

Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes - 1914

Danville, Ky., June 10, 1914

Board of Trustees of Central University of Ky. met in the library building at 10 o'clock a.m. In the absence of the president of the Board, George W. Welsh was on motion elected temporary chairman. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Dr. J. S. Lyons. Members present were Charles C. Fox, Esq.; Hon. John W. Yerkes; Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt; Rev. David M. Sweets; Rev. John Barbour; George W. Welsh, Esq.; Rev. J. S. Lyons; Rev. Edward L. Warren; Edward W. C. Humphrey, Esq.; Rev. R. E. Douglas; Robert T. Quisenberry, and John A. Cheek, Esq. On motion, Rev. Edward L. Warren was elected assistant secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read, and on motion approved as recorded. Minutes of Executive Committee were read and approved.

On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to notify the committees of the Synods of Kentucky with a view to conference touching matters referred to them.

On motion, the Treasurer's report was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock p.m.

Dr. A. J. A. Alexander appeared, was enrolled and took his place as president of the Board. Reasons of absence of the following trustees from this meeting were sustained, viz. Billings, Barret, Stites, Threlkeld, and Irwin. Dr. Charles R. Hemphill and Hon. Richard P. Ernst appeared and were enrolled. All members present took the oath required by charter.

President Hinitt presented his annual report. In connection with the hearing of the President's report, Mr. P. C. Dix was invited to appear before the Board and give information with reference to Y.M.C.A. work in College.

Recess was taken to 3 o'clock p.m.

On resuming business at 3 o'clock p.m. the order of the day was postponed to hear the balance of the President's report.

A communication from the Alumni Association was referred to committee of which Dr. Charles R. Hemphill is chairman.

The report of the President being completed, was on motion received and placed on the docket.

The report of the Treasurer was taken up, considered, and action deferred until recommendatoin of President were acted on.

Paper offered by Charles C. Fox confirming land in Texas sold to M. L. Anderson and Morgan Williams was on motion adopted.

Bond of John A. Cheek as Treasurer with Samuel R. Cheek and Francis J. Cheek as sureties was approved.

President's report was taken up and recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That the Board appoint a special committee of three to consider the financial problem of the institution in all its phases, to consider the detail of a plan for a centennial endowment campaign, and report the whole matter to the Board.

2. That the equipment of the gymnasium [*Boyle-Humphrey Alumni Gymnasium*] and college union be referred to the Executive Committee, and the committee be authorized to make expenditures to the amount of the subscriptions secured for that purpose.
3. That special committee of the Board consisting of members of the Synod U.S. be appointed to represent the University in matter of the Workman Fund.
4. Arrangements for next year for Academy be referred to Prof. L. C. Bosley and the President, their arrangements to be reported to the Executive Committee.

As recommended by the Faculty the following degrees were conferred:

Bachelor of Arts

Charles B. Arnold, Francis J. Cheek, Willis G. Craig, Rudolph D. Gilcher, Joseph Hopper, Robert B. McDowell, Henry M. McClaskey, James T. Norris, William L. Newman, Roy Pepper, Thomas H. Rogers, John L. Salmon, Simeon K. Swope, Alexander M. Todd, George T. Turner, Richard V. Wood

Bachelor of Science

Sidney S. Ardery, Josiah E. Lee, George L. Ramsey

Master of Arts

Samuel F. Cox, William B. Guerrant, Ernest C. Miller

Doctor of Laws

Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D.

Doctor of Divinity

Prof. William Halloch Johnson, Ph.D.	Lincoln University, Pennsylvania
Rev. Hugh Leith	Covington, Ky.
Rev. Henry C. Garrison	Danville, Ky.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to borrow amounts from time to time not exceeding \$9,000 at rate of 6 percent per annum payable semiannually, for purpose of finishing paying for construction of new gymnasium, giving as security the subscription notes given for erection of the gymnasium, also the fire insurance policies on the gymnasium, and with authority to renew same from time to time. As fast as these subscription notes are collected the Treasurer is instructed to pay same on the notes hereby authorized.

Dr. Alexander and Mr. Quisenberry were excused from further attendance on the meeting. Dr. Hemphill was chosen temporary chairman. Recess was taken until 8 o'clock p.m., meeting to be held in Second Presbyterian Church.

Board met at 8 o'clock p.m. with Dr. Hemphill in the chair, and resumed consideration of the President's report.

5. That the Board reply to the proposal of the College Board giving thanks for the offer to cooperate in a campaign for endowment of the Bible chair, requesting that this institution be put on list for fall 1915.
6. That in view of the completion of the new buildings and increased cost of maintenance, the contingent fee be increased from \$16 to \$25 per session.
7. That the budget of expenditures suggested by the President be adopted.

8. That the Executive Committee be directed to hold monthly meetings, and that all expenditures in excess of \$100 be first authorized by the Executive Committee, and all bills be approved for payment before they are paid by the Treasurer; that all endowment funds be kept separate and reinvested as endowment; and that the Executive Committee be authorized to borrow as much as \$2,000 from time to time to pay current expenses.

9. That Prof. Henry Meier be employed as professor of modern languages for next session at salary of \$1,700 per year.

10. Letter of Dr. E. O. Guerrant was referred to Executive Committee.

11. That the Fall opening 1914 be changed to third Wednesday in September, and that the Faculty be permitted to arrange next commencement season with Commencement day on Wednesday,

12. That a special committee of the Board be appointed to prepare suitable memorial to the memory of Rev. Gelon H. Rout, D.D., former president of Board of Trustees and an honored alumnus of Centre College.

13. That a special committee of three be appointed to revise the bylaws, incorporating the changes that have been made, and to suggest an order of business for the meeting of the Board.

On motion, the following report offered by Dr. Hemphill, chairman of the committee, was adopted:

Resolved 1st, The Board of Trustees expresses the desire to comply with the request of the Alumni Association for representation in the membership of the Board; 2nd, In view of the difficulties growing out of the present charter and bylaw provisions, the committee is continued with instruction to report to the next meeting of the Board.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., September 5, 1914

Executive Committee of Central University of Ky. met at Library building. Present: Welsh, Quisenberry, Fox, Threlkeld, Cheek, and Hinitt.

On motion, bills presented by Treasurer were approved and ordered paid.

Letter from Mr. Val P. Collins was considered. By unanimous vote his claim was refused and Treasurer directed to return his subscription notes to him.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

September 8, 1914

Executive Committee of Central University met at library. Present: Welsh, Fox, Threlkeld, Quisenberry, Cheek, Hinitt.

Mr. J. L. Crenshaw, an alumnus of Centre College, was elected Professor of Chemistry at salary of \$1,700 for one year.

Order of materials for Chemistry Department from Waldenberg and Schaar was approved.

Dr. Hinitt and Mr. Cheek were appointed a committee to see Mrs. Dunn about board of students and terms of her lease of dwelling on campus.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Louisville, Ky., October 22, 1914

Board of Central University of Kentucky held a called meeting at Seelbach Hotel. Present: O. M. Billings, Charles C. Fox, Frederick W. Hinitt, David M. Sweets, