

The Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky met in the Presidents room in the College at 11 A. M. Dec. 13, 1899.

Present:                      Messrs.     Hart Boswell  
   D. F. Frazee  
   J. T. Gathright  
   A. P. Gooding  
   E. H. Hobson  
   W. H. Holt  
   C. N. McElroy  
   J. B. Marcum  
   J. K. Patterson  
   W. F. Peak  
   R. C. Stoll

In the absence of the Governor of the Commonwealth Hon. J. T. Gathright was unanimously elected chairman protempore.

Capt. Thomas Todd, requested to be excused from attending the meeting of the Board on account of his participation in some ceremonies at Washington, on motion he was excused by the Board.

Judge Landes submitted a written excuse which was accepted by the Board.

J. B. Kennedy submitted a written excuse which was also accepted by the Board.

Hon. J. G. Mathews of Barbourville submitted his resignation in writing.

Mr. Gooding, moved that Mr. Mathew's resignation be accepted, and that a committee be appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions to be entered upon the minutes and that Secretary notify Mr. Mathews and the Governor of the action of the Board.

Mr. Boswell called for a division of the question:

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one part to contain the reference to acceptance of the resignation and notification of the Governor; the other to contain reference to resolutions only.

On motion the first division of the question was approved. The second division was then unanimously approved, and the chairman appointed on the committee, Messrs. Gooding, Hobson, and Patterson.

The chairman then announced the following as members of the standing committees indicated.

Committee on the Presidents Report

Peak, Marcum, McElroy.

Committee on Finance

Boswell, Gooding, R. C. Stoll.

Committee on Appropriations

Frazer, Stoll, Patterson.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

Gooding, Boswell, Hobson.

Committee on Experiment Station

Stoll, Holt, Gooding.

Committee on Salaries

McElroy, Marcum, Peak.

Committee on Internal Expansion

Patterson, McElroy, Frazee.

- - Committee on Military Instruction & College Discipline

Holt, Hobson, Patterson.

Committee on Minutes of Executive Committee

Hobson, McElroy, Boswell.

Committee on Minutes of the Faculty

Marcum, Peak, Holt.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were then read and approved.

Ordered that the Editors of the Kentuckian have permission to present a proposition at 3 P. M.

Prof. White presented the following:

Hon. Board of Trustees of State College of Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as your business agent - my resignation to take effect next June at the close of our fiscal year. The duties and **responsibilities** of my office have materially increased and except for the assistance given me by my daughter without extra compensation I would have been compelled to resign some three or four years ago.

My work as Prof. of Mathematics is also growing to such an extent that I feel that I can best serve the college by confining my labors to the department of Mathematics; hences my resignation as Business Agent.

The salary attached to the Business Agency is disproportionately small as compared with the duties and responsibilities of the office. I have asked no increase for myself as we were in debt but now that we are practically free from debt I hope you will make the salary of \$1000 or more as this amount will I believe, be necessary to secure the services of a competent man.

As there seems to be no reason why my services should be had for a smaller amount than my successor will receive I most respectfully ask that my salary be increased to \$75.00 per month beginning with the first of December.

Thanking the members of your honorable body for the many evidences which I have received of your good will and confidence I am most

respectfully yours,

Jas. G. White

On motion of Mr. Stoll ordered that Prof. Whites resignation be **accepted**, and that a committee be appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions relative to his faithful and efficient services.

The chair appointed Judge Holt, Mr. Boswell and President Patterson.

Gen. Hobson offered the following:

Whereas Hon. John G. Mathews, for four years a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Kentucky has notified this Board of his intention to transfer his citizen ship from this Commonwealth to another; and

Whereas his resignation of the office of Trustee accompanies the announcement of his change of residence; therefore,

Resolved that we bear willing testimony to the zeal and energy and singleness of purpose with which he has discharged his duty as Trustee of the College to which he brought an intelligence, a prudence and a knowledge of affairs which made him

a most valuable and efficient member.

Resolved that we tender him our best wishes for his success and happiness in his new home regretting, meanwhile, that Kentucky loses so much of true excellence and upright manhood by his removal from us.

