

The Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky met in the office of Judge W. B. Kinkead at 3 P. M. June 2nd, 1885 in annual session.

Present,

W. B. Kinkead
P. P. Johnston
Philip Bird
L. J. Bradford
R. S. Bullock
J. M. Unthank
R. J. Spurr

In the absence of his Excellency Governor J. Proctor Knott, Ex Officio Chairman of the Board W. B. Kinkead was appointed Chairman.

The President of the College read his report and the Reports of the Heads of the Departments.

The Report of the Treasurer was then read. The special feature of the report was a statement that the College is now entirely free from debt, that all the obligations due to Professors have been paid and that all notes due contractors are settled.

On motion Philip Bird and J. M. Unthank were appointed a committee to examine and report upon the correctness of the report of the Treasurer.

On motion Dr. R. J. Spurr, Philip Bird and P. P. Johnston were appointed a committee to carry out the resolution of Philip Bird passed at the Annual Meeting of 1884 relating to the application of surplus revenue of the College to the purchase of land.

On motion of Col. Bradford, Gen'l. D. C. Buell was appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge A. G. Rhea of Russellville, whose term of office extended from January 10, 1882 to January 10, 1888.

Judge W. B. Kinkead submitted a statement regarding the necessities of the Normal School Department and substitute certain changes in status thereto. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Messrs. Bird and Unthank asked leave to report on the Report of the Treasurer. They reported as follows.

" We the committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to examine the Report of Treasurer Bullock, beg leave to report that we have examined the vouchers and compared them with the statements made in the report of the Treasurer and find them to agree in every particular."

Philip Bird
J. M. Unthank

Ordered that the services of J. W. Taylor as Instructor in Latin and Greek be discontinued.

Ordered that the salaries due Treasurer Bullock, Professor Pence and Instructor Taylor and Thornbury be paid.

The Minutes of the Faculty and of the Executive Committee were submitted as required by law for the inspection of the Board but were not examined before adjournment.

All matters referred to in the Report of the President of the College and not acted upon by the Board were referred to the Executive.

On motion of Maj. Johnston, authority to confer the degrees of B. S. upon Messrs. Gordon, DeRoode, Gess, Thornbury, and Scott and the degree of B. A. upon Mr. Lambuth was granted. Also the degree of M. S. upon Messrs. Peters and Pence.

On motion of Col. Bradford, President Patterson was appointed to go to Washington and P. P. Johnston with R. P. Spurr as attendants to attend the convention of delegates of Agricultural Colleges called by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The traveling expenses of these gentlemen to be paid by the College.

On motion resolved that the Ex. Com. be instructed to examine the courses of study and distribution of labor with a view to ascertain whether any modifications be required and to make such changes as they may consider necessary, also Resolved that it is the judgment of this Board that the Professorship of the Normal Department should be equal dignity and pay with any other in the colleges and that steps should be taken to make it correspondingly efficient and that the Executive Committee are instructed to carry out this view - Adjourned.

James K. Patterson
Assistant Secretary

W. B. Kinkead, Ch. Ex. Com.

Missing report(s)