

May 18, 1914

The faculty of State University met in special session in the faculty room in the Gymnasium building, on Monday, May 18, 1914, at 3:45 P.M., those present being: President Barker, Professors Allen, Anderson, Carrel, Chalkley, Dantzler, Easton, Freeman, Gilbert, Gillis, Lieut. Gullion, Dean Hamilton, Professor Hooper, Dr. Kastle, Judge Lafferty, Professors Mathews, Melcher, Miller, Norwood, Peter, Dr. Pryor, Prof. Rowe, Dr. Terrell, Prof. Tuttle and Prof. Zembrod.

The meeting was called to order by the President, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the Committee on Discipline. Prof. Mathews, Chairman of the Committee, read the following letter:

May 11, 1914.

The President,
State University of Kentucky.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I discovered the following named men in the room of Charles R. Turner and Joseph S. McMurtrey, seated around a keg of beer. This is room No. 6 New Dormitory, at 9:15 P.M., May 11, 1914:

- Adams, J.H.
- Brock, Gayle
- Edmonds, E.A.
- Gaither, D.M.
- Harrison, F.A.
- House, T.M.
- Johnson, E.E.
- Johnson, C.X.
- Kelly, G.E.
- McMurtrey, Jos. E.^S.
- Nicholson, C.P.
- Spencer, Henry
- Thornton, Roger
- Turner, Chas. R.
- Woodson, H.N.

Very respectfully,

Allen W. Gullion,
1st. Lieut. U.S.A.,
Commandant, K.S.U.

Respectfully referred to the Committee on Discipline.

H.S. Barker,
President.

The following report was presented by the Committee:

May 15, 1914.

President Henry S. Barker,
State University,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

In response to your recent communication, referring to the Committee on Discipline the letter of Lieut. A.W. Gullion, the Commandant, concerning certain irregularities of conduct which occurred in the new dormitory on the night of May 11th, the Committee submits for your approval the following report:

The Committee has held three sessions lasting about two hours each, and has examined in all about twenty witnesses.

The testimony showed that between thirty and forty men, members and friends of the Thomas Jefferson Club, were present during the evening at the closing festivities of the club for the year, at room No. 6 New Dormitory, upon the invitation of Charles R. Turner, secretary of the club, and also, one of the occupants of the room. Fifteen of these persons were present when the room was visited by the Commandant at about 9:15, when the chief feature of the entertainment, a keg of beer, was being drawn upon for distribution in violation of Rule 233 of the Military Regulations, and page 3 of the Faculty Rules and Regulations, of the University.

The evidence showed that the plan of supplying beer at this assembly was decided upon at a previous meeting of the club.

In making the investigation the Committee considered the present moral tone of the campus and University, and especially did it include within the scope of its inquiry the rights of many exemplary students who strongly objected to the conditions which the accompanying report of Lieut. Gullion reflects.

After carefully considering the testimony, the Committee believed that the officers of the club, - J.H. Adams, President, T.M. House, Vice-President, and Charles R. Turner, Secretary, - as leaders and chief representatives of the organization, and its agents in carrying out this violation of the regulations, are most culpable. They attach special responsibility to Charles R. Turner, whose room was, upon his invitation, made the place of rendezvous, who secured the beer with the aid of Mr. House, and whose character and habits previous to this occasion were shown to be highly prejudicial to the moral and intellectual welfare of the other occupants of the dormitory.

The Committee therefore recommends that the officers of the club, J.H. Adams, President, T.M. House, Vice-President, and Charles R. Turner, Secretary, be reprimanded for their conduct in this matter.

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The Committee therefore recommends:

First: Because of his special activity in promoting this offense, coupled with the evidence of his bad influence on the student body, that Charles R. Turner be dismissed from the University.

Second: Because of their special responsibility as officers of the entertaining club, that J.H. Adams, President, and T.M. House, Vice-President, be at once denied further privileges of the dormitories for a period of one year from this date. In making this second recommendation, the Committee is aware of the fact that Mr. House expects to graduate at the forthcoming Commencement, and will therefore be put to but little inconvenience by the application of this recommendation. It could find, however, no other suitable penalty short of dismissal, which was deemed, in view of all the facts, as possibly too severe. By this recommendation, therefore, Mr. House, in leaving the institution, shares with Mr. Adams only the ban of disapproval of the University, for their joint acts.

Third: That the remaining twelve men be reprimanded individually by letter from the President of the University, with a statement that a copy of this letter of reprimand and the names of the known participants in this affair be made a part of the records of the University.

Respectfully submitted,

C.W. Mathews, Chairman.)
J.J. Hooper.) Committee
Allen W. Gullion.) on
D.V. Terrell, Sec'y.) Discipline.

On motion by Dr. Terrell, seconded by Prof. Rowe,
it was voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as read.

The Committee on Courses of Study made the following report:

At a called meeting of the Committee, held in the office of the Chairman, the Dean of the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, on Monday, April 27, 1914, the following resolutions for submission to the general faculty were adopted:

First.- An automatic rule for dropping delinquent students:

Any student, who, at the end of any semester, is found delinquent in one-third of his work (estimating the same on the basis of the number of credit hours he is carrying) shall be placed upon probation during the first half of the succeeding semester, or for so much of it as may be necessary for him to remove his delinquencies.

Any student, who, at the end of any semester, shall be found delinquent in one-half of his work, estimated upon the same basis as the foregoing, shall be automatically dropped from the rolls of the University. Such "dropped" student may not be re-instated except upon permission by the special faculty of the course he is pursuing.

Any student placed upon probation shall be ineligible during that period to represent the institution in any form of public contest or exercise, such as membership of any athletic team, glee club, or dramatic association would involve, nor may he serve during that time as a member of the editorial or managing staff of any college publication.

A student placed on probation who shall, by the time his probation period is at an end, fail to give such evidence of improved scholarship as to warrant the belief that he will by the close of the semester not have accumulated more conditions or failures than he already has, shall be dropped from the rolls of the University, subject to re-instatement as in the former instance.

Second:-Relating to final examinations:

That the final examinations of all classes other than the Senior shall be held immediately after Commencement, such rule to take effect with the session of 1914-15.

(Signed) Chairman.

After general discussion the President suggested that action be deferred until some later meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Edw. J. Gallis
Secretary.

President.

Resolutions on Death of J. H. Kaele - Taken out - Duplicate given on p. 204, 205.