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that a copy be sent to the subject thereof.

(Signed)

E. H. Hobson  
A. P. Gooding  
J. K. Patterson

The foregoing resolutions were received and unanimously approved:

Ordered on motion of Mr. Stoll that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a successor to Mr. J. G. Mathews resigned.

The chair appointed Mr. R. C. Stoll, Judge Holt, and Mr. J. B. Marcum.

The Board then adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

The Board met at 2:30 P. M. All were present who were present at meeting in the forenoon.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were then read and referred to the Committee on the minutes of the Executive Committee.

The minutes of the faculty since the last meeting of the Board were next read and referred to the Committee on minutes of the faculty.

The Editors of the Kentuckian came before the Board at 3 P. M. and submitted a proposition for the distribution of ten thousand copies of their Magazine among the citizens of Kentucky.

The minutes of the classical and Mechanical Engineering faculties were read and they with the minutes of other special faculties were referred to the committee on the Minutes of the faculty.

The President of the college read his report which was referred to the committee on the President's Report.

Ordered on motion of Mr. Frazee that President Patterson be authorized to go to Washington, in his discretion, and to make the best arrangement practicable for the conduct of the military department.

Ordered on motion of Mr. Gooding that a committee of three be appointed to secure the necessary legislation to cause the commissions of the the commissioned officers of the college battalion to be signed by the Governor of the Commonwealth.

The chair appointed Messrs. Stoll, Gooding and Frazee.

Messrs. Peak, Marcum and McElroy submitted the following:

To the Board of Trustees:

The committee on the President's report to whom the same was referred beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We recommend that a guarantee company be secured as surety upon the bond required by the United States Government to be executed for the arms and equipments furnished to the A. and M. College, and that W. H. Holt be constituted the Attorney in fact for and on behalf of the college to sign its name and affix the corporate seal required to be signed to such bond to the Government.

2nd. We recommend that the Business Agent of the college be paid \$75.00 per month from the 1st day of December 1899, until July 1st, 1900, instead of \$50.00 per month, the amount now paid.

3rd. We recommend that a committee composed of President Patterson, Messrs. Boswell, Frazee and Stoll be appointed and charged with the duty of selecting a successor to Prof. White as Business Agent and they will report to the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

4th. It seems to your committee that in the opinion of the President Prof. Faig has demonstrated his efficiency and worthiness and we therefore recommend that the salary of Prof. J. T. Faig be fixed at \$1250.00 annually beginning with this year.

5. We recommend that Judge W. H. Holt, Messrs. J. T. Gathright, and J. C. Flournoy be appointed a committee to prepare and present to the General Assembly the report required by law to be made and that this report be presented by the tenth day of the approaching session.

6th. It seems to your committee that the recommendation made by the President: viz.

" That the Principal of the Academy and his assistants be constituted a faculty for the management of the discipline and general interests of the Academy, that they be authorized and required to hold monthly sessions, or more frequent sessions if there be sufficient reason therefor, that they be authorized to cite and to hear delinquents and to impose minor penalties for neglect of duties or overt offenses, subject to the approval of the President of the College, and that they keep a record of their proceedings and submit the same to the Board of Trustees at their regular session," is a wise one, and we endorse the recommendation.

7th. We suggest that a committee composed of three **Trustees** be appointed by the Board and that they be charged with the duty of selecting and reporting to the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees an Inspector of Mines and an Assistant Inspector.

All of which is respectfully submitted

On motion the report of the committee on the Presidents was received and approved.

Ordered that W. H. Holt, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute bond on behalf of the college to the War Department of the United States for one hundred and fifty (150) guns with the necessary accompanying equipments and accoutrements for the use of the cadet corps of this college and for **twoe** pieces of artillery and accoutrements; and that the Executive Committee be authorized to procure from a responsible **guarantee** company such surety on the said bond as shall be satisfactory to the War Department of the United States.



The chairman of the Executive Committee is also authorized and directed to attach the corporate seal of the college to the said bond and to do whatever else may be required by the War Department to validate the bond herein provided for.

