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Minutes of the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky, for Tuesday, April 6, 1920.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met in regular quarterly session in the President's office at the University on Tuesday, April 6, 1920. The following members were present: Superintendent George Colvin, Commissioner W. C. Hanna, T. L. Hornsby, Richard P. Ernst, Senator H. M. Froman, R. G. Gordon, J. R. Rash, P. P. Johnston, Jr., J. I. Lyle, Richard C. Stoll, James W. Turner, Rainey T. Wells, Frank McKee, and W. H. Grady. Frank L. McVey, President of the University, and Wellington Patrick, Secretary of the Board, were also present.

(1) Adoption of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees for December 18, 1919, and the minutes of the Executive Committee for January, February and March, 1920, were approved as published.

(2) Resignation of D. D. Slade. President McVey called the attention of the Board specifically to the action taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee in March, with respect to the resignation of D. D. Slade. On motion by Mr. Turner, duly seconded, the action of the Committee was approved by the Board.

(3) Insurance. Attention was called specifically by Mr. Stoll to the action of the Executive Committee on March 17, with respect to insurance on buildings. It was ordered that a statement be incorporated in the minutes to the effect that the authorized insurance placed on various buildings was based on replacement values submitted by the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. In the case of two or three buildings where the authorized insurance was placed higher than the replacement values given by the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, the Committee ordered that a statement be made in the minutes to the effect that in such instances the Committee believed that the estimates submitted were too low. A motion was made, seconded and adopted, placing the authorized insurance on Mechanical Hall at \$65,000, and on the Administration Building at \$100,000. The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds was asked to submit further information on the replacement value

fixed for Science Hall, this information to be submitted for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Senator Froman, that the Executive Committee be congratulated on the good work they had done on the insurance of buildings and that the Committee be requested to reconsider its action in placing the insurance thru one agency. A substitute motion was offered by Commissioner Hanna that the action of the Executive Committee in placing the insurance on buildings thru one agency, be approved. After discussion the substitute motion was carried.

(4) Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence. The following list of appointments, resignations and leaves of absence was recommended by President McVey and on motion, approved by the Board:

Appointments

Appointments of Charles A. Maham as State leader of county agents, to be effective May 1, 1920, at a salary of \$3,600 a year.

Continuation of employment of J. W. Whitehouse, county agent, Davies County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$266 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month for a period of twelve months, effective April 1, 1920.

Continuation of employment of John Hunter, county agent, Allen County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$150 a month for a period of six months, effective April 1, 1920.

Appointment of J. B. Gardner, county agent, Calloway County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$2,000 a year for a period of twelve months, effective March 1, 1920.

Continuation of employment of Miss Minnie L. Hill, home demonstration agent, Logan County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$129.16 $\frac{2}{3}$ a month for a period of twelve months, effective March 1, 1920.

Appointment of W. E. Brohaugh as cow tester, Olkham County, Kentucky, at a salary of \$120 a month for a period of 2 $\frac{14}{15}$ months, effective April 3, 1920.

Resignations

Resignation of Mr. H. E. McSwain, county agent, Lewis County, Kentucky, effective February 28, 1920.

Resignation of Mr. Kimber Bowles, county agent, Morgan County, Kentucky, effective December 31, 1919.

Resignation of Mr. Geoffrey Morgan, assistant director of extension, effective March 31, 1920.

Resignation of Mr. Marcus J. Clarke, assistant county agent, McCracken County, Kentucky, effective February 22, 1920.

Resignation of Mr. O. F. Floyd, extension specialist in marketing, effective March 31, 1920.

Resignation of Mr. Ralph J. Morgan, district agent, effective April 30, 1920.

Resignation of Miss Wallace Utterback, Secretary of the Feed Control Department, effective May 1, 1920.

Leaves of Absence

Leave of absence is granted to Mr. M. O. Hughes, without pay, for an indefinite period, effective March 31, 1920.

(5) Report of Business Agent. The report of the Business Agent was presented and ordered filed.

(6) Report of the President. President McVey made a brief report to the Board of Trustees as follows:

"(a) Increased Cost of Operation. The conditions facing the University have greatly changed in the past two years. During the next two years, we shall be facing a very difficult situation. The increased cost of supplies, the added cost of coal and the cost of labor and other supplies will add materially to the budget changes.

