

Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 13th, 1904

Minutes of the regular December Meeting, 1904, of the Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College, of Kentucky, held at the President's room, on the College grounds in Lexington, Ky.,

Mr. Barker asked to take chair in absence of Mr. Frazee.

Upon motion of Judge Kinhead, seconded by Mr. Clay, and carried, Judge Barker was asked to take the chair, in the absence of the regular Chairman, Mr. Frazee.

Present:	Messrs.	Nelson, Barker, McChord, Brooks, Ferguson, Kinhead, Clay, Stout, Carpenter, Patterson, and Nichols	-	-	11.
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Absent:	Messrs.	Hager, Ramsey, Frazee, Hopkins, Bell,	-	-	5.
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D. F. Frazee excused from attendance.

Upon motion of Judge Kinhead, duly seconded and carried, Mr. D. F. Frazee was excused for his absence, which is occasioned by a fall received on yesterday.

Reading Minutes of last meeting dispensed with.

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, and carried, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board was dispensed with.

Last meeting of Board approved.

Upon motion of Col. Nelson, duly seconded and carried the minutes of the last meeting of the Board stand approved.

Reading Minutes Ex. Com.

The secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the Executive Committee since the last meeting of Board.

Names of Blanton & Winston stricken off Minutes Ex. Com.

Upon motion of Col. Nelson, duly seconded and carried the names of Blanton and Winston, appearing in the budget, as recorded in the minutes of the Executive Committee, were stricken out of said minutes.

Adoption of the minutes in regard to remission of fees.

Judge Kinkead: I move that the adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Committee as read as to the matter of remission of fees, being a part of the minutes of the meeting of June 23rd, 1904.

Said motion was duly seconded, and upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Nelson, Ferguson, Kinkead, Stout, Carpenter, Patterson, and Nichols. - 7.

Noes: Barker, McChord, Brooks, and Clay, - 4.

Motion to strike words " Schools of Fayette Co." and " to the number of twenty."

Col. Nelson: I move to strike the words " and Schools of Fayette County," and the words " to the number of not exceeding twenty " in the report as to the remission of fees; but the report as hereby amended shall stand as the order of the Board, until next June Meeting of this Board. Said motion was duly seconded by Mr. Carpenter.

McChord substitute Col. Nelson motion in regard to free tuition motion lost.

Mr. McChord: I move as a substitute for the resolution offered by Col. Nelson, that all that clause in the report with reference to free tuition, be stricken out; and in lieu thereof give to the President full power ~~as~~ to the remission of fees until the next June Meeting of the Board, which motion was seconded by Mr. Clay. Upon the roll-call upon said substitute motion the vote stood as follows.

Ayes: Messrs. McChord, Ferguson, Clay, Stout, Nichols, - - 5.

Noes: Messrs. Nelson, Barker, Brooks, Kinhead, and Carpenter, - - 5.

The motion was lost.

Col. Nelson's resolution for a substitute.

Upon Col. Nelson motion for which, the last resolution offered above was a substitute upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows.

Ayes: Nelson, McChord, Brooks, Ferguson, Clay, Stout, Carpenter, Patterson, and Nichols, - - 9.

Noes: Messrs. Barker, and Kinhead.

The motion was carried.

Pres. Patterson Com. to report on exemptions.

Pres. Patterson: I move that a committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the exemption from fees, and to what extent such exemptions may be made; and to what extent the remission of fees will affect the finances of the College, said committee to report at the next meeting of the Board. Said motion was seconded by Mr. McChord, put upon its passage and carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint a Com.

Upon motion of Mr. McChord, seconded by Judge Stout, and carried, the Chairman was directed to appoint the Committee required by the resolution offered by Pres. Patterson, last above.

Com. appointed by Chairman.

The Chairman thereupon appointed as said Committee, Pres. Patterson, Judge Stout, and Mr. McChord.

The reading of the Minutes of the Executive Committee was continued.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Ex. Com. as read.

Mr. Clay: I move the adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Committee as read, except as modified by former resolutions. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson, put upon its passage and carried.

The reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee was continued and completed.

Upon motion of Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Pres. Patterson, the minutes of the Executive Committee as read ~~were~~ adopted.

Pres. report and various communications from Profs.

Thereupon President Patterson read his Report to the Board, and also read communication from the following Professors: Anderson, White, Kastle, Norwood.

Said report & communications are as follows:

State College of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 13, 04.

To the Board of Trustees of the State College of Kentucky,
Gentlemen: -

There is but little to report thus far, for the current year. The annual review of the operations of a scholastic year and the forecast and recommendation for the future fall within the scope of the report made to your honorable body at the meeting in June.

