

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, University of Kentucky, for the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 1921.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, University of Kentucky, met in regular monthly session on Wednesday, March 16, 1921, in the President's office, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock, noon. The following members were present: Judge Richard C. Stoll, Robert G. Gordon, Rainey T. Wells, and P. P. Johnston, Jr. President Frank L. McVey and Wellington Patrick, Secretary of the Committee were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

(1) Sale of State Warrants. It was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that the Board of Trustees of the University had considered the question of a new Treasurer for the University, and that Mr. James H. Turner, a member of this Board, could probably act as Treasurer, and that the suggestion had been made to the Board that his acting would be of advantage to the University, and that the matter was referred to the Executive Committee with directions to report at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted requesting Mr. Stoll to take up the entire matter with Mr. Turner, find out upon what terms Mr. Turner could handle the account of the University, how the account would be handled and what disposition Mr. Turner could make of the State Warrants for the University.

(2) Execution of Contracts for Dormitory. Mr. Stoll reported to the Committee that he had executed contracts with J. T. Jackson Lumber Company, Allen Electric Company, and H. Metherton and Company, for the erection of the dormitory, as authorized by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on February 1, 1921. On motion, duly seconded, the action of Mr. Stoll in executing the contracts was approved.

(3) Report of the Business Agent. The report of the Business Agent was read and commented upon by President McVey. On motion, duly seconded, the report was ordered filed.

(4) Selection of Brick for Dormitory. Mr. Whipple appeared before the Committee and stated that he had forwarded to the architects, Coolidge and Shattuck of Boston, Massachusetts, samples of all face bricks which were submitted to the Board on February 1. He stated further that the architects had subsequently called for the samples of common brick, and that such samples as had been submitted were forwarded to the architects. The following communications with reference to the matter were read and ordered incorporated in the minutes:

2.

Telegram dated
Boston, Massachusetts
February 21, 1921

President Frank L. McVey
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

We think Old Progress brick submitted by Whaley preferable for facing. They are too porous for backing. Use Bush and Company common or other hard brick for backing.

Coolidge and Shattuck

Boston, Massachusetts
March 1, 1921

President Frank L. McVey
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Referring further to the Old Progress brick which we wired you about, we would prefer to use for facing outside walls of dormitory, we wish to say that we were influenced in our choice by a desire to get as much variety as possible in the brick. These brick while of a dark shade are very spongy and will absorb a lot of moisture, but by using the Bush brick for backing we do not think that this will cause trouble. The brick should be laid to get as much variety of color as possible, and the headers should be mixed up as much as possible, using certainly fifty per cent of as dark headers as can be procured.

Very truly yours

Coolidge and Shattuck

(Old Progress brick referred to is made by Progress Press Brick Company, Louisville, Kentucky. The Bush brick referred to is made by Fulcher Brick Company, Nashville, Tennessee. "Whaley" mentioned in the telegram refers to Mr. W. E. Whaley of Louisville, Kentucky, who submitted the brick for the Progress Press Brick Company.)

The entire Executive Committee was of the opinion that Kentucky common brick should be used, if possible, but upon an examination of the specifications a majority of the Committee was of the opinion that that was something with which the Committee had nothing to do, but was left entirely with the contractor; that he was required only to furnish the kind of common brick as was provided for in the specifications. It appeared to the Committee that the common brick selected by the contractor upon recommendation of the architects cost \$19 per M., and that the Kentucky brick of like quality would cost \$23 or \$24 per M., and that the University would get the benefit of the difference in price of the brick.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the recommendations of the architects with respect to the selection of brick be concurred in, but that Superintendent A. O. Whipple be requested to visit the factory of Progress Press Brick Company, and determine whether or not the brick is made up to sample and if the concern is in a position to supply brick of the sample selected in sufficient quantities. In case of adverse report, Mr. Whipple is to notify the chairman of the Executive Committee who will call a special meeting of the Committee to consider the matter further. On vote, Mr. Stoll, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Gordon voted aye. Mr. Wells voted no, stating that he desired Kentucky brick for all purposes if it could be obtained.

