

Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes - 1906

Danville, Ky., January 5, 1906

Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at President's office. Present: Frederick W. Hinitt, J. McCluskey Blayney, Lindsay H. Blanton, William L. Threlkeld, Charles C. Fox, George W. Welsh, and Robert T. Quisenberry.

The request of Mr. Anthony Dey to be permitted to assign to the Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Ky., his right of nominating in Centre College scholarships heretofore given by him, and have such assignment recognized by the College in order that some deserving young person may be benefitted thereby was granted, and the form of the paper to be executed was referred to the secretary and Mr. Robert. T. Quisenberry.

On motion, Dr. Alfred B. Nelson [*professor of mathematics*] was elected a full professor in Centre College at the salary of \$1,600 per annum from January 1, 1906, with the designation of the chair to be filled by President Hinitt.

Dr. Blanton presented an agreement dated June 14, 1905, with Mrs. Wilson Norfleet Johnson, concerning the portrait of her late husband, Sidney J. Johnson, which was presented to the University last June, and on motion Dr. Gelon H. Rout as president of the Board was authorized to sign same.

Mr. John A. Cheek, treasurer of the University, called the attention of the committee to the fact that he was not under bond, and on motion his bond was fixed at \$25,000, and the cost of same each year was ordered paid by the University. Mr. Robert T. Quisenberry was requested to cooperate with the Treasurer in selecting a company, and the bond, when executed, was directed filed with the Finance Committee.

The president of the Board of Trustees and the Secretary were authorized to sign, execute, and deliver on behalf of the University in connection with payment of the legacies of Mrs. S. P. Lees of New York.

The matter of the care of the Hardin Collegiate Institute was referred to a subcommittee consisting of Lindsay H. Blanton and Charles C. Fox with power to act.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Louisville, Ky., March 30, 1906

The Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met at the office of Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt in Louisville, Ky. Present: Gelon H. Rout, Frederick W. Hinitt, George W. Welsh, John G. Hunter, Thomas W. Bullitt, Francis R. Beattie, David M. Sweets, J. McCluskey Blayney, E. L. Warren, Lindsay H. Blanton, William L. Threlkeld, Charles C. Fox, and Edward W. C. Humphrey.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

1. Whereas Messrs. Henry and Sam Lyons, gentlemen who have spent forty years in business in Danville, have, in appreciation of the community and the work done by Centre College for education of young men, offered to this Board the sum of \$5,000, the same to be used in due time for the changing of the old library building [*Second Sayre Library*] into laboratories and other facilities for the Department of Biology with proper equipment.

2. That this Board accepts this gift for the purpose named, and hereby makes official acknowledgement of its appreciation of the same, and directs that the president of the Board sign these resolutions and that they be placed on the minutes.
3. That a suitable tablet be placed to commemorate this gift, and that the pictures of the Lyons brothers be placed in the building when ready for use as the biological department of the College.

A resolution was adopted requesting Hon. Thomas H. Swope of Kansas City, an alumnus of this College, to give favorable consideration to a proposition now before him for the erection of a building to be known as the Swope Engineering Hall and Laboratories.

On motion of Mr. Bullitt the following resolution was adopted.

1. The proposition and request of Walters Collegiate Institute now submitted meets the approval of the Board in its general plan and purpose.
2. That the matter is referred to the Executive Committee with full power to carry same into effect with such modifications as may be deemed necessary or desirable especially for the protection of Central University against claims by citizens of Madison County as mentioned in the agreement of the day of 1901.

A committee consisting of Thomas W. Bullitt and Charles C. Fox was appointed to prepare papers for submission of a proposition for the consideration of the Executive Committee concerning this matter.

Board adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary, Gelon H. Rout, President

Danville, Ky., April 2, 1906

Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at President's office. Present: J. McCluskey Blayney, Frederick W. Hinitt, Charles C. Fox, George W. Welsh, William L. Threlkeld, Lindsay H. Blanton, and Robert T. Quisenberry.