The College opened with a matriculation not quite so large as in September 1903. The shortage is felt mainly in local attendance, and this is readily accounted for by the order of the Board directing me to grant no exemptions from fees except as set forth in the Resolutions. In consequence of this order I have felt it my duty to instruct the Business Agent to collect from many persons who were ill able to pay, and many finding easier terms of admission elsewhere, having terminated their connections with us. This is in one sense to be regretted. The City of Lexington, and County of Fayette are paying annually \$3000 interest on bonds issued by them for the benefit of the College and in 1910 will take up the bonds amounting to \$50.000. These, in the estimation of the public, constitute

a moral thought not a legal claim for generosity on the part of the College, in assistance to those who are too poor to pay tuition fees for their sons, and daughters. The matriculation up to date is about 25 or 30 behind that of last year, and is mainly due to the above indication .

Our well meant efforts in devising ways and means for the increase of revenue have yielded meager results. For a few days after the opening session the collections of Laboratory fees seems likely to add appreciably to our revenue.

One day while busy entering students and directing the payment of fees Mr. R. C. Stoll, late one of our number called upon me and notified me to desist from the collection of Laboratory fees, saying that he was to file a suit in court asking for an injunction or restraining order.

I wrote to him deprecating his action and requisition that he forbear to bring the matter to an issue before the Courts, but allow the Board of Trustees to deal with it at their next meeting, that if he could satisfy the Board that the order made by them was illegal, they could rescind the order and refund the fees. He did not heed my plea. The suit came up before Judge Parker and was defended by the College. I regret to say that his decision went against us not only were the Laboratory fees lost to us but the gymnasium fees collected from County Appointees had to be refunded under the same decision. It will be remembered by the Board that no effort was made to collect a gymnasium fee from County Appointees in former years.

A petition was presented however, last June to the Board signed by almost the entire student body - appointees and non appointees - requesting that the gymnasium fee of \$5. be charged all students, both county appointees and non - appointees, and that two fifths of the gross collection be given to the Athletic Association in order to meet their expenses, the remaining three fifths to go to the College.

The Board, believing that the College would lose nothing by this arrangement and that the Athletic Association would be assured a considerable income thereby, acceded to their request.

When the suit was decided against the College, involving the return of the gymnasium fee, \$5, collected from County Appointees, the Athletic Association claimed that they were entitled to two fifths of the fees collected from the non-appointees notwithstanding the fact that the conditions on which the Board agreed to give them two fifths of the gross amount collected no longer existed.

The treasury of the College is therefore worse off by several hundred dollars than it would have been if the petition had not been presented.

Our efforts to increase income have, therefore been frustrated to a degree that could not have been anticipated.

I respectfully commend these matters to your careful consideration.

The enrollment in the Agriculture course of study is larger this year than in any previous year in the history of the college. From a recent conversation with the Dean of Agriculture I am satisfied that we have now reached a critical stage in the development of that course of study. In former years we found it impossible to excite sufficient interest in Agriculture instruction. As a consequence the energies of the institution were directed to build up those other courses of study into which students desired to enter.

Engineering and scientific studies have attracted matriculation and there we have built up according to our means. We have good plants and competent crops of instruction in these subjects.

It is otherwise however, with Agriculture. Now when the demand for instruction in subjects relating to the theoretical and practical Agriculture and Horticulture is both manifest and we find ourselves without the necessary means for utilizing the wants of applicants for these courses. We have neither the equipments need not the staff of instruction required. Students come, but we are not in condition to meet their just expectations.

This is a serious matter and should not be dismissed by the Board without careful consideration.

We are bound to keep faith with the Federal Government and with our own people even at the expense, if need be, of curtailment in either directions.

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We are quite as much bound to meet the requirements of the general public in Agriculture as we are in Science and the Mechanic Arts. On more than one occasion I have adverted to this necessity, but I now, again command it to your careful and serious consideration. The constitutionality of the appropriation for increasing revenue made by the last legislature is now before the Court of Appeals.

We have disappointed in the adverse decision rendered by the Franklin Circuit Court, but hope we fare better in the Appellate Court. Judge Stout who brought and managed the suit will doubtless acquaint the Board with the steps taken to bring the matter into court and its present status.

I hear of ominous indications of an unfeeling attack by the Normal School men, during the session of the next General Assembly, upon the relation existing between the College and its Normal Department.

Resolutions reflecting in very uncomplimentary terms upon the School were adopted for its alleged inadequate support of the Normal School were adopted by the State teachers Association which

met in Maysville in midsummer. A request was made by this body that county institutions should adopt them in their several meetings during the summer and autumn.

I succeeded through responsible agencies in disconcerting to some extent this action in some of the County Institutes and in the District institute held in Lexington about the end of October. But in a large majority of the counties, through the manipulation of interested parties these resolutions were adopted. Doubtless their representative will be instructed accordingly. PAGE 286

Though the next Legislature will not meet for more than a year it is well that we should know the danger which confronts us and be prepared for the issue.

