Minutes of Board Meeting

June 3, 1931.

The Board of Regents met in the office of President Cherry Wednesday afternoon, June 3, 1931. The roll was called and the following answered present: Superintendent W. C. Bell, Mr. M. O. Hughes, Mr. Sterrett Cuthbertson, Colonel E. B. Bassett and Judge M. E. Harlin. The minutes for the two previous meetings were then read and approved.

Mr. L. T. Smith was called into the meeting and asked to make a report concerning the need and desirability of the installation of a printing press, which he did. At the request of the Board he then retired in order to tabulate bids which had been received for this equipment.

Bids for the additional equipment needed for the Library were then read and discussed. The purchase of this equipment was necessitated because of the graduate work being offered by Western. Upon motion of Mr. Hughes with a second from Mr. Cuthbertson (all members voting in the affirmative upon roll call) it was agreed to make the recommended purchase amounting to $361.75 from the Library Bureau at once.

The bill amounting to $1250 of the Landscape Architect, Mr. Henry Wright, was then presented and, upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson with a second from Mr. Hughes, it was unanimously agreed upon roll call that this should be paid.

The question of a proper supply of drinking water for the various buildings was presented and discussed. Upon motion of Colonel Bassett with a second from Mr. Cuthbertson the Executive Committee was authorized to receive and assemble competitive bids for this necessary equipment with authority to make the purchase. The roll was called and the motion was unanimously passed.

During the discussion it was agreed that the water cooling system now in use in the Administration Building be taken to Snell Hall and a larger one be placed in its stead.

Dr. Cherry then presented the subject of needed equipment for other departments in addition to the Library in order to properly take care of the graduate work this summer. Upon motion of Mr. Hughes duly seconded and passed upon roll call, all voting in the affirmative, the Executive Committee was given the power to act in this matter.
Upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, with a second from Judge Harlin, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, it may be necessary in order to promptly meet the current expenses of the school during the summer and fall months of 1931, to anticipate our revenues by borrowing from banks a sufficient sum of money to meet these current obligations;

NOW, therefore, as occasion may arise, the Treasurer, Mr. Charles S. Nahm, is hereby instructed and authorized to borrow from bank or banks a sum of money not to exceed $75,000.00 at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum and to pledge the faith of this board and any collateral that we now possess or may possess at the time of executing said note or notes.

IT IS FURTHERMORE DIRECTED that any monies borrowed under this resolution must be repaid out of revenues collected by this institution during this biennial period or before July 1, 1932.

The purchase of additional amplifiers for use in the auditorium of the new Physical Education Building during the commencement exercises was reported. Upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson with a second from Colonel Bassett the purchase and installation of the amplifiers was approved upon roll call, all voting in the affirmative.

Colonel Bassett then asked to be allowed to make a statement concerning the achievements of the R.O.T.C. organization, calling attention to the fact the group from the small unit of this institution had made a national reputation. He suggested that resolutions of approval and appreciation should be prepared. Upon motion of Mr. Cuthbertson with a second from Judge Harlin, Colonel Bassett was requested to draft a resolution expressing approval and appreciation of the good work being done by Colonel Rothwell and that a copy of the resolution should be furnished the War Department.

It was moved by Colonel Bassett that the institution make available every opportunity and every additional facility that may be needed for the preparation of the representative of the R.O.T.C. who has been selected to go to Camp Perry to represent this institution in the National Contest for marksmanship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously passed.

A statement was made concerning treatment of the woodwork in some of the buildings on College Heights made necessary because of the injury being done by termites. Upon motion of Mr. Hughes with a
second from Judge Harlin and unanimously passed upon roll call, the Board approved the work that had already been done along this line and instructed that steps necessary for completing the work be taken.

President Cherry called attention to the fact that quite a number of additional books must be added to the Library in order to take care of the urgent needs of the school, whereupon Colonel Bassett moved that he be authorized to purchase books for the Library to an extent not to exceed $10,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously passed upon roll call.

As President Cherry was called from the meeting in order to meet some distinguished visitors who had just arrived, Mr. Cuthbertson then asked that Captain Davis be requested to make a statement concerning the erection of a President's home on College Heights, which he did. The fact was recalled that for a number of times during the past years the Board had earnestly desired to erect a home for the President but that each time Dr. Cherry had insisted that some other building was more needed. Mr. Cuthbertson now stated that the time had arrived when no more objections of President Cherry would be heard on this score. Colonel Bassett and Judge Harlin emphasized these statements. When President Cherry returned to the meeting he was informed that the Board was now agreed upon definite steps for the immediate erection of a President's home. Dr. Cherry now heartily entered into the decision of the Board stating that he thought the time had come when a spacious home was needed to properly advance the interest of the institution, referring to the fact that since the school had become so large there was no adequate reception hall where the proper social functions could be held and that the building as planned would give him an opportunity to receive large groups of students and to make personal contact with them in a way that would be almost essential in the conduct and development of the school in the future.

Upon motion of Mr. Hughes, Captain Davis was authorized to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the proposed President's home to cost not less than $30,000 with the understanding that, as soon as the bids are received, the Board should be called together for the purpose of opening and passing on them. The motion was seconded by Colonel Bassett and unanimously passed.

The Board then discussed the question of the construction of a swimming pool and agreed to visit later in the afternoon the possible location near the new Physical Education Building before determining the exact dimensions, etc.
After hearing the requested report of Mr. Le Tanae Smith upon the matter of a printing press for the Industrial Arts Department, the bids (which had been received, opened and tabulated) were considered. Upon motion of Mr. Hughes with a second from Mr. Cuthbertson it was agreed to accept the bid of the Bush-Krebs Company at an amount not to exceed $3,248.28. The roll was called and all voted in the affirmative, 

After visiting the contemplated location of the new swimming pool the Board agreed that Captain Davis should prepare the plans and specifications and receive bids to be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Regents for a swimming pool 110 x 50 feet also 120 x 60 feet and 150 x 75 feet.

The Board then adjourned.

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 7, 1931.

The Board of Regents met in the office of President Cherry at 10:00 o'clock on the morning of July 7, 1931. The roll was called and the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. There were present Mr. Sterrett Cuthbertson, vice-chairman, Judge M. E. Harlin, Mr. M. O. Hughes, and Colonel Basset, Regents, and President H. H. Cherry. At the suggestion of President Cherry and the request of the Regents Dr. F. C. Grise, the dean of the faculty, came before the Board for the purpose of making some statements concerning the development of the college and its future needs, dealing especially