

# Irregularities

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OCTOBER 25, 1916

The Executive Committee of the University of Kentucky met at the President's office on Wednesday October 25, 1916.

There were present at the meeting Messrs. Nichols, Brown Johnston, McKee and Stoll.

Mr. Nichols, the Chairman of the Committee was in the Chair.

On account of the illness of Mr. Grehan, Mr. Stoll was selected Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were read and corrected, and were approved as corrected.

At the last meeting of this Committee, the President and Registrar were directed to obtain diplomas containing the correct name of the University, and to issue these diplomas in the manner therein directed to those receiving degrees in 1916 for the reason that the diplomas actually given did not contain the correct name of the University.

The President was also directed to secure a box at the Security Trust Company, and to place therein all surety bonds given by the officials of the University, and he was also directed to invite the Transylvania University to hold its Thanksgiving game upon the athletic field of the University of Kentucky.

The President stated to the Board that the diplomas and the box at the Security Trust Company had not been obtained, and that the invitation to Transylvania University had not been issued, but that the matter would be attended to at once.

The President reported that as directed at a former meeting of the Committee he had made an investigation of the improvements made on the grounds of the University at the corner of Limestone and Winslow Streets, and that Doctor Kastle, so far as he had been able to ascertain, had agreed with the Carey-Reed Company to advise him how much of said work had been done and the amount due to him by the University therefor, and he stated that the contract was not in writing.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, it was directed that the President be directed to put the contract in writing with the Carey-Reed Company, and that the work be completed as contemplated; that the work be done under the supervision of Frank T. McFarland, who has heretofore been placed in charge of the grounds of the University, and he shall make a full report of what has been done and what work is to be done to beautify this portion of the grounds to a committee composed of Mr. Nichols and Mr. Johnston, which said Committee shall have full power to act.

Mr. McFarland then appeared before the Committee and discussion was had with him as to the project of planting of seeds and shrubbery.

Captain Fairfax, Commandant of the Battalion, appeared before the Committee relative to the revision of the Military Bill passed by Congress in June. Captain Fairfax said:

Under the National Defense Act, which became a law on June 3, of this year, provision is made therein for the establishment, in institutions of learning, of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. The object of this Corps is to train students for the reserve officers, primarily for Lieutenant, in time of war. This institution can decide whether or not it desires to come under the provisions of this act as it sees fit; if it decides not to do so things will remain in statu quo, as military instruction is compulsory for this class of educational institutions under the so-called Morrill Act of 1862. The War Department, however, would like to know from the Board of Trustees, whether or not this institution desires to have itself enrolled as being prepared to handle one or more units of the R.O.T.C. company, that is, units. Another thing that your committee is to bring before you is that when this R.O.T.C. shall have gone into effect, two noncommissioned officers of the Army will be detailed here as my assistants. The Government will give them full allowances, but would like the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee, to state whether or not they are willing to house these two non commissioned officers. It is probable that one of them will be married, the other single. The married man would probably require a four or five room house somewhere adjacent to the University. The single man could live in a room in one of the dormitories. If a room in one of the dormitories could be spared, it would not involve any rent to be paid. The other would require a certain amount of rent to be paid. But the principle question to decide is whether the school will adopt the Reserve Officers Training Corps or not.

Your Committee will not explain what the Reserve Corps expects to do for the student and what the Government expects in return. I am not going into it in all its details but broadly, it is this:

The two lower classes, as now, will be required to drill three hours per week, but only those who are physically fit for war as covered by the army regulations will be admitted to the R.O.T.C., due allowances being made for youth and the promise of physical fitness, if not at time of examination up to said standard upon arrival at military age. All of these men who pass the physical examination and enroll in the Reserve Officers Training Corps will be given uniforms free of charge by the Government.

