

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
May 6, 1979

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University, having been called at the written request of the President of the University, was held on Sunday, May 6, 1979, at 3:00 p.m., CDT, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus. Mr. John David Cole, Chairman, presided.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Chairman Cole.

All members were present; namely,

Dr. William G. Buckman
Mr. Ronald W. Clark
Mr. John David Cole
Mr. Tom Emberton
Mr. James Earl Hargrove
Mr. Michael N. Harreld
Mr. Carroll Knicely
Mr. William M. Kuegel
Mr. Hugh Poland
Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer

Also present were Dr. John D. Minton, President; Mr. Harry K. Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; Dr. James L. Davis, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mrs. Mary Sample, Secretary; Mr. Steven O. Thornton, student Regent for the 1978-79 school year; Dr. Paul B. Cook, Assistant to the President for Resources Management and Director of the Budget; Mr. Rhea P. Lazarus, Staff Assistant, Office of the President; Mr. William E. Bivin, University Attorney; Dr. Randall Capps, Head of the Department of Communication and Theatre and Parliamentarian; and Mr. Dee Gibson, Director of Public Affairs and Community Relations.

The first item on the agenda was a report from the Academics Committee. Mr. Harreld, Chairman of the Committee, serving with Mr. Knicely, Mr. Kuegel, Mr. Emberton, and Dr. Buckman, reported that the group met just prior to the Board meeting at 2:30 p.m. The issue addressed by the committee was the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce proposal to the Council on Higher Education for a new solution to the continuing education and graduate education needs in the Owensboro-Daviess County area. Dr. Carl P. Chelf, Dean of the Bowling Green Community College and Continuing Education, Dr. Minton, Dr. Davis, Mr. Kuegel, and Mr. Harreld met on Tuesday, May 1,

with the representatives of the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce to better understand their concerns for higher education in that area, including matters relating to the Owensboro Consortium. Mr. Harreld, reporting that the discussion was very fruitful, stated that information pertaining to the proposal is now being prepared by Western representatives for forwarding to the Council on Higher Education for its consideration. Reading the following resolution, which had been adopted by the Academics Committee, Mr. Harreld made the motion that the resolution be adopted by the Board and that the report of the Academics Committee be approved:

"The Board calls upon the Council on Higher Education to reaffirm its recognition of the historic educational role of Western Kentucky University in Owensboro-Daviess County and to support the University's continued mission of educational service to the people of the Owensboro-Daviess County region."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Emberton and carried by voice vote. Addressing Mr. Harreld, Chairman Cole suggested that on behalf of the Board the resolution be forwarded to the appropriate person at the Council on Higher Education.

The next item to come before the Board was the continuation of the selection process leading to the employment of a President for Western Kentucky University. Mr. Harreld made the motion that the Board go into closed session for discussions which might lead to the appointment of an individual to the position of President, stating that the reason for a closed session discussion was to protect the reputation of individual persons being considered. (D. 2. c.) The motion was seconded by Mr. Knicely and carried by voice vote. Mr. Hargrove was asked by Chairman Cole to serve as the Board's designated clerk for the closed session, and Mr. Thornton joined the Board members in their discussions in accordance with previous action of the Board.

Returning to the meeting approximately 1-1/2 hours later, Chairman Cole stated that no matter was discussed in the closed session other than that announced prior to convening the session and that no final action was taken.

Chairman Cole pointed out that the matter before the Board was the selection process and stated that the Chair would entertain any motion that anyone would like to make. Upon recognition, Mr. Clark moved that the resolution adopted by the Board of Regents on April 28, 1979, that the Board

select the President from the list of three candidates of Dr. Baxter, Dr. Bullard, and Dr. Zacharias, be rescinded for the purpose of inviting Dr. Kern Alexander to appear before the Board of Regents to discuss the reasons and problems that caused his withdrawal as a candidate. Mr. Hargrove proposed a friendly amendment to the motion, which was acceptable to Mr. Clark, that the interview with Dr. Alexander be conducted by a committee rather than the full Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheffer. Chairman Cole requested, with the approval of Mr. Clark and Mr. Sheffer and without objection from the other members of the Board, that the motion include (1) that the committee or delegation consist of those who responded in the affirmative upon a call of names by the Chairman and were determined to be Dr. Buckman, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Hargrove, Mr. Sheffer, Mr. Emberton, and Mr. Clark; (2) that Mr. Emberton be the sole spokesman for the group which would meet with Dr. Kern Alexander on Wednesday, May 9; and (3) that the Board of Regents reconvene at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, May 13, 1979. The roll call vote on the motion as amended was as follows with any comments recorded as stated:

Aye: Buckman, Clark, Emberton, Hargrove, Poland, Sheffer

Nay: Cole, Harreld, Knicely,* Kuegel

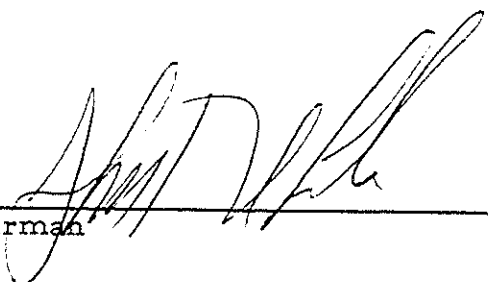
*In voting "no," Mr. Knicely made the following statement: I don't object to the fact-finding meeting with Dr. Alexander because I suggested that at our meeting last week, and it was turned down almost unanimously; I am happy to see that that is going to be done. I do object, however, to a change in the decision of the motion that was made last week that passed 8-2 to select a president from the three candidates that were remaining; so I vote "no."

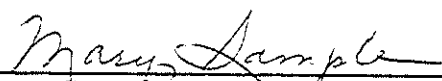
The Chairman declared that the motion passed and requested that Mr. Emberton communicate with Dr. Alexander with regard to the proposed meeting.

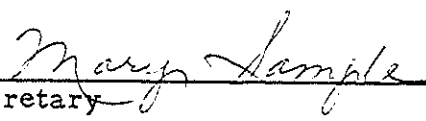
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, May 13, 1979.

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in its special meeting held on May 6, 1979, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).


Chairman


Mary Sample, Secretary


Secretary