

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
April 9, 1917.

The Executive Board of the University of Kentucky met in President Bakker's office with the following members present: R. C. Stoll, C. B. Terrell, Frank McKee, G. G. Brock, P. P. Johnston, Jr., and J. E. Brown.

Chairman Nichols being absent, Mr. Johnston was elected to take the chair.

While the meeting was called primarily to discuss certain phases of Experiment Station work with Professor W. L. Carlyle, Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Oklahoma at Stillwater, Oklahoma, the Board, before calling Mr. Carlyle into the room, took up several matters relating to the University's attitude toward national defense.

It was the opinion of members of the Board that the University, being a State institution, should take steps to put itself in coordination with governmental functions looking toward the defense of the country.

Professor A. M. Miller, Dean of the College of Arts and Science and Professor Anderson, Dean of the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, were called into conference by the Board and asked for suggestions looking toward solving the problem of prospective student enlistment in the United States Army. Dean Anderson held that as the case was extraordinary, extraordinary measure should be adopted to meet its exigencies. He believed therefore, that senior students should be permitted to leave the University now and be graduated with their class in June without further work or examination, provided they enlist in the army. He also contended that underclassmen should be permitted, in case of enlistment, to leave the University now and go on next year with their succeeding studies as if they had successfully passed the examinations of the present year.

On this point, Dean Miller said that he believed that in cases where students were failing at this time and would very likely fail on examination, the step might not be a wise one in, that it provided credit for work not satisfactorily accomplished. However, Dean Miller realized that the case was an extreme one and rather agreed with Dean Anderson that the University was within its rights to take such steps as would emphasize its patriotism and its purpose to assist in the country's defense even though this step did entail the irregularity here pointed out. Dean Miller, however, stated that he could see some difficulties arising out of permitting students who would not attain passing grades thus

to be arbitrarily passed. Dean Anderson in response to this assumed that such might be the case but contended that the ends justified the means.

He said he believed that any man who had the pluck to go into the army and the patriotism to fight for his country had the "stuff" in him that was perhaps bigger and better than mere class standing and that the University should thus place a premium upon enlistment.

Mr. Stoll submitted the following resolution which was adopted unanimously by the Board:

WHEREAS, a state of war exists between the United States of America and the Imperial German Government; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of this University to aid the United States in any way it can; and

WHEREAS, there may be students in this University who may desire to volunteer for service in the army or navy of the United States; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Committee of the University of Kentucky as follows:

1. If any student be a member of the Senior Class of the University and he enlists for service in the army or navy of the United States, he shall be graduated at the regular commencement in June and receive his diploma and degree without any further examinations.

2. If any student be a member of the Junior, Sophomore or Freshman Class and he enlists for service in the army or navy of the United States, he shall be entitled upon his return to enter the next advanced class in all respects as if his examinations had been successfully taken at the end of the collegiate year.

3. Any student so enlisting shall notify the President of the University of that fact.

Mr. Stoll moved also that any Professor or instructor in the University who gave his services for the defense of the Government should be permitted to leave the University as if on leave of absence and returning after such services had been rendered to the Government, should be allowed to resume his position; and that any instructor employed to fill such vacancies be employed with this understanding. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The Board went on record as endorsing the recent tender

by President Barker to the public of the University's grounds and military equipment for the purpose of drilling volunteer soldiers.

The Board also went on record as approving President Barker's acceptance of the invitation to the University band to furnish music the night of Wednesday April 11 for the patriotic demonstration to be held in Frankfort and further approved the President's order that both the band and battalion take part in similar patriotic demonstration to be held in Lexington on the night of Saturday April 14.

The following communication which explains itself was submitted to the Board by Professor E. L. Gillis, Registrar for the University:

New York, March 27, 1917.

Ezra L. Gillis,
Registrar, University of Ky.,
Lexington, Ky.

The Navy Recruiting Stations are having difficulties in handling the enrollment of the comparatively few thousand applicants for enlistment in the Navy. If a call comes for half a million or a million volunteers for the Army, the Recruiting machinery will probably break down altogether. Registrars and their staffs are trained and their offices are equipped for just this sort of work. Recruiting Stations could be established with ease in practically every college registrar's office in the country. I should like to offer the War Department the support and services of the Association in making such arrangements.

