

The Board of Trustees met in the President's room in the College building at 9 A. M. sun time Dec. 11, 1895

Present:- Dr. R. J. Spurr, Chairman  
P. Bird,  
Gathright,  
Gooding,  
Green,  
Hindman,  
James,  
Patterson,  
Peak,  
R. A. Spurr.

The roll was called and the Chairman announced a quorum.

Mr. Gathright submitted a report on the President's report as follows:

" Your committee on the President's report met at the Phoenix Hotel. All the members present.

1st. The first matter considered was the resolution offered by the President concerning the submission of names to the Grand jury. This committee approve and recommend its adoption as follows: viz.

" Resolved that for the purpose of eliminating any bad element which may find its way into the matriculation lists of the college, and especially into the Dormitories, that it shall be the duty of the Faculty, through the President, twice each year or more frequently, if thought expedient to furnish such names to the Grand Jury for investigation as they may think proper.

2nd. The Committee recommend the adoption of the resolution submitted by the President concerning the dismissal of students by Professors, as follows: viz.

Resolved, That no Assistant Professor in charge of a department of study, or Dean of any course of study in the College, shall dismiss a student from his class for any course whatever, for more than the current recitations of the day, nor shall he, when he so suspends a student indicate by such suspension, that the person affected will be permanently discharged from duty in his department, or in the course of study in which he has matriculated. But it shall be the duty of the Professor to report the person temporarily suspended, at once to the President, who shall upon conference with the parties concerned, determine the matter at issue, or refer it to the faculty for determination.

3rd. Your Committee recommend that no change be made, in the department of Anatomy and Physiology, at this time.

4th. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution as suggested by the President:  
viz.

That the salary of Professor Miller be increased to \$1800.00 per annum, in accord with the understanding at the time of assigning to him the additional duties.

5th. That the contract existing between the A. and M. College and the Lexington Business College be terminated at the end of this College year, and that the secretary be and he is hereby instructed to notify Prof. Calhoun of this fact.

6th. That the erection of a Science building to meet the demands of the College be begun as soon as the funds are in hand with which to pay for same.

7th. That the game of foot ball as at present played by so called college Teams, and others is brutal, dangerous and not calculated to elevate the moral character of the college students, therefore your Committee recommend that this game be prohibited on the college grounds except by the students, and then only under modified rules.

8th. Your committee recommend that the Committee on Legislative appropriation be directed to ask that a tax of one tenth of one percent be levied and collected for the next five years for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings and properly equipping same for the A. and M. College.

All of which is respectfully submitted

W. F. Peak      Chrm.  
G. V. Green  
J. T. Gathright

Ater some discussion the report of the Committee on the President's report was adopted section by section and finally as a whole.

General Buell entered at 9:50 A. M.

At 10:30 A. M. the Board took a recess to attend the Chapel services.

The following report submitted by Mr. Peak Chairman of the Committee on Finance was adopted:

To the Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky.

The undersigned your committee would respectfully report that I have examined and compared the books, vouchers, and bank accounts of Prof. James G. White, business Agent from the last meeting of the Board to December 1st 1895 and find them correct except an error in voucher No. 915 for \$13.40 charged on the books \$11.40 which is an error of two dollars against the business agent, which should be corrected and paid back to him, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. Peak, Committee.

Messrs. Gooding and Green, Committee on Experiment Station submitted the following report which was adopted: viz.

We find the Agricultural Experiment Station in a prosperous condition.

The Insectory has been completed and the dairy building will be finished by the first of the year. The latter building has been carefully planned and constructed for experimental work in dairying & etc. and is a model of its kind.

Since June three bulletins have been published: No. 56 analysis of commercial Fertilizers, No. 57 Field Experiments on wheat and oats, and No. 58 on cut worms in Kentucky: Also the 7th, Annual Report (for 1894). Under the Fertilizer law \$3920.00 have been collected this year and 133 different brands of commercial fertilizer have been analyzed. The law has been vigorously enforced.

A great number of field experiments have been undertaken, the results of which will be incorporated in future bulletins.

The laboratories are in active operation upon various lines of investigation.

Messrs. Gathright and Hindman Committee on Internal Expansion submitted the following report which was adopted: viz.