After those two years shall have been completed, if a cadet, with the approval of the President and Commandant, then elects to take two years more, in nature of finishing work, he has to agree in writing to devote five hours per week to military work. He still gets his uniform but in addition he gets thirty cents per day for commutation of rations all the time he is taking this course. For this additional allowance, he must promise to attend at least one summer training camp, similar to those held at Plattsburg, and one more until 21 years of age, after which he can apply for and take the examination for a 2nd Lieutenantcy, if he so desires to do so but he

is under no obligation as yet to service to United States. I understand from the Army and Navy Journal that there is a committee of college presidents and officers of the U.S. who can eliminate the examination entirely of those who have gone through this course as stated above. He can also ask for a graduate course of six months, for with commission as temporary second Lieutenant in the regular army, for which he would draw the full pay allowed of a 2nd Lieutenant of only one hundred dollars per month instead of full 2nd Lieutenant's pay.

If he applies for temporary commission and serves six months, he binds himself to serve five years in time of war on in defense of President when war is imminent at the call of the Government. If he does not desire, after this term, to remain longer he is given an honorable discharge.

This is the scheme in the rough.

Everybody that is physically fit will drill three hours a week as they drill now. There will be a Training camp of six weeks each year for two consecutive years. If a man desires to pursue this course further, he can take a postgraduate course.

Mr. Stoll. Personally I am very much in favor of the plan suggested by Captain Fairfax, but in order to get the matter in proper shape, I move you, Mr. Chairman, that the full details coupled with the official action of the War Department, be prepared by the President of the University and Captain Fairfax, and be presented to this Board for action at its next regular meeting. That it is the sense of this Board that the plan be entered into, but no action therein be taken until the report of the President of the University and Captain Fairfax be presented at the next regular meeting of this Board.

Motion seconded by Mr. Johnston, carried.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ . If there are two separate units, who will drill them?

Captain Fairfax- If it is the sense of the University, I shall drill them.

\_\_\_\_\_ would like further to state that Congress passed this law on June 3rd, but in a hurry to adjourn, failed to provide any money and the War Department will not be able to enter into this before July first 1917, but they want to know the number they will have to provide for.

Mr. Stoll. While we are on this proposition, there is a course in the catalog on Military Science. That being the case, Mr. President, I move you further that the President of the University and Captain Fairfax be authorized to revise the course of instruction in Military Science at this University and that the services of any of the other professors in this institution and the classes taught by them can be incorporated in this department. My reason for this is that I take it that soldier ought to know something about civil engineering, know something about sanitation, taught by Doctor \_\_\_\_\_, and a lot of other things that can be taught by other professors in this institution, and for that reason, I make this motion.

I further move that the course of instruction outlined by the President and Captain Fairfax be submitted to the Committee of Deans and that they be directed to cooperate with this Committee which we will appoint.

Motion seconded by Mr. Johnston, carried.

Captain Fairfax- I may be wrong in what I am going to say. I am not going to ask you to act upon it now, but to think it over and decide whether to change your policy. There is a lot of jeering done by the upper classmen at the lower classmen who drill. If it were made a rule that everybody had to drill as is the custom in Germany or any other foreign country, there would be no jeering by the upper classmen. I think my department is the most unpopular, but the popularity of it would be increased if every man had to do his part. I am a stranger here and not familiar with things, but had to call a young man down for jeering the other day. I think he should have been called before the discipline committee and reprimanded. His jeering places an odium on my department that makes it very unpopular. I think it is a case of the upper classmen trying to "put it over" the lower. I don't ask for universal drill but it would do away with a lot of the unpopular feeling and jeering. Ask you to consider it in your mind and store it away for future reference. I believe my department would be more efficient if everybody was compelled to drill. I believe you will come to it within five years and I think it worth while.

Mr. Stoll-What solution other than making everybody drill would do away with this jeering? It is not the jeering; it is the spirit underlying the jeering.

Captain Fairfax- I would have to give it more careful consideration. I am new at it and can not give you a panacea for it now other than universal drill.

Captain Fairfax- I have had twenty-six years of service, twelve in the ranks.

I have seen a man knocked down for looking ugly and not saying a word. I don't want to make my department a guard house.

Mr. Stoll-What is the difference between jeering at one of your Military companies and a man sticking his head in the class room and jeering at the class? I don't see any difference. What would you do to a boy who would stick his head in a class room and jeer at a class?

President- I think that should come before the Discipline Committee.

Mr. Stoll-What would they do with them? It seems to me that the same method could be used in handling one as the other.

Mr. Brown- It has always been just this way. The upper classmen have always jeered at the boys that drilled.

President- I have never heard a word of it before. It may have been done, but I have never heard of it.

Mr. Stoll- I do not think they should be reprimanded in the class room.

Mr. McKee- Do you think that the punishment for jeering should come under the same rule as any other?

Mr. Brown- I think it should be left to the Commandant and his discretion.

Mr. Stoll- I agree with you, I do not believe it is the duty of a professor to reprimand any man who interferes with his class. I believe it is the duty of the President of the University to see that this is done because Captain Fairfax is trying to teach Military Science just as Doctor Tuttle is teaching Chemistry, and if a boy tried to raise sand in Doctor Tuttle's class, it would be his duty to report it to the proper authorities, else Doctor Tuttle doing his duty would bring down upon himself undeserved orium from the rest of the boys. Captain Fairfax doesn't want to bring that odium upon himself any more than the others, nor does he want to make his department unpopular.

Captain Fairfax- Unpopularity is feared little by a man who does his duty, and I don't shrink from that.

Mr. Brown- I don't think that Captain Fairfax is in the same position as professors in the class room. He is head of the discipline of the campus, and he is the man to see that discipline is maintained. The men we have had heretofore have found it hard to keep discipline.

Captain Fairfax- I don't take that autocratic power, but I do think that I should have the power to act anywhere and if a boy makes a face at another, it ought to be in my power to reprimand him and to handle the case right there.

Mr. Stoll- Of course, this is a matter on which even Captain Fairfax, who has given the matter some thought, is not prepared to make any recommendations. I think it would be well to instruct President Barker and Captain Fairfax and this other committee to make recommendations to this Committee what should be done, at the next regular meeting. Don't you think Captain that is better?

Captain Fairfax- I think I should have the power to reprimand.

Mr. Stoll- That is inherent.

Mr. Brown- I think that it should be known that they should have all due respect to the Military Department.

Captain Fairfax- It wouldn't do any harm to come out on paper and make that statement to the student body. It would show my hand and the President's.

After the United States uniforms are donned, if you choose

to look forward to that time, he who jeers then will find that he is actually jeering at the uniform of the United States Government. This means more to me and it is a serious matter to me.

Mr. Brown- Here is a question, gentlemen, that will be off the direct line. What will be the feeling of the men who are forced to drill and put in a separate company on account of being physically unfit.

Captain Fairfax- That will simply be a requirement of the University and not a requirement of the War Department.

Mr. Brown- I am not referring to the personal feeling of that body.

Mr. Stoll- It will have the effect of sending them over to the gymnasium and getting them physically fit.

Mr. Brown- there are a great many who will never be physically fit if they are sent to the gymnasium forever.

President- Couldn't the Major and I prepare all that for you and give it to you?

Mr. Stoll- What we want is to get this ready to act upon at our next regular meeting.

President- Please ask Mr. Cover to come in.

Mr. Cover, teacher of the band and Glee Club at the University, appeared before the Board upon the invitation of the President.

Mr. Cover stated to the Board that it was absolutely necessary, if the band was to be continued, that the University procure new instruments, as the instruments now on hand were of little use; that it was impossible to get the instruments in tune, and that they were worn out.

Captain Fairfax stated that Mr. Covers had done wonders with the Band; that even with the antiquated instruments Mr. Cover had made a good band, but that it was necessary in his opinion now to procure new instruments; that a band is of the greatest help to the military department at the University. It developed that the band had no music, and the Captain Fairfax had given out of the contingent fund given him by the Government money to purchase music.

Mr. Cover stated that the new instruments would cost about \$1500.00; that with this money he would buy twenty five new instruments. In response to a question by Mr. Brown, Mr. Cover and Captain Fairfax said that the instruments should last fifteen or twenty years.

Mr. Peak, Business Agent of the University, stated that the University would have money enough on hand to purchase the instruments.

Thereupon, Mr. Johnston moved that \$1500.00, or so much

thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purchase of new instruments for the band. The motion being duly seconded, on the call of the roll, Messrs. Nichols, Johnston, Ackee and Stoll voted aye, and Mr. Brown voted no. The motion was carried.

Mr. Peak appeared before the Board and discussed the financial condition of the University.

President Barker stated during the discussion that in the past he had for certain poor students remitted the fees to be paid to the University; that this was an old custom, and that he felt by the remission of these fees students could attend college when otherwise they would be prevented from so doing. Mr. Brown took the position that no one man should have the power to remit these fees. Mr. Johnston stated that it might be wise to give to some person or Committee such power. Mr. Brown thought that some obligation should be given to the University therefor, and President Barker stated that no obligation had been required from any of the students whose fees would be paid in the future. Mr. Brown questioned the power of the President to permit one man to attend the University free of all fees and to require another to pay these fees.

The discussion came up relative to the report of the Business Agent on certain accounts which the report showed were due to the University. After some discussion, the Business Agent was directed to analyze the old accounts, to make a report thereof in writing to the Committee and to report to the Committee which accounts he considered good and which bad.

In the discussion, Mr. Brown stated that he knew of one girl who had left Patterson Hall owing a board bill of something like \$85.00; that if one girl owed that sort of a bill, the chances are that others had done the same thing; that this particular girl had had money enough to pay her bill every week, but that she had evidently spent the money for other purposes.

Mr. Stoll stated that he had never seen a statement of the condition of the accounts at Patterson Hall, and that inasmuch as the University was responsible for the operation of Patterson Hall, a statement of its accounts should be made to the University. It developed in the discussion that there was no Board of Control of Patterson Hall, as is required by the act of the Legislature which requires a Board of these women to act as a Board of Control, and which requires this Board to make certain reports to the Board of Trustees or to the Executive Committee of the University.

Judge Barker, in response to a question, stated to the Board that Miss Pickett was running and operating Patterson Hall.

No action was taken at the Meeting.

The President stated to the Board that the Southern Railway had sent to the University \$1000.00 on account of the scholarship which it had given to the University, the terms of which scholarship are as follows:



Executive Committee,  
University of Kentucky,  
Lexington, Ky.

Gentlemen:

As you will remember the Southern Railway Company established the William Finley Foundation for the benefit of Agricultural students in this University. The Company forwarded to me one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) which I have deposited in our bank. Under the terms of the foundation, this money is to be used to promote the interest of students studying Agriculture. I suggest the appointment by you of a Committee to lend this money to students on such terms and in such amounts as they may find necessary, subject to such rules and regulations, as you may in your wisdom, establish. It is my opinion that the Dean of the College of Agriculture should be on this committee.

The Woman's Club of the University requests that the Board allow them a sum of money not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to give the student body and entertainment Halloween night. This has been done regularly by the Faculty, heretofore, and it has been found to keep our students out of mischief. The burden, however, is too heavy for the Faculty, and I suggest that the University bear this expense.

Professor George Roberts of the College of Agriculture has forwarded to me a communication about that department which I shall read to you and which explains itself. He needs about three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for general expense for that department and I suggest that his needs be satisfied.

I find that the Cafeteria has been running for six weeks at a net loss of about ninety-six dollars (\$96.00), about fifteen or sixteen dollars per week. I shall explain this more fully orally and recommend that it be continued for at least another month in order to see whether it can be put upon a self sustaining basis.

I have a letter from Judge Humphrey of Louisville, concerning a statue of Thomas Jefferson, which is offered to us upon the payment of transportation expenses. I make no recommendation about this matter.

I suggest that the appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) made to Dean J.H. Kastle for the purpose of improving the campus and Patterson Hall grounds, inasmuch as it has not been expended, be set aside and appropriated for other uses.

