

Centre College Board of Trustees – 1908

Danville, Ky., January 10, 1908

The Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at the Citizens National Bank of Danville, Ky. Present: J. McCluskey Blayney, George W. Welsh, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, Lindsay H. Blanton, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

The proposition of the faculty of the Hospital College of Medicine was on motion accepted and is as follows.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty of the Hospital College of Medicine, we submit to you the following proposition to wit:

1. That the contract under which the faculty leased the Hospital College on Chesnut Street between Floyd and Preston, dated the *[blank space]* day of *[blank space]* be set aside and held for naught, thereby releasing the faculty of the obligation to pay the rental therein provided for, and from the obligation to purchase the property, said property to be surrendered by the faculty on April 15, 1908, or at an earlier date if demanded by Central University.
2. In consideration thereof, the faculty will pay to the University rental at the rate prescribed by said contract up to said date of surrender.

The faculty of the Hospital College of Medicine further agrees to every way within its power to aid Central University in making sale of the said Hospital College building, and if when sold the property does not bring the sum of \$22,150, the faculty will share equally with Central University the loss of the difference between the sale price and said amount of \$22,150, this deficit, however, not to exceed \$5,000.

Signed L. S. McMurtry, president of Faculty, Philip F. Barbour, Secretary, H. H. Grant, Treasurer

On motion, the property was placed in the hands of Edward W. C. Humphrey for sale.

On motion, Gelon H. Rout, president of the Board, was authorized to sign a deed to James H. Gentry conveying a lot sold to him under the contract about opening Russell Street in Danville, Ky.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., March 10, 1908

The Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at the President's House in Danville, Ky. Present: J. McCluskey Blayney, Lindsay H. Blanton, George W. Welsh, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

Recommendations of the faculty of the Louisville and Hospital Medicine College were approved as follows.

"By action of the faculty, Dr. Taylor's chair was declared vacant and Dr. R. A. Bate was elected professor of materia medica and applied therapeutics. Dr. H. A. Davidson was elected professor of physiology and disease of women." and election made as requested.

Thanks of the University were to be given by the President to Mr. A. Dey for a law library presented to the College of Law, to Mr. Knott for geological specimens, and to the *Courier Journal* for free advertising.

On motion, the following rules for the retirement of professors in Centre College of Central University were adopted:

1. That professors of Centre College reaching the age of 65 shall be retired by his being placed on the retiring allowance of the Carnegie Foundation.
2. That a professor of Centre College having taught in College works for 25 years, and being incapacitated by illness or other cause from carrying the full work of his chair or department, shall be retired by being placed on the retiring allowance of the Carnegie Foundation.

Investigation about Hogsett Academy was referred to Mr. Charles C. Fox.

On motion, Mr. Robert T. Quisenberry was added to the building committee of the Young Science Hall.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds was authorized to settle the loss by fire to Breckinridge Hall.

On motion, the building committee was authorized to accept the bid of the Home Building Co. of Louisville for building the Young Memorial Science Hall.

On motion, the Finance Committee was authorized to provide the funds to make the payments as may be required by said contract, by sale of notes, securities, or loans as may seem to them best.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., April 27, 1908

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

Dr. Hinitt made a report about the retirement of certain professors on the Carnegie Foundation.

The recommendation of President Hinitt about an instructor in biology, philosophy, Biblical instruction and assistant in engineering was approved, and he was authorized to confer with suitable persons for these places.

On motion, President Hinitt was authorized to contract for wood working machinery to the extent of \$1,500 to be used in the new Young Science Hall.

On motion, the thanks of the committee were to be expressed to Mrs. William C. Roberts for the gift of the portrait of her husband, and a committee consisting of Dr. Hinitt, Dr. Blanton, and Mr. Quisenberry were appointed to see her about hanging it in the chapel.

On motion, the building committee of the Young Science Hall are to have charge of the rebuilding of Breckinridge Hall, and are authorized to secure plans and make contracts for same.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., June 9, 1908

The Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met in the gymnasium at 9:30 o'clock a.m., and was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Rev. G. H. Rout, D.D., and was opened with prayer by Dr. Harvey Glass. Rev. E. L. Warren, D.D., was asked to assist the Secretary in keeping the minutes. Members present were: Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D.D.; Rev. W. F. Irwin, D.D.; William L. Threlkeld; Rev. E. L. Warren, D.D.; Rev. Lindsay H. Blanton, D.D.; Rev. J. McCluskey Blayney, D.D.; Rev. Harvey Glass, D.D.; Edward W. C. Humphrey; Rev. Gelon H. Rout, D.D.; Robert. T. Quisenberry; Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.; Rev. John Barbour, D.D.; Henry C. Read; Rev. John G. Hunter, D.D.; and George W. Welsh. Reasons for absence of Col. Thomas W. Bullitt, James R. Barret, Dr. William C. Condit, and Hon. John W. Yerkes were presented and on motion sustained. The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and the called meeting held at Danville, November 6, 1907, were read and approved as recorded, and the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee were read to the Board.

