

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
May 21, 1969

A meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the Regents Conference Room, Administration Building, on the University Campus on Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m., CST. Coffee was served at the President's Home preceding the meeting. Vice Chairman Douglas Keen was in the chair presiding.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Mr. Dero G. Downing, Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Treasurer.

Upon call of the roll, it was ascertained that the following members of the Board were present:

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

Absent were Chairman Wendell P. Butler and Mr. Albert G. Ross.

Also present in addition to Dean Downing were Dr. Kelly Thompson, President of the University; Dr. Raymond L. Cravens, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties; and Miss Georgia Bates, Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on April 23, 1969, were presented by Vice Chairman Keen. Dr. Gilbert moved that the minutes be adopted without a reading inasmuch as each member had previously been provided with a copy and they were found to be in order. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack and carried unanimously.

A series of recommendations to the President from the Vice President for Academic Affairs that relate to the graduate programs which Western authorizes under the Master of Arts in Education Degree were presented for the consideration of the Board. Having been approved by the Teacher Education Committee, the Graduate Council, and the Academic Council, after careful development at the departmental level, the first of the four

new programs recommended would provide a graduate curriculum for junior high school teachers. The other three programs involve the structuring of existing graduate courses as minor fields and would result in the expansion of opportunities for graduate students pursuing standard high school teaching certificates. The program descriptions follow:

I. Junior High/Middle School Program

Students may meet the requirements for the Standard Junior High Certificate by following the four-year curriculum for the preparation of junior high school teachers or its equivalent and by completing the requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in Education. The master's program requires a minimum of fifteen hours open to graduate students only, with at least nine of the fifteen hours being in professional education courses. At least twelve of the remaining hours of graduate credit shall be selected to strengthen the student's academic specialization.

II. Health Education

In order to pursue this program, all students must have either an undergraduate major or minor in physical education or health education. This minor will consist of twelve to fifteen hours in the area of health education, which must include a nine-hour core of required courses, and the remaining three to six hours may be selected under the advisement of the graduate advisor in health education. Fifteen to eighteen hours will be required in professional education.

III. Health and Safety Education

Students entering this program must have an undergraduate major or minor in either physical education or health and safety education. This program will consist of six required hours in safety education and six to nine hours selected from courses approved by the graduate advisor in safety education. Fifteen to eighteen hours will be required in professional education.

IV. Recreation

Based upon accreditation standards and current Graduate School regulations, in order to enter this program a student must have an undergraduate major or minor in health and physical education or in recreation. This program consists of twelve to fifteen hours selected from courses in physical education and recreation approved by the graduate advisor in the area of recreation. Fifteen to eighteen hours will be required in the area of professional education.

After full discussion, and upon the recommendation of Dr. Thompson, Mr. Poland moved for approval of the recommendations relative to the graduate programs as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert and carried unanimously.

A proposal for the establishment of a Graduate Extension Consortium with institutions of higher education in Owensboro, Kentucky, was presented and discussed:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
BRESCIA COLLEGE AND KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
GRADUATE EXTENSION CONSORTIUM

Introduction

Historically, Western Kentucky University has offered extension courses in the Owensboro-Daviess County area for school personnel and for scientists and engineers employed in local industry. This continuing effort is evidence of the fact that Western has recognized its responsibility to provide graduate extension classes in this area within the framework of the standards of the University's accrediting associations and regulations applicable to such classes. The successful offering of these extension courses has been facilitated by the generous and unqualified cooperation of the Daviess County and Owensboro City School Systems and more recently by the fine cooperation of the General Electric Company and other Owensboro businesses in the provision of classrooms and equipment in support of the graduate instruction provided by Western.

Meetings were held during the 1968-69 school year between officials of Western Kentucky University, Brescia College, and Kentucky Wesleyan College to discuss the merits of a cooperative approach to the offering of graduate extension classes in Owensboro. Encouragement and support of these deliberations have been offered by officials of the public and private school systems and by community, business, and industrial leaders. Subsequently, Western Kentucky University, Brescia College, and Kentucky Wesleyan College have agreed to enter into a Graduate Extension Consortium.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this Graduate Extension Consortium is to provide for the offering of graduate courses by Western Kentucky University in an academic and scholastic setting which will enhance instruction and increase the availability of library resources and laboratory equipment. Moreover, the Consortium will make possible a better utilization of faculty resources and may contribute indirectly to the undergraduate programs offered by Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia Colleges.

Consortium Guidelines

In entering into this Consortium agreement, Western Kentucky University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Brescia College intend to explore all possible means and avenues directed toward the furtherance of this cooperative effort. The following guidelines are understood and agreed upon for the establishment of the Consortium:

1. All graduate courses offered away from the campus of Western Kentucky University except those which may be classified in the category of independent research or field problems courses are for extension credit. No more than 12 hours of extension credit may be used in the satisfaction of Master-degree requirements.

