

The Board of Trustees met in the President's room, in the College building at 9 A. M. on the 15, of December, 1897.

Present: Mr. Gathright, Chairman  
Mr. Flourney,  
Gooding,  
Green,  
Gen. Hobson,  
James,  
Kennedy,  
Patterson,  
Peak,  
Riddell,  
Spurr,  
Todd,

General Buell entered the room a few minutes later.

Ordered that all communications, by the Secretary, concerning the proceedings of the Board, shall be in writing.

Mr. Spurr offered the following:

Resolved that \$400 be appropriated to buy transits for the Department of Civil Engineering.

Carried as follows:

Ayes - Flourney, Gooding, Green, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr and Todd. - 11.

Noes - 0

Judge Riddell and Mr. Flourney reported that they had not been able to get any information on which to base a report relative to Mr. Boswell's case.

The Business Agent read his report to the Board, giving in detail the amount of receipts and expenditures by the College since July 1, The Report was referred to the Committee on Finance for their inspection.

The minutes of the Board of Control were read and referred to the Committee on the Experiment Station.

Ordered that \$200.00 be appropriated for the purpose of covering the uncovered part of the Green house and paying some bills now outstanding.

Ayes - Flournoy, Gooding, Green, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr and Todd, - 11.

Noes - - 0

The Committee on the President's report was next called but was not ready to report.

The committee on finance called but not ready to report.

The committee on appropriations reported as follows:

" In-as-much as a new and well constructed fence extends along the entire front of the college grounds, effective action should now be taken to protect the enclosure from the depredations to which they are subjected from stock ranging outside. Passengers on horse back and in vehicles cannot be prevented from leaving the gates open, we, therefore,

recommend that as soon as practicable a sufficient amount of money to build a neat and comfortable house at the main entrance be appropriated. This house could be occupied by the night - watchman and his family, the rental of which would form part of his compensation, and the inmates could be required to keep the gate closed, for which service a reasonable compensation should be allowed, we believe that by no other means can the grounds be protected.

The building so erected would also be of service as a temporary shelter for persons waiting for the street cars."

(Signed)

A. P. Gooding,  
J. B. Kennedy,  
Richard A. Spurr,

The foregoing report was so amended as to provide that an amount not exceeding \$1500.00 be appropriated, to be used in the discretion of the Executive Committee, to erect a building at the main entrance to the college grounds.

Report was received and adopted by Ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Flournoy, Gooding, Green, Hobson, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Spurr, Todd - 9.

No - - 0

The committee on buildings and grounds asked for more time.

The committee on the Experiment Station asked for more time.

Mr. Flourney submitted the following:

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

The committee on salaries begs to report that it has no recommendations to make on this subject.

J. C. Flourney  
W. F. Peak

Report received and accepted.

Mr. Todd submitted the following: - To the Board of Trustees.

Your committee on the minutes of the Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the minutes of the Executive Committee as carefully as the time at their disposal would allow.

We find that the accounts of receipts and expenditures seem to be correct.

We believe that the expenditures have been made in accordance with orders of the Board.

In reference to the uncovered portion of the greenhouse, we recommend that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made with which to complete it.

The question of attendance at Chapel services will be considered by an other committee.

Without further detail we approve the acts of the Executive Committee as indicated by their minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Todd,  
A. P. Gooding  
D. C. Buell,

Ordered that, that part of the foregoing report recommending the appropriation of \$100 for completion of green house be stricken out.

On motion the report was then received and approved.

General Buell read the following:

To the Board of Trustees.

A strict interpretation of the established rule would require that the Committee on the report of the President of the College, to which has been referred the President's report for the present meeting of the Board, should "point out such facts and suggestions as may seem to call for special action and recommend the reference of the various subjects to the appropriate standing committees respectively or to special committees." But in order possibly to save time and avoid the labor of these special or standing committees, we venture as well to submit our views upon the several propositions which seem to require action.

1. We recommend that authority and the necessary means, not to exceed \$300.00 and the necessary traveling expenses be granted to enable the President to employ a suitable person to act in the way proposed by the President for advancing the interests of the College, with the public, and increasing the matriculation.

2. The question of further action on the subject of absentees from chapel service has been reported on by the committee on the Minutes of the Faculty and therefore requires no recommendation here.

3. The report of the President says;

" An appropriation for Electrical Engineering amounting to \$1000 was discussed and agreed to while the Board was in session last June, but in the hurry of business before adjournment was not formally made. In as much as the Electrical work was inaugurated in close connection with the Mechanical Engineering, we thought it quite legitimate to borrow for its equipment from the Mechanical Engineering appropriation" In view of the explanation of the President we assent with some reluctance to this diversion of a specific appropriation and recommend that the sum of \$1000.00 be appropriated to reimburse the Mechanical Engineering Department in the sum ~~this~~ diverted.

4. We rather concur in the suggestion of the President that " the time has come when we should drop the name of a College and assume that of a University," and we recommend that the proper steps be taken to effect the change - the name to be The State University of Kentucky.

The ~~assimilation~~ assimilation of the College, however, with other institutions - Law and Medical - which are now and will no doubt expect to continue, to a considerable extent, distinct and independent of the College or University as adverted to briefly by the President, is quite another matter, in our opinion fraught with grave objections. It is not necessary that it shall be acted upon at this time, and we recommend that it shall be deferred. The establishment of a Law Department strictly in the College requires in our opinion more careful consideration than we can at this meeting bestow upon it.

5. We recommend the organization of the Agricultural Department with a Dean at its head.

6 - In view of the establishment of a short course in Agriculture we recommend that the course of popular lectures in Agriculture be discontinued for the present.

7 - We recommend that such an appropriation as the President may deem necessary, not to exceed \$150.00 be made for suitably furnishing the President's room, in the new building.

8. We recommend that the required bond be executed, and the further necessary steps be taken promptly for obtaining the 50 stands of rifles needed for arming and equipping the increased number of cadets.

9. Without expressing our opinion upon the importance of the experiments which Professor Anderson proposes to institute with reference to friction in bicycles, we are of the opinion that the college cannot at this time afford the required appropriation - \$400.00 and we recommend that it be deferred.

10. The subject of the future necessities of the Mechanical Engineering Department, introduced into Prof. Anderson's report, requires more time and more specific information than is now at the disposal of the Board.

11. We concur in general terms in the proposition and programme for dedicatory exercises in connection with the opening of the Natural History Building, and we recommend the appropriation of the sum of \$150.00 to cover the expense.

12. We recommend that the appropriation asked for by the base-ball team be not allowed.

13. We advise that the recommendation for the abolishment of the Tattoo roll-call be rejected. The demands which such regulations make upon the convenience of the student have a higher object than merely to ascertain whether he is in his quarters.

14. We recommend that there shall be no abatement or exception to the rule relative to the wearing of the uniform. The uniform is not an expensive or unserviceable dress in any event.

D. C. Buell,  
Robt. Riddell,  
D. H. James,

Proposition No. 1 of the foregoing report was adopted by an aye and a no vote as follows;

Aye - Gen. Buell, Flourney, Gooding, Green, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd  
- 12.

No - - 0

Proposition No. 2. required no action.

Proposition No. 3 adopted as follows:

Aye - Gen. Buell, Flourney, Gooding, Green, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd,  
- 12.

No - - 0



On motion proposition No. 4, was adopted.

On motion proposition No. 5, was adopted.

On motion proposition No. 6, was adopted.

Proposition No. 7, was adopted as follows:

Aye - Gen. Buell, Flourney, Gooding, Green, Hobson,  
James, Kennedy, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd, - 11.

No - - 0

President Patterson not voting.

On motion proposition No. 8, was adopted.

On motion proposition No. 9 was adopted.

Proposition No 10 was concurred in by the Board.

Proposition No. 11 was adopted as follows:

Aye - Gen. Buell, Flourney, Gooding, Green, Hobson,  
James, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd - 12.

No - - 0

In connection with proposition 11, Mr. Gooding offered the following:

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Board that the speakers, in connection with the dedicatory exercises, ought to be confined to Kentucky talent.

Carried.

On motion proposition No. 12, was adopted.

On motion proposition No. 13, was adopted.

On motion proposition No. 14 was adopted.

The entire report of the Committee on the Presidents report was then adopted by ayes and noes as follows:

Aye - Gen. Buell, Flournoy, Gooding, Green, Hobson, James, Kennedy, Patterson, Peak, Riddell, Spurr, and Todd,  
- 12.