Your Committee on Internal Expansion to whom was referred the communication of Prof. F. Paul Anderson, concerning his being a member of the Lexington School Board respectfully recommend that the Secretary inform Prof. Anderson that his holding office as a member of said school Board is not compatible with his position as a Professor in this College and that it is his duty to at once resign from same and that this action be and it is applicable to Prof. Roark and any other Professor or officer of this College."

2nd. Concerning the communication of Prof. Nelson, your committee recommend 1st. that it is to be regretted that the entire appropriation for the department of Civil Engineering should have been expended so early in the session. That the Professor in charge of this department knew at the beginning of the year just what had been appropriated for his department and that it is the rule of the Board that each department shall live within the appropriations.

That now there are no funds from which to meet the demands of this department, and that there are no funds at the disposal of the Board for this purpose.

3rd. Your Committee does not recommend the purchase and binding of the volumes of the American Society of Civil Engineers as asked for at this time.

4th. Your committee recommend the expenditure of \$100.00 in the discretion of the Executive Committee in advertising this department throughout this State by the distribution of that part of the catalogue pertaining to this department.

5th. Your Committee recommend concerning a building and better equipment for the department of Civil Engineering that it be not commenced until the money is in hand with which to pay for same.

6th. That the request of Prof. Nelson to add Architecture and Mining Engineering to his department be not granted at this time.

7th. Concerning the communication of Prof. Paul Anderson and the request therein your committee recommend,

(1) that \$57.70 be appropriated from the emergency fund to complete the payments on the binding.

(2) That the employment of W. J. Kearney in the Mechanical Department be and it is hereby referred to the Executive Committee to investigate with power to act.

- (3) That the employment of a stenographer for the Professor in charge of the Mechanical Engineering Department be not recommended, but that no objection will be made to his employing such a person, himself, he being responsible for the salary.
- (4) That the Board express to Prof. Anderson its high appreciation of the efficiency shown in his department as measured by the results. That the fact that five out of seven graduates have secured important and lucrative employment either in the U. S. cutter service or in first class establishments speaks well for him and his department.
- (5) That the matter of additional buildings and equipment will not be taken up or considered until the money is in hand with which to pay for same.

After the above committee report was read and before it was adopted, President Patterson stated that Prof. Nelson had asked permission to come before the Board and explain why his appropriation had been exhausted so early in the year.

Prof. Nelson came before the Board and submitted a statement, and exhibited some drawings made by his students.

The Committee on Military Instruction and College discipline reported that they had not been present at any Military exercise, but that the answers to their inquiries indicated a decided improvement in the Military organization and in the deportment of the students.

The Committee on the minutes of the Executive Committee reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Executive Committee beg leave to report: that they have not been able to perform fully the duty assigned to them so far as expenditures are concerned because the details of the expenditures were in the hands of another Committee and the time did not admit of delay. We have reason to believe however that the expenditures have been made in accordance with the appropriations and orders of the Board of Trustees, with the following exceptions:

- (1) We find that by order of the Executive Committee the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ has been transferred from the emergency fund to the Insurance fund. The extent to which Insurance shall be carried on the property of the college is a question which pertains to the Board of Trustees and in view especially of the fact that this action of the committee was taken within 24 hours of an appointed meeting of the Board we deem it to have been unnecessary and unauthorized.
- (2) We find that a proposition was introduced to authorize the use of \$200.00 to be taken from the appropriation for equipping the new Mechanical building to introduce certain heating appurtenances into that building, on the ground that the appurtenances referred to might come under the head of equipment." The committee showed its sense of the reason urged, by refusing the request, we are of the opinion therefore that the use of the money in that way was improper and ought to be rejected by the Board.



