The next item of business consisted of a report by President Thompson as to the desirability of establishing more "fringe" benefits for the faculty and staff at Western. He stated that it was his desire to set up as many fringe benefits as possible, both for the welfare of the Western group, and as a means of better competing in the future in the employment of top-flight faculty and staff members. He stated that he hoped to make some recommendations at a later meeting.

President Thompson reported to the Board that the Kentucky Statutes state that Board of Regents shall meet quarterly and that he would like to know the opinion of the Board regarding this. After a discussion, Mr. Spragens moved that since the President had brought to the attention of the Board that quarterly meetings are specified in the Statutes, the Board felt it was directory but not mandatory but that the Board should meet four times a year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lawrence and unanimously adopted.

On recommendation of the President Mr. Ezelle moved that "inasmuch as the football team is in Johnson City, Tennessee, where they will play East Tennessee State College tomorrow night, the Board send a telegram to the Coach and team." Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Ezelle and unanimously passed the meeting adjourned.

Minutes of Board Meeting
November 1, 1958

A called meeting of the Board of Regents was held in the President's Office on the Western campus, Saturday morning, November 1, 1958, at 9:00 A.M.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-chairman, Mr. Bemis Lawrence. Present for the meeting, in addition to Mr. Lawrence, were Dr. W. R. McCormack; Mr. Hugh Poland; Mr. Sam Ezelle; Mr. Robert Spragens and Mr. Douglas Keen.

Mr. Ezelle made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with, inasmuch as copies had been mailed to all members. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack and unanimously passed.
Mr. Lawrence stated that he would like to open the meeting by saying that he had arrived early and had personally toured the Western campus, and wanted to report to the other members of the Board that he had never seen it look so beautiful.

The Board then went into a thorough discussion of plans for securing an architect for the proposed new science building to be built on the Western campus. President Thompson reported that a committee, made up of representatives of the various science departments, had been at work for many weeks on a study relative to the proposed building. Following a discussion relative to architects, Mr. Ezelle moved that the Board recommend the firm of Merryweather-Marye and Associates at Lexington be employed as prime architects on the science building, and that the firm of Roberts and Johnson of Owensboro be recommended as associate architects. Mr. Ezelle’s motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack and was unanimously passed.

President Thompson reported to the Board that he had made a study relative to the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions, and felt that there might be some advantage to the College if the Western Board of Regents were to become affiliated with this organization. Following a discussion, Mr. Ezelle moved that the Board join the organization for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poland and was unanimously adopted.

General discussion of the College plans for employment of College personnel for the future, and other items of general interest to the welfare of the institution, took place before the Board adjourned to the Homecoming chapel assembly in VarMeter Auditorium.

The motion for adjournment was made by Dr. McCormack and seconded by Mr. Ezelle.

Minutes of Board Meeting
February 7, 1959

A meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College was held in Room 203 of the Kentucky Hotel, in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7, 1959.