(5) Bonds for the Contractors for Dormitory. Mr. Stoll reported to the Committee that H. Netherton and Company and Allen Electric Company had executed bonds given by bonding companies for the execution of their contracts. J. T. Jackson Lumber Company presented a personal bond, which on motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johnston was approved and ordered incorporated in the minutes. The bond is as follows:

Lexington, Kentucky
February 23, 1921

Executive Committee
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified by these presents that we, J. T. Jackson Lumber Company of Lexington, Kentucky, and the undersigned as sureties to you, for and in behalf of the said J. T. Jackson Lumber Company are held and firmly bound unto the Trustees of the University of Kentucky, located at Lexington, Kentucky, in the sum of \$67,195.00, for which payment well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are as follows: The said J. T. Jackson Lumber Company has been chosen and employed by the Trustees of the University of Kentucky for the purpose of constructing a dormitory on the campus, which said contract is attached hereto and made a part hereof the same as if it had been copied in whole, and it is upon said contract for the construction of said building that this bond for the faithful performance is to be carried out.

Now, if the said J. T. Jackson Lumber Company shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all of its duties as contractor, and shall account for all the conditions, restrictions and stipulations and requirements of said contract, regarding which it has agreed to carry out and perform both in whole and in part in its contract, and if it shall construct said dormitory, as per said agreement, and in the time required, then when the same shall have been carried out, this bond shall be held for naught. However, if the said J. T. Jackson Lumber Company fails to carry out the agreements of this contract as to any or all of its requirements, then this bond shall be used so far as is necessary by the said Trustees of the University of Kentucky after the same has been collected for the purpose of completing the said contract, and in the carrying out of the J. T. Jackson Lumber Company's agreement.

This bond shall remain in full force and effect and the parties herein are bound by the same until the Executive Committee of the University of Kentucky shall have accepted the dormitory, as per contract, and released the same by returning it to the J. T. Jackson Lumber Company.

J. T. Jackson Lumber Company
By J. T. Jackson, Jr.

A. F. Downing
Hughes Jackson
W. T. Congleton
A. G. Payne

(6) System of Heating for the Dormitory. Superintendent A. O. Whipple reported to the Committee that H. Netherton and Company had indicated that they would install a Webster heating system or a Dunham heating system; if the latter were installed it would be at a saving of \$200 to the University, according to the bid submitted by the said company. Mr. Whipple indicated that the engineers that drew the plans for heating had indicated their approval of either system. After discussion, Mr. Whipple was instructed to take the matter up with Mr. J. I. Lyle of New York City and get his advice in the matter.

(7) Lease of Van Meter Farm. The following communication was read from Dean Cooper with reference to the lease of the Van Meter farm. (See previous instructions authorizing Dean Cooper to enter into such a contract)

March 5, 1921

President Frank L. McVey

University of Kentucky

My dear President McVey:

In accordance with our conversation, I have entered into a contract with Mr. Jo C. Van Meter and Miss Martha P. Van Meter for the rent of the Van Meter farm for the period of one year, beginning February 1, 1921, with an option for renewal for five years, at the rate of \$1,600 a year, same to be paid in twelve equal monthly installments of \$133 $\frac{1}{3}$ a month.

Yours very truly,

Thomas Cooper

Dean and Director

(8) Application to Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board.