"(b) Salaries. The question of salaries is becoming more and more serious, and increasingly more difficult to meet. We are unable to fill the positions of persons who resign at the salary they received, new people cost more, with the result that we often get people of less experience and the standards of the University are in danger of being lowered. Some provision must be made for bringing University salaries up to what they ought to be in order to meet the increased cost of living.

"(c) Auditing of the University Books. Over a year ago, the accounting firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat and Company worked out a system of accounting which we installed. In addition to this, our books receive an annual audit. The State Examiner has indicated that he wishes to audit the University's books and I have told him that we are ready to receive him at any time for this work. The annual budget for the coming year is now being made. It will be presented to the Executive Committee at its next meeting and will be ready for the Board meeting in June.

"(d) Legislation. At the last session of the General Assembly, the Budget Committee recommended to the Legislature some additional items for University expenditures. As a result, we shall receive for:

Experiment Station.....	\$50,000 annually for two years;
Agricultural extension work	108,000 for the first year;
Agricultural extension work	126,000 for the second year;
Engineering equipment.....	30,000 a year for two years;
Agricultural instruction...	30,000 a year for two years;
Dormitory construction.....	75,000 a year for two years.

We also receive $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents mill tax on each \$100 of assessment. It was estimated that we shall receive this year \$345,000 from this mill tax. The indications are that we shall probably be \$15,000 short. Next year we shall probably receive something like \$500,000 in all. The estimates for a budget for the coming year have just been submitted to me and aggregate \$630,000. This sum will have to be cut down by about \$150,000. It is necessary to have about a 5 per cent leeway in the budget, due to the fact that we have no contingent fund. Many states have contingent funds for emergency purposes and are able thereby to make definite budgets and live up to them. It will probably be well for us to have arrangements in this State for a contingent fund. We have had many requests for additional buildings and increases in salaries, which are very necessary as rents are mounting higher and higher. A few persons have reported to me that they are now paying $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of their salary for rent. Many are paying as much as 25 per cent of their salary for rent. Many are leaving us because of the increased cost of living in this city. This leads me to the suggestion that it might be wise for the University to undertake a program for providing housing facilities for members of the University staff. Perhaps we could set aside some land, borrow money from banks and erect buildings and pay for them as rent comes in from houses thus built. Lexington is behind something like 500 to 1000 houses in its building program and the situation is so difficult that it seems to me that the University might well consider the advisability of entering on the program which I have suggested.

"(e) Housing of Students. The enrollment at the University is growing rapidly. The total number of students that have registered to date this year is 1629 including about 300 in the summer session. We receive daily, letters from parents wanting places for their children. Parents want their daughters placed under University supervision. When we are not able to care for them they send them elsewhere. The University will undoubtedly increase its body of students very rapidly and we must make provisions for housing these students. Last year we were able to house about 700 men. About 200 students were turned away from the University because they could not find adequate housing facilities. The cost of living for students has increased; room rent, where rooms can be obtained, has gone up. The monthly cost of living for students has increased from \$25 or \$30 a month to \$50 to \$60 a month.

"The increased cost of an education is fast becoming a menace to democracy. It is true that the ability of students to pay more for an education has increased, but this increase has not kept pace with the increased cost of living. We will get from the legislature an appropriation of \$75,000 annually for two years to build dormitories. This does not really solve our problem, because it merely takes up the slack. By the time we have spent this money for dormitories, we will have moved far ahead of our present position and the housing situation will be even more difficult. There is a movement at the present time for the erection of fraternity houses. We have just leased to the Sigma Nu fraternity a building site for the erection of a fraternity house. I understand that the Sigma Alpha Epsilon wishes to make application for a site for a \$40,000 fraternity building. These fraternity houses will help to a certain extent to solve our housing problem, but the rank and file of students not so taken care of must be considered.