The proposition of the Walters Collegiate Institute of Richmond, Ky., presented to the Board of Trustees requesting the release of a lien on the real estate of said institute in Richmond, and which proposition was referred to a subcommittee consisting of Thomas W. Bullitt and Charles C. Fox, was presented to the Executive Committee with the agreement, as recommended by the subcommittee, which was as follows:

This agreement made the 2nd day of April, 1906, by and between Central University of Kentucky (hereinafter designated as Central University), party of the first part, and The Walters Collegiate Institute (hereinafter designated as the Institute), party of the second party, witness

1. Pursuant to an agreement bearing date the *[blank space]* day of *[blank space]* 1901, Central University of Kentucky by deed dated August 9, 1902, recorded in Deed Book 53, page 430, in the Madison County Court Clerk's Office, conveyed to the Walters Collegiate Institute the property in said deed described upon the terms and conditions therein set forth.
2. The Legislature of Kentucky, by an act entitled *An Act to establish a system of State Normal Schools in Kentucky; to divide the Commonwealth into two Normal School Districts; to create a Board of Regents for the general management of each School*, has provided for the establishment of two Normal Schools in the State of Kentucky, one in the eastern and one in the western part of the State.
3. It is desired by the Board of Trustees of the Walters Collegiate Institute, and by the people of Richmond and Madison County, to obtain the location of one of these Normal Schools in the city of Richmond,

and it is believed that it will contribute materially to the successful prosecution of that object if a portion of the property heretofore conveyed by Central University to the Walters Collegiate Institute shall be conveyed to the State for the establishment and maintenance of one of said Normal Schools.

Now in consideration of the premises and of the mutual undertakings of the parties hereto as herein expressed, it is agreed between them as follows, to wit:

1. Central University consents that the Walters Collegiate Institute may convey to the State of Kentucky, free of lien to Central University for use of one of said Normal Schools, all the College buildings of said institute, consisting of the main buildings, dormitory, gymnasium, preparatory building, the Akers building, and the entire campus excepting only so much thereof as is attached to the two professors' houses known as the Barbour and Logan houses as hereinafter mentioned.
2. The Institute agrees to convey to Central University the two houses above mentioned as the Barbour and Logan houses with the adjacent grounds, same to be and become a part of the endowment of Central University. The boundary of the grounds attached to the Barbour and Logan houses is as follows: Bounded on the north by Second Street, if extended; on the east by the Wilson property; on the west by the wire fence between the Barbour and Akers houses; and on the south by the Gibson line.
3. If the Walters Collegiate Institute shall be able to obtain the Normal School without conveying to the State the preparatory building, the Akers building and the grounds adjacent thereto, consisting of about eight acres, it shall be authorized so to do, but in that event Walters Collegiate Institute shall retain said grounds and buildings for the purposes of the Institute and shall continue and maintain such Institute on said grounds.
4. If in such case the Institute shall be able hereafter to arrange with the State to enlarge the Normal School and to increase its endowment or the amount given to its support by conveying to the State the said preparatory school and the Akers building it shall be authorized so to do.
5. If the Walters Collegiate Institute shall be continued as above provided for, it may by such amendment to its charter as shall meet the approval of its own Board of Trustees be re-organized in such manner as to reduce the number of the trustees to nine, who may become a self-perpetuating board, provided, however, that two-thirds of the said Board shall always be members of the Presbyterian Church, and that the first Board of Trustees shall be acceptable to Central University.
6. The Walters Collegiate Institute undertakes and agrees that at the time of accepting the conveyance from Central University hereinabove provided for, it will execute and deliver to Central University a bond signed by itself and by other persons jointly with it, undertaking and agreeing that they will jointly and severally protect Central University against any liability or obligation adjudged to be due from said University to any donors resident in Madison County at the time of their subscriptions or since to the endowment fund, location fund, or other fund of Central University of Kentucky, the reference last made being to Central University as it existed before the consolidation with Centre College, the object of this provision being to substitute said bond for the lien provided for in subsection 3 of Section V of the agreement of [blank space] day of [blank space] 1901 above mentioned. The co-obligors with The Walters Collegiate Institute in said bond shall be solvent persons, and acceptable to Central University.
7. Before the co-obligors of the Institute in the aforesaid bond shall be compelled to pay any money on account thereof, the two professors' houses known as the Barbour and Logan houses, together with such property as shall remain in The Walters Collegiate Institute, as herein above provided, or the proceeds of sale of said property shall be first applied to the satisfaction of any liability arising under said bond and said properties shall be ratably, according to their present value, subjected to such liability, provided, however, that if the representatives, heirs or assigns of the late S. P. Walters shall recover by legal proceedings any judgment against Central University, the special contract between Central University of Kentucky and the Walters Collegiate Institute, with references to such claim, (copy of which is attached hereto as a part hereof) shall continue and shall settle the relative amounts of such liability to be paid by Central University and, by the said Walters Collegiate Institute and in such event the signers of the bond hereinabove mentioned shall be liable to Central University for such portion of such liability adjudged in favor of the representatives, heirs or assigns of said S. P. Walters as under said contract would be borne by the property conveyed to the Walters Collegiate Institute by Central University, the object of this

provision being to substitute said bond for the property conveyed to Walters Collegiate Institute as the means of indemnifying Central University as against such claims in favor of Walters' estate. All property however still owned by Walters Collegiate Institute shall be first exhausted before calling upon said indemnitors for payment of money under said bond.

