

Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes - 1909

Danville, Ky., January 5, 1909

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

John A. Cheek reported sale of the three dwelling houses at Richmond, Ky. for \$15,000 to the State Normal School [Eastern Kentucky University] and 15 feet next to Mr. E. S. Turley to him for \$200, making \$15,200 for the whole property on which the three dwellings are situated, and chairman of this committee was authorized to execute a bond for a deed.

The lease of the warehouse in Richmond to Burnside and Robinson for \$600 per year was approved and John A. Cheek, Treasurer, authorized to sign the lease.

Mr. Edward W. C. Humphrey was requested to withdraw the Hospital College property from Presbytery, and place same in hands of some other real estate firm, and the faculty of the Hospital College be consulted in selecting the firm.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the amount due the state of Illinois on an inheritance tax on property left to Centre College by William C. Young, deceased, together with the attorneys' fees for ascertaining same.

On motion, a committee consisting of Welsh and Hinitt was appointed to report a plan for the prompt payment of bills in accordance with the bylaws. Messrs. Fox and Blanton were appointed as a committee to examine the Treasurer's vouchers already paid during this fiscal year.

On motion, a committee consisting of Dr. Hinitt, Dr. Blanton, and Quisenberry were appointed to investigate the question securing a boarding academy.

On motion, the committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., March 30, 1909

Executive Committee of Central University met at president's office. Present Dr. Hemphill, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, William L. Threlkeld, Lindsay H. Blanton, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

The fee of Jackson and Roberts, attorneys in the Mrs. S. A. Miller cases at Richmond, Ky., amounting to \$200 was ordered paid by the Treasurer.

John A. Cheek, treasurer, was authorized to settle by way of compromise the two notes of Mrs. S. A. Miller, \$2,000 and \$1,000 and interest in each case, for the sum of not less than \$1,250 equal to cash and a new note \$3,000 payable without interest at her death, same to be secured to his satisfaction by a mortgage on real estate.

A letter from the Louisville and Hospital College dated January 23, 1909, was received and ordered filed.

Dr. Hinitt reported a conversation had by him with the Louisville Dental College about their future relations with Central University, and he was requested to write and ask a definite statement to be submitted to the Board of Trustees in June.

Bill of H. S. and F. S. Osborne, attorneys, Chicago, Ill., amounting to \$38.25 for their attention to the inheritance tax case was ordered paid, and the Treasurer was authorized to express to Messrs. Osborne the thanks of the committee for their careful attention to this matter and their exceedingly moderate fee.

Treasurer was authorized to borrow from the National Bank of Kentucky the sum of \$15,000 at 5 percent, and pledge \$15,000 Mobile and Ohio Equipment bonds as security.

The committee approved the action of the Treasurer in borrowing \$10,000 from the Union National Bank, Louisville, Ky., and pledging \$10,000 Jeffersonville, Madison, and Indianapolis Railroad, second mortgage bonds, and borrowing \$5,000 from the Fidelity Trust Company of Louisville, Ky., and pledging \$5,000 New Orleans City and Lake bonds on same, and borrowing \$10,000 from the Citizens National Bank of Danville, Ky., and pledging \$10,000 Jeffersonville, Madison, and Indianapolis Railroad bonds, and he is authorized from time to time to renew these loans and to pay the interest on the same as it accrues and is called for by the banks.

The Treasurer presented a list of bills, which were read to the committee and ordered paid as soon as he had the money sufficient to pay same.

Committee adjourned to meet on April 20, 1909.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., May 12, 1909

Executive Committee of Central University met at president's office at 2 o'clock p.m. Present: Lindsay H. Blanton, William L. Threlkeld, Charles C. Fox, George W. Welsh, and Robert T. Quisenberry, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

On motion, George W. Welsh was elected temporary chairman of this committee. The Treasurer presented the matter of the lease of the Hospital College property in Louisville, and he was authorized to go to Louisville and try to effect a lease of same on best terms obtainable.

A letter from Willis and Todd of Shelbyville, Ky., concerning any claim of Central University, was placed in hands of the Treasurer, and he was authorized to go to Shelbyville and see them, and make arrangements to present to the executives a note of Joseph B. Cox for \$1,000.