"(f) The Building Situation. In the budget estimates which have just come to me, there are several requests for additional buildings. Dean Anderson has requested that Mechanical Hall be enlarged by the addition of a wing for recitation and tool rooms. In the Agricultural Department there is a great necessity for a building for Agricultural engineering. We have carried on this work in a number of small sheds and this has been very unsatisfactory. The demand for more recitation rooms is very pressing. We need, also, a woman's gymnasium; we are using at the present time a small wooden structure behind White Hall which is very unsatisfactory. With the \$150,000 which we shall receive from the Legislature, we can probably construct one dormitory. The plans which were drawn by Olmsted Brothers provide for a system of dormitories to be erected mainly on Mulligan lot.

"(g) Memorial Building. Plans have been prepared by Mr. Coolidge for the Memorial Building. We have raised \$165,000 and the amount will probably reach \$200,000. The committee has some men in the field at work. It is best, however, to let this matter rest until we have fully determined what the contributions will total.

"(h) Library. One of our most pressing needs is more adequate library facilities. The Library now has reading room for about fifty students. By removing some of the stacks and placing them in the basement, we could probably make room for 75 or 80 students, but this is less than 10 per cent of the student body and is wholly inadequate for our needs. We now have about 41,000 volumes in the Library but we ought to have even at the present time 70,000 or 80,000 volumes. The Library is the heart of the University. We cannot carry on graduate work without library facilities.

"(i) The Need of Better Alumni Organization. We have had at the University during its history some 18,000 students and about 2,000 of these have received degrees. We have at the present time no adequate record of where these people are and what they are doing. In most cases, we have not even their addresses. We have kept up fairly well with those who have received degrees but we are not in proper touch with them. We have an enormous number of former students scattered over the State and Nation and we should have some adequate way of keeping in close touch with them. With the proper organization for taking care of alumni matters, we could do better work. In the near future I want to suggest some plans for working out better organization for alumni matters at the University.

"(j) Student Loan Fund. We have felt the need of a more adequate student loan fund. At the present time, we have a loan fund aggregating about 42,200 including \$1,000 given by the Southern Railway to agricultural students living along their roads. We have frequent calls for student loans and the loan fund should be considerably increased.

"(k) Department of Music. Professor Lampert has indicated to me that there is considerable demand for pianos for practice. Our music instruction is general in character and we have no adequate facilities for instrumental practice. If we could have a small building where we could place five or six pianos for practice, it would be a good thing. We have need also of additional instructors in music, the cost to the University would be perhaps only the cost of the building and purchase of pianos as salaries and instructors could be paid wholly from fees.

"These, gentlemen, are a few of the problems confronting the University at the present time. We have many other problems, but I have time only to dwell on these few points."

(7) Committee for the Purchase of Coal. On motion made and seconded, the Chair appointed Mr. Grady and Senator Peak to make arrangements for the purchase of coal for the coming year.

(8) Plans for the Erection of Dormitories. On motion by Mr. Wells, duly seconded, the President was requested to ask Mr. Coolidge, the University architect, to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of a dormitory costing approximately \$150,000, the plans to be presented to the Board at some future meeting.

(9) Subscription Student Loan Fund. After the discussion of the Student loan fund by President McVey, members of the Board voluntarily subscribed the following amounts to that fund:

Mr. Richard P. Ernst subscribed.....	\$500
Mr. Richard C. Stoll subscribed.....	500
Mr. J. I. Lyle subscribed250
Mr. George Colvin subscribed thru Mr. Ernst.....	\$100

(10) Purchase of Engineering Equipment. On motion duly made and seconded, a committee consisting of Mr. Lyle, Dean Anderson and Mr. Grady was appointed to make a selection of engineering equipment, the selection to be reported to the Executive Committee which will give authority for the purchase.

(11) Agricultural Extension Committee. President McVey reported to the Board that the Governor had recently appointed the members of the Agricultural Extension Committee provided by law, consisting of the following persons: Governor Morrow, Commissioner Hanna, Senator Froman, Mr. McKee, and Mr. Hornsby.

(12) New Members of the Board of Trustees. It was reported to the Board that the Governor had made appointments on the Board of Trustees as follows: Mr. W. H. Grady, Alumni member, for a period of six years; Mr. James W. Turner, for a period of six years; Mr. Frank McKee, for a period of six years; Mr. T. L. Hornsby, representing the Board of Agriculture.

On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday June 1, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

/Signed/

Wellington Patrick

Secretary of the Board.

Missing report(s)