Professor Mathews submits a letter requesting that fifty dollars (\$50.00) of the money of his department be transferred to pay transportation of students to the Apple Show at Columbus. I think this should be done as it will entail no additional out-lay from the University.

I also submit an account of Mr. Milward for the burial expenses of Mr. R.A. Milligan.

Professor Mutchler, head of the Extension Department, requests that a committee be appointed to audit his accounts so that they can be forwarded to Washington for approval.

In 1911, one of our students, O.L. Day did not graduate on account of sickness. An order was made that upon the completion of his work, his diploma be given him. This diploma has been made out but heretofore, by oversight, has not been delivered to him, nor is there anything to show that it was ever passed upon by the Board of Trustees. I suggest that this Committee now has full power to award this diploma, and that an order be entered giving it to him as of the date he finished his work.

Our musical director reports that the instruments of the band are entirely worthless and wishes an appropriation on one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for new instruments. I can well believe this statement is true, and I recommend that the band be furnished adequate musical instruments. But as I know very little about music, I request that Mr. Cover be allowed to come before the Committee to state the matter as it appears to him.

The Committee on High School Tournaments requests an allowance of about fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the purpose of holding high school and intercollegiate tournaments here. This can be done without any additional expense out of the money collected for this purpose and not heretofore appropriated, and I hope it will be done.

Respectfully,

H.S. Barker,  
President.

The President asked that a Committee be appointed to loan the fund in accordance with the terms of the scholarship. There was some discussion as to whether or not the fund should be loaned with or without security.

Upon motion of Mr. Brown, which was duly seconded and carried, the chairman appointed the President of the University, the Dean of the College of Agriculture and the Business Agent of the University, as a committee to loan the fund provided for in the scholarship, which Committee will report to the Executive Committee the plan for making the loan, every loan made when and as made, how made and all action taken on account of the scholarship.

The President stated that heretofore the faculty of the University had been giving a party and a dance to the students of the University on Halloween night, but that the faculty this year desired the University to appropriate \$100.00 for this purpose, and he recommended that this sum be appropriated.

The Committee took no action upon the recommendation.

The President stated that Alex P. Humphrey of Louisville had written him stating that an original model of a statue

of Thomas Jefferson was in existence, and that he would present it to the University provided the University would pay the freight from Michigan to the University; that the statue was a plaster model seven or eight feet high.

Upon motion of Mr. Stoll, duly seconded and carried, the generous offer of Judge Humphrey was accepted, and the President was directed for and on behalf of the Committee to express its thanks to Judge Humphrey for the gift, and that the statue when it arrived be placed in the library.

It was stated to the Board that the original statue of Henry Clay which was placed upon his monument in 1854 had been struck by lightning and had been partially destroyed, but parts of the original statue were in existence and were on the street in front of Adams marble yard.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the President of the University was directed to try to obtain such portions of the statue of Henry Clay, and to put the same upon the University Campus.

The President presented to the Board a letter from George Roberts, Acting Dean of the College of Agriculture, and a letter from Professor C. M. Mathews of the Department of Horticulture which said letters are as follows:

Lexington, Ky. Oct. 9, 1916

President Henry S. Barker,  
University of Kentucky,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear President Barker:

Inasmuch as no traveling expenses were allowed for the apple judging contest, Professor Mathews has made application for permission to use a small amount out of his departmental budget for this purpose. I enclose his letter, which will set forth the matter better than I can do.

Inasmuch as the \$300.00 originally set aside for travelling in the budget of the College of Agriculture was not specified for any single department, but was really intended for all departments, and inasmuch as the executive committee has ordered that this and the \$100 additional be used for the student judging contest in the Department of Animal Husbandry, I think it but fair that Professor Mathews be allowed to follow the plan which he proposes, and it has my endorsement. I would be glad if you would approve this, if you can see fit to do so, and return, with your approval Professor Mathew's letter.

Yours very truly,

George Roberts.