President McVey indicated to the Committee that the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board of Washington, D. C. would continue for another year its subsidy to the University on the dollar for dollar basis, the amount available this year being about \$8,000. The following form of application prescribed by the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board was ordered incorporated in the minutes.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, University of Kentucky, held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, on March 16, 1921, the following appears of record in the minutes of that date:

Upon motion by Mr. Johnston, with the second of Mr. Gordon, the following action was taken:

It is hereby certified that the University of Kentucky has a Department of Hygiene properly equipped to carry out the program of instruction and training in hygiene in conformity with the regulations of the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board governing the Educational Research and Development Fund; it is

further certified that the said Department of Hygiene is authorized to cooperate with the Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board in accordance with the regulations of said Board for the purpose of discovering and developing more effective educational measures in the prevention of venereal diseases and for the purpose of sociological and psychological research related thereto; and it is further certified that the University of Kentucky has set aside for the same purpose the sum of \$ _____, equal to, and in excess (if in excess) of the sum to be received from the United States.

Secretary

Witness

Notary Public

(9) Board and Room at Patterson Hall. President McVey recommended to the Committee that the basis of payment for board and room at Patterson Hall be changed and put on some basis that will protect the University from frequent withdrawals. On motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Johnston, it was directed that the following basis for payment of board and room at Patterson Hall be adopted: That students reserving rooms be required to pay \$62.50 at the opening of the school year; \$62.50 on December 1; \$62.50 on February 1, and \$62.50 on April 1 of each year; that no variation from this schedule be permitted without special arrangements with the Business Agent; and that no refunds be made on account of leaving the Hall except in cases of illness or other unavoidable circumstances.

(10) Printing and Paper. Louisville Paper Company's Bill for \$10,000 for Paper and Tags. President McVey presented to the Committee a bill for \$10,000 which the Louisville Paper Company had presented for paper furnished for the printing of tags for the Experiment Station. President McVey indicated that the order had been placed with the State Printing Commission, who had turned the order to the State Journal Company of Frankfort. The State Journal Company in turn had ordered the paper from the Louisville Paper Company without consulting the University. President McVey stated that heretofore no charge had been made by the State against the University for paper. He stated further that had the University known that it had to buy its paper it would have looked into the question. He also stated that it appeared, in his opinion and in the opinion of Dean Cooper and the Business Agent, Mr. Peak, to be an exorbitant charge. In fact, he indicated, it was estimated that the University could have purchased the 1,000,000 tags involved already printed -- paper

and all -- for half the amount of the bill, or approximately \$5,000. The University, however, had been presented with a bill for \$10,000 for paper alone, and the bill for the printing would be in addition to this. After discussion, on motion by Mr. Gordon, duly seconded, the matter was referred to Mr. Wells for investigation and report as to the amount of the bill and the University's liability.

(12) Engraving of Diplomas. Bill of Harcourt and Company of Louisville. President McVey reported to the Committee that the University had received a bill from Harcourt and Company of Louisville, Kentucky, for \$40.00 for engraving twenty diplomas. He stated that the concern which had supplied Harcourt and Company had indicated to the University that they would furnish the twenty diplomas to the University for \$20.00, the same amount which Harcourt had paid for the diplomas complete. After discussion the matter was referred to Mr. Wells for investigation and report.

(13) Farm Boys' Encampment. A communication was read from the State Board of Agriculture asking that the University continue its appropriation of \$600 annually for the Farm Boys' Encampment. On motion, duly seconded, it was ordered that the appropriation be continued during the coming year.

(14) Election of Alumni Member to Board of Trustees. President McVey brought to the attention of the Committee the fact that the term of office of Mr. P. P. Johnston, Jr., Alumni member of the Board of Trustees, will expire on January 1, 1922, and to the regulations of the Board of Trustees governing the nomination and election of Alumni members. On motion, duly seconded, the Secretary of the Board was instructed to have proper forms printed on which to conduct the nomination and election. He was also directed to state in connection with the printed regulations that the election is held for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office of Mr. Johnston.

(15) Leave of Absence for Professor E. L. Rees. The application of Professor E. L. Rees of the Department of Mathematics for sabbatical leave of absence during the year 1921-1922 was presented. On motion, duly seconded, leave of absence on half pay was granted to Professor Rees.

(16) University Union in Europe. President McVey presented to the Committee communications from the president and secretary of the American University Union urging that the University of Kentucky continue its membership in the American University Union in Europe. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and carried that such membership be continued.

(16) Appointments. The following list of appointments was presented by President McVey, which on motion, duly seconded was approved as presented:

Appointment of Benton E. Barringer as assistant professor of agricultural education to conduct work in Smith-Hughes agriculture in connection with Picadome School, Fayette County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$200 a month, for a period of four months, effective March 1, 1921. He is a graduate of Teachers' College of Columbia University, having received his M. A. degree there in February, 1920. He has had considerable experience in vocational agriculture.

Appointment of E. M. Johnson, a senior student in the College of Agriculture, to the Gypsum Industries fellowship. This fellowship is to be payable at the rate of \$100 a month, effective March 1, 1921, and is to cover all necessary traveling expenses in connection with the work.

Appointment of Miss Mary May Miller as field agent in foods at a salary of \$2,000 a year, effective January 29, 1921. She is a graduate of North Dakota Agricultural College with the degree of B. S. and has a bachelor's degree from Columbia University.

Appointment of Miss Maryetta Wilson as instructor in home economics, effective February 8, 1921, at a salary of \$900 for the period February to June, inclusive. She has a bachelor's degree in home economics from Colorado Agricultural College. She has had post graduate work at Columbia University, and at Colorado Agricultural College. She was head of the home economics work at the Fort Collins School of Agriculture, and was assistant professor of home economics and head of domestic art in the New Mexico State College. She is to assist in the clothing work in the Home Economics Department.

Appointment of Fred Van Hoose as field agent in club work, Johnson County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$125 a month, for a period of two months, effective January 17, 1921.

Appointment of J. Robert Bird as county agent, McCracken County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$200 a month, for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 1921.

Appointment of F. O. Townes as county agent, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$166 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective January 16, 1921.

Appointment of Thomas Payne as colored county agent, Simpson County, Kentucky at a salary of \$83 $\frac{1}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective March 1, 1921.

Appointment of L. C. Pace as county agent, Livingston County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$175 a month, for a period of eleven months, effective March 1, 1921.

Appointment of B. T. Harrison as assistant county agent, Pulaski County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$125 a month, for a period of twelve months, effective March 1, 1921.

Appointment of R. M. Greene as assistant county agent, Larue County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$133 $\frac{1}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective February 22, 1921.

Appointment of H. F. McKenney as assistant county agent, Nelson County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$125 a month, for a period of twelve months effective February 24, 1921.

Appointment of W. B. Woodward as assistant county agent, Knox and Whitley Counties, Kentucky, at a salary of \$125 a month, for a period of twelve months, effective March 1, 1921.

Appointment of L. A. Clark as county agent, Clay County, Kentucky at a salary of \$125 a month, for a period of twelve months, effective March 1, 1921.

Continuation of employment of Miss Else Brunhoff as home demonstration agent, Jefferson County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$154.16 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 1921.

Continuation of employment of Miss Felena Turner as home demonstration agent, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky at a salary of \$141 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 1921.

Continuation of employment of S. W. Anderson as assistant county agent, Jefferson County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$166 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month, for a period of ten months, effective March 3, 1921.

Continuation of employment of F. E. Merriman as county agent, Jefferson County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$291 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 1921.

Continuation of employment of E. J. Haynes as county agent, Wayne County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$150 a month, for a period of twelve months, effective February 7, 1921.

Continuation of employment of Earl Mayhew as county agent, Knox County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$183 $\frac{1}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective February 1, 1921.

Continuation of employment of O. L. Cunningham as county agent, Fulton County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$258 $\frac{1}{3}$ a month, for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 1921.

Appointment of Mrs. Jennie C. Grubbs as home demonstration agent, Boyle County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$115 a month, for a period of four months, effective March 1, 1921.

Appointment of Elizabeth Scoville as home demonstration agent, McCreary County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$83 $\frac{1}{3}$ a month, for a period of 9 $\frac{3}{5}$ months, effective January 12, 1921.

Appointment of Mrs. Roxie C. Perkins as home demonstration agent, Harlan County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$110 a month, for a period of six months, effective January 1, 1921.

(17) Resignations. The following resignations were presented by President McVey, and on motion, duly seconded, accepted by the Committee.

Resignation of Gordie Young, instructor in agricultural education, effective February 10, 1921.

Resignation of Ross Taylor, county agent, Washington County, Kentucky, effective January 27, 1921.

Resignation of Miss May Sutphin, clerk in the department of animal husbandry, effective February 10, 1921.

Resignation of Miss Luanna Duckwall, clerk in the department of farm economics, effective February 28, 1921.

Resignation of C. L. Taylor, county agent, Henderson County, Kentucky, effective January 31, 1921. He resigns in order to complete his course in the College of Agriculture at the University.

Resignation of Miss Lillian Martin, clerk in the department of veterinary science, effective March 31, 1921.

(18) Increases in Salary. The following increases in salary, recommended by President McVey, were, on motion duly made and seconded, approved by the Committee:

Transfer of Miss Therressa Lipps from Mrs. Bryant's office to Mr. Mahan's office, and her salary increased from \$85 to \$100 a month, effective April 1, 1921.

Increase in salary of Miss Elizabeth Landsberg, stenographer in the Department of University Extension, from \$85 to \$100 a month, effective March 1, 1921.

(19) Furniture for Dormitory. President McVey stated to the Committee that furniture for the men's dormitory ought to be considered in the near future. On motion, duly seconded, President McVey was authorized to appoint a committee to consider the matter and make recommendations to the President.

(20) Installation of Storm Sewer by the City of Lexington. President McVey stated to the Committee that the authorities of the City of Lexington proposed to install a storm sewer on Rose Street, adjoining University property, and empty the water into the small stream leading across the campus. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and adopted authorizing Judge Stoll to take the matter up with the city authorities.

(21) Installation of Memorial Tablet. President McVey reported to the Committee that the bronze memorial tablet to the men who lost their lives in the Great War, made by the Gorham Company of New York City, had been delivered to the University. He asked advice of the Committee regarding its location. It was the sense of the Committee that the tablet be installed in the corridor of the Administration Building on the first floor, the installation to be temporary, with the idea of locating it permanently in the Memorial Building when completed.

(22) Provisions for an Art Museum. President McVey called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the University has no provisions for an art museum. He stated that the late Mr. Duvencok of Cincinnati had left four pictures with the provision that they should go to some Kentucky institution that would provide a suitable museum. He recommended to the Committee that a room in the Department of Art at White Hall be set aside for an art collection and that an effort be made to secure the Duvencok paintings. On motion, duly seconded, the following resolution was passed:

Be it resolved, that it is desirable for the University, as often as occasion or money permit, to secure paintings and art objects for the University. To that end a room in White Hall shall be designated as the art gallery and it shall be used for the purpose of exhibiting pictures and art objects from time to time. The officers of the University are authorized to accept pictures and other art objects for the University collection.

(23) Retiring System for Professors. President McVey called attention to the necessity of a retiring system for professors at the University who have reached the age of sixty-seven. He stated that there are now at the University some nine or ten persons on the staff between sixty and seventy years of age and indicated that at least some of them, by the time they reach seventy, will probably be unable to render effective service. He stated that the University authorities should formulate a satisfactory

plan to take care of this situation. There are three ways of handling the matter: First, to follow the old system and carry men on the staff until death; second, to consider a system of pensions whereby a teacher may be retired at sixty-seven with the provision of annual election for three additional years; and third, to consider an annuity plan such as is provided by the Carnegie Foundation, the University and the individual contributing equally to the annual premiums, which, upon the individual's reaching a given age would retire him on an annuity. As a business proposition, the President stated, it is at least time for the University to give consideration to the matter.

Whereupon the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Wellington Patrick
Secretary of the Board

Missing report(s)