

The following officers were elected by ballot, for the ensuing year:

Secretary - - - V. E. Muncy,
Treasurer - - - R. S. Bullock,
Business Agent - - J. G. White,

Executive Committee, till Dec. 14.

Thomas H. Hines, Chairman
D. H. Hames,
Gathright
Judge Robert Riddell
R. A. Spurr

Board of Control, till Dec. 14.

Hart Boswell
A. P. Gooding
J. B. Kennedy
J. K. Patterson
M. A. Scovell,

On motion of President Patterson Mr. Gathright was unanimously elected chairman of the Board of Trustees for the entire year.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at 8 A. M.
June 3, 1897.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 8 A. M.
June 3rd.

Present: Mr. Gathright, Chairman
Messrs. Flournoy,
Gooding,
Hines,
Hobson,
Matthews,
Patterson,
Riddell,
Spurr,
Todd,

The minutes of the faculty which had been read on June 1st, were approved.

Judge Riddell read the following:

" The Committee on Buildings and Grounds would report in addition to their former report that the rooms in the Experiment Station should be painted in such color as may be directed by the Director of said Station.

We neglected to say in our former report that the boilers in old engine house are in the opinion of the engineer unsafe, worn out and ought to be replaced. We recommend these improvements."

(Signed)

Robt. Riddell
Richd. A. Spurr,

Report approved.

President Patterson offered the following:

" Resolved by the Board of Trustees that they have heard with deep regret of the death of Miss Atkins, a member of the senior class, upon the eve of graduation, whose youth, talents, and acquirements all gave promise of a useful and an honorable life. The Board desire to record their sense of the loss sustained by the College, by the Alumni, by the community, and that they hereby through the Secretary of the Board express to the bereaved family their

sympathy and condolence in their affliction."

Resolution adopted.

Mr. Gooding moved to reconsider the motion of June 1st. which determined that a diploma should not be given to Miss Atkins at Commencement June 3rd,

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Gooding ordered that a properly signed diploma transmitted by the President, to the parents of Miss Atkins.

The motion of June 1st, relative to examinations and conferring of degrees was re-adopted.

General Hobson read the following:

" We the Committee on Salaries respectfully report that we find a diversity of opinion as to the reduction of salaries but are unwilling to report on the subject and refer the matter back to the Board of Trustees."

Signed E. H. Hobson
A. P. Gooding,

After considerable discussion and the reading for information only of the report of the Committee on Salaries submitted on December 6, 1893, the foregoing report was received and ordered to be filed.

President Patterson offered the following:

" Resolved that the salary of Prof. Matthews who for five years was as a regular Professor in receipt of \$1800.00 and who is now in accordance with the legislation of the Board in 1893 entitled to \$2000, \$1100 shall be paid out of the funds of the College and \$900 out of the funds of the Experiment Station."

Carried.

The Business Agent stated to the Board that the appropriation, last year for the traveling expenses of students was too small.

Mr. Todd moved that an appropriation of \$250 be made for student's traveling expenses.

Carried by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Flourney, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, Matthews, Patterson, Riddell, Spurr, Todd.

No - None.

An aye and no vote was called on the appropriation of \$600, for extending and repairing the greenhouse.

Aye - Flourney, Gooding, Hines, Hobson, Matthews, Patterson, Riddell, Spurr, Todd.

No - None.

Mr. Spurr moved that Mr. Brown's salary as Instructor in elocution be increased from \$300 to \$400 per year and that he be allowed \$100 for leading the music in Chapel.

Carried by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Gooding, Hines, Hobson, Patterson, Riddell, Spurr, Todd, - 7.

No - Boswell, Flourney, Kennedy, Peak, - 4.

Mr. Matthews not voting.

Mr. Peak entered the room at 9:40 A. M.

On motion of Mr. Flourney ordered that, in the event Professor Nelson fails to offer his resignation, the Executive Committee be authorized to declare the chair of Civil Engineering vacant, and to fill the place on the advice of the President.

On motion of Mr. Boswell ordered that the President be authorized to correspond with various persons with a view to making an appropriate selection for the chair of Civil Engineering, and also that he communicate with a number of persons concerning an Assistant in Electrical Engineering.

On motion ordered that the selection of an Assistant in Electrical Engineering be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Mr. Boswell submitted the following:

" To the honorable Board of Trustees
A. and M. College,

The undersigned committee on the Minutes of the Executive Committee beg leave to report to your body the following:

1st. Your Committee think it was wise and just on the part of the Executive Committee in paying Mrs. Blackburn, her salary for the month of January 1897 less the amount paid the substitute furnished by her.

2nd. Your Committee is of opinion that the financial condition of the College is not such as to warrant the erection of a dormitory for young ladies and we therefore disapprove of same.

3rd. We your Committee feel a deep appreciation of the long, faithful, and efficient services of Dr. R. J. Spurr to this College and we heartily approve of the allowance made to his widow for a full month's salary for Dr. Spurr, for March 1897.

4th. In view of the extreme hard times and financial depression now existing as well as the scarcity of funds available for College expenditures your committee approve the action of the Executive Committee in not making any appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Alumni banquet and are opposed to any such being made.

5th. In the matter of the attendance of members of the faculty at Chapel services your committee appreciate the fact that the regular attendance upon their part at such services would be very beneficial to the students and result in good to the religious and social condition of the College, and we sincerely trust they will attend said exercises, but we regard the question as a matter of some moment and are reluctant to recommend an adequate remedy for absences.

We therefore, refer the matter to your body without recommendation as to same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

H. Boswell,
J. G. Matthews,
J. B. Kennedy,

Report received and approved.

Judge Hines read the following:

To the Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College.

Your committee on appropriations for 1897,-8 report and recommend the following appropriations: viz.

For Advertising	\$600.00
" Department of Botany	300.00
" " " Chemistry	500.00
" " " Civil Engineering	150.00
" " " Geology	200.00
" " " Mech. Eng.	2000.00
" " " Military Instruction	100.00
" " " Normal "	100.00
" " " Physics	400.00
" " " Physiology	150.00
" " " Zoology	400.00
" Fuel and Light	3000.00
" Insurance	800.00
" Miscellaneous	1000.00
" Postage	350.00
" Repairs and Improvements	3000.00
" Salaries of Profs. & Instructors	35200.00
" Employes	5800.00
" Stationery and printing	500.00
" Student Labor	1300.00
" " Traveling expenses	1000.00
" Traveling,	600.00
" Trustees expenses	400.00
" Water	300.00
" Emergencies	1500.00
" Equipment of the new building,	1200.00

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas H. Hines, Chairman
J. C. Flournoy,

Report approved.

Adjourned to meet Dec. 14, 1897, at 1 P. M.

V. E. Muncy
Secretary - -

J. T. Gathright
Chairman