Mr. John C. Bedinger of Richwood, Boone County, Ky., appeared and made a statement about a note for \$1,000 given by his father Daniel Bedinger, and on motion, the Treasurer was authorized to accept \$900 in full settlement of the note by way of compromise.

Charles C. Fox, Rev. David M. Sweets, and Dr. A. J. A. Alexander appeared as trustees and were enrolled.

Resignations of Dr. John C. Fales, Dr. James V. Logan, and Dr. Alfred B. Nelson were presented, and on motion accepted.

President Frederick W. Hinitt presented his report and having been considered the following recommendations were adopted.

Budget for the year 1908-09.

Estimated Income

Interest and Dividends	\$19,000.00
Workman Fund	\$333.00
Rents	\$4,500.00
Interest subscription notes	<u>\$350.00</u>
	\$24,000.00
Tuition and Fees	\$6,000.00
Room rents Breckinridge Hall	\$1,200.00
Diploma Fees	<u>\$225.00</u>
	\$31,608.00
Add for sundries	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
	\$32,808.00

Estimated Expenditures

Salaries

President and professors Redd, Clark, Crooks, Gordon, Blayney, Fulton, Cheek	\$15,900.00
Professor of biology	\$1,125.00
Professor Throckmorton	\$1,300.00
Field secretary	\$1,000.00
Fellows	\$750.00
Four assistants	\$1,250.00
Librarian	\$500.00

Treasurer	\$650.00
Secretary to president	\$400.00
Gymnasium instructor	\$800.00
Janitors (4)	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
	\$24,975.00

Expenses

Department of Chemistry	\$250.00
Department of Physics	\$250.00
Department of Biology	\$250.00
Library	\$100.00
Bonus to Academy	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$1,400.00

Miscellaneous

Catalog and printing	\$800.00
Postage, express and freight	\$175.00
Advertising	\$250.00
<i>Cento</i>	\$100.00
Telephone and telegraph	<u>\$60.00</u>
	\$1,385.00

Repairs, ordinary	\$1,500.00
Fuel, light, water, insurance, taxes	<u>\$1,600.00</u>
	\$3,100.00

Traveling expenses	\$600.00
Sundry	<u>\$800.00</u>
	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
	\$32,260.00

Following recommendations about Faculty were adopted.

Faculty

1. That Dr. John C. Fales, Dr. James V. Logan, and Dr. Alfred B. Nelson be elected professors emeritus in the Centre College.
2. That to signalize the retirement of these distinguished gentlemen, the President and Vice President of the Board be requested to make some appropriate remarks at the Commencement exercises.
3. That the work of the Department of Philosophy be conducted by the President of the University during the coming year.
4. That Prof. Frank L. Rainey be chosen as Professor of Biology, at \$1,500 the first year, with the addition of \$100 per year for two years, and eligibility to election as a full professor upon completion of his work for the degree of Ph.D.
5. That an assistant be secured by the President in mathematics and surveying, and that other assistants be secured as needed by the President, within the limits of the budget appropriations.
6. That the President be authorized to engage assistance for the library for the care of the library and completion of the catalogue, with an expenditure of \$500
7. That Dr. George G. Ramsey be engaged as field secretary until January 1, 1909, at the same salary, \$125 per month.

8. That Prof. Maurice G. Fulton be granted the full salary of \$1,700, but his election wait on the completion of his work for the Doctors degree.

Building Operations

1. That the Building Committee be continued to complete the contracts already made, and to finish the buildings as they are ready for use.
2. That when the Carnegie condition is met, the committee be authorized to proceed with the erection of the library within the limits of the appropriation \$30,000.

Graduates

The Faculty recommend for graduation the following.

Master of Arts

James Llewellyn Crenshaw, of Dermott, Ark., Chemistry and German; Logan Berry English, Cecilian, Ky., English and Chemistry; Edmund Shackelford Lee, Covington, Ky., Physics and Chemistry; William Lyne Starling, Hopkinsville, Ky., German and French

On recommendation of Faculty of Centre College the following degrees were conferred.

Bachelor of Arts

Harry Burton Boyd	Columbia, Georgia
Henry Lander Crockett	Carlisle, Ky.
William B. Enoch	Mt. Sterling, Ky.
Fred Aken Glass	Booneville, Ky.
Charles Kincaid Hay	Danville, Ky.
William Higgins Hopper	Stanford, Ky.
Edgar E. Hume	Frankfort, Ky.
Coleman Hamilton Lassing	Union, Ky.
DeWitt Collins Lee	Covington, Ky.
Robt. Caldwell McChord	Lebanon, Ky.
Bruning McConnell	Ashland, Ky.
Robert Gibson Richardson	Somerset, Ky.
Winchester Stewart	Owensboro, Ky.
William Henry Wadsworth	Maysville, Ky.
Thomas Graham Watkins	Louisville, Ky.
James Craddock Wood	Munfordville, Ky.
Albert Daniel Wingate	Danville, Ky.

Bachelor of Science

George Woodson Morris	Fulton, Ky.
Joseph Walker Wallingford	Maysville, Ky.
Howard Stewart Warner	Vicksburg, Mississippi

On recommendation of Committee of Board of Trustees on Degrees:

Doctor of Divinity

James Lapsley McKee	Kansas City, Missouri
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On motion, the rules of the Board were suspended and degree of Doctor of Laws were conferred on:

Dr. Baxter P. Fullerton	St. Louis, Missouri
Dr. J. R. Howerton	Lexington, Virginia

and remaining names recommended to the Board by the Faculty of Centre College were referred to the Committee on Degrees.

The new bylaw concerning election of trustees was adopted. In conformity with recent amendments to the charter, the Board proceeded to the election of trustees and fixing the expiration of their term of office, the vote being taken by ballot in each case.

Rev. Lindsay H. Blanton, D.D.; Rev. J. McCluskey Blayney, D.D.; Rev. Harvey Glass, D.D.; Edward W. C. Humphrey; Rev. Gelon H. Rout, D.D.; and Robert T. Quisenberry, Esq., were elected Trustees for one year, their terms expiring in 1909.

James R. Barret; Rev. William C. Condit, D.D.; Charles C. Fox; John W. Yerkes; Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.; and Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D., were elected trustees for two years, their terms expiring....

Rev. John Barbour, D.D.; Henry Clay Read, Esq.; Dr. A. J. A. Alexander; Rev. John G. Hunter, D.D.; John A. Simpson, Esq.; and George W. Welsh, Esq., were elected trustees for three years, their terms expiring....

Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D.D.; Thomas W. Bullitt; Rev. W. Francis Irwin, D.D.; Rev. Charles T. Thomson, D.D.; William L. Threlkeld, Esq.; and Rev. Edward L. Warren, D.D., were elected trustees, their terms expiring...

George W. Welsh and John A. Cheek, acting as tellers of the election, reported that each of the above named trustees had been elected by seventeen affirmative votes and they were declared elected for the terms as set forth.

On motion the Board took recess until 8 o'clock p.m.

The Board met at 8 o'clock p.m. in the Gymnasium and resumed business.

The Treasurer made his report, which was received and approved and on motion was ordered filed and recorded in the statement book.

A paper setting forth the legal services of Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt in behalf of the Board was presented, and on motion it was resolved that Board pay to Col. Bullitt \$2,000, and surrender to him his \$1,000 note dated January 9, 1897, and his \$500 unsigned subscription note dated July 1, 1902, in settlement of all legal services due him, and the secretary was instructed to communicate to Col. Bullitt the decision of the Board.

The religious condition of the College being discussed by Dr. Gelon H. Rout and Dr. Hinitt. On motion, the following paper presented by Dr. Barbour was referred to the Executive Committee. Resolved that the President be requested to arrange an annual conference in connection with an annual meeting at Commencement between the members of the Board and the members of the faculty looking towards the moral and the religious interests of the students.

A committee consisting of Welsh, Blayney, and Warren were appointed to assist the President in the completion of the Alumni Memorial dormitory fund.

Board took recess until 9:30 a.m.. Board met at gym at 9:30 a.m..

On motion, Dr. Hinitt, Dr. Hemphill, and Col. Bullitt were appointed to prepare a memorial setting forth the position of the Board to the two Synods of Kentucky to be presented to them at their next meetings.

The minutes were read and approved and the Board adjourned.

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

Danville, Ky., July 21, 1908

The Executive Committee of Central University met at president's office. Present: Blayney, Thomson, Blanton, Hemphill, Welsh, Threlkeld, Fox, and Hinitt.

On motion, the President was authorized to contract for wood working machinery and tools for the wood working department of Young Science Hall at a cost not exceeding \$1,500.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Lexington, Ky., October 13, 1908

Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met pursuant to a call issued, in Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Ky., at 11 o'clock a.m. There were present: Rev. Gelon H. Rout, D.D.; Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D.D.; Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt; Rev. W. Francis Irwin; William L. Threlkeld; Rev. Edward L. Warren, D.D.; Rev. Lindsay H. Blanton, D.D.; Rev. J. McCluskey Blayney, D.D.; Rev. Harvey Glass, D.D.; Edward W. C. Humphrey, Esq.; Rev. William C. Condit, D.D.; Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.; Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D.; Dr. A. J. A. Alexander. Meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Hinitt. In the absence of Mr. John A. Cheek, secretary, Rev. David M. Sweets, D.D., was elected secretary pro tem.

