

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE
February 26, 1966

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College was held in the President's Office on Saturday, February 26, 1966, at 2:30 p. m., CST.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Harry M. Sparks. All other members were present; namely, Mr. Bemis Lawrence, Mr. Douglas Keen, Mr. Hugh Poland, Dr. W. Gerald Edds, Mr. Maxey B. Harlin, and Dr. J. T. Gilbert.

Others present were Dr. Kelly Thompson, President; Mr. Dero Downing, Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Treasurer; and Miss Georgia Bates, Secretary to the Board.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by President Thompson.

Mr. Lawrence moved that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on January 22, 1966, be adopted without a reading inasmuch as each member had previously received a copy of the minutes. Mr. Poland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

President Thompson stated that he had been to Frankfort earlier in the day, at the invitation of the Governor, for the signing of the Act of the Kentucky State Legislature which brought university status to Western. In compliance with provisions of the Act, Mr. Lawrence moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has enacted House Bill No. 238 bringing university status to Western Kentucky State College; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has affixed his signature to the Bill; and

WHEREAS, upon approval by a majority of the Board of Regents and the filing of certified evidence of such approval with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Research Commission, Western Kentucky State College may be known and recognized as Western Kentucky University;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in meeting on February 26, 1966, that wholehearted approval is given for the designation of Western Kentucky State College as Western Kentucky University and that the

secretary of the Board is hereby instructed to file with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Research Commission certified evidence of such approval.

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

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

A resolution for approval of a Loan Agreement with the United States Office of Education in the amount of \$1,565,000 for the construction of the Science Complex was presented. The sale of Series E, Consolidated Educational Buildings Revenue Bonds under the Loan Agreement was authorized by the Board in its meeting on January 22, 1966. Following discussion, Dr. Edds moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the U. S. Commissioner of Education by Western Kentucky State College (hereinafter called the "Applicant") an application for a loan under Title III of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 to assist in the construction of a new Science Building, a Planetarium, and remodeling of existing Science Building, and the U. S. Commissioner of Education has tentatively offered to make the requested loan and has transmitted for consideration a proposed Loan Agreement, dated as of March 1, 1966; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Loan Agreement has been duly examined and considered in accordance with all applicable rules of procedure and legal requirements, and made a part of the records of the Board of Regents of the Applicant; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and in the interests of the Applicant that the proposed Loan Agreement be accepted and its execution authorized;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of the Applicant that the proposed Loan Agreement be and the same hereby is accepted without reservation or qualification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Kelly Thompson, President of the Board of the Applicant be and he is hereby authorized to execute the Loan Agreement, on behalf of the Applicant, and Georgia Bates, the Secretary of the Board of the Applicant be and she is authorized to attest the execution of the Loan Agreement and the proper officials of the Applicant are hereby authorized to take such further action as is necessary to provide for the construction of the Project, and to consummate the loan.

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

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

At this time, reference was made to the Western Appreciation Dinner and to the ceremonies scheduled for the half-time period of the Western-Murray basketball game--both special events being sponsored by local citizens in honor of Western and President Thompson and scheduled on February 26, which had been proclaimed by the City and County as "Western Day." The Board members had accepted invitations as special guests of the Planning Committee, and the President stated that the Governor would be present for the post-dinner celebration.

Following introductory remarks, Mr. Keen moved for adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in a meeting on November 20, 1965, passed a Resolution commending President Kelly Thompson; and

WHEREAS, that Resolution expresses the attitude of the Board individually and collectively; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents wishes to not only have that Resolution spread upon the minutes but desires to have it made known in all places and by all people;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in a meeting on February 26, 1966, that the Resolution be read by the Chairman at the Western Appreciation Dinner and that it be read by the Vice Chairman at the half-time program of the Western-Murray basketball game, thereby making it an official part of "Western Day" honoring Western and President Thompson.

