addition to gaining the specified number of credits he must have a standing of 2.0 -- computed in accordance with the regulations governing standing. The term "Undergraduate Colleges" shall not include the College of Law. To be eligible for graduation from the College of Law the student must have completed the requirements of the curriculum in which enrolled as approved by the University Faculty and, in addition to gaining the minimum number of credits, he must have at least twice that number of quality points acquired in courses approved by the Law Faculty as counted toward the degree for which he is a candidate.

Respectively submitted,

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The University Faculty approved the recommendations as circularized to that body under date of December 31, 1955, with the following addition to the rule governing standing:

Standing is understood to be the ratio of the number of points gained to the number of credits attempted. In computing standings for all university purposes a WF, an I, or an X shall be treated as an E and a WP shall be ignored. However, an I, X, WF or E grade will not be counted in computing standing if the student has repeated the course and made a passing grade, nor will an I or X be counted in computing probation standing for a student who for sickness or like reason obviously could not have received any other mark.

It is understood probation standing will be computed on this new basis for the first time at the conclusion of the second semester of the current (1955-56) school year.

The Chairman of the Rules Committee also submitted a recommendation for a change in the Rules of the University Faculty governing absences before and after a holiday which was approved by the Faculty.

At the December 1955 meeting of the University Faculty the Rules Committee was asked to reconsider the regulation governing absences before and after a holiday.

The Committee recommends that the following be substituted for paragraph 2, section 7, page 12, of the current Rules of the University Faculty:

A student absent from the last session of any class before a holiday or the first session after a holiday shall have a penalty of one credit per class missed added to his requirements for graduation. Such absences shall be reported to the Dean of the College in which the student is enrolled who, in turn, shall report to the Registrar all penalties assessed. Only the Dean of the College may waive this regulation for justifiable reasons. The Registrar shall record all such penalties on the student's permanent record.

Respectfully submitted,

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President Donovan reported to the Faculty that the Ashland Oil and Refining Company (with a chain of 31 stations) and the Standard Oil Company (with a chain of 10 stations), broadcasting the University basketball games, had agreed to donate the time between halves for the remainder of the season for the purpose of interpreting the University of Kentucky to the

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people of the state and the nation. President Donovan indicated that the time would be used to interview members of the University family and emphasized the wonderful opportunity which this broadcast time offers.

The faculty adjourned.

Robert L. Mills

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Secretary

Minutes of the University Faculty, February 13, 1956

The University Faculty met in the Assembly Room of Lafferty Hall, Monday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m. President Donovan presided. Members absent were Clinton Adams*, A. D. Albright*, A. J. Brown*, Leo M. Chamberlain*, C. Howard Eckel, Stacie Erikson*, W. P. Garrigus, Lyman V. Ginger, W. W. Haynes, Maurice A. Hatch, W. A. Heinz, J. E. Hernandez, A. D. Kirwan, Frank D. Peterson, Helen Reed, J. E. Reeves, H. A. Romanowitz, J. R. Schwendeman, D. M. Seath, D. V. Terrell*, and Frank J. Welch.

The minutes of January 9 were read and approved.

Dean Dickey read resolutions on the death of Professor W. R. Tabb and Professor Staley Adams read resolutions on the death of Professor G. R. Gerhard. These resolutions were accepted by the Faculty, to be spread upon the minutes and copies to be sent to the respective families.

George Richard Gerhard died at 7:05, the evening of Thursday, December 15, as the result of an automobile accident which occurred a few hours previously. Prof. Gerhard had been in ill health and was on his way to Augusta, his original home, when the accident happened.

Prof. Gerhard was 45 years of age at the time of his death, was married, and had one son, 11 years old.

He obtained his B. S. degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1932 and his Master's degree in 1933. In 1938 he was awarded the degree of Master of Science from the University of Michigan.

During 1934 and 1935 Prof. Gerhard was an analyst in the Metallurgical Department of the American Rolling Mills Co. at Ashland, Kentucky, leaving there to accept a position as teaching fellow in metal processing at the University of Michigan. He remained there, with leave of absence during the war, until 1946, advancing to instructor and assistant professor during that period.

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