

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
October 4, 1969

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the Regents Conference Room, Administration Building, on Saturday, October 4, 1969, at 10:30 a.m., CDT. Vice Chairman Douglas Keen presided.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Dr. Herbert E. Shadowen.

Mr. Paul E. Gerard, III, having been re-elected by the Congress of Associated Students to serve as the non-voting student member of the Board for the 1969-70 school year, qualified for membership by taking the Constitutional Oath, which was administered by Miss Bates. The re-election of Mr. Gerard was in compliance with the plan that was submitted as a recommendation by the Associated Students of Western on August 9, 1968, and approved by the Board of Regents.

The following members answered to roll call:

Mr. Douglas Keen, Vice Chairman
Mr. Hugh Poland
Dr. Chalmer P. Embry
Dr. J. T. Gilbert
Dr. W. R. McCormack
Mr. Albert G. Ross
Dr. Herbert E. Shadowen
Mr. Paul E. Gerard, III

Absent was Chairman Wendell P. Butler.

Others present, in addition to Miss Bates, were Mr. Dero G. Downing, President; Dr. Raymond L. Cravens, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties; and Mr. Harry Largen, Business Manager.

The minutes of the meeting held on August 22, 1969, were presented by the Vice Chairman. Dr. Gilbert moved, with a second by Dr. Embry, that the minutes be adopted without a reading inasmuch as all members had previously received copies and they were found to be in order. The motion carried unanimously.

The reorganization of the Board followed, necessitated by the re-election of Mr. Gerard. Mr. Ross moved the re-election of Mr. Keen and Miss Bates as Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of President Downing, Dr. Gilbert made the motion that Mr. Harry Largen, Business Manager, be elected Treasurer succeeding Mr. Downing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poland. Following discussion and there being no other nominations, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Largen was congratulated and welcomed in his new assignment.

A plan for formalizing and refining of the organizational structure of the College of Education was presented and distributed as an exhibit. The recommendation to President Downing from Vice President Cravens follows:

For over a year planning has been underway leading toward the refinement of the academic administration structure of the College of Education. To formalize the new structure which has evolved, it is recommended that two assistant deanships and an academic coordinator be authorized, and that two academic program fields be given departmental status.

One of the new positions will be Assistant Dean for Instruction. This office will work under the Dean of the College in the planning and coordination of the instructional program, including class scheduling, curriculum coordination, and other responsibilities in instruction as delegated to him by the Dean. Dr. Kenneth Brenner is recommended for the position of Assistant Dean for Instruction.

Another of these new positions will be the Assistant Dean for Laboratory and Field Programs. This officer will work under the direction of the Dean of the College of Education in the planning and coordination of the laboratory and field programs of that College. Included among his responsibilities will be the overall supervision of off-campus activities involving education faculty and students. He will also plan and coordinate the off-campus extension classes for the entire University and in this aspect of his responsibilities will function directly under the Dean of the Graduate School. (Of 41 classes currently being offered off campus, 38 are for graduate credit.) Dr. Charles Clark, presently Director of Extension and Field Services, is recommended for the position of Assistant Dean for Laboratory and Field Programs. On a temporary basis, Dr. Clark will continue to direct the program of correspondence instruction, presently a function of the Office of Extension and Field Services. A revised plan for the operation of this office will be submitted subsequently. The functions and services of the Human Relations Center for Education will be administered under the supervision of the Assistant Dean on a continuing basis. The formal structure of this center will be phased out by the beginning of the second semester of this school year.

The third new position being recommended is that of Coordinator of Educational Foundations and Curriculum. This position will involve the planning and supervision of graduate course offerings and faculty in the subject areas of educational foundations and curriculum. The individual being recommended for this position will also serve as chairman of a special committee of the College of Education which will coordinate certain aspects of the graduate programs of that College. Dr. Billy Broach is recommended for the position of Coordinator of Educational Foundations and Curriculum.

The program areas of Counselor Education and School Administration now under the administration of academic directors are recommended for departmental status. These two new departments would be designated as the Department of Counselor Education and the Department of School Administration. Dr. Emmett Burkeen, presently director of Counselor Education Programs, would become Head of the Department of Counselor Education, and Dr. Victor Christenson, presently director of School Administration Programs, would become Head of the Department of School Administration.

The Organizational Chart being submitted as Attachment #1 to this letter illustrates the pattern of organization of the College of Education which approval of these recommendations will formalize.

(Secretary's note: The Organizational Chart is not being made a part of the minutes but is being preserved as an official record of the Board.)

Following discussion and upon the recommendation of the President, Dr. McCormack moved approval of the plan for formalizing and refining of the organizational structure of the College of Education as outlined above, effective immediately, it being understood that appropriate adjustments in salaries for the individuals concerned would be made. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry; and upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Aye: Keen, Poland, Embry, Gilbert, McCormack, Ross

Nay: None

The next item on the agenda was the presentation and distribution by President Downing of the following plan for a revision of the University calendar:

For over a year, a major revision of the semester calendar of the University has been under consideration. The proposed revision would retain the semester plan providing the same number of class sessions per semester as under the former calendar. It would, however, be arranged to begin earlier so that the first semester would end prior to Christmas vacation. The second semester would begin following the Christmas vacation and would end about the middle of May.

