

## **Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes - 1912**

### **Danville, Ky., January 5, 1912**

Executive Committee of Central University met at Farmers National Bank of Danville. Present: George W. Welsh, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, Charles R. Hemphill, Lindsay H. Blanton, John A. Cheek, and Frederick W. Hinitt.

On motion, President Hinitt was authorized to return to A. Y. Berry of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, his subscription note to the New Gymnasium fund on the payment of \$20 cash on same.

On motion, the bill of Danville Motor and Electric Co., amounting to \$110.26, was ordered paid, and the Treasurer was directed to enter same on his books to cost of construction of Young Hall.

The Secretary was directed to call meeting of Board of Trustees to meet at Theological Seminary in Louisville on January 30, 1912, at 9 o'clock a.m.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

### **Louisville, Ky., January 30, 1912**

The Board of Trustees of Central University met at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the meeting was opened with prayer. The following Trustees were present: Dr. Hemphill, Dr. Barbour, Dr. Hinitt, Dr. Sweets, Mr. Yerkes, Edward W. C. Humphrey, George W. Welsh, Dr. W. Francis Irwin, Dr. Warren, Dr. Blanton, Mr. Threlkeld and Mr. John A. Cheek. Reasons for absence of Mr. Robert T. Quisenberry were read and sustained.

On motion, the conditional gift of the General Education Board of \$50,000, dated October 27, 1911, was accepted, and this Board decided to try to comply with the conditions within the time limit. And Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, temporary president of the Board, was authorized to appoint seven members of this Board as a committee to canvass for funds and endowment. Dr. Hemphill offered the following paper which was adopted:

In undertaking this campaign for increased equipment and endowment, it is the hope of the Board to secure the means of carrying out its declared plan and policy of providing at once a Professor of Biblical Instruction and religious education in the College.

The following offered by Dr. Hinitt was adopted:

Resolved that the cordial thanks of the Board of Trustees be given to our honored colleague, Mr. John A. Cheek, for the handsome improvement to the College Athletic Field completed through the wish and bequest of his son Mr. Logan McKee Cheek, one of the younger and most esteemed alumni of Centre College, removed by what seems an untimely death; and that in his memory the field be named the Logan McKee Cheek Athletic Field.

Resolved that the subscription of \$3,500 of Mr. Louis H. Severance, of Cleveland, Ohio, to the endowment fund of the library of Central University be entered in the Treasurer's books in a separate entry as the Louis H. Severance Library Endowment, and that this fund, in accordance with the wishes of the donor, be permanently invested in good securities, stocks, bonds, or mortgages, the income of the fund to be used annually for the purchase of books for the Centre College Library under the direction of the President of the University, and the thanks of the Board are voted to Mr. Severance for this gift.

Resolved that when \$8,000 of the alumni subscription to the new gymnasium shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the College, the Building Committee shall be authorized to let a contract for the new gym building at a cost not to exceed \$17,000, and the Treasurer is authorized to secure when needed the sum of \$9,000 on the security of \$12,000 of subscription notes for the new gymnasium and the interest on this loan be paid regularly from the principal subscription fund until the funds thus borrowed shall be paid in full. The Executive Committee shall determine when these conditions have been complied with so that the Building committee may proceed.

Dr. Charles R. Hemphill as temporary president of the Board was authorized to appoint the following committee who are to make report to the June meeting of Board. Committee on Academy and College of Law; Committee on Fraternity Houses to be located on campus.

The question of tuition and other fees was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet in Danville, Ky., Tuesday, June 11th 1912 at 9:30 a.m.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

### **Danville, Ky., June 11, 1912**

Board of Trustees of Central University met in Breckinridge Hall. The roll was called and the following members were present. Charles R. Hemphill, W. F. Irwin, William L. Threlkeld, Lindsay H. Blanton, Edward W. C. Humphrey, Robert T. Quisenberry, Edward L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, Frederick W. Hinitt, John Barbour, George W. Welsh, and John A. Cheek.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Barbour, and in absence of Dr. Rout, president of the Board, Dr. Charles R. Hemphill was elected President pro tem. Dr. Gelon H. Rout was elected president of the Board, and John A. Cheek Secretary and Treasurer. On motion, Dr. Edward L. Warren was elected assistant secretary for this meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting on June 13, 1911, and meeting held on January 30, 1912, were read and approved as recorded. The minutes of the Executive Committee since last annual meeting were read for the information of the board.

Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, president pro tem, announced the membership of the following committees heretofore appointed by the Board.

#### Committee on raising endowment

Dr. Irwin, John Stites, William L. Threlkeld, David M. Sweets, John Barbour, George W. Welsh, and A. J. Alexander.

#### Committee on Fraternity Houses

David M. Sweets, John Stites, and William L. Threlkeld.

#### Committee on Academy & College of Law

Edward W. C. Humphrey, Charles C. Fox, and John A. Cheek.

Reasons for absence of Dr. A. J. Alexander, Hon. John W. Yerkes, Henry C. Read, James R. Barrett, John Stites, Dr. Charles T. Thompson, Dr. Gelon H. Rout and William C. Condit were presented and sustained. Mr. James R. Barrett and Dr. Charles T. Thomson presented their resignations as members of the Board. Dr. Harvey Glass and Dr. David M. Sweets appeared and were enrolled.

The President of the University presented his annual report, and after its reception the Board took recess until 2:30 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board resumed business.

On recommendation of President and Faculty the following degrees were conferred:

Degree of LL.D.

Rev. Benjamin L. Hobson, D.D., of Chicago.

Degree of Doctor of Divinity

Rev. John Van Lear, Rev. Jesse R. Zeigler

Degree of LL.B.

Herman Levi Arterberry, Hugh Timothy Arterberry, William Goodloe Combs, Bourland Benjamin Fowler, Conrad Foster Kirk, William Henry Lewis, Dewitt Collins Lee, Robert Gibson Low, Gordon Oliver McGee, Abisha Frank Tabb, Garnett Walker Tolin, William Clarence Wood, Harry Graham Bright

Bachelor of Arts

Robert D. Andrews, William L. Caldwell, John L. Dorsey, Richard J. Dosker, Charles A. Herndon, John C. Irvine, William C. McClure, Charles H. Nichols, Edgar M. Pogue, Edward F. Prichard, James K. Ramsey, Arthur W. Timony, Henry A. Webster

Bachelor of Science

Edgar F. Bates

Master of Arts

Harvey E. Martin, Horace W. Reid, William B. Todd, Caldwell R. Walker

On recommendation of the President,

1. The deed of gift of Louis H. Severance for \$3,500 for the endowment of the library was approved, and the President of the Board authorized to sign same.
2. The budget for 1912-13 was approved.
3. The \$8,000 insurance was paid on the Boyle Humphrey Gym be added to the building fund subscribed by alumni for the new gym, and that following and modifying the action of the Board at the January meeting when \$8,000 of this fund shall have been paid in, the Building Committee shall be empowered to let contract for the new gymnasium with \$22,500 as the limit of the cost of construction and completion of the building. In the amount shall not be included the use of any material that may be suitable from old building. The building shall be located on a new site near the Cheek Athletic Field, and the present site be reserved for another building. The local members of the Executive Committee not already on the Building Committee to be added to the Building Committee.

Committee on Preparatory and Law Department recommended that Dr. Hinitt be authorized to employ Prof. Leslie C. Bosley as principal of the Academy for the coming year at a salary of \$125 per month for 10 months and 12.5 percent of the tuition fees actually collected, which was adopted. And the question of the Law Department be referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Charles C. Fox presented a deed conveying the interest of Central University to the Hardin Collegiate Institute to Mr. W. C. Montgomery, which deed was at the request of the committee of the Synod of Kentucky, U.S., and same was authorized to be executed by Dr. Gelon H. Rout as president of this Board.

The Secretary read a communication from the Rev. W.S.P. Bryan, D.D., of Chicago relating to the University *Record* of May 1912. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the reception of the letter, and to say that in the opinion of the Board the communication calls for no action.

On motion, the president pro tem was authorized to sign the diplomas. Dr. Sweets of the Committee on Fraternity Houses made a verbal report and asked for further time.

Dr. Smith was asked to continue Y.M.C.A. works. Board took recess until 9:30 a.m.

Board met at 9:30 a.m.

Letter of Mr. L. H. Severance was read and placed on file. The deed of gift of Mr. Louis H. Severance is recorded in full on page 262.

Board adjourned.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

#### **July 11, 1912**

Executive Committee of Central University met at Farmers National Bank. Present: George W. Welsh, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles C. Fox, William L. Threlkeld, Charles R. Hemphill, Lindsay H. Blanton, Frederick W. Hinitt, and John A. Cheek.

On motion, the Treasurer John A. Cheek is authorized to release lein on mortgage notes on the records when same are paid in full.

George W. Welsh and John A. Cheek were appointed a committee with power to act in making an agreement with City of Danville about a sidewalk in front of the Academy on Walnut Street.

On motion of Dr. Hemphill, the facilities of the wood shop be made available for students in the Academy under regulations to be prepared by the President of the University, and with competent supervision and instruction. The fee to be \$5.00 for each semester, and student to be admitted only on payment of said fee. It is further ordered that Academy students are to have facilities in the new gymnasium, for which an extra fee to be hereafter fixed is to be charged.

On motion of Charles C. Fox, an assistant in the Academy was employed at \$900 for 10 months and compensation for an instructor in woodworking department was fixed at \$100.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to transfer \$2,500 on his books to the library fund, and charge same to the deficit account on his books. On motion, it is ordered that the income of the library fund be used in paying all expenses and salaries on account of operations of the present library of Centre College, and the balance to be used in paying general expenses.

Committee adjourned until next morning at 10:30.

Committee met at Breckinridge Hall.

On motion, for financial and other reasons the Law College was suspended for the coming year. All present voted aye, and the vote of Mr. Threlkeld was aye received over the telephone.

On motion, Dr. Hemphill and Dr. Hinitt were appointed a committee to investigate and report on the question of providing, for the coming college year, instruction in history, economics, and Bible.

On motion of Dr. Hemphill, the President is authorized to give a limited number of young men who are otherwise unable to prosecute a college course room rent in Breckinridge Hall, for which the young men are to render service to the College under direction of the President.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

**[No date shown]**

Executive Committee of Central University met at President's office. Present: George W. Welsh, Charles C. Fox, William L. Threlkeld, Robert T. Quisenberry, Frederick W. Hinitt, and John A. Cheek.

The resignation of Dr. Thomas Lindsay Blayney as Professor of Modern Languages was presented, and on motion accepted. A committee consisting of Dr. Hinitt and Dr. Hemphill was appointed to recommend to this committee a plan for providing instruction in this department for the coming year.

On motion, it was understood that rooms to accommodate the Y.M.C.A. and social features be included in the plans of the new year.

**November 20, 1912**

Executive Committee of Central University met at Farmers National Bank. Present: Welsh, Blanton, Fox, Hinitt, and Cheek.

On motion, Mr. Charles C. Fox was requested to visit Chicago and confer with Mr. H. J. Pert about the property in Chicago owned jointly with him.

On motion, it was ordered that a deed of gift similar to one executed to Mr. Louis H. Severance at last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees be executed and delivered to John A. Cheek as payment of his note of \$1,000 for the library fund.

**Danville, Ky., November 21, 1912**

The Executive Committee of Central University met at Farmers National Bank. Present: George W. Welsh, Lindsay H. Blanton, Charles C. Fox, Frederick W. Hinitt, and John A. Cheek.

On motion the following action was taken:

Whereas the Treasurer has collected subscriptions to the Alumni Memorial Library Fund amounting to \$ *[amount not shown]* and other gifts amounting to \$ *[amount not shown]* for endowment of the library have been secured and notes are in the hands of the Treasurer,

Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to invest the whole of this fund (not already invested ) in interest-bearing bonds, and that the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer certify the amount and description of said bonds to Mr. Andrew Carnegie as held by Central University of K. as the endowment fund of the library of Centre College and as the compliance on the part of Central University of Kentucky with the conditions of his gift of \$30,000 for a library building and necessary equipment for housing the library of Centre College.

Whereas in the soliciting and securing of the above subscriptions certain traveling and other expenses amounting to \$ *[amount not shown]* have been incurred and already paid by the Treasurer and charged to said fund on his books, and whereas there remains in his hands \$ *[amount not shown]* uncollected subscription notes, resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to advance out of the General Fund in his hands the amount of \$ *[amount not shown]* said expenses, which amount shall be a charge bearing 6% interest payable semi-annually against the subscription notes above named and also against the income of the Library fund until the whole of the amount \$ *[amount not shown]* advanced is recovered with interest to the General Fund.

Committee adjourned

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*