On motion, Messrs. John T. Shelby and John A. Cheek, treasurer, were authorized to make a settlement of the two notes, \$2,000 and \$1,000, against Mrs. S. A. Miller by compromise, according to their best judgment.

On motion, Breckinridge Hall was offered for the use of the student conference to be held in Danville in June next.

John A. Cheek, secretary, was directed to furnish to Col. Bennett H. Young a certified copy of the action of the Executive Committee on October 11, 1907, submitting to the two Synods suitable resolutions authorizing and consenting to the amendment of the charter of Central University.

The Treasurer presented a list of bills amounting to \$9,918.50, and he was authorized to pay same as soon as certain ones received their final okay from the Building Committee, and he was authorized to borrow an additional sum of not exceeding \$5,000 with which to pay these bills, and the Treasurer is authorized to pledge securities now owned on this note.

The committee adjourned.

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

Danville, Ky., June 8, 1909

The Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met in the gymnasium at 9:30 o'clock a.m., and was opened with prayer by Dr. Blanton. There were present: Blanton, Humphrey, Rout, Quisenberry, Fox, Yerkes, Hinitt, Alexander, Welsh, Bullitt, Threlkeld, Warren. Letters were read from Drs. Condit, Sweets, Hunter, Hemphill, Thomson giving reasons for absence from this meeting of the Board, and on motion were sustained. Mr. H. L. Briggs, a notary public in and for Boyle County, Ky., administered the oath required by the charter to the twelve trustees present named above.

The minutes of the annual meeting of the Trustees held June 9, 1908, and the called meeting held October 13, 1908, were read and approved as recorded. The meetings of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting of the Board were read to the Board as recorded in this minute book.

Rev. Edward L. Warren was on motion appointed to assist the Secretary. Mr. Henry C. Read and Dr. John Barbour appeared and were enrolled.

A letter from Mrs. Robert P. Jacobs was read to the Board, and on motion of Mr. William L. Threlkeld was ordered spread on the minutes of the Board and the letter placed on file among valuable papers. The letter is as follows:

June 7th

Dr. Frederick W. Hinitt

My dear sir:

My sisters and I desire to express to you and through you to the Board of Trustees our appreciation of the beautiful memorial building, which you have erected to the memory of our father and brother, Drs. John C. and William C. Young. Our family have most earnestly desired the legacy left by Dr. William Young to be used as he thought he would wish in building a memorial chapel. We know that in his will this was not expressed, because he had expected to build this chapel with money promised him by Dr. Mutchmore. After talking with you and some members of the Board we were satisfied that the "Science Building" was more needed and would be more useful to the College, and that our brother would himself have made this change.

Since we have seen the splendid Hall we feel that no more fitting memorial could have been erected, and that the names and memory of our father and brother will forever be associated with the College, which they so dearly loved and for which they so faithfully worked. We especially thank you for the time and thought that you have given to this work, and we feel that the Hall will also be a memorial of your administration.

Sincerely yours,

Zillah Y. Jacobs

I wish also to add the names of my sisters who join with me in this word of thanks to you and the Board: Mary Y. Rout, Jane Y. Rutherford, Carrie Y. Douglass, Eugenia and Sally Lee Young.

Above is a copy of this letter.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

The President's report was read, and on motion received to be acted on seriatim later.

On motion, the Board took recess at 12 o'clock to visit Young Science Hall, and at 2 o'clock to meet in the Gymnasium building.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the Board met and resumed business. Rev. John G. Hunter appeared and was enrolled.

Recommendations of President's report were considered.

The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred by ballot on Rev. Rutherford Edwin Douglass of Macon, Georgia, and Rev. Henry Hays Sweets of Louisville, Ky., on recommendation of Committee on Degrees and previous recommendation of the Faculty.

Degrees in course conferred:

Master of Arts

John Palmer Darnall	Flemingsburg, Ky.
Edgar E. Hume	Frankfort, Ky.
DeWitt Collins Lee	Covington, Ky.
Shelton Hughes Watkins	Owensboro, Ky.
Thomas Graham Watkins	Louisville, Ky.