Do you feel that the Association would back me up in such an offer? I have conferred with the President of the National Association of Physical Directors and he is communicating with his Executive Committee to find out whether he can offer his association for conducting and supervising the physical examination of recruits. The two offices together could, of course, do the work with the proper military supervision. Please telegraph your opinion.

Faithfully,

Frank A. Dickey

April 3, 1917.

Adjutant General Henry P. McCain,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As an aid in recruiting the five hundred thousand men which the President of the United States has advised Congress should be enlisted at once, your attention is respectfully called to the possibility of making use of the registration facilities-office, equipment and staff- of colleges and universities. Registrars and their assistants are trained in the work of enrollment, their offices are arranged and equipped for it. The establishment of a recruiting office in every college throughout the United States would serve large districts immediately. Such offices should, of course, be general stations not intended solely or even primarily for students but for all the people of a given locality.

As President of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars I have the honor to offer the support and services of the Association in obtaining the cooperation of the governing boards of colleges and universities to this end, and in devising means by which such facilities may be most quickly called into service and may be used to the best advantage. Should you consider this proposal favorably, I should be glad to confer with whom-ever you may designate for the arrangement of details.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Dickey.

Mr. Stoll moved that the entire office force and machinery of the registrar's office of the University be put at the service of the Government to assist in registration of recruits for the army and navy and that the President of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and the War Department be notified by President Barker of this action. This motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The following bulletin establishing formerly in the University the Military Training Course provided in General Orders No. 49, which the University had previously accepted, was received and ordered filed herewith as record:

War Department,
Washington.

Bulletin No. _____ 1917.

By direction of the President and pursuant to the authority vested in him by the provisions of Section 41 of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, and in response to the application of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, the authorities of which have agreed to establish and maintain a two years' compulsory course of military training as a minimum for its physically-fit male students, which course when entered upon by any student shall, as regards such student, be a prerequisite for graduation, to allot a minimum of an average of three hours per week per academic year to military training and instruction during the first two academic years and to arrange for five hours per week during the remainder of such student's course, and to use their endeavors to promote and further the objects for which the training corps is organized, there is hereby established in said University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, an infantry unit of the Senior Division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

H. L. Scott,
Major General, Chief of Staff.

Official:

H. P. McCain,
The Adjutant General,

For the President, University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Ferrell moved that this Board give sanction to an indebtedness of not more than \$900 made by the Editors and promoters of the Kentuckian, University Annual, in accordance with a custom of this Board. Motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

It was explained in this connection by President Barker that it had been the custom of the University to guarantee the account for publishing the Annual but that the University had never been called upon nor would it this year be called upon to make good any part of this account.

At this point, Professor W. L. Carlyle of Oklahoma University was called into the room, introduced to the Board and entered into a general conference with its members upon questions

affecting the Experiment Station and College of Agriculture in which Professor Carlyle's own fitness for the position was discussed freely. After discussion of more than an hour, Professor Carlyle was taken by the members of the Committee on a general tour of inspection of the Experiment Station and its grounds during which various phases affecting the administration and activities of the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station were discussed.

The following recommendation was received and upon motion of Mr. Stoll by unanimous vote concurred in by the Board:

To the Executive Committee,
University of Kentucky.

Gentlemen:-

Acting upon your reference of March 21, we respectfully recommend that the leave of absence of Doctor J. J. Tigert from the Chair of Philosophy be not extended.

COMMITTEE OF DEANS.

F. P. Anderson, Chairman
Arthur M. Miller, Secy.

The Secretary was instructed to spread upon the minutes in this connection the following letter from Doctor J. J. Tigert:

Lexington, Ky. April 9, 17.

Dean A. M. Miller,
College of Arts and Science,
University of Kentucky.

Dear Dean Miller:-

Last year the Board of Trustees gave me one year's leave of absence from the Department of Philosophy. I understand that some question has arisen in regards to the exact action which the Board took in this matter. I have furnished Professor Anderson a copy of the minutes of the meeting in which this action was taken, and it is my understanding that the Committee of Deans, of which Professor Anderson is Chairman, will take action on the matter today. When the Committee convenes and the minutes of the Board are read, I believe that any doubt that may have existed in this matter will be immediately dissolved. I do not care to have

my leave of absence extended.

I am making this written statement to you
as a result of the conference which we had last week.

Very cordially yours,

J. J. Tigert.

The Board adjourned to meet at the next regular meeting
day in May.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Enoch Grehan
Secretary