2. Students intending to apply credits earned in extension courses in this program to a Master's degree must comply with the regular requirements for admission to graduate study at Western Kentucky University as outlined in the current graduate school bulletin.
3.
 - a. Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia Colleges agree to provide the classroom and laboratory facilities for these graduate extension courses with no charge for the normal use of such facilities. (See No. 6a)
 - b. Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia Colleges agree to make their library facilities available to students enrolling in these courses and to assume responsibility for additional books and materials sent to their respective libraries by Western Kentucky University to support these courses. The ownership of all such books and materials will remain with Western Kentucky University. It is further understood that materials transferred by Western to the libraries of Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia will be accessible for use by the regular students of these Colleges on a reserve book basis when these materials are not needed by graduate students.
 - c. The bookstores at Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan will handle the sales of textbooks and related materials to be used in the graduate courses taught on their respective campuses.
4. Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia agree to the following categories of graduate courses which would be taught utilizing the facilities of the respective Colleges:

<u>Kentucky Wesleyan</u>	<u>Brescia</u>
Business Administration	Science, Mathematics,
Secondary Education	and Technology
Humanities	Elementary Education
Social Sciences	Special Education
School Administration	Psychology
History and Philosophy	Guidance and Counseling
of Education	Curriculum
Social Foundations of	Educational Research
Education	

The listing of these categories of graduate courses does not commit Western Kentucky University to the offering of courses in any of these fields during any particular semester or term.

5.
 - a. Qualified faculty members at Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan may become candidates for part-time, associate, or regular membership on the Western Kentucky graduate faculty. Such candidates must be nominated by the Dean of the College and must meet the same requirements and must be approved for membership through the same channels as Western faculty.
 - b. When faculty members at Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan are nominated for membership on the Western graduate faculty, the Dean of the College will forward necessary portions of the faculty member's credentials with the nomination.

6. a. Scheduling of graduate courses to be offered on the Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia campuses will be coordinated to ensure that there will be no conflict with the regular undergraduate course offerings of these institutions.
- b. Course offerings for each semester will be planned in consultation with representatives of the Owensboro and Daviess County public and parochial schools, business and industrial community, and the deans of the cooperating Colleges.
7. Western Kentucky University agrees to a continuation of its current and traditional effort in the offering of graduate extension courses in the Owensboro area. It is understood that expansion of the course offerings beyond a normal increase of current offerings will be underwritten by the Owensboro business and industrial community.
8. Policy matters relating to the terms of this agreement shall be decided by a coordinating committee composed of one representative from each of the participating institutions to be designated by their respective presidents.
9. This agreement will become effective as of June 1, 1969, contingent upon approval by the governing boards of the participating institutions.
10. The terms of this agreement may be altered by mutual consent and any participating party may withdraw upon one year's notice.

Dr. McCormack moved, upon the recommendation of President Thompson, for the establishment of a Graduate Extension Consortium as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry and carried unanimously.

After preliminary remarks, President Thompson read the following statement to the Board:

It is with much regret that I submit to the Board of Regents my resignation as President of Western Kentucky University, effective with the opening of the 1969-70 school year in September.

It is my conviction that for its future best interests Western should have at the helm a younger man who, with all of the other necessary attributes, has the physical reserve to provide the vigorous and dynamic leadership which the presidency requires and which Western deserves. For some time I have been dissatisfied with my physical condition and gradually have become convinced that I no longer have what I consider to be the necessary physical stamina.

My wife and I both will enter the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, next week. The timing of this statement with our visit there is coincidental, however, as arrangements for our complete but normal clinical investigations were made several weeks ago by our family physician, Dr. W. R. McCormack.

All major decisions which I have made as president have been based upon a formula in which all possible evidence is analyzed in the light of all possible perspectives of the problem. Over many past months I have used and reused this same formula in arriving at this decision, which, as you might suspect, has been the most difficult of my career.

This decision was made partially last fall when I determined that I would take this action either this year or next, depending upon the progress toward top-priority university objectives with which my colleagues and I were involved. Through the hard work of these colleagues and with the cooperation of many friends, practically all of these objectives have become, or soon will become, realities. The following examples in four of the main categories are illustrative:

1. The academic picture at Western is now in its all-time sharpest focus. Today's agenda includes new proposals for academic progress, and additional academic strengthening will be completed between now and September through the Council of Deans and the Academic Council. The machinery is in existence for representative deliberation and action to provide for continuing review and updating in this all-important area.

2. The Associated Students, Western's student government organization, is completing its most successful year. I am confident that its future can be one of continuing effectiveness in contributing to student welfare within the institution.