Bachelor of Arts

Grannis Bach	Jackson, Ky.
Hugh Cassiday	Elizabethtown, Ky.
Henry W. Cave	Paducah, Ky.
Gifford D. Collins	Lookout Mt., Tennessee
Milton M. Durham	Danville, Ky.
Lawrence W. Hager	Louisville, Ky.
Frederick I. S. Hess	Louisville, Ky.
Walter A. Hopkins	Wickliffe, Ky.
George F. Lee	Danville, Ky.
Madison J. Lee	Danville, Ky.
Jack Hynes McChord	Springfield, Ky.
Edward F. McConnell	Danville, Ky.
John Shuck McElroy	Springfield, Ky.
Lawrence I. McQueen	Shelbyville, Ky.
Samuel H. Miller	Richwood, Ky.
Malcolm D. Raworth	Vicksburg, Mississippi
Benjamin H. Sachs	Louisville, Ky.
Henry Shelton St.Clair	Louisville, Ky.
Fred Moore Vinson	Louisville, Ky.
Hugh Allen Voris	Burgin, Ky.
S. H. Watkins, Class of 1908	Owensboro, Ky.

On recommendation of Law Faculty:

Degree of LL.B.

William Breckinridge Ardery, Chester Bach, Alvin Hawes Clark, Nicholas Dickenson, Enwright Ernest, Lorraine Green, Jay Wellington Harlan, Estel Edward Owsley, Edward Franklin Voris, John James Wakefield, Jr.

The following recommendations of the President were approved by the Board:

1. That Assistant Prof. Stanley P. Farwell [*professor of electrical engineering*] be engaged for the coming session at salary of \$1,100.

2. That Prof. Maurice G. Fulton [*professor of English*] be continued the coming session, and be advised to complete his work for the Doctor's degree at the earliest possible date.
3. That the matter of the selection of a professor for the Department of Physics be left in the hands of the President, the selection to be reported in due time to the Executive Committee for its approval.
4. That the Board approve the change of the date of opening of College session.
5. That the offer of compromise of B. Magoffin be accepted.
6. That the Executive Committee be requested to adjust the relation of Louisville College of Dentistry to the University by bringing about separation.
7. That the Executive Committee investigate tuition.
8. That recommendations of Dean of Law School be adopted.
9. Establishing pathological laboratory and Executive Committee to act on as to pharmacy.
10. That budget presented herewith be adopted
11. That local representation on Executive Committee be enlarged from 5 to 6, and it was directed that the President being an ex officio member of the committee should be counted to determine a quorum.
12. That the Building Committee be continued.
13. That a special committee on endowment consisting of five members, to be selected by Dr. Hinitt, be appointed to advise and cooperate with the President in the development of his plans for the increase of the endowment.

Messrs. Read and Barbour were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees for next two years.

The Treasurer's report was received and approved and ordered recorded in the statement book.

The president of the Board of Trustees was authorized to sign deeds to Board of Regents of the Eastern Kentucky Normal School [*Eastern Kentucky University*] and Mr. E. S. Turley of Richmond, Ky., conveying to them the three professors' houses in Richmond, Ky., now owned by Central University facing the campus of the Normal School.

Board approved the report of the committee to nominate the members of the standing committees of the Board to hold office for two years as follows.

Executive Committee

George W. Welsh, Lindsay H. Blanton, William L. Threlkeld, Charles R. Hemphill, Charles C. Fox, Robert T. Quisenberry, and the member succeeding Dr. Blayney.

Finance Committee

Edward W. C. Humphrey, Charles C. Fox, Robert T. Quisenberry, George W. Welsh, and John A. Cheek.

Buildings and Grounds

Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, and George W. Welsh.

Morals and Discipline

W. Francis Irwin, William C. Condit, and A. J. A. Alexander.

Hon. Thomas W. Bullitt read from the minutes of proceedings of Synod of Kentucky, U.S., page 704, and moved that at this time we do not deem it wise to offer recommendations touching the matter.

The Board ordered that when it adjourns it shall be to meet on call of the President if he shall deem it wise to so meet, the time of meeting to be October 5, 1909, and the place to be named by the President.

The report of the Finance Committee, which is appended in typewritten copy, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Threlkeld, a committee of three consisting of Hinitt, Threlkeld, and Blanton were appointed to bring in a minute on the death of Dr. Blayney.

Board took recess until 9 o'clock a.m. next morning.

Board met at 9 o'clock a.m., June 9, 1909, and resumed business.

After reading the minutes, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 7, 1910, at 9 o'clock a.m., unless sooner called by the president of the Board of Trustees.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., June 26, 1909

Executive Committee of Central University of Ky. met at Farmers National Bank, Danville, Ky. Present: Welsh, Blanton, Quisenberry, Hinitt.

On motion, permission was granted to use the academy lot by placing thereon a tent to be used for speakers in the interest of temperance.

Prof. Newland F. Smith was engaged for the ensuing year as Professor of Physics at \$1,600 for first year, and if retained, at \$1,700 for second year, and after two years to be eligible for election by Board for full professorship.

Claim of B. C. Southwood for \$29 for extra services as plumber was allowed by way of compromise.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., July 16, 1909

Executive Committee met. Present: Welsh, Fox, Blanton, Quisenberry, and Hinitt. The resignation of M. G. Fulton was presented and accepted.

Dr. Hinitt was authorized to employ Prof. Stanley P. Farwell to put in new electrical apparatus in Young Hall.

On motion, the following action was taken:

Resolved, in order to prompt payment of accounts, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay claims not over \$50 in accordance with the bylaws of the University on the okay of the President of the University. Accounts presented to this meeting were directed paid, when they receive the okay of the President.

The letter of Col. Thomas W. Bullitt about expenses of the complaint of Col. Bennett H. Young was referred to the three members of this committee who are members of the Presbyterian Church U.S.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., October 9, 1909

Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky met at the Farmers National Bank, Danville, Ky. Present: Welsh, Quisenberry, Fox, Blanton, Hinitt.

Application of the chemistry department for \$111.96 was allowed, any excess over budget to be charged against the \$500 emergency fund. Bill of Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. \$153.77 was allowed.

Dr. Daniel L. Thomas was on motion elected Professor of English for the ensuing year at salary of \$1,600.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay all salaries under \$1,700 per annum monthly.

The committee authorized the Treasurer to accept \$300 as a compromise of the legacy left to Central University in the will of Mrs. Margaret Martin of Georgetown, Ky.

The following action was taken concerning the sale of a flat building on Huron Street in Chicago, Illinois.

Whereas by deed recorded in year 1899 Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky acquired title to the property located in Cook County, Illinois, described as lot twenty four (24) except the west two and three quarters (2 3/4) inches of the south fifty (50) feet thereof in block forty (40) in Ogdens addition to Chicago; and whereas said Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky by deed dated July 16, 1901, conveyed the property above described to John Stites, Trustee, on condition that the said Stites, Trustee, should convey said property to Central University of Kentucky as soon as same should be legally created and organized by consolidation of Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky located at Danville, Kentucky and Central University of Kentucky located at Richmond, Ky., and whereas said Stites as Trustee has never executed a conveyance of said property to Central University of Kentucky, and whereas on the 12th day of July 1909 the officers of the corporation entered into a written contract for the sale of the property above described to one Rocco Vitale at the price of \$6,800 (\$4,000 of which is payable five years (5) after date of said contract and secured by a purchase money mortgage of said premises) and whereas pursuant to said contract the President of Board of Trustees and the Secretary of Central University of Kentucky and the said John Stites as Trustee have executed a good and sufficient deed of conveyance to the said Rocco Vitale of the property above described: Now therefore be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the said Central University of Kentucky in meeting duly assembled that the said contract of sale and deed of conveyance to Rocco Vitale and the acts of the officers of this corporation and of the said John Stites as Trustee in executing the same be and they hereby are ratified and confirmed.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., November 30, 1909

Executive Committee of Central University of Ky. met at Farmers National Bank, Danville, Ky. Present: Welsh, Blanton, Fox, Quisenberry, Hinit.

Treasurer was authorized to Home Building Co. balance \$75.65, leaving a disputed claim of \$193 for hauling brick, which was referred to Messrs. Fox and Quisenberry as attorneys. Same attorneys were requested to prepare answer to letter of the executors of Mr. Kennedy of New York asking for copy of charter and other information.

Prof. Newland F. Smith was authorized to expend \$380 to best advantage in buying new apparatus, etc., for the physics department and \$85 for renewal of storage battery, this latter to be charged to general repairs in the budget.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary