

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS  
WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE  
November 20, 1965

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College was held at the President's Home on Saturday, November 20, 1965, at 10 a.m., CST.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Bemis Lawrence. Members present, in addition to Mr. Lawrence, were Mr. Douglas Keen, Dr. W. Gerald Edds, Mr. Maxey B. Harlin, and Dr. J. T. Gilbert. Absent, in addition to Dr. Harry Sparks, was Mr. Hugh Poland, who was out of state.

Others present were President Kelly Thompson; Mr. Dero Downing, Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Treasurer; Miss Georgia Bates, Secretary to the Board; and Dr. Paz G. Ramos, intern in administration from the University of the Philippines.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Mr. Harlin.

Mr. Keen moved, with a second by Mr. Harlin, that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on June 1, 1965, be adopted without a reading inasmuch as each member had previously received a copy of the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was an explanation by the President regarding the need of additional funds with which to finance Women's Dormitory #4 and Men's Dormitories #'s 6 and 7 now under construction. Following discussion, Mr. Keen moved adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the results of competitive bidding on construction of Women's Dormitory #4 and Men's Dormitories # 6 and #7 produced a cost in excess of final estimates by a sum of approximately \$450, 000; and

WHEREAS, the College has received a negative reply from the Housing and Home Finance Agency to its request for an increase in the loan agreement, CH-Ky-87 (D), covering this construction; and

WHEREAS, HHFA has encouraged and advised the College to sell bonds to the public to provide additional funds for the project and Bond Counsel has confirmed the legality and the desirability of this procedure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College that, in addition to the sale of \$4,000,000 of Western Kentucky State College Housing and Dining System of 1964 Revenue Bonds which are guaranteed at the 3 percent interest level by Loan Agreement No. H-302-2940 on Project No. CH-Ky-87 (D), dated September 1, 1965, the College be authorized to offer to the public \$450,000 in parity bonds to provide supplementary financing of the construction of Women's Dormitory #4 and Men's Dormitories #6 and #7.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Edds; and upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Aye: Lawrence, Keen, Edds, Harlin, Gilbert  
Nay: None

Reference was made by Dr. Thompson to the authorization by the Board on March 22, 1965, for two additional dormitories for men, identified as Men's Dormitories #'s 8 and 9, with the date of occupancy scheduled for the opening of the 1967 fall semester. Upon the recommendation of the President, Dr. Gilbert moved adoption of the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in its meeting on March 22, 1965, authorized the planning and construction of five new dormitories at Western Kentucky State College; and

WHEREAS, three of these new dormitories are now under construction and the College has made preliminary application with the Housing and Home Finance Agency for a loan agreement for \$3,500,000 to be used in the construction of the other two dormitories; and

WHEREAS, the College has not received notification of reservation of funds for this project, No. CH-Ky-97(D); and

WHEREAS, further delay in proceeding with the design of these facilities and the making of final application for a loan agreement would endanger the prospects of completing construction prior to the fall semester of 1967;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that President Kelly Thompson be authorized to continue the development of this project as if notice of funds reservation had been given and to make final application for a loan agreement with HHFA so that there will be no delay in the awarding of construction contracts after funds have been made available for the financing of this project.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Harlin; and upon call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Lawrence, Keen, Edds, Harlin, Gilbert  
Nay: None

President Thompson presented the Annual Financial Report for the 1964-65 fiscal year, which was briefly reviewed and explained by Mr. Downing. Inasmuch as the information in the document will be included in the regular Annual Audit, no official action was necessary. Dean Downing and his staff were complimented by the President for their efforts in the preparation of the comprehensive and "understandable" report.

Following discussion, Dr. Gilbert moved for official approval of the employment of the following personnel and the granting of two leaves of absence:

#### NEW PERSONNEL

Employed Subsequent to June 1, 1965

#### New Faculty Personnel:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
College of Commerce	Robert E. Osborn, Jr.	\$9,000	September 14
Accounting and Finance	Robert James Oppitz	8,808	September 1
	Edward R. Schweizer	8,280	September 1
Economics	Harvey Zimmerman	6,240	September 1
Office Administration	Myrl C. Brashear	6,000	September 1
Education	*Norman Deeb	8,880	September 1
	James T. Moore	8,760	August 1
Home Economics	Mrs. Ruby Niebauer	8,400	September 1
Physical Education	Mrs. Dorothy Harkins	6,500	September 1
Psychology	Robert E. Simpson	7,000	September 1
Training School	*James P. Anderson	8,600	September 1
	Horace Kelly	6,660	September 1
	Sallye Sue Russell	5,928	September 1
English	Nancy Yarbrough	5,800	September 1
	John H. Reiss	6,100	September 1
	Dorothy McMahon(part time)	4,000	September 1
	*Frederick William Haas, Jr.	8,880	September 1
	Kathleen Hickey	5,800	September 1