The following paper prepared by the committee appointed by the Board at its last meeting was on motion adopted and it was ordered that copies be forwarded to the Synod of Kentucky, U.S., and the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A.

"Whereas the Synod of Kentucky, U.S., by a large majority, and the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A., by a unanimous vote, at the meetings of their Synods held in October 1907 adopted the concurrent resolutions presented by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky authorizing the amendment of Articles 8 and 12 of the charter of the University in the terms of the concurrent resolution, and whereas the Board of Trustees of Central University in session at Danville, Ky., on November 6-7, 1907, two thirds of the members being present, voted unanimously, after full discussion, to amend the charter in the terms of the concurrent resolutions of the Synods, and completed the amendment of the charter according to the laws of the state of Kentucky governing the amendment of articles of association of incorporated companies and the certificate of the Secretary of State having been duly issued that the charter had been so amended, be it resolved:

1. The Trustees of Central University in assuming the charge thus committed to them by the Synods of Kentucky, hereby expresses their full realization of the trust reposed in them by the Synods, and their obligation to a faithful and wise discharge of their duties in the government of the institution.
2. They further desire to express their full appreciation of the history and traditions of the institution, its long life of service in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and its devotion to the maintenance and propagation of the truths of the Christian religion, and in this connection to pledge themselves to the perpetuation of these traditions, relations, and fundamental principles in the future of the institution. It is our earnest purpose and determination to guard the religious life and character of the institution and to develop its influence with the fundamental purpose of fidelity to the principles of Christian Education and in a relation of complete and vital sympathy with the Presbyterian Church. To accomplish this, the Trustees will spare no pains in the molding of its future, so that with the highest conceptions of

educational progress, there shall go hand in hand provision for true Christian culture under the influence of Christian teachers, and officers devoted to the progress of the kingdom of God. In order to this, the Bible will always have a place of honor in the curriculum, as it has today, and the administration of the University will be specially charged to realize the Christian ideals of its founders in the securing of definite results in terms of Christian life and service among its students.

3. The Board of Trustees hereby requests President Hinitt to attend the meetings of the Synod U.S. of Kentucky at Winchester, Ky., and the Synod of Kentucky U.S.A. at Frankfort, Ky., as the official representative of the Board, and requests that in respect to any matters affecting Central University, which may come before either of said Synods, Dr. Hinitt be fully heard as the representative of this Board.

On motion, it was ordered that President Hinitt present to each Synod a certified copy of the amendment to the charter made in accord with the actions of the Synods, whereby the Board becomes a self-perpetuating body.

The resignation of Dr. Charles T. Thomson as a trustee was read and action on it was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Dr. Hinitt gave notice of the following amendment to the bylaws, which lies over until the next meeting.

Notice is hereby given of an amendment to the bylaws of Centre College, Chapter 6, Article 4, which it is proposed to amend so as to read, "The Tuesday before the third Wednesday of September shall be the regular time for admission" instead of "The Tuesday before the second Wednesday of September shall be the regular time for admission", which lies over until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The minutes were read and approved and the Board adjourned.

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

Danville, Ky., November 20, 1908

The Executive Committee of Central University met at president's office. Present: Blayney, Blanton, Quisenberry, Fox, and Welsh and Hinitt.

The letter of John T. Shelby, attorney in the A. Miller cases, was referred to the Treasurer for conference with Mr. Shelby.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay salaries of the President and several of the professors monthly until April 1, 1909, and thereafter quarterly.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., December 8, 1908

Executive Committee of Central University met at President's office. Present: Welsh, Blanton, Fox, Quisenberry, Threlkeld, and Hinitt.

On motion, a proposition of the Danville Light, Power, and Traction Co. for furnishing electricity was accepted and contract approved.

The action of President in purchasing seats for Young Hall was approved. On motion, the maximum outlay in the purchase of electrical machinery was limited to \$2,000, and not exceeding 40 tables to cost not over \$6.00 each.

The bill of Welsh and Wiseman Co. for furniture for Breckinridge Hall \$979.40 was ordered paid by the Treasurer.

On motion, the Finance Committee was requested to devise ways of raising the money with which to pay amounts due on building contract for Young Hall and other bills.

Committee adjourned to meet on 1st Tuesday in January, 1909.

John A. Cheek, Secretary