A serious embarrassment confronts the management of the Hall for young women. The act appropriating money for its erection and equipment made provision for an annual payment of \$2000 by the State, wherewith to meet expenses growing out of Matron's salary, fuel, Engineer's wages etc. Since January last unpaid bills to the amount of over \$1600 have accumulated. Applications was made to the Auditor for payments early in the year. He then said that he would make quarterly payments \$500 every three months

When payment was asked in June he replied that a constitutional question had arisen regarding the legality of the appropriation, that he had referred it to the Attorney General and that if a favorable opinion were rendered he would make remittance. The Attorney General at my solicitation, expedited the matter and recorded a favorable opinion on the Constitutional question submitted. Still no money has come. Creditors are pressing for payment.

If relief does not come, we shall be obliged to raise the price of board and take other necessary steps to provide a fund to meet expenses. Some of the annuities now granted may have to be cancelled.

I see nothing but embarrassment in the future and that of PAGE 287 the most serious kind, if the reliance upon which we depended fail us.

I desire to call your attention to the expediency of making such an appropriation as your means will allow for the conduct of a summer Normal School, for advertising a summer school in Engineering, for the Agriculture course of study, for the course of Mining Engineering and for the alteration and equipments made necessary in the Dept. of Chemistry by the removal of the Experiment Station to other quarters.

Again commending the college to your consideration and care and thanking you for your support and cooperation, I am,

With much respect

Your ob't Servant.

Letter from E. J. Norwood, Professor of Mining referring to help given by Mr. J. B. Atkinson Earlington Ky., to Dept. of Mining. Asks that recognition of his generosity be given by the Board by resolution.

Letter from C. J. Kastle Chemical Dept. requests an appropriation \$461.00 to adapt Old Experiment Station building to the needs Chemical Dept. States reason and estimates.

Letter from C. J. Norwood of Mining Dept. request the appropriation of \$200.00 for fitting up his Dept. States reason and estimates.

Letter from F. Paul Anderson requests an appropriation of \$200.00 for the use in the of the Summer School. States reason PAGE 288 and estimates.

Letter from Prof. J. G. White of the Dept. of Mathematic requests an appropriation of \$500.00 for the purpose of building a house for telescope. States reasons and estimates.

Thereupon Col. Wilson offered the following resolution, which was duly recorded and carreid unanimously:

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the State A. & M. College of Kentucky.

1,- That the thanks of the Board are due and are tendered Mr. John B. Atkinson, of Earlington, Ky., for his interest in the upbuilding of the Dept. of Mining Engineering in the College which he has so generously manifested by presenting to said Dept. the following namely, A Campbell Coal Washer, a Mine Ventilating Fan, and a large and complete model T A coal Washer.

2,- That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the board, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy hereof to Mr. Atkinson.

Col. Nelson: I move that \$461.00 be appropriated for the use of the Dept. of Chemistry, as asked for by Prof. Kastle in his communication. Said motion was duly recorded by Mr. McChord, and upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Nelson, Barker, McChord, Brooks, Ferguson, Kinlead, Clay, Carpenter, Patterson, Nichols. 10

Noes: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Carpenter: I move that \$200.00 be appropriated for the PAGE 289 use of the Dept. of Mining Engineering, as asked for in the communication from Prof. Norwood. Said motion was duly recorded by Pres. Patterson, and upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Nelson, Barker, McChord, Brooks, Ferguson, Kinkead, Clay, Carpenter, Patterson, Nicholas. 10

Noes: None.

The motion was unanimously carried.

President Patterson: I move that \$300.00 be appropriated for the use of the Normal Dept., \$150.00 of which shall be used for advertising the Summer School and \$150 of which shall be used as a part compensation for instruments in said Summer Normal. Said motion was duly recorded and upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Nelson, Baker, Brooks, Ferguson, Kinkead, Carpenter, Patterson and Nicholas. 8

Noes: Messrs. McChord and Clay. 2

The motion was carried.

Judge Kinkead: I move that \$200.00 be appropriated for the use of the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, as asked for in the communication from Prof. Anderson. Said motion was recorded by Mr. Ferguson, and upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Nelson, Barker, Brooks, Ferguson, Kinkead, Carpenter, Patterson and Nicholas. 8

Noes: Messrs. McChord and Clay. 2

The motion was carried.

Col. Nelson: I move that all the other requests for appropriation which have presented, be referred to the Executive Committee PAGE 290 with power to act, Said motion was duly recorded.

Mr. Clay: I move as a substitute for the motion of Col. Nelson, that the application for appropriation for an observatory, as contained in the communication from Prof. White, be referred to the June meeting. Said substitute motion was duly recorded, upon its passage and carried.