Lexington, Ky., October 7, 1916

Professor George Roberts,  
College of Agriculture,

My dear Prof. Roberts:

Referring again to the matter of the Apple Judging Contest to be held this year at Columbus and for which the Executive Committee has declined to furnish any financial assistance, I would like to present for their consideration the idea of meeting a part of the expenses of this trip out of the regular appropriation of my department for the year. While this appropriation is none too large I feel that it would be a great disappointment to our boys not to enter this contest as some of them have been in preparation for it nearly a year already. I believe furthermore that they are sufficiently interested to be willing to meet a part of their expenses themselves.

If the executive committee therefore would permit me to use a sufficient amount from the budget assigned to this department to cover the railroad fare for four men and the necessary other expenses for the coach, I believe the balance can be provided from other sources and by the boys themselves. I therefore, suggest that I be permitted to use for this purpose, not to exceed \$50.00 from the budget of \$400.00 assigned to this department for the year and will of course use extreme economy in other expenses in order to keep within the funds allotted to my department.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Mathews

The President recommended that Professor Mathews be directed to use \$50.00 out of the budget assigned to his Department for the purpose set forth in the letter of Professor Mathews.

There being no objections, the recommendation of President Barker was concurred in and made the action of the Committee.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, President Barker and Mr. Johnston were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of Doctor Matchler as head of the Extension Department.

The Committee on the Agricultural College, consisting of Messrs. Case, Brown and Johnston was continued.

The following order of business was adopted:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting and action thereon.
3. Unfinished business
4. Report of resident
5. Report of Deans
6. Reading of minutes of Faculty
7. Reading of minutes of University Council
8. Report of Committees
9. Report of Business Agent
10. New business

(NOT signed)

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

### INSERT A

From correspondence between President Harrison of the Southern Railway Company and President H.S. Barker of the University of Kentucky, under date of February 26, 1916. Appears the following paragraph which sets out conditions upon which the Southern Railway Loan Fund is turned over to the University:

"I want the authorities of the State University to feel absolutely free to administer the fund in such way as they may deem most advantageous, subject only to the restriction, that the beneficiaries must be Agricultural students, their counties traversed by lines of the Southern Railway Company, or the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas-Pacific Railway Company."

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board unanimously in meeting October 25, 1916.

This Board has learned with profound regret of the death of Dr. Joseph Hoeing Kastle, Director of the Experiment Station, alumnus, and for many years instructor upon the faculty of the University of Kentucky. In his passing, this institution has been called upon to surrender one of the most prominent and outstanding figures in its entire history and at the same time loses a counsel that was wise and an allegiance that was loyal beyond the common experience of men. Few lives had been so dedicated to human service as had been that of Doctor Kastle and few men had reached so great prominence in the practise of their chosen profession.

While we realize that for those who as students or instructors knew, revered, and honored him, no word this body can command will express in truth the abiding sense of loss they feel at his passing, still this body takes melancholy pride in recording its deep appreciation of the services, the character, the example of this manly man, profound student, able teacher, poet, thinker, philosopher and genius.

Other records bear ampler testimony than this to the work of the hands of him who is now gone from us, hence no effort here will be made to recount what now are and henceforth shall remain luminous pages in the history of scientific research of our time throughout the world.

Resolved- that in his passing in the very midst of his labors, with his life work at full tide of useful fruition and promising endless succession of even greater achievements, the nation even is called upon to give up one of its most outstanding, resourceful sons, and the state loses one of her leading scholars.

Be it resolved, therefore, that this body hereby extend to those who are bound to him by the closer ties of life, the assurance of heartfelt sympathy in their immeasurable loss but congratulates them upon the heritage left to them by a work and a life unparalleled in usefulness in the entire commonwealth.

Be it resolved further that this testimonial be incorporated upon the minutes of the Executive Board of the Trustees of the University of Kentucky and remain as an expression of its lasting memorial to him.

Signed,

Committee

Board adjourned to meet November 15, 1916.

Enoch Grehan

Secretary