Ordered that the salary of the Business Agent be \$1000.00 for the next fiscal year and that all the time of the Business Agent be given to the college.

The chairman appointed President Patterson, Judge Holt and Mr. Stoll to select an Inspector of Mines and an Assistant Inspector.

On motion of Mr. Stoll ordered that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at 9 A. M. on December 14, 1899.

Mr. Stoll, chairman of the Committee on nominations offered the name of William R. Ramsey as successor to Hon. J. G. Mathews.

On motion the report of the committee was approved.

Hon. Wm. R. Ramsey of London, Ky. was then unanimously elected by ballot.

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

The committee on revision of the rules and regulations asked for more time in which to prepare its report.

On motion the request of the committee was granted.

Mr. Boswell offered the following:

Whereas the term of service of five of our members: viz. Messrs. J. C. Flourney, Clarence N. McElroy, J. T. Gathright, W. F. Peak, and A. P. Gooding, representing respectively the first, third, fifth, sixth, and ninth Congressional districts expires by limitation early in January 1900; and

Whereas these members have faithfully, intelligently and with conspicuous fidelity discharged the duties of trustees of the State College of Kentucky during their term of service; and

Whereas men of integrity and large experience are required to administer the affairs of this institution in the education of the youth of the Commonwealth and the administration of its material traits; therefore.

Resolved, 1st. That we record our high estimate of the intelligence, devotion and earnestness with which they have discharged the duties of their office;

2nd. That we respectfully place before His Excellency, William S. Taylor, Governor of Kentucky the names of the said retiring members with the earnest request that he consider the propriety of re-appointing them to represent on the Board of Trustees their respective districts in order that the college may have the benefit of the experience, earnestness and devotion with which they have served it heretofore.

Resolved that the Secretary of the Board communicate this action to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion the foregoing resolutions were approved and adopted.

Voted on motion of Mr. Frazee, seconded by Gen. Hobson that Judge Holt, President Patterson, and Mr. Marcum, be appointed a committee to go to Frankfort and endeavor to secure the re-appointment of those members of the Board whose terms of service expire in January.

In the absence of Mr. Flournoy, chairman, President Patterson reported that the committee charged with the duty of selecting a successor to Prof. John Shackleford had after careful consideration selected Alexander St. Clair McKenzie to be acting Professor of English for the current year at a salary of \$1500.00.

The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The committee on the minutes of the Executive committee have heard read the minutes of this committee and have no report to make thereon, other than to approve same, which is done.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) E. H. Hobson  
H. Boswell  
C. N. McElroy

Report received and approved.

The following were unanimously elected by ballot as members of the

Executive Committee

W. H. Holt, Chairman  
D. F. Frazee  
A. P. Gooding  
J. B. Kennedy,  
R. C. Stoll

Board of Control

Hart Boswell,  
Thomas Todd  
J. T. Cathright

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J. K. Patterson  
M. A. Scovell

Ordered on motion of Mr. Boswell that proportionate additional compensation be allowed to Mr. J. R. Johnson if he should give additional service this year in Mathematics.

Judge Holt submitted the following:

Whereas Prof. Jas. G. White has resigned the office of Business Agent of the A. and M. College to take effect at a future date, which position he has held for about ten years and ever since the college has had such an officer, therefore be it

Resolved by its Board of Trustees that they bear willing testimony to his ability, honesty, and integrity as such officer; to his patience and painstaking accuracy, his scrupulous and conscienceous diligence; and to his increasing fidelity to the important trusts committed to his charge. We bear willing and cheerful testimony to the fact that during those ten years hundreds of thousands of dollars have passed through his hands for every cent of which he has faithfully accounted.

We desire to place this testimony upon record as evidencing the high regard we have for this honorable and faithful official whose relation to the college is without stain and without reproach and is a record of which any man and any institution may well be proud.

Wm. H. Holt, Chrm.  
Jas. K. Patterson  
Hart Boswell

The report of the committee was approved and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Board then adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. on December 14.

Missing report(s)