

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
March 1, 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 Thursday, March 1, 1979, at 7:00 p. m., CST, 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.

The following members were present:

Dr. William G. Buckman  
Mr. Ronald W. Clark  
Mr. John David Cole  
Mr. Tom Emberton  
Mr. Michael N. Harreld  
Mr. Carroll Knicely  
Mr. William Kuegel  
Mr. Steven O. Thornton

Absent were Mr. Hugh Poland and Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer.

Appreciation was expressed by Chairman Cole for the presence of Miss Georgia Bates, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the College Heights Foundation and former longtime Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Also present were Dr. John D. Minton, President; Mr. Harry K. Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Sample, Secretary; 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 minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 1979, were presented by the Chairman. Motion was made by Mr. Kuegel and seconded by Mr. Knicely that the minutes be approved as presented without a reading inasmuch as copies had been mailed to the members on February 15, 1979, and were found to be in order. The motion carried by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda consisted of reports from two committees of the Board. Mr. Carroll Knicely, Chairman of the President's Residence Committee, serving with Mr. Sheffer and Mr. Emberton, read the following report on behalf of his committee:

"March 1, 1979  
REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON A RESIDENCE FOR THE PRESIDENT

The committee met in this room at 6:00 p.m., CST, upon proper written notice to members and to media organizations having filed requests for notice.

The Board of Regents created this committee in October of 1978 to look for a permanent home for occupancy by the President.

The Board of Regents has discussed the matter. The consensus is that it would serve the best interest of the University to acquire such a facility prior to selection of the next President, if at all possible.

In the mid-1960's, a president's home on the main campus was converted and expanded to an Alumni Center and offices for the College Heights Foundation. The University owned a house and lot located at 1536 State Street. It had been used as a temporary student center and emergency housing for women. It was renovated at a cost to the Foundation of \$10,000 in 1966 and since has served as a temporary home for the President.

At the time when the former president's home was converted and expanded to an Alumni Center and offices for the College Heights Foundation, the Foundation set aside \$75,000 (now in excess of \$97,000) to apply to the acquisition of a permanent president's home at some future date.

Various preliminary efforts have been made from time to time to either construct or purchase a suitable permanent home. In each such instance, the then existing market costs conditions were not deemed favorable. The Board of Regents has concluded that the need is immediate and urgent. Therefore, the limitations imposed by the timetable for approval by other state agencies of capital funding for University outright purchase or construction led the Board of Regents to adopt a Resolution on February 12, 1979, asking the College Heights Foundation to assist the University in meeting this emergency need.

Individual members of the committee and other members of the Board of Regents have explored and considered the possibilities. A house and lot have been located and the premises viewed by one or more Regents and by University staff members. It is deemed to be suitable for the stated purpose. An independent appraisal of value has been secured.

It is the recommendation of the committee:

1. That the Board of Regents request the College Heights Foundation to purchase the house and lot located at 1700 Chestnut Street at a price of \$165,000.
2. That the Board of Regents authorize the administrative officials to enter into arrangements with the Foundation, subject to final approval by the Bureau of Public Properties, Department of Finance, to:

- a. Rent the facility for use and occupancy by the President of Western Kentucky University for an amount equivalent to the Foundation's interest earnings on an amount of money representing the difference in the acquisition cost of \$165,000 and the fund that the Foundation set aside now amounting to a little over \$97,000; and
  - b. Incorporate provisions into the arrangements whereby the University will bear the costs of insurance coverages, improvements, and/or decorating determined to be needed, and to assume ongoing maintenance and care and upkeep of the house and lot.
3. That the Board of Regents express its sincere gratitude to the directors and officials of the College Heights Foundation for the cooperation and support of the University in this worthwhile endeavor, and express to them that University acquisition of ownership of such a facility is contemplated by the Master Plan for Campus Development and it is the objective of the Board of Regents to do so.

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/s/  
Carroll Knicely, Chairman

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/s/  
Tom Emberton

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Ronald G. Sheffer

Stating that the action described in the report was adopted by the ad hoc Committee on the President's Residence at a meeting attended by a majority of the committee members, Mr. Knicely moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuegel and carried by voice vote.

The next committee report was presented by Mr. Kuegel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, serving with Mr. Knicely, Vice Chairman, Dr. Buckman, and Mr. Harreld. The Finance Committee report in its entirety follows:

"March 1, 1979

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee met in this room at 6:30 p. m., CST, upon proper written notice to members and to media organizations having filed requests for notice.

Members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents are advised of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Residence for the President.

