

State University of Kentucky.
May 19, 1911.

The faculty held its deferred meeting in the gymnasium building at 3:30 P.M., those present being President Barker, President Emeritus Patterson, Vice President White, Professors Scovell, Anderson, Miller, Norwood, Lafferty, Hamilton, Mathews, Pence, Wilson, Zembrod, Tuttle, Rowe, Frankel, Mustaine, Kelly, Hooper, Terrel, Gillis, Roberts, Peter, Curtis, Garman, Allen, Turner, Good, Melcher, Davis, Carrel, Brown.

The minutes of the meeting for April were read and upon motion adopted. The reports of standing committees were then called for. Many of these had no reports to make.

Dr. Terrell for the Committee on Calendar and Bulletins reported that the new catalog was in the hands of the printer and was expected to be out next week.

For the Committee on Graduate Study and Honorary Degrees Dr. Scovell reported as follows:

"May 19, 1911. Committee met in Professor Anderson's office. Present: President Barker, Dr. Scovell, Chairman, Prof. Anderson and A.C. Zembrod.

The Committee recommends to the faculty the following persons for the honorary degree of LL.D.:

Chief Justice Hobson.

Ex-Chief Justice Nunn.

The latter for having held the distinguished position of Chief Justice of the State and for the high scholarly attainments possessed by him; the former for holding at the present time the distinguished position of Chief Justice of the State and being a gentleman erudite in the law and possessing in a high degree the graces of literary attainments.

"The Committee recommends for the honorary degree of LL.D.:

Professor E.R. Regenstein, Supt. of Public Instruction.

Professor H.H. Cherry, President of Western Normal School,
Bowling Green, Ky.

Professor J.C. Crabbe, President of Eastern Normal School,
Richmond, Ky.

These three last named gentlemen are all actively engaged at the present time in the work of education and their literary and scholarly merits commend them to the attention of this faculty, as well as the distinguished positions held by them.

The Committee also held quite an exhaustive though informal discussion relating to the establishment of a graduate school and calls the attention of the faculty to the fact that some of the departments are even now ready to offer work of advanced grade and character. The question was deferred for further consideration by the Committee. "

The report of this Committee was discussed at some length, after which a motion by Judge Lafferty to adopt the report was carried.

Mrs. Stout, chairman of the Committee upon Commencement Exercises, not being present, Professor Miller called attention to the fact that an inquiry had been made of him if a tent would be required this year as in previous seasons, with the statement that it would have to be ordered at once. Judge Lafferty on behalf of the committee, volunteered to take this matter up with Mrs. Stout and give it the required attention.

Professor Miller then read the following from the report of the Council of Deans at their meeting on May 9th:

"Moved by Prof. Anderson and seconded by Judge Lafferty that we recommend the adoption of the grouping system in grading, establishing five groups, A, B, C, D, and E, the degree of excellence understood by these letters being as follows:

A = excellent, B = good, C = passed, D = poor or conditioned and E = failed.

It is understood that each individual professor may use the present system in his classroom grading but that the records turned in to the Registrar's office be in the form of groups as indicated above.

Resolved that reports of delinquent male students be turned in by professors to Prof. White and delinquent female students to Dean Hamilton every two weeks on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Every member of the instructional force is expected to wear a cap and gown on commencement day."

The several resolutions of the Council were then taken up in order for consideration. Prof. Frankel moved that the question of adopting the group system be referred to the Committee on Class Standing and the motion was seconded. After some discussion it was ordered upon motion of Judge Lafferty that the motion be laid on the table. It was then moved and seconded that the group system of grading as recommended by the Council be adopted.

Professor Miller upon request explained in detail the plan of the grouping system, stating that it was in use in many of the large universities and was universally giving satisfaction. After remarks by President Patterson, Profs. Roberts, Anderson, Terrell and Tuttle, the motion was carried.

Some discussion having arisen as to whether the minutes of the Council should be read to the faculty, President Barker ruled that in future the entire minutes of the Council should be read before the faculty.

After some discussion of the second resolution relative to delinquent students, in which it appeared that there was some difference of opinion among the members of the Council itself as to the exact intent of the recommendation, it was ordered upon motion that this matter be referred back to the Council.

The further suggestion of the Council that every member of the instructional force should be provided with cap and gown upon commencement day, led to a discussion upon this point, after which a motion was made and seconded that the Trustees be requested to pay the expense of the caps and gowns worn upon commencement day by their order. After a brief discussion, the motion was put to vote and lost.

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Professor Turner brought to the faculty a request from the Alumni that steps be taken by the faculty looking to the establishment of chapters in this University of the honorary fraternities of Pi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, and moved that the matter be taken up by the faculty. The motion was seconded and the matter was referred by President Barker to the Committee on Student Organizations.

Professor Roberts called attention to the irregularity in the practice of excusing students from final examinations on account of certain high class standings received during the year, and moved that in future no student be excused from examinations. The motion was seconded. After some discussion it was ordered upon motion duly seconded that the motion of Professor Roberts be laid on the table.

The meeting adjourned.

*Approved.
May 26-1911
O. W. Mathews.*

President of the University.

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Secretary of the Faculty.