A thorough study of the advantages and disadvantages of this revised calendar, many meetings involving all segments of the

University, and lengthy deliberation by academic and administrative officers have lead to a consensus that this new calendar should be inaugurated beginning with the 1970-71 school year.

This proposed calendar is illustrated and outlined on the pages which follow. Also included in this material is the listing of the advantages and disadvantages which were considered to be most pertinent to this proposal. This proposal has been carefully coordinated with all officers and divisions of the University and has been endorsed by the Academic Council and the Associated Students.

(Secretary's note: The illustrated calendar and the listing of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal are not included in these minutes but are being filed as official records of the University.)

Following discussion, which included comments by Dr. Shadowen and Mr. Gerard as to the acceptance of the proposal by the faculty and student body, and upon the recommendation of the President, the motion for approval of the proposed revision of the University calendar, effective with the opening of the 1970-71 school year, was made by Dr. McCormack. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross, and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Keen, Poland, Embry, Gilbert, McCormack, Ross

Nay: None

A resolution was presented by the Vice Chairman pertaining to property purchases. After discussion and upon the recommendation of President Downing, Dr. Gilbert moved the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that additional land purchases are desirable for the orderly expansion, development and operation of Western Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, certain tracts of land with improvements as listed herein have special significance for academic purposes in relation to the continuing development and operation of Western Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, said land should, in the judgment of this Board of Regents, pursuant to its duties and functions set out in KRS Chapter 164, be acquired, developed, and maintained for University purposes

Said land and improvements are appropriately described as follows:

1. Property owned by Mrs. Clara Bowles and Mrs. Winnie Coates, Nashville Road. Said property joins Western Kentucky University's Industrial Drive property on the north and west, and is more fully described in Deed Book 188, page 318, in the Office of the Clerk, Warren County Court.

2. Property owned by Mr. D. E. Fitzpatrick, 116 Forest Avenue, and more fully described in Deed Book 277, page 537, in the office of the Clerk, Warren County Court.

3. Property owned by Mr. E. R. Payne, 118 Forest Avenue, and more fully described in Deed Book 196, page 322, in the Office of the Clerk, Warren County Court.

4. Property owned by Mr. J. W. Hardy, 120 Forest Avenue, and more fully described in Deed Book 269, page 319, in the Office of the Clerk, Warren County Court.

5. Property owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry Kellogg in Colonial Court, and consisting of land and improvements on lot Nos. 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16, on Normal Drive.

6. Property owned by Mrs. George W. Barbour, 324 E. 15th Street, and more fully described in Deed Book 269, page 376, in the Office of the Clerk, Warren County Court.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby determined that the subject land is needed and should be acquired for University purposes, and President Dero G. Downing and his delegated representatives are authorized to submit to the Commissioner of Finance, Commonwealth of Kentucky, a request to purchase said land for the use and benefit of Western Kentucky University, provided it can be purchased at a price agreeable to the University and within the scope of such appraisals as are required by the Commissioner of Finance.

This the 4th day of October, 1969.

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

Aye: Keen, Poland, Embry, Gilbert, McCormack, Ross

Nay: None

The Board heard a progress report from President Downing on the following construction projects: (1) Pearce-Ford Tower, (2) Education Complex, (3) Downing University Center, (4) Cravens Graduate Center, (5) Parking Structure, (6) Services-Supply Building, (7) College Heights Foundation-Alumni and Placement, and (8) Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts.

At this point in the meeting, President Downing presented and distributed President Thompson's report to the Board of Regents, entitled "A Report to the Board of Regents by the President of Western Kentucky University, 1955-1969." He stated that the presentation, which was being made in behalf of Dr. Thompson during his absence, was accompanied by the highest of commendation and praise in regard to the dedication and great leadership which characterized Dr. Thompson's tenure as President

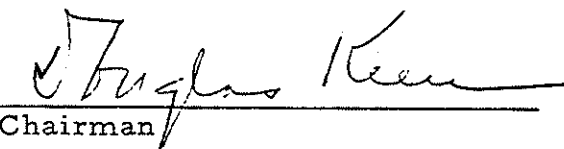
of Western. He described the document as a "very comprehensive and interesting report which vividly portrays the progress and development of Western over the past fourteen years."

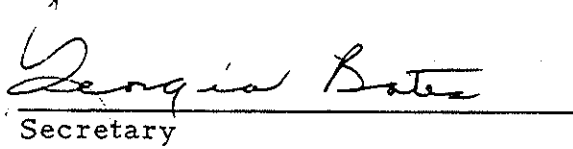
Following complimentary comments by various members of the Board, Dr. McCormack moved for official acceptance of President Thompson's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poland and carried unanimously.

The noon hour being approached, the group moved to the Executive Room of the Paul L. Garrett Student Center where they were joined by wives for a buffet luncheon and a continuation of the meeting.

In other business, the President reported on the following items: (1) Fall enrollment--11,102, (2) Homecoming, (3) recent action of the fraternity system, and (4) the moratorium on the war in Vietnam, which is planned nationally for October 15.

There being no further business, on motion of Dr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Poland and carrying unanimously, the meeting was adjourned; and the group proceeded to the L. T. Smith Stadium for the Western-East Tennessee football game.


Chairman


Secretary