No - - 0

President Patterson offered the following:  
Resolved: That the Executive Committee be authorized and directed to execute the required bond to the War Department for the 50 stands of rifles and equipments, needed by the College, and that the Board execute through the chairman and Secretary an indemnifying bond to the Executive Committee.

Carried.

Mr. Flourney offered the following:

Resolved: that in all cases coming under Section or rule No. 13, of the regulations the student, excused from drill, while teaching, be excused from wearing the uniform.

Resolution lost on a rising vote.

Mr. Peak read the following:

To the Board of Trustees, A. & M. College.

We, your committee on Internal Expansion, beg leave to report that, from the brief information we can obtain in the limited time at our disposal, we find the recommendations of a former Committee reported and adopted by the Board at the June meeting 1897, have been complied with as follows:

The Secretary has given the notices as requested by the Board in each and all of said recommendations from 1's to 16,th. inclusive, except 12, and 16, not acted on by the Board.

No. 1 has been complied with.

No. 2 has been complied with.

No. 3 has so far as Prof. Nelson is concerned has been complied with.

No. 4 has not been complied with from lack of room.

No. 5, the work has not been done because it would so darken the rooms adjacent as to render them almost useless.

No 6 has been complied with so far as required.

No. 7 fully complied with.

No. 8 relates to the same matter as number 4.

No. 9 complied with as far as the janitor is concerned, but the other work cannot be done in the building without enlarging it.

No. 11 complied with.

No. 12, not acted on by the Board.

No. 13, Captain Swigert informs us that he has granted to students the privilege of leaves of absence in a few instances in cases of necessity as he thought.

No. 14, we are informed has been complied with.

No. 15, has been complied with.

No. 16, Not acted on by the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

W. F. Peak, Chairman  
Thomas Todd,  
E. H. Hobson,

Report received and approved.

Ordered that the Commandant be supplied with another copy of that regulation requiring the authority be not delegated to any cadet to grant leave of absence to any other cadet.

Mr. Gooding submitted the following:

The Committee on the minutes of the faculty would respectfully report that we have taken the subject of Chapel attendance under consideration and we recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

1st. The Board is gratified to observe in the reports the evidence of a more strict compliance than heretofore with the regulation concerning chapel attendance; but there seems still to remain some misapprehension which it is proper to remove. With that object in view it is here repeated, that attendance upon Chapel service is meant to be as obligatory as any other prescribed function;

The duties are so arranged as to give to each its appointed time, and therefore no plea of some other college requirement can be accepted as a justification for neglect of this one. The only hinderance that is to be recognized excepting one which rests on Special authorization is sickness or some other private impediment which will naturally appeal to the justice of the Board.

The Plea of Professor Wernicke that the members of the faculty should be allowed to judge of the reasons which shall warrant their disregard of this or any other regulation of the college is not approved.

2nd. The rule adopted at the last meeting of the Board relative to Chapel attendance is changed so as to read as follows:

Every case of absence from chapel service will be reported by the Secretary of the Board to the President of the College.

The absentee will then be expected to present<sup>to</sup> the President without prompting or suggestion the reason for his absence, and at the next meeting of the Board the President will report in detail all cases of such absence with the reasons presented therefor by the several absentees

for the consideration and action of the Board.

Your committee has also considered the recommendations of the faculty for conferring the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy upon J. D. Turner, who failed to pass the examination with his graduating class last June, but has since passed the required examination.

As a rule adopted by the Board at the meeting in June last applies to this case no unusual consideration seems to be required, we recommend that in accordance with that rule the degree be conferred.

A. P. Gooding, Chairman  
W. F. Peak,  
D. C. Buell,

The report was received and adopted, and the Secretary was directed to communicate a copy, to each member of the faculty of that part relating to chapel services.

On motion ordered that the Board proceed to elect a successor to Hon. Hart Boswell - resigned.

President Patterson nominated Mr. Boswell to succeed himself and to serve out his unexpired term.

Mr. Boswell was then elected, by ballot, a member of the Board of Trustees, to serve out the unexpired term.

The Board adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

The Board met in the President's room at 2 P. M.

Present: Mr. Gathright, Chairman  
Gen. Buell,  
Flournoy,  
Gooding,  
Green,  
Gen. Hobson,  
James,  
Kennedy,  
Patterson,  
Peak,

Judge Riddell, Mr. Spurr, and Todd came in a few minutes later.

Mr. Boswell was duly qualified by taking the oath of office, and took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees.

On motion it was ordered that the Board proceed to the election of an Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Green ordered that a committee on nominations be appointed.

Chair appointed Mr. Green and Flournoy.

The following names were presented by the Committee on nominations, and were unanimously elected by ballot as members of the Executive Committee.

J. T. Gathright, Chairman  
Hart Boswell,  
J. B. Kennedy,  
Thos. Todd,  
A. P. Gooding.

Hart Boswell,  
J. B. Kennedy,  
A. P. Gooding,

Elected by ballot.

J. K. Patterson  
M. A. Scovell  
Members ex-officio,

Mr. Spurr submitted the following:

We the committee on the Experiment Station beg leave to say that the work of the Station is progressing as well as could be expected at this season of the year.

The work ordered by the Board at the June meeting has been completed - We recommend that the rooms soon to be vacated by Professors Matthews and Miller in the basement of the Station building be turned over, for the use of the Station when so vacated.

The work that is now being done is along the following lines: viz." Chemical investigations, Analysis of commercial fertilizers, Tests of commercial fertilizers on soils in different parts of the State. Entomological and Botanical investigations. Tests of different varieties of field crops, Dairy tests and Meteorological observations.

We do not recommend any expenditures (additional) as we think none are necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich. A. Spurr,  
J. C. Flourney,  
W. F. Peak,

Report received and approved.



The minutes of the classical faculty, and of the Scientific faculty were read.

Attention was called to the fact that the minutes of the Mechanical Engineering faculty had not been submitted, and that the Dean of the Normal Department had submitted a brief report to the effect that he had been unable to get a quorum of his faculty together.

On motion of Gen. Buell, Ordered that Professor Anderson be requested to submit his minutes and that Prof. Roark be called upon to explain why he has been unable to get a quorum.

Prof. Anderson submitted the minutes of his faculty.

Prof. Roark came before the Board and stated he had appointed a time and place for his meetings, and that he thought he notified the members of his faculty in the same manner in which other Deans had given notice of their meetings, but that no members of his faculty were present.

Gen. Buell offered the following: viz.,

That Prof. Roark be advised that in view of his explanation the Board will take no further notice of his case at this time.

Judge Riddell read the following:

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

The undersigned committee on finance would report  
 - that they have examined the books and accounts of Treasurer  
 and find that on December 1st, 1897, there was in his hands  
 to the credit of the College the

sum of	\$9606.39
To the credit of the Station	6782.05
Making a total of - - - -	<u>\$16388.44</u>

We have examined the books of the Business Agent  
 and find that the balance reported

of the College fund is	\$10024.11
Experiment Station fund is	6851.01
Making a total of - - - -	<u>\$16875.12</u>

The discrepancy between the amounts in the Treasurer's  
 hands and that reported by the Business Agent is explained  
 by the Business Agent as follows: Some checks given by him  
 have not yet been presented to the Treasurer. The Treasurer  
 has not taken account of the \$500.00 placed to the credit  
 of the Business Agent for current expenses.

The amount paid on the " Natural History Building "  
 is not included in this report, nor are other payments  
 such as salaries of the Professors and others, but when  
 they are taken into account the fund will be exhausted.

The amount realized from the State for the use of the  
 College was for the year 1896 \$32429.32.

The College has realized from the State for the year  
 1897, \$4733.28 only, and assuming that the amount realized  
 in 1897, will be as great as that of 1896, there is yet  
 due to the College the sum of \$27697.07 from the State.

The College or rather the experiment station is entitled to receive under the Morrill Act of 1862 85-1/2 per cent of \$4950 making \$4232.25 this with small amounts which are received for rents, fees, etc. constitute the resources of the college.

There are unpaid of appropriations \$40460.13, and at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, there will be a deficit of about \$9000.00.

We recommend that no expenditures be made unless urgently demanded by the necessities and interests of the college.

(Signed) Robert Riddell,  
D. H. James,

Report received and approved.

The Business Agent then came before the Board and explained in detail the differences between his records and those of the Treasurer.

The minutes of the Mechanical Engineering Faculty were then read.

Adjourned to meet May 31, at 1 P. M.

V. E. Muncy  
Secretary - -

Wm. H. Holt,  
Chm. Board of Trustees

**Missing report(s)**