8. If The Walters Collegiate Institute shall convey to the State of Kentucky the Akers building and the preparatory building above mentioned free of the lien from Central University as provided for in said contract of the [blank space] day of [blank space] 1901, then the signers of the bond hereinabove mentioned shall be liable to indemnify Central University in the same manner and to the same extent as under this agreement Central University in any respect would have the right to look to its lien upon said property.
9. It is understood between the parties hereto that the Logan house and the Barbour house hereinabove mentioned have been leased by the Walters Collegiate Institute to J. F. Barrett, Principal of the Institute, until July 1, 1907, and the conveyance to Central University will be made subject to said lease, but if said lease to Mr. Barrett shall cease or determine prior to that date the property shall be thereupon delivered at once to Central University and in any event shall be so delivered at the expiration of such lease. The Institute shall likewise assign to Central University the benefit of all insurance on said property.
10. It is understood that this contract becomes effective and will become effective when it shall have been approved by the Synod of the Southern Presbyterian Church of Kentucky.
11. The deeds of conveyance and the bond hereinabove provided for shall be executed as promptly as can be done with convenience and deposited in escrow with Thomas W. Bullitt to be delivered when this agreement becomes effective according to its terms.

Witness the signatures and seals of the parties hereto this the day and year first above written.

On motion, the foregoing agreement was approved and directed to be signed by the president of the Board of Trustees.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., June 11, 1906

Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met in the Second Presbyterian Church of Danville, Ky., at 8:30 o'clock p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer. The members present were: Drs. Gelon H. Rout, J. McCluskey Blayney, Frederick W. Hinitt, Charles F. Thompson, Lindsay H. Blanton, E. L. Warren, Messrs. Edward W. C. Humphrey, Henry C. Read, Charles C. Fox, Thomas W. Bullitt, A. J. A. Alexander, George W. Welsh, John W. Yerkes, William L. Threlkeld, and Rev. David M. Sweets. The minutes of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee were read and approved as recorded. Reasons for absence from this meeting as submitted by Rev. John G. Hunter, D.D., William C. Condit, D. D., and J. Kinsey Smith, D.D., were sustained.

The President and Secretary were directed to write to Dr. Condit the congratulations of the Board on the celebration of his fortieth anniversary of his pastorate at Ashland, Ky.

The resignation of Rev. J. Kinsey Smith, D.D., as trustee was accepted. The Board took recess to meet at 9 o'clock a.m. at the Y.M.C.A. room in the Gymnasium.

June 12, 1906, 9 o'clock a.m.

Board met in the Gymnasium according to its adjournment.

A committee consisting of Dr. Blayney, Dr. Hinitt and Col. Bullitt were appointed to prepare a manual containing the charter of the University and such orders and regulations, as have been adopted by the Board for its own government.

The report of a committee appointed to confer with the principal of the Hardin Collegiate Institute at Elizabethtown, Ky. was placed on the docket.

The following members took the oath presented by the charter: Dr. Lindsay H. Blanton, Dr. J. McCluskey Blayne, Dr. Gelon H. Rout, Messrs. Robert T. Quisenberry and Edward W. C. Humphrey.

A committee of the citizens of Elizabethtown, consisting of Messrs. S. H. Bush and G. R. Smith, appeared before the Board. The report of the committee on the Hardin Institute was taken from the docket. The committee consisting of Messrs. Bush and Smith made a proposition about the control of said institution. The whole matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Fox, Bullitt, and Blanton to confer with the committee from Elizabethtown and report at this meeting of the Board.

Dr. Francis R. Beattie appeared and gave reasons for tardiness, which were sustained.

President Hinitt read his report, which was taken up and considered by the Board.

A committee consisting of Hon. John W. Yerkes, Dr. Frederick W. Hinitt, Dr. Francis R. Beattie, and Edward W. C. Humphrey were appointed to prepare a paper addressed to Mrs. Z. Y. Jacobs and her sisters setting forth the Board's appreciation of their concession about the Memorial Building for Scientific purposes to be known as the John C. and William C. Young Memorial Building [*Old Young Science Hall*].