3. The most comprehensive and the best budget in the history of Western has been completed and is ready to go into effect July 1.

4. An impressive number of advances in physical facilities during the year has now placed Western in a highly strengthened position for the future:

- Academic Complex, housing home economics,
health clinic, nursing, and television- - - - - completed
- Van Meter Hall Renovation - - - - - nearing completion
- Old Library Renovation
(Gordon Wilson Hall)- - - - - nearing completion
- Subsurface Master Plan Investigation- - - - - nearing completion
- Laboratory School - - - - - nearing completion
- Education Complex- - - - - nearing completion
- University Center- - - - - under construction
- 27-Story Dormitory- - - - - under construction
- Beautification of campus summit,
including old fort, and the addition
of upper- and lower-level plazas- - - - - under construction
- 1,000-Unit Parking Structure- - - - - contract being prepared
- Graduate Center- - - - - plans out for bids

Expansion of Alumni Center and
 Placement Bureau, including home
 for College Heights Foundation- - - - - scheduled for bids

Fine Arts Center- - - - - plans in final stage

Supply-Services Building- - - - - plans in final stage

The school year now drawing to a close has climaxed an extended period of progress, and Westerners everywhere have a right to be proud. I know better than anyone else that such progress could not have been made had it not been for the cooperative efforts of many groups and individuals.

The Regents who have served during this period of unprecedented expansion have had one continuing characteristic, that of vision. Without such vision, together with the wise counsel and leadership which have come from the Board, such progress would have been impossible.

Hundreds of members of the faculty and staff have given freely of their extra time and efforts and deserve unlimited credit for the advancements.

Thousands of students have made personal contributions over and above that which might have been expected, and their efforts have been a major force in Western's achievements.

Alumni in many places by providing support and cooperation have had great influence on the developments which have taken place.

The administrative staff leaders at Western have worked long and hard and deserve more credit than could ever be adequately expressed in words. I know of no other university president who has been more blessed with competent, responsible, and dedicated co-workers.

Countless friends of Western in all walks of life also have contributed significantly.

To each of you now serving on the Board of Regents, I express my deep and abiding appreciation. Western is most fortunate in having you as members of its governing board. You are not only an exceedingly capable governing body, but all of us who work with you know of your complete dedication. The spirit with which you have directed me and the many personal kindnesses that you have shown to me and to my wife magnify my gratitude as I submit this request to be relieved of the duties and responsibilities of the presidency.

I wish to mention one important agency within the university which needs attention. The College Heights Foundation since 1923 has been most valuable in the life of Western through its student loan program, its custodianship of scholarship funds, and its administration of other gifts for Western's benefit. While it continues to serve well, it is very much in need of redesign and updating so that it may render an even greater service in the future. The officers and Directors of the Foundation Board, of which I am chairman, fully recognize this need.

During the unexpired portion of my present term, I would be happy to remain active on a part-time basis for this purpose, if you should so desire. At the same time, should you so direct,

I would try to complete a project that would enable Western to be prepared for orderly expansion beyond its present Master Plan. You will recall that such a project is a recommendation in the President's Report of 1965. I regret that since 1965 I have not had the time to develop this additional long-range planning. Before undertaking these responsibilities, however, we would want to be away for a sufficient period of time to have a complete rest.

In a few days it will have been forty years since Dr. H. H. Cherry employed me and started my career at Western. In a few months I will have completed fourteen years as president of Western. Throughout all of these years and in every capacity in which I have served, it has been my privilege to have been associated with the finest people I could have ever known---- I have indeed been a fortunate man.

The Board members, who had been informed by the President earlier in the day of his plans to resign, again expressed their personal feelings of sorrow and regret over his decision.

Following lengthy discussion, Dr. McCormack moved that official response by the Board of Regents to President Thompson's statement of resignation be deferred until a called meeting of the Board could be arranged, preferably during the first half of the month of June. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert and carried unanimously.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Poland moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to represent the Board for the purpose of considering any and all matters brought about by the President's resignation-- for recommending an appropriate response and for recommending a plan for future actions of the Board relative to the resignation--and that the Executive Committee be requested to report to the Board at its next meeting the result of its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry and carried unanimously.

The noon hour having arrived, the Board members proceeded to the Executive Room in the Paul L. Garrett Student Center for luncheon, while President Thompson joined the faculty and staff for a meeting that had been called for 12:10 p. m. in the Ballroom of the Student Center so that they might be given the information firsthand by him.