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

In compliance with action of the Board in its meeting on January 22, the following resolution was read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Julius F. Kany of Dolgeville, New York, an alumnus of Western Kentucky State College, has demonstrated great personal interest, loyalty, and support by making two gifts to the College in the amount of \$1,000.00 each; and

WHEREAS, this valued friend has given further evidence of this interest, loyalty, and support by directing that these funds be unrestricted and to be used by the President of the College in any manner of his choosing; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in meeting in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on January 22, 1966, hereby expresses deep appreciation to Mr. Kany for providing Western with these resources that will enable the College to better meet the many challenges that continue to confront a growing and developing institution.

The motion was accepted by the Board. No further action was necessary.

President Thompson read a letter which he had received from the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union, dated February 24, 1966, which was a follow-up to a previous report from the Union, copies of which had been mailed to the Board on February 14, in which it was stated that the Union had voted to censure the administration of Western relative to the case of the four students covered in the meetings of December 18 and January 8. It was the judgment of the Board that the President should file no answer in regard to the censure by the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union at this time. Following full discussion, Mr. Poland Moved for the appointment of Mr. Keen, Mr. Harlin, and Dr. Gilbert as a committee to work with the President in taking whatever action it deemed appropriate in regard to the report and subsequent action of the KCLU. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

In a brief report to the Board, President Thompson--

1. Made reference to the wonderful reaction which the College had received regarding the Master Plan;
2. Stated that the date of April 7 had been tentatively set for the next meeting of the Board at which time Series D and Series E of Consolidated Educational Buildings Revenue Bonds would be sold;
3. Received approval of the Board for the programing of a University Observance Day to be scheduled in connection with graduation day on June 3, plans for which would be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p. m., and the Board members were joined by their wives for the Western Appreciation Dinner in the Ballroom of the Paul L. Garrett Student Center at 5 o'clock. The following resolution, which was an action of the Board after adjournment, was read by the President as a part of the half-time game festivities:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College in official meeting February 26, 1966, wishes to express its appreciation to the friends of Western who have been responsible for today's celebration in honor of the College; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels that tonight's great testimonial dinner and these half-time ceremonies will provide inspiration to all who are associated with Western; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its appreciation to the Hilltopper basketball team and its coaching staff for their outstanding achievement in winning the Ohio Valley Conference basketball championship; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to commend this outstanding team and the coaches and extend best wishes for success in the NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to convey its hearty congratulations to Western's President, faculty, staff, alumni, and students for the truly outstanding recognition which has come through the achievement of university status; and

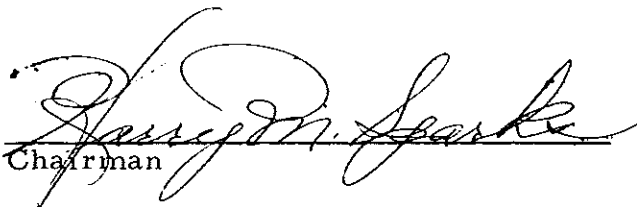
WHEREAS, the Board believes that elevation to a university is a recognition which reflects great credit not only upon Western but upon Bowling Green, Warren County, and this entire geographic area; and

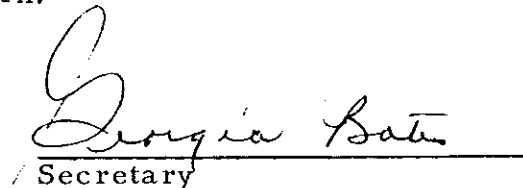
WHEREAS, the Board wishes to compliment the student body at Western for the efforts which they are putting forth in the classrooms across this campus and for their outstanding college spirit and for their wonderful support of the College in all of its activities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that in appreciation of the

Testimonial day,
Recently acquired championship,
Recognition which changes Western Kentucky State
College to Western Kentucky University, and in
Special appreciation to the student body

the Board of Regents does hereby place special emphasis upon this outstanding day by recommending to the President, the faculty and staff, that this coming Monday, February 28, be proclaimed as an official holiday in the life of Western.


Chairman


Secretary