The cost of repairs, improvements, and decoration of the residence has been estimated on a preliminary basis to be approximately \$35,000. Annual rental costs under the proposed plan are estimated to be

approximately \$6,500. Routine maintenance and upkeep of the residence and grounds will be done by the University Physical Plant.

The Finance Committee has requested President John Minton to include the necessary annual costs of operating the residence in the 1979-80 Operating Budget. President Minton has also been requested to prepare a plan for financing the necessary repairs, improvements, and decoration.

The Finance Committee concurs in the recommendation made to the Board of Regents by the Ad Hoc Committee on a Residence for the President.

/s/  
William M. Kuegel, Chairman

/s/  
Carroll Knicely, Vice Chairman

/s/  
William G. Buckman

/s/  
Michael N. Harreld"

Mr. Kuegel stated that all members of the Finance Committee were present at the 6:30 p. m. meeting on March 1 and concurred in the action outlined in the report as presented, whereupon he moved the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harreld and carried by voice vote.

The reports of the two committees having been heard by members of the Board, Mr. Knicely moved that the Board of Regents approve and adopt in full the report from the ad hoc Committee on a Residence for the President, including the findings and recommendations therein, and the report from the Finance Committee and that both reports be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting as the action of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuegel. The roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Buckman, Clark, Cole, Emberton, Harreld, Knicely, Kuegel, Thornton

Nay: None

Following the roll call vote, Chairman Cole expressed appreciation to members of the Board of Regents who had worked untiringly to bring to a satisfactory conclusion the arrangements for the purchase of a home for the

President. In addition, appreciation was extended particularly to Miss Georgia Bates for her able assistance and to Jerry Parker, Herb Smith, Ralph Buchanan, and others.

The next item on the agenda was a report from the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a President. At this point in the meeting, Mr. Emberton, Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a President, made the motion that the Board move into closed session for the stated purpose under Bylaw D. 2. c. of discussion which might lead to the appointment of an individual to a position at the University, the reason being to protect the reputation of the individual persons involved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harreld and carried by voice vote. It was pointed out by the Chairman that Dr. Thomas Madron and Mrs. Rosalind Davis, members of the staff for the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a President, were present and available to join the Board members in the closed session if needed.

Upon returning to the meeting approximately 40 minutes 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 action was taken.

After returning to the open meeting, Dr. Minton reported to the Board on a number of items as summarized below:

1. Purchase of Hub Pizzeria Property - With the prior authorization of the Board and the approval of the appropriate state government agencies, purchase was made of the Hub Pizzeria property at 338 East 15th Street on Monday, February 26, 1979, by the Department of Finance at the price of \$98,000. The property was sold by the Master Commissioner of Warren Circuit Court at a judicially ordered public auction. It is the opinion of counsel that with the transfer of the title to the Commonwealth the issues that are the subject of appeal will become moot, inasmuch as an applicant for license must own the premises. Necessary procedural steps will be taken to conclude the litigation as soon as possible after the transfer is completed. The University is working in cooperation with the Department of Finance to close the transaction at the earliest possible date.
2. Student Recruitment - The admissions report for the month of February showed an increase in number over the February, 1978, report; and every effort is being made in the area of student recruitment.
3. Status of Construction Projects - The Kentucky Building is in the process of being occupied. The Agriculture Exposition Center is 120 days behind schedule. A meeting will be held on March 13 for discussion of the completion date with all parties concerned; completion is expected within the next 90 days, making the facility available for use at the beginning of the 1979 fall semester or earlier.

Under other business, Mr. Knicely reported that relative to accreditation by the American Council on Education for Journalism being sought by the Department of Journalism, the University site visit has been completed by the accrediting team. The preliminary report has gone to the committee where it will be forwarded to the full Council; the Council is expected to make its determination relative to accreditation in June. Dr. Minton indicated that the University is optimistic regarding accreditation and expressed appreciation to Mr. Knicely for his participation with the accreditation team while they were on campus.

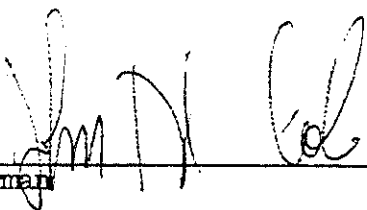
Dr. Minton further reported that the site visit for the Social Work Program has been completed by the Council on Social Work Education with the overall report being positive.

Mention was made by Dr. Buckman that George Wedding, a former photojournalism student at Western Kentucky University, had been chosen to receive a very coveted award for photography--the World Understanding Award.


There being no further business and after appreciation was expressed by the Chairman for the presence of the Board members at the meeting in view of their busy schedules, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

#### 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 March 1, 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, 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).

  
Chairman

  
Mary Sample, Secretary

  
Secretary