- (3) We find in the minutes of the Committee an order extending free tuition in a Post graduate course to graduates of certain other colleges. We do not raise the question of the expediency of such an arrangement or deny here the right of even the Board of Trustees to extend such a privilege ; but it is quite clear that it is not within the competency of the Executive Committee.
- (4) Your committee find the record of frequent absence from Chapel service, on the part of certain members of the faculty amounting to from forty to sixty seven cases a month notwithstanding the orders of the Board on that subject and the subsequent admonition, of the Executive Committee. In a few cases explanations have been offered which in part are satisfactory, and in part seem not to be so, as a further step toward the enforcement of a requirement which the Board has deemed necessary in the interest of the College we recommend the adoption and communication to the different members of the faculty of the following as a resolution:

That the Board of Trustees has observed with surprise, upon the records which the Executive Committee is required to keep, the frequent absence from Chapel service of some members of the faculty amounting to a considerable number of cases daily, notwithstanding the injurious effect upon the students and the interests of the college of such a disregard of the Regulations, and of the special requirements which the Board has deemed it necessary to promulgate.

The Board regret the necessity of repeating these requirements, the peculiar object of which should interest the officers of the College with even more than usual obligations. Not only should the absences

be scrupously rare, but the duty should be felt of making the necessity for them manifest by voluntary and cheerful explanation.

J. R. Hindman, Chairman.

The members of the Executive Committee did not vote on the question of adopting the foregoing report.

It was moved and seconded that sec. 1 be adopted - motion lost.

Aye  
Gen. Buell

Noes  
Peak  
Gooding  
Hindman

On motion ordered that section 2 be adopted.

On motion ordered that Sec. 3 be adopted.

The President and other members remarked against adoption of the 4th, Sec. after which on motion ordered that Section 4 be withdrawn from the report. Gen. Buell voting in the negative.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that while disapproving the action of the Executive Committee in offering free tuition to the graduates of certain colleges, we hereby nevertheless ratify the action of the President in communicating the action of the Executive Committee to the Presidents of the colleges embraced within the scope of the resolution of the Executive Committee.

Proposed short winter course in Agriculture.

	1st. Hour	2nd. Hour	3rd. Hour	4th Hour
Ten weeks beginning about Jan. 3rd.	Plant Life Horticulture Plant Diseases	Zoology — Insect Pests,	Farm Animals Breeding, Feeding, Dairying, Diseases,	Agricultural chemistry  Soils Fertilizers,

<u>Drill Hour</u>	<u>Afternoon.</u>
	Practice in <u>Dairying</u> Horticulture, Wood Working and Farm Accounts.

On motion ordered that the short winter course in Agriculture proposed by Prof. Mathews be established. That the subjects composing the course shall be agreed upon and arranged by the faculty, whose action shall be ratified by the Executive Committee.

Dr. S. E. Bennett the Prof. of Veterinary Science submitted to the Board a paper requesting some action authorizing the degree of V. S. (Veterinary Surgeon) to be conferred upon the graduates of the Veterinary Department.

On motion of Mr. Hindman ordered that the consideration of the degree of V. S. be deferred till the next meeting of this Board.

Dr. Spurr offered his resignation as chairman of the Executive Committee.

On motion the resignation was reluctantly accepted.

President Patterson moved to nominate all the members of the Executive Committee except Dr. Spurr for reelection, and that the name of Judge Hines be substituted for that of Dr. Spurr. Whereupon the following Executive Committee was elected by ballot:

Judge	Thos. H. Hines,	Chairman
	J. J. Gathright,	
	D. H. James,	
	Robt. Riddell,	
	R. A. Spurr,	

Mr. Bird Chairman of the Committee on Investigation and Inquiry brought in a report but the other members of the committee refused to sign it for the reason that they had not been consulted and knew nothing of its contents.

The report was read.

After some discussion, on motion it was ordered to lay the report on the table.

No transcript of the report has been made for the reason that Mr. Bird destroyed it.

By a unanimous vote the Board of Trustees adopted the following:

Resolved that the Board of Trustees receive with great regret the resignation of Dr. Spurr, as chairman of the Executive Committee, whose term of service as Trustee expires in January by limitation. We desire to bear cordial testimony to his long and faithful service, to his unswerving loyalty to the best interests of the College; to his unwearied devotion to its upbuilding and expansion. We desire also to record our deep sense of his worth as a man, his unselfishness, generosity, and uprightness, and to commend his example to all concerned as a gentleman whose going out and coming in amongst us has been without fear and without reproach.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. on Tuesday June 2, 1896.

V. E. Muncy,  
Secretary,