The first item on the agenda after the luncheon break was a recommendation by Dr. Thompson for the establishment of a sixth college in the academic structure of the University. He stated that the recommendation

represented a sound organizational arrangement and an important advance in the area of academic affairs. The new college, which would be named the College of Applied Arts and Health Programs, would have the following functions:

1. To provide an organizational grouping for departments with programs which may be broadly classified in the category of applied arts; namely, the Departments of Home Economics, Military Science, and Library Science.
2. To further provide an organizational canopy for health programs presently offered by the University or projected to be developed. The Department of Nursing and the new Health Programs area, directed by Dr. Ronald Garvin, will fall within the purview of the new college.

Moreover, the College of Applied Arts and Health Programs will coordinate the development of new programs in the area of allied health professions when such new programs are justified and can be supported budgetarily. Although certain health-related courses or curricula may be offered under the auspices of departments in other colleges, the University will look to the new college for broad coordination of all such programs so that academic resources may be maximized.

The President stated that three of the five departments in this new college, the Department of Nursing, the Department of Library Science, and the Department of Military Science, are presently under the administrative direction of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Instruction. The Department of Home Economics will be transferred from the College of Education to the new college; and the Director of Health Programs, who is now under the direct supervision of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, will become responsible to the Dean of the new college.

Following discussion, Dr. McCormack moved for the establishment of the College of Applied Arts and Health Programs. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the President, the motion was made by Mr. Poland that Dr. William R. Hourigan, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Instruction, be made Dean of the College of Applied Arts and Health Programs and that his salary for the 1969-70 school year be adjusted to \$20,640, effective September 1. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry; and upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Aye: Keen, Poland, Gilbert, Embry, McCormack

Nay: None

Dr. Hourigan was invited to appear before the meeting at this time and was extended congratulations by the members of the Board.

A resolution for the expansion of the University Farm beef herd was presented by the Vice Chairman. After discussion and upon the recommendation of the President, Dr. Embry moved the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the University Farm and the Department of Agriculture desire to improve the University beef herd for teaching beef production and management, for attracting students to Western who have an interest in the beef industry, and to bring recognition to Western Kentucky University by having an outstanding herd of beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. J. D. Huggins, owner of Frenchbroad Farms, has one of the oldest Angus beef herds in the South, and the herd is known nationally as having outstanding blood lines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huggins has agreed to assist Western Kentucky University in the establishment of an Angus beef herd on the University Farm by transferring 20 females and a herd sire to the farm for a period of approximately four years; and

WHEREAS, the University Farm will provide all labor, facilities, and feed for the herd, place all bull calves on a performance testing program, and register all offspring; and

WHEREAS, the University Farm will receive in return one-half of the original herd of females at the close of the agreement, one-half of each calf crop, one-half of any animal sold during the period and all premium money won by the herd when shown.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University authorizes President Kelly Thompson or his delegated representative to enter into an agreement with Mr. J. D. Huggins which will carry out the essential elements of this Resolution.

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

The following resolution, as authorized by the Board in its meeting on April 23, was presented:

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Roy Martin of Wilmington, Delaware, has contributed generously over the years to the scholarship program at Western Kentucky University through the establishment of scholarship funds honoring five former members of the faculty under whom he studied while a student at the University; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished alumnus in January, 1969, graciously presented the University with another gift in the amount of \$9,081.81, the identification of which has not as yet been established; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin has displayed a continuing personal interest in the total program of the institution;

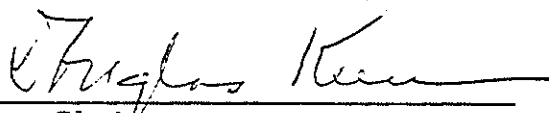
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University, in meeting on May 21, 1969, hereby expresses its profound appreciation to Mr. Martin for his friendship, loyalty, and generous support of the University and joins President Thompson in the hope that the donor will allow Western to identify the last-named gift as the "Charles Roy Martin Scholarship Fund."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of Western report in writing to Mr. Martin of the action hereby taken and of the feeling of pride and gratitude experienced by the Board over these munificent gifts, which evidence his confidence and trust in deserving college students and a bond of affection between the donor and the University.

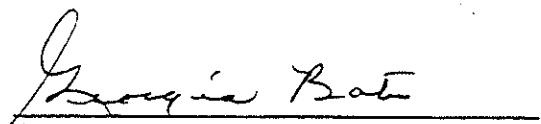
Dr. Gilbert moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poland and carried unanimously.

In other business, (1) Dr. Thompson informed the Board that Mr. Bemis Lawrence had accepted the invitation of the Board to represent Western, along with Mr. Keen and Mr. William E. Bivin, at the annual meeting of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, June 18-20, at the University of Miami; and (2) Wednesday, June 11, was selected as the date for the next meeting of the Board.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Poland, seconded by Dr. Gilbert, and carrying unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.



Vice Chairman



Secretary