\*Ph. D. degree

## New Faculty Personnel: (continued)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Foreign Language	R. Thurston Taylor	\$6,240	September 1
	Herbert C. Rooney	7,380	September 1
Music	David Livingston	7,884	September 1
	*Jack S. Bemis	8,580	September 1
Biology	Arthur L. Applegate	8,400	September 1
	Charlotte Moore	4,800	September 1
Geography and Geology	Alan Goodfield	8,000	September 1
Mathematics	Lois Jane Roper	7,200	September 1
Physics	*Marvin Drake Bell	9,400	September 1
	*George C. Moore	8,900	September 1
	Walden H. Kunz	9,204	July 1
Nursing	Berniece Zeidler	5,080	September 1
	Meredith Smith Haymes	5,080	September 1
Library Services	Catherine Shutt	5,800	September 1
	Joyce Perry	6,200	September 1
	Mary Helen Lawson (half time)	2,700	September 13
	Mary Gertrude Lamb	6,000	September 15

\*Ph. D. degree

## Leaves of Absence:

Mr. Randall Capps - spring semester - graduate work leading to Ph. D. degree

Mrs. Janice Phelps Gibson - December 8, 1965 - February 1, 1966

## New Staff Personnel:

<u>Office or Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Business Office			
Staff Accountant	Russell Cornelius	\$7,200	November 18
Cashier	Lucille M. Rutledge	2,340	September 22
Clerk-Typist	Mary Ann Pepper	2,340	September 13
Center Store			
Cashier	Linda Patterson Abell	2,100	October 4
Cashier	Dorothy Robinson	3,600	July 19
Admissions Office			
Secretary	Jane H. Morrow	2,700	July 6

## New Staff Personnel: (continued)

<u>Office or Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Physical Plant Office Secretary and Receptionist	Margie Tabor	\$3,120	July 8
Student Center Secretary	Myra Agnes Vincent	2,520	September 7
College of Commerce Secretary to Dean	Virginia P. DeVries	2,760	June 15
College of Education Secretary to Dean	Rebecca S. Holmes	3,000	July 12
Ogden College of Science & Technology Secretary to Dean	Norma J. Thomas	3,000	July 17
Summer School and Community College Secretary	Opal Jenkins	2,700	June 29
Testing and Counseling Services - Secretary	Frances Richards	2,760	September 7
Departmental Secretaries			
Accounting and Finance - Office Administration	Jessie James	2,585(11 mos.)	-Sept. 15
Sociology - Tax Research Center	Nell T. Ayer	2,310 (11 mos.)	-Sept. 1
Elementary and Secondary Education	Lillian Seelmeyer	2,475(11 mos.)	-Sept. 15
Industrial Arts and Kentucky Library and Museum	Marilyn Ann Gupton	2,310(11 mos.)	-Sept. 1
Physical Education and Business Office	Sylvia B. Zickel	2,530(11 mos.)	-Sept. 20
Biology	Wanda H. Day	2,420(11 mos.)	-Sept. 1
Library			
Assistant	Charlene A. Powars	2,310(11 mos.)	-Sept. 1
Assistant	Nancy Morris Napier	2,310(11 mos.)	-Sept. 1

The motion was seconded by Mr. Harlin; and upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Aye: Lawrence, Keen, Edds, Harlin, Gilbert

Nay: None

After full discussion and upon the recommendation of the President, Dr. Edds moved that--

1. Approval be given to the establishment of affiliations between Western Kentucky State College and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, and the Baptist Hospital School in Nashville, Tennessee, to permit students who complete the first three years of Western's medical technology curriculum to take their senior year of training in medical technology at either of the above Hospitals. It was noted that Western has similar affiliations with Norton Memorial Infirmary in Louisville, the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville, and St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

2. Three academic majors, one minor, and one area of concentration be approved by the Board, as follows:

a. Majors: Speech, Dramatics, Sociology

b. Minor: Russian

c. Area of Concentration: Art (54 hours)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Harlin and carried unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Lawrence gave a report on the Annual Conference of the National Association of College and University Attorneys which was held on June 24-25 on the Tulane campus in New Orleans and was attended by him and Mr. Keen. The meeting was described by Western's representative as "most enjoyable and highly informative." Mr. Lawrence's report was primarily devoted to those issues of the Conference which dealt with "campus unrest" and the suggested means for most effectively meeting problems involving student conduct and related matters. Because of the approaching noon hour and the timeliness of the subject, it was suggested that the report be continued at a future meeting. Mr. Lawrence was congratulated by the President upon his having been chosen by the Association as Southern Regional Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Prior to adjourning for luncheon in the Executive Room of the Paul L. Garrett Student Center, Mr. Lawrence read and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Western Kentucky State College was confronted by a crisis upon the death of President Paul L. Garrett on February 28, 1955; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents met this crisis at that time by engaging the then Assistant to the President to serve as Acting President of the College; and

