MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY October 14, 1967

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on Saturday, October 14, 1967, at 8 a.m. Dr. Harry M. Sparks, Chairman, presided. The roll call showed that all other members were present; namely,

Mr. Douglas Keen
Mr. Hugh Poland
Dr. W. Gerald Edds
Mr. Maxey B. Harlin
Dr. J. T. Gilbert
Dr. Chalmer P. Embry

Also present were Dr. Kelly Thompson, President of the University, and Miss Georgia Bates, Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Board.

The breakfast meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Mr. Harlin.

Mr. Keen moved, with a second by Mr. Poland, that the minutes of the meeting held on August 17 be adopted without a reading inasmuch as each member had previously received a copy. The motion carried unanimously.

President Thompson gave a report on activities of the Day of Commemoration and Dedication, which was being observed this date on the Western campus. Described by the President as a "most significant day in the history of Western," the identifications of the facilities being dedicated and the names of the honorees are as follows:

Finley C. Grise Hall
Dr. Finley C. Grise

Margie Helm Library Miss Margie Helm

Lawrence W. Wetherby Administration Building Lawrence W. Wetherby

Bemis Lawrence Hall
H. Bemis Lawrence

Barnes-Campbell Hall Sheridan C. Barnes Don C. Campbell Rodes-Harlin Hall
John B. Rodes
Max B. Harlin represented by Maxey B. Harlin

Charles L. Taylor Agricultural Center
Charles L. Taylor represented by Mrs. Charles L. Taylor

Hardin Planetarium
Hardin Cherry Thompson represented by Mrs. Kelly
Thompson

Kelly Thompson Complex for Science Dr. Kelly Thompson

An informal question-and-answer period and general discussion of the University followed the President's report.

Mr. Keen presented and moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Western Kentucky University has made great progress in every facet of the institution's program in the past several years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly Thompson has served as President and provided the leadership that made this expansion possible; and

WHEREAS, this Day of Commemoration and Dedication signals one of the most dramatic and momentous forward thrusts of the institution during its entire history; and

WHEREAS, this important milestone in the life of Western coincides with the twelfth anniversary of the selection of Dr. Kelly Thompson as President; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University is fully cognizant of the educational statesmanship which President Thompson has demonstrated at all times throughout his tenure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University, at its meeting on October 14, 1967, commends President Kelly Thompson for his successful leadership as President of this institution on the occasion of his twelfth anniversary as President and extends to him the congratulations and best wishes of the Board of Regents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Regents and that a copy thereof be presented to President Kelly Thompson as a token of the confidence and high esteem in which he is held by the members of this Board, both collectively and individually.

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

Dr. Thompson expressed appreciation for the inspiration conveyed to him by the resolution, which was signed by all members of the Board.

He stated that he and his wife were undergoing a "high emotional peak" on this day because of this and previous actions of the Board.

The meeting inaugurated the Regents Conference Room in the new Administration Building as the official meeting place of the Board of Regents. At the appropriate time, academic regalia was donned for the academic procession, which departed from in front of the Administration Building.

Activities of the day in which members of the Board participated were as follows:

10 a.m. Ceremony of Commemoration and Dedication

12 Noon Luncheon honoring special guests

2 p.m. Western vs. Tennessee Tech football game

On motion previously made by Dr. Embry and seconded by Dr. Gilbert, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Thairman

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