

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
January 9, 1971

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the Regents Conference Room, Administration Building, on Saturday, January 9, 1971, at 4 p.m., CST. Chairman Wendell P. Butler presided.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Dr. Raymond L. Cravens, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties.

The following members were present:

Mr. Wendell P. Butler, Chairman
Dr. Coy E. Ball
Dr. J. T. Gilbert
Mr. John R. Lyne
Dr. W. R. McCormack
Mr. Hugh Poland
Dr. H. E. Shadowen
Mr. Joe L. Travis

Absent was Mr. Albert G. Ross, who was out of state.

Also present, in addition to Dr. Cravens, were Dr. Dero G. Downing, President; Mr. Harry K. Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; and Miss Georgia Bates, Secretary.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 1970, and of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 12, 1970, copies of which had been mailed to all Board members, were presented by the Chairman. Following discussion, Dr. Gilbert moved the approval and ratification, respectively, of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack and carried unanimously. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting follow:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on Saturday evening, December 12, 1970, at 6:30 o'clock on the Western campus. All members were present; namely, Dr. W. R. McCormack, Dr. J. T. Gilbert, and Mr. Joe L. Travis.

Also present were President Dero G. Downing and Miss Georgia Bates, secretary to the Board.

The purpose of the meeting was relative to the forced sale of Western Towers, privately-owned twin dormitories, located at 1149 College Street, Bowling Green, which was scheduled for Monday afternoon, December 14, at 1 p.m., with emphasis on the following:

1. Cooperation extended by Western for the successful operation of the facilities which house Western students.

2. Interest manifested by stockholders of Western Towers in Western's acquiring of the property, which resulted in members of the Board of Regents receiving phone calls from the stockholders in recent days.

President Downing reviewed the history of Western Towers insofar as the University had been involved since 1965, when the idea was conceived by the principal stockholder, Mr. G. D. Milliken, up until the present time. He made reference to meetings between interested parties of the twin dormitories during the planning stage and helpful suggestions that were made by Western officials for construction changes that were considered both practical and economically sound. He stressed the cooperation which he and Dr. Kelly Thompson had given and had been extended by Western's Director of Housing, the Dean of Student Affairs, and all others involved in Western's housing program.

Dr. Downing summarized approaches made by Western Towers ownership, seeking to sell the facilities to the University, which consisted of (1) a visit of a real estate agent to the office of Dr. Thompson, then President of Western, (2) telephone calls by interested citizens of Bowling Green, and (3) a letter received from Mr. Milliken on May 2, 1970. The first three paragraphs of President Downing's response, copies of which had been sent to the Board members, follow:

"I appreciate the information contained in your letter of May 2. Even though we have not discussed the matter with you personally, both Dr. Thompson and I have on several occasions talked with persons interested in the disposal of Western Towers. In each instance we have attempted to explain the unsurmountable problems which prevent the University from making purchase of these facilities.

"There are several contributing factors; however, I will not go into great detail in reiterating that a plan of financing, defined as the Housing and Dining Revenue Bonds, has provided the source of revenue with which dormitories at Western have been built. This is a Federal loan program with which no doubt you are familiar. The complexities of this bonding program is only one matter of consideration, but a most important one.

"Our appropriation from the Legislature is earmarked for the operation of the University, rather than for capital outlay, which means that we do not have any money for the purchase of outside properties. The only exception to this is in the acquisition from time to time of a relatively inexpensive parcel of property where our savings, or the help of the College Heights Foundation, has made it possible."

President Downing recalled the occasions when the matter was discussed by the Board of Regents extending over a period of almost two years. He told the committee of the circumstances which led to the evaluation and inspection made by five representatives of the Kentucky Department of Finance and reviewed the findings of the group as outlined in a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Milliken from Mr. Albert Christen, Commissioner of Finance. Mr. Christen's letter, dated December 9, 1970, was sent to each member of the Board with Dr. Downing's memorandum of December 11, 1970.

The legal opinion of Mr. Franklin P. Hays, Louisville attorney, who has served as bond counsel for the University in the issuance of bonds for construction of housing and dining projects, states, among other things, that for Western to attempt to purchase Western Towers

would place in question the integrity of outstanding bonds sold on existing housing and dining facilities at Western.

After full discussion, the following conclusions were reached:

1. In the face of legal problems and financial difficulties, the purchase of Western Towers by Western Kentucky University is not feasible.

2. The report from the Department of Finance confirms the earlier conclusion of University officials that the conversion proposed by the owners is neither practical nor economically sound.

3. The cost and other factors involved in the conversion by Western of the facilities to married student housing, an urgent existing need, would be prohibitive, even if the unsurmountable problem of purchase funds were resolved.

4. Implications that Western had not cooperated to the fullest in the operation of Western Towers were erroneous.

5. Regret was expressed over the unsuccessful efforts of the individuals involved in the housing project, all of whom are personal friends of Western of long standing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 o'clock.

The Annual Financial Report and the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1970, summaries of which had been mailed to all Board members, were presented by the President. In his remarks, Dr. Downing commented on the obligation of the University to provide the best educational opportunities possible and the attendant responsibility of seeing that all funds are spent wisely. Mr. Largen elaborated on significant statements in the documents and was commended by the President for the outstanding leadership which he continues to give as the chief fiscal officer of the University.

Following discussion, Dr. McCormack moved, with compliments to Mr. Largen and his staff, for acceptance of the Annual Financial Report and the Audit Report for the 1969-70 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert and carried unanimously.

A series of recommendations to the President from the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties--the result of studies, conferences, etc., with the Council of Deans, department heads concerned, and the President--were presented for the consideration of the Board. The recommendations, having been presented to the Board members as an exhibit in detail, follow in condensed form:

1. Designation of program area of health and safety as Department of Health and Safety within the College of Applied Arts and Health.
2. Redesignation of dental hygiene program area as Department of Dental Hygiene within the College of Applied Arts and Health.
3. Establishment of adjunct faculty status, with following description of proposed position:

"Adjunct Status shall be used for persons of established reputation or distinction in their field for the specific purpose of enabling them to work with graduate students or as members of special research teams, or to offer special instruction in their discipline. Adjunct Professors or Instructors will receive no salary unless it is separately contracted, and shall not be entitled to tenure or other faculty benefits unless specifically authorized. Such appointments are to be on an annual basis. Nominations shall originate in a department, and prior to approval the candidate's credentials will be examined in the same manner and with the same criteria for appointment will be applied as with regular faculty appointments. Final approval of the appointment will rest with the Board of Regents."

4. Personnel appointments and changes in status:
 - a. Naming of Dr. James David Dunn as Head of the Department of Health and Safety, effective January 15, 1971.
 - b. Naming of Dr. A. Fogle Godby as Head of the Department of Dental Hygiene, effective date retroactive to January 1, 1971.
 - c. Naming of Dr. Jim K. Goodrum as Interim Director of Health Services, effective date retroactive to January 1, 1971.
 - d. Naming of Dr. Norman D. Ehresman as Interim Director of Occupational Education for the period January 15, 1971 to the opening of the fall semester.
 - e. Appointment of Dr. E. R. Pohl as Adjunct Professor of Geology for the remainder of the 1970-71 school year.

Following discussion and upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. Travis moved approval of the recommendations outlined above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poland, and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Butler, Ball, Gilbert, McCormack, Poland, Travis

Nay: None

A listing of personnel changes subsequent to October 14, 1970, was presented as an exhibit. Following discussion and upon the recommendation of President Downing, the motion was made by Dr. Gilbert for official acceptance and approval of the listing as follows:

NEW FACULTY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date and Remarks</u>
<u>Bowling Green College of Commerce</u>		
Business Administration:		
Mr. Larry E. Berry	\$ 5,000	Jan. 15, '71; one-semester appointment
Sociology and Anthropology:		
Mrs. Hilary Chappell	1,600	Oct. 1, '70; part time for remainder of semester
	3,200	Jan. 15, '71; full time for second semester (one semester appointment)
Mr. Robt. A. Neuroth	5,460 (2nd semester)	Jan. 15, '71; special appointment under Social Welfare Grant from Div. of Econ. Sec.
<u>College of Education</u>		
Elementary Education:		
Mrs. Onzell Kidd	4,200	Jan. 13, '71; one-semester appointment
School Administration:		
Mr. Fred Williams	2,000	Jan. 15, '71; part time; one-semester appointment (\$2,300 with doctorate)
<u>Potter College of Liberal Arts</u>		
History:		
Mr. Mingo Scott, Jr.	1,000	Jan. 13, '71; part time for spring semester
<u>Academic Services</u>		
Margie Helm Library:		
Mr. Wm. G. Vaughan	7,800	Jan. 11, '71; straight 12 months' basis
Kentucky Library and Museum:		
Mrs. Betty Gregory Lloyd	4,000	Nov. 1, '70; half-time on 12 months' basis (Mrs. Lloyd passed away on Jan. 2, '71, after suffering cerebral hemorrhage)

NEW STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date and Remarks</u>
<u>Health Services</u>		
Mrs. Lucy M. Ritter	\$ 8,352	Nov. 1, '70; nursing supervisor
Mr. Wm. Cherry, Jr.	7,200	Jan. 1, '71; laboratory technician
Mrs. Becky Lesieur	11,000	Jan. 11, '71; staff pharmacist (11 months' basis)
<u>University Center</u>		
Mr. Robt. Lee Ford	2,000	Nov. 19, '70; student assistant (10 months' basis)
<u>Secretarial and Clerical Staff</u>		
Health Services:		
Mrs. Aline S. Cherry	320 per month	Oct. 28, '70; junior accountant; temporary through Jan. 31, '71
Business Administration:		
Mrs. Mary Ann Hext	3,740	Dec. 15, '70; secretary (11 months' basis)
Educational Research:		
Mrs. Carol A. Davis	3,740	Jan. 11, '71; secretary (11 months' basis)
Physical Education and Recreation:		
Mrs. Mildred S. Sponel	3,388	Jan. 11, '71; secretary (11 months' basis)
Agriculture:		
Mrs. Charolene Grogan	3,740	Nov. 1, '70; secretary (11 months' basis)
Margie Helm Library:		
Mr. Jimmie D. Copass	3,696	Jan. 1, '71; clerical assistant
Miss Peggy L. Corbin	312 per month	Jan. 4 through June 30, '71; clerical assistant
Mrs. Henrietta Leveridge	3,744	Jan. 1, '71; clerical assistant
Miss Mary Missy McCabe	312 per month	Jan. 4 through June 30, '71; clerical assistant
Mrs. Sibyl D. Shelton	312 per month	Jan. 4 through June 30, '71; clerical assistant
Correspondence Studies:		
Mrs. Julia M. Ferguson	3,696	Nov. 16, '70; general clerk
Office of the Registrar:		
Mrs. Lynda C. Keyser	3,696	Jan. 11, '71; general clerk
Office of Student Affairs:		
Mrs. Vivian M. Gentry	279 per month	Oct. 28, '70, through Jan. 15, '71; secretary on temporary basis
Business Education and Office Administration:		
Mrs. Jeanetta S. Keown	3,740	Jan. 11, '71; secretary (11 months' basis)

FACULTY AND STAFF REASSIGNMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date and Remarks</u>
Division of Library Services:		
Mrs. Patricia Custead	\$ No change	Jan. 1, '71; from joint assignment with Business Administration to full time in Library Services
Garrett Conference Center:		
Mr. James Leo Schmidt	From 2,000 To 4,500	Nov. 1, '70, through July 31, '71; from University Center

RESIGNATIONS

Health Services:		
Dr. Ronald M. Garvin		Jan. 1, '71
Sociology and Anthropology		
Miss Betty McAlpin		Dec. 31, '70
Music:		
Dr. Edward R. Thaden		Dec. 19, '70
Speech and Theatre:		
Dr. Bill Parsons		May 15, '71

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English:		
Mr. Terrence A. Antonucci		Dec. 19, '70
Mrs. Anna Jo B. Johnson		Dec. 19, '70

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Industrial Education:		
Mr. Howard Lowrey		June 15 through July 15, '71; to pursue graduate studies
Speech and Theatre:		
Mr. Paul R. Corts		March 9 through May 15, '71; Rotary International Study Tour to Brazil

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

College of Applied Arts and Health

Department of Health and Safety:

Dr. James David Dunn	Inc. of 2,741	Jan. 15, '71; head of department for period 1/15-8/15/71
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Department of Dental Hygiene:

Dr. A. Fogle Godby	No change	Jan. 1, '71; head of department
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Health Services

Dr. Jim K. Goodrum	From 18,200 To 21,120	Jan. 1, '71; Interim Director; continues on straight 12 months' basis
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College of Education

Occupational Education:		
Dr. Norman D. Ehresman	No change	Jan. 1, '71, to opening of fall semester; Interim Director; continues present position of Director of Educational Research

The motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack, and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Butler, Ball, Gilbert, McCormack, Poland, Travis

Nay: None

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of a resolution authorizing the renovation of the Training School building. In the discussion, President Downing reviewed the program plans, copies of which had been mailed to all members of the Board. Upon his recommendation, Dr. McCormack moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a University committee and Ryan Associated Architects were assigned in July, 1970, to explore the desirability and feasibility of renovating the University Training School building; and

WHEREAS, the committee and the architect have presented program plans and specifications for renovating the Training School building for use by the Department of Engineering Technology, the Department of Geography and Geology, and for general classroom purposes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in meeting on January 9, 1971, that President Dero G. Downing be authorized to take such steps as are necessary to complete the planning and renovation of the Training School building with an estimated construction scope of \$514,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the project be financed from funds budgeted for capital construction and capital improvements in the Consolidated Educational Buildings Revenue Fund.

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

Aye: Butler, Ball, Gilbert, McCormack, Poland, Travis

Nay: None

The Board heard a report from the President on the preparation of the 1971-72 operating budget. He made reference to various meetings and discussions with persons involved in this important responsibility and to a communique dated December 17, 1970, in which the urgency of a thorough analysis of every facet of the University, both quantitatively and qualitatively, was further stressed.

Following discussion, Dr. Gilbert moved that President Downing

be authorized to proceed with the preparation of the 1971-72 operating budget in accordance with previously established procedures. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ball, and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Butler, Ball, Gilbert, McCormack, Poland, Travis

Nay: None

After discussion and upon the recommendation of Dr. Downing, the motion was made by Dr. Gilbert that the Board of Regents reaffirm it's approval for the planning, construction, and financing of approximately 150 units of married student housing, as reflected in the following resolution, which was signed by members of the Board for distribution as noted in the final paragraph:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in meeting on May 1, 1970, authorized the planning and construction of approximately 150 units of married student housing; and

WHEREAS, the architectural firm of Nolan & Nolan, Inc., has completed program plans and specifications for the project; and

WHEREAS, a report has been submitted to the Commissioner of Finance and later to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, outlining the need and justification for married student housing; and

WHEREAS, President Dero G. Downing has proposed that the project be financed from capital funds which have accumulated over a period of years and have been used for interim financing on several construction projects, the last of which was the Raymond Cravens Graduate Center;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in meeting on January 9, 1971, that President Dero G. Downing be authorized to complete the planning, construction, and financing of this project (from 136 to 152 units) at an estimated construction cost of \$2,000,000; and

BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED, That President Downing be authorized to enter into such agreements as are necessary to accept and expend participating grant or loan funds from the Federal Government or other sources should funds become available; and

BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED, That this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Louie B. Nunn, Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and to the Commissioner of Finance and the State Property and Building Commission as reaffirmation of the approval of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University to plan, construct, and finance approximately 150 units of married student housing.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 o'clock, and the group proceeded to the private dining room of the University Center where they were joined by their wives for dinner, following which they attended the Western-Eastern basketball game in the E. A. Diddle Arena.

Wendell P. Butler
Chairman

Georgia Butler
Secretary