WHEREAS, the Acting President served with great distinction and evident effectiveness for a period of seven and one-half months until his appointment as the third President of Western on October 17, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, the decade which has passed since that appointment has been a period in the history of the College that has been marked with unprecedented physical growth and expansion, academic and intellectual progress, and general overall development; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that such progress and success can be attributed primarily to the vision, courage, wisdom, competence, proficiency, and outstanding leadership of the man who has served as President of Western during this decade;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in a meeting on November 20, 1965, that Dr. Kelly Thompson be recognized, honored, and in every way commended for his dedicated service to the College and for his unceasing efforts toward building a greater Western. Let it be spread upon the minutes that the Board of Regents extends a much-deserved vote of commendation, continuing confidence, and genuine appreciation to the great President of Western as best wishes are extended to him and to his excellent staff for even greater progress during the decade ahead.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert and carried unanimously.

President Thompson graciously expressed appreciation for the honor and the manifestation of confidence. He paid tribute to the Board and to his co-workers for their great efforts and cooperation in bringing about the accomplishments of the past ten years.

A discussion followed among the Board members regarding the President's health and his recent hospitalization, which was the result of overwork and a too strenuous schedule. The motion was made by Dr. Gilbert that President Thompson be directed to limit his professional activities, observe a less strenuous work schedule, and take periodic vacation breaks as measures to safeguard his health. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harlin and carried unanimously.

Following luncheon, the Board heard a report from Dr. Thompson regarding the budget for the next biennium. After full discussion, Dr. Gilbert moved that the President be instructed to exercise his best judgment in the preparation and submission of Western's budget request to the Council on Public Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harlin and carried unanimously.

In other business,

1. The Board was given a brief progress report by the President on the Master Campus Plan and construction projects now under way or scheduled to commence within the next few months,

2. Dr. Gilbert made the motion, after discussion, that the following letter be made a part of the official record of the meeting:

HARLIN, PARKER & RICKETTS  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
September 16, 1965

Dr. Kelly Thompson  
President  
Western Kentucky State College  
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Mr. President:

The growth of Western as an institution of higher learning during the past ten years has truly been phenomenal. While developmental expansion in the ordinary sense is to be expected, yet the advancement of the College from the standpoint of academic maturity coupled with the growth in plant facilities has been nothing less than miraculous. While most of us from a distance tend to accept the growth of the College as a natural process, it becomes more apparent to me each day that the story of Western is nothing less than powerful functional leadership coupled with intense loyalty. You, Mr. Downing and Dr. Cravens have successfully challenged and met every mountain of adversity with a determination that is truly astounding. On many many occasions I have been amazed at the loyalty so many people have expressed towards Western. People that were in no way connected with Western and living in different geographical areas of the state who have never been a part of the school, student or otherwise, are devoted followers.

Very frankly it has been in some ways a mystery to me and something difficult to explain except for the fact that Western's exciting growth in a physical way has been excelled only by its growth in academic and moral qualities. This has come about through superior administration, through superior academic architecture, unparalleled athletic achievements along with a host of activities all of which give to Kentucky the very best.

I was extremely interested in your remarks the other evening pertaining to problems confronting higher education. The thoughts that you expressed were not only persuasive but made me realize the extreme urgency of necessary action in this field. Higher education can either become stagnant or go forward in these times of change. It is my firm belief that no other school in Kentucky affords the leadership to advance in such an area of conflict as does Western.

Please forgive me if I express a thought for consideration. Along with an integral part of Western's astounding advancement has been the dynamic program carried on in the field of public relations. The success accomplished here in my judgment has played no little part in the feeling of loyalty and devotion to education by the people of Kentucky. I am constantly amazed at the extensive coverage given to Western by the press, radio, television and other media. We have truly an expert in a profession that is of singular importance. With your leadership and accomplishments

augmented by a developmental program from the standpoint of public relations, under the direction of Mr. Cochran, I can visualize an academic independence for Western as well as other colleges in the state as an immediate and necessary accomplishment. It may be that another divisional responsibility might be needed within the framework of Western embracing not only the field of public relations but also encompassing a program directed toward the enlightenment of the public as to the critical necessity of university status for our colleges.

Please forgive me for my rambling in an area where I have little practical knowledge. I do feel that you have set the stage for a progressive program in higher education. It is my feeling that this program can come about if the people know the story.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Maxey B. Harlin

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CC: Board of Regents  
Mr. Robert Cochran

The motion was seconded by Dr. Edds and carried unanimously.

3. The date of January 22, 1966, was tentatively set for the next meeting of the Board. President Thompson outlined important matters that would be included on the agenda and stated that full attendance was most desirable.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Keen and seconded by Mr. Harlin, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p. m.; and the group proceeded to the stadium for the Western-Murray football game.

H. Bruce Lawrence  
Vice Chairman

Georgia Bates  
Secretary