

Minutes of Board Meeting

October 7, 1933.

The Board of Regents was called to meet in the office of President H. H. Cherry at 7:00 o'clock Saturday evening, October 7, 1933. With the Board a group of the leading citizens of Bowling Green, the members of the faculty of Teachers College, and officials connected with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was invited to assemble for the purpose of discussing some important matters looking towards the erection of some needed school buildings in the future. The entire evening was spent in the discussion of the possibilities and needs along this line.

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The next morning, October 8, the Board reassembled in the office of President Cherry at 9:00 o'clock. In the absence of Dr. Richmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the meeting was called to order by vice-chairman, Mr. Sterrett Cuthbertson.

Mr. John B. Rodes, Mayor of the City of Bowling Green, was present and was given an opportunity to present to the Board the request of one of the clubs of the city in the matter of securing runways leading into and from the present landing field for aeroplanes adjoining the Ogden farm. Mr. Rodes presented his plea in behalf of the Lions Club and explained the importance of making this concession for the benefit of the city directly and indirectly the college. By means of a blueprint he explained that the two pathways of 100 feet each would be all that would be needed and that the remainder of the territory could be cultivated as usual. His request was for a license to permit the use of these strips across the field leading up to the landing place. After his presentation he withdrew and left the matter in the hands of the Board.

The chairman of the meeting then called on President Cherry for any specific suggestions pertaining to the welfare of Western he might have to make. Whereupon President Cherry explained that he would like to report certain recommendations to be made to the next Legislature and embodied in the report of the Education Commission concerning: (1) Present tuition regulation. (2) Equal educational opportunity for all children in the way of equipment; course of study; teachers; etc., etc. (3) The field of higher education leading to the A.B., B. S., M.A. degrees, no Ph.D. (4) A central board of education.

He next called attention to the Homecoming date which had been set for October 14. It was agreed that an invitation should be extended to the Governor of the State to attend although he would be relieved of the burden of making an address on that day.

President Cherry than presented the matter that had been brought to his attention by Mr. Credor Harris relative to installing a broadcasting station through W.H.A.S. The cost of such a step was discussed and it was the opinion of the Board that in view of the financial depression it might not be a good idea to attempt it just at this time, although the opportunity was considered one that would be advantageous to the college. After a somewhat lengthy discussion Senator Franklin moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee for further investigation with the understanding that, if the Committee saw fit to put on a program this way once a week, they be authorized to put the plan into operation. The motion was seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously carried by roll call.

President Cherry then called attention to the report which had been prepared by officials of the institution at the request of the Griffinhagen and Associates firm on personnel.

It was moved by Senator Franklin with a second by Judge Hines, that with the beginning of the summer session of 1934 and thereafter the student incidental fees be allocated to student service activities, library fees, and for the purchase of library books. The motion was unanimously passed.

It was moved by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines that with the beginning of the summer session of 1934 and thereafter student laboratory fees be allocated to the purchase of laboratory apparatus and supplies and that any unexpended balance remaining at the end of each semester be refunded to the students according to the balance remaining for each laboratory course. The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was moved by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines that the college boarding homes and cafeteria be conducted on a non-profit basis. The motion was unanimously carried.

Upon motion of Senator Franklin with a second from Judge Hines, a motion authorizing and requesting the Executive Committee to investigate the cost of a generator to furnish electrical power for College Heights was unanimously passed. This information is to be reported to the Board at their next meeting for action.

A general report on the financial budget for the next biennium was presented to the Board by President Cherry and discussed. Upon motion of Senator Franklin with a second by Judge Hines, the report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. L. T. Smith was then requested to make a statement relative to the importance of certain repairs on the Hill which had really been neglected during the present financial depression. This

estimate was embodied in the budget. Mr. Smith went somewhat into detail explaining the need of certain things, namely, repair to the roof on the home of the President, painting on doors and windows of all buildings, the rear porch at the Potter College building, which should be either taken down or reconstructed, etc. The Board upon motion made by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines unanimously approved these recommendations and ordered that these repairs be made.

The Board requested that Captain Davis should take up the matter of the defective roof on the home of the President with the contractor, Mr. Vanwinkle, with the recommendation that the defects should be remedied at once. A motion to the effect was made by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously passed.

The Board then resumed the discussion of the advisability of issuing a license to the city by which the requested runway should be permitted to the landing place for aeroplanes on the Ogden farm. Upon motion from Senator Franklin the Board agreed to leave in the hands of the Executive Committee whatever recommendation they thought best after looking further into the matter. The motion was seconded by Judge Hines and unanimously passed.

Further discussion then followed on the question of securing a fund from the Federal Government for the purpose of erecting dormitories on College Heights in the future; also the possibility of securing money for the development and completion of the Kentucky Building. Upon motion of Senator Franklin with a second from Judge Hines the Executive Committee was requested to investigate the possibilities and to refer the matter to the Board of Regents at a later date. This motion was unanimously passed.

The Executive Committee was requested to consider the possibilities of erecting a classroom building and to report their recommendation at the next meeting of the Board of Regents. A motion to this effect was made by Senator Franklin and seconded by Judge Hines. It was unanimously passed.

The Board then adjourned.

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Secretary

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Vice-chairman