At this point there followed an informal discussion as to proper steps to be taken with reference to certain litigation in which the College is interested, a part of which is now in the Court of Appeals.

Judge Barker, announced to the Board that he declined to take part in the discussion about any cases now in the Court of Appeals, or which might be taken to that court.

Pres. Patterson: I move that a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to make nomination for an Executive Committee, and report back to the meeting tonight. Said motion was duly recorded by Mr. Ferguson, and put upon its passage and carried.

Night Session

Met pursuant to adjournment at eight-thirty o'clock P. M. Dec. 13, 1904. Present: Messrs. Nelson, McChord, Barker, Brooks, Ferguson, Clay, Carpenter. 9

Absent: Kinkead, Sturt Hager, Ramsey, Frazee, Hopkins, and Bell. 7

There being a quorum present business was proceeded with.

The committee to make nominations for an Executive Committee reported through Mr. Ferguson, as follows: The Committee unanimously agree that D. F. Frazee shall be **Chairman** and Messrs. James K. Patterson, Nicholas and Nelson shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Chairman - D. F. Frazee
James K. Patterson
Nicholas
Nelson

and a majority agree that C. M. Clay, Jr. shall be fifth member of the Executive Committee.

McChord: I move that the report of this committee be accepted and approved and that the gentlemen named in said report shall constitute the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Board.

Said motion was duly recorded put upon its passage and carried.

Mr. Ferguson: I move that a Committee be appointed by the President of whom Mrs. Stout shall be Chairman, whose duty it shall be to determine and control such athletic exercise as are appropriate for girls, including match games in Basket Ball.

This Committee shall also control the disbursements of such receipts as shall accrue from fees and games.

Said motion was duly recorded put upon its passage and carried.

Mr. McChord: I move that a Committee in Entrance Examinations consisting of one member of the faculty representing the classical, one representing the Engineering, and one representing the Scientific courses of study, and one from the Academy and one from the Normal Dept. be appointed each year by the President, in order to conduct the entrance examinations of applicants for admission into the College proper.

Said motion was duly carried.

At this point President Patterson made a statement with reference to the work of Mr. Spillman, who is Prof. Norwood's assistant, and recommend that Mr. Spillman be paid in addition to his present salary of \$1200, which is paid by the State, the sum of \$300. a

year by the College.

Upon motion of Col. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, and duly carried, the matter of additional compensation of \$300 a year to Mr. Spillman is referred to the Executive Committee with power to act, with the understanding that if such additional compensation be allowed, it shall begin as of January 1st, 1905.

President Patterson: I move that a Committee of six be appointed to gather information as to the feeling toward the College, and action in the various counties by the Teachers Institutes, in order to be prepared to meet any action adverse to the interest of the College in the next Legislature, and looking further to the securing of appropriation for the College from the next Legislature. P.293

Said motion was duly recorded, put upon its passage and carried.

Upon the motion of Col. Nelson, duly recorded and carried, said Committee is to consist of the following named gentlemen, viz:

Pres. Patterson
Mr. D. F. Frazee
Judge Stout
Mr. McChord
Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Carpenter

Upon motion of Mr. McChord, recorded by Pres, Patterson, all absentees were excused for their absences.

The Board here entered upon an informal discussion of the advisability of establishing a Dept. of Domestic Science.

Mr. McChord: I move that the Chairman appoint a Committee of three of which the Chairman shall be one, to investigate this subject of Domestic Science, and to examine with ways and means, said Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board. Said motion was recorded by Pres. Patterson, put upon its passage and carried.

The Chairman appointed on said Committee with himself Mr. McChord and Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Ferguson: I move that the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Frazee, be authorized to borrow sufficient money to pay off the indebtedness of the young ladies dormitory. Page 294

Said motion was recorded by Mr. Nicholas, and upon the roll-call the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Nelson, Brooks, Ferguson, and Nichols. 5

Noes: Messrs. Barker, McChord, Kinkead, Carpenter and Patterson.
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The motion was lost.

Pres. Patterson: I move that the business management of Patterson Hall, that is the women who constitute the Board of Control, be advised and directed by this Board, to practice the utmost economy in the management of that institution, so as to enable the receipts, as far as possible, to meet the expenditures.

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Clay, put upon its passage and carried.

Mr. Ferguson: I move that the Board of Control of Patterson Hall be directed to furnish the Executive Committee by its next meeting, an itemized statement of their receipt and expenses, and indebtedness; and that then the Executive Committee is empowered to act as they deem best in liquidating that indebtedness.

Said motion was duly recorded, put upon its passage and lost.

Upon motion of Mr. Nicholas, duly recorded and carried, the Chairman of this Board, Mr. Frazee, is authorized and directed to renew a note of the College, which will fall due in one of the Lexington Banks in a few days.

Upon motion duly made, recorded and carried the Board then adjourned.

D. F. Frazee, Secretary