The following recommendations of the President's report were adopted

1. Dr. T. Lindsey Blayne was elected to the full professorship of Modern Languages by the affirmative vote of 16 members, the vote being taken by ballot.
2. Dr. Friend E. Clark was continued as Professor of Chemistry at salary of \$1,600 for the ensuing year.
3. Mr. Maurice G. Fulton was continued as Professor of English for the ensuing year at salary of \$1,400.
4. Mr. Edwin B. Evans was continued as Instructor of Public Speaking and assistant to the Department of English at salary of \$1,100 for ensuing year.
5. Mr. William E. Johnston was employed as Director of Physical culture for the ensuing year at the salary of \$1,100, \$900 of which is to be paid from the College funds, and \$200 is to be paid from the funds of the Athletic Association.
6. The employment of assistants in the various departments was left in the hands and at the discretion of the President of the College.
7. That the requisitions for new equipment in the various scientific departments be left to the President in consultation with the heads of the departments, with the understanding that only equipment absolutely necessary to the effective work of the College be purchased this year.
8. That the Board approve of the plan offered by the President for the expansion of the equipment of the College by the erection of three new buildings as stated. That the Board approve and forward the plan now in operation for the completion of the fund of \$30,000.
9. That the President be authorized to investigate the matter of an architect, and in connection with the Executive Committee, to make a contract with him for the plans and specifications for three buildings, namely a library building to cost \$30,000, a dormitory to cost \$30,000, and a science building for physics and chemistry to cost \$35,000, the preliminary small scale plans to be made this summer.

On recommendation of the Faculty the following degrees were conferred:

Bachelor of Arts

Willoughby Francis Colton, Clay Hughes Cox, John Crawford Crenshaw, Thomas Nichols Faulconer, John Wellington Harlan, William Hall Hawkins, Walter Owsley Hopper, Donald Windsor McQueen, John Leslie Purdom, Clifton Rodes.

Bachelor of Science

Harry Graham Bright, Milton Myles Davis, Francis Flaig, Gerald Fenelon Hager

Master of Arts

Thomas Armstrong Hendricks, John William Phelps, Thomas Albright Stewart

The President's report was ordered printed and distributed among the alumni and friends of the University. Board took recess until 2 p.m. Board met at 2 o'clock p.m.

The special committee to confer with committee from Elizabethtown recommended that this Board agree to give up to the Elizabethtown people all its rights in the Hardin Collegiate Institute for a cash consideration of \$850, which was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read, approved, and ordered entered in the treasurer's book.

The thanks of the Board were returned to the Courier Journal Co. for free advertising during the past year.

The Vice President's report was read and received.

Prof. M. L. Giston was requested to make a statement about the S. P. Lees Institute.

The standing Committee on Honorary Degrees made the following report:

The Faculty of Centre College and of the College of Law, according to the regulations governing the action of the Board in regard to honorary degrees, has presented to your committee its report, which contains information and recommendations concerning certain names submitted for honorary degrees at this time. In regard to all of the names concerning which the Faculty makes a favorable recommendation, your committee does not think it wise to approve of this recommendation inasmuch as the gentleman in question is a member of this Board, and your committee does not deem it a sound policy for the Board to confer honorary degrees upon its own members.

Approving the recommendation of the Faculty of Centre College, the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on the following gentlemen: William K. Argo, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Allen G. Hall, LL.B., Nashville, Tennessee. Doctor of Divinity: Rev. Robert O. Kirkwood, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; Rev. J. Gray McAllister, President Hampden Sidney College, Virginia.

It was made a standing rule of which the Faculty of Centre College is to be notified, that no honorary degree shall be conferred on any member of this Board while serving as a trustee.

The Board declined to confer the degree of D.C.L. on Mr. D. Flatters of Boston, Massachusetts.

It was ordered that the income accruing on the S. P. Lees Institute fund during July and August be paid to Dr. Blanton to pay on the deficit of said institute for the year 1905-06.

The remuneration of Col. Thomas W. Bullitt for services in connection with certain law suits at Richmond and other legal services be referred to the Executive Committee for adjustment.

Report of the Dean of the College of Law was received. The following recommendations were approved.

1. That the present faculty be retained, all salaries to remain the same.
2. That the income of the school next session be applied first to the payment of current expenses and salaries for that session second to the cancellation of the remainder of the deficit in the payment of salaries for the session 1904-05
3. For the employment of additional members of the faculty, the purchase of books for the library, or otherwise as the President, Vice President, and Dean shall deem for the best interests of the school.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the \$850 to be received for the purchase of the Hardin Collegiate Institute to Dr. Lindsay H. Blanton for the purpose of reducing the debt of the S. P. Lees Institute.

The degree of Bachelor of Laws was conferred on the following graduates of the College of Law: William Barkley Alexander, Francis West Andrews, George Boswell Batterton, Edward Wester Creal, John G. Miller, Jr., Milt Silas Singleton, Thomas Albright Stewart, Hugh B. Tabb

Rev. W. Francis Irwin was elected a trustee in place of Dr. J. Kinsey Smith, resigned, to serve until meeting of Synod U.S.A.

Minutes read and approved, and Board took recess until 9:30 a.m.

June 13, 1906.

Board met at 9:30 a.m. in the Gymnasium.

In the absence of Dr. Gelon H. Rout, president of the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. McCluskey Blayney was authorized to sign the diplomas of the graduating classes. The Board took recess to meet after the Commencement exercises were concluded. After exercises in the College chapel, the Board met again.

The Board approved a deed releasing a lien on property previously conveyed to the Walters Collegiate Institute, and which deed of release had been authorized by the Executive Committee for the purpose of perfecting the title to a part of the ground conveyed to the Walters Collegiate, the same being conveyed to the State of Kentucky for a Normal School. The question of incorporating the non-sectarian section of the charter of Centre College into the present charter of Central University was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 11, 1907, at 9 o'clock a.m. in the Gymnasium.

John A. Cheek, Secretary, Gelon H. Rout, President

Danville, Ky., July 11, 1906

The Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at the Citizens National Bank of Danville, July 11, 1906, at 11:30 a.m. Present: J. McCluskey Blayney, Lindsay H. Blanton, George W. Welsh, and T. T. Thompson.

Dr. Blanton submitted letters from Messrs. Bush and Smith of Elizabethtown in regard to a contract made between the Board of Central University and said Bush and Smith at the meeting of the Board in June 1906. Said contract for the purchase of the Hardin Collegiate Institute was rejected by a meeting composed of a number of the citizens of Elizabethtown who had subscribed in the past to a fund to establish said Institute. Dr. Lindsay H. Blanton was authorized and empowered to

1. Take steps to cancel the leave of Prof. M. C. Marion on said Institute,
2. Purchase the interest of Prof. J. E. Austin in the dormitory at a sum not exceeding \$1,400,
3. Mortgage the dormitory for an amount sufficient to pay off Prof. Austin's claim, to put said building in complete repair, including insurance,
4. Lease the Hardin Collegiate Institute to some suitable person.

In regard to S. P. Lees Institute, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the mortgage on said Institute and all other indebtedness out of funds held by him for the account of said Institute before same is transferred to the Synod of Kentucky U.S., and as such funds are now invested he is authorized and directed to sell such part of said investment as is necessary to produce cash sufficient to pay all of said indebtedness.

Adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., September 1, 1906

Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at President's office in Danville, Ky.

Present: J. McCluskey Blayney, Lindsay H. Blanton, Charles T. Thompson, Charles C. Fox, William L. Threlkeld, Robert. T. Quisenberry, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

A communication from certain parties about opening a street on the west side of the College campus south of Walnut Street was read, and the whole matter was referred to a committee consisting of Blayney, Fox, Quisenberry and Hinitt with power to act.

Adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., November 27, 1906

Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at the President's office. Present: J. McCluskey Blayney, Lindsay H. Blanton, Charles C. Fox, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles T. Thompson, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

The committee appointed at the last meeting consisting of Blayney, Fox, Quisenberry, and Hinitt were empowered to open Russel Street to an intersection with the new street opened on the west of the campus known as Beatty Avenue, and to sell the lot cut off by said extension of Russell Street to James H. Gentry on such terms and conditions as may be agreed on with said Gentry.

The deed of Central University transferring the plant and buildings at Jackson, Ky., to the S. P. Lees Collegiate Institute was amended and approved, and the Treasurer was authorized to turn over to said S. P. Lees Institute, (being the corporation created under the direction of the Synod of Kentucky U.S. to receive said Institute), said deed and the balance of the securities held by Central University for the account of the S. P. Lees Institute, after sale of such securities as was necessary to liquidate and pay off all indebtedness of said Institute.

The thanks of this committee were voted to Dr. Lindsay H. Blanton for his faithful management of the affairs of the S. P. Lees Institute for many years.

A communication from Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt about legal fees due him was received and was placed on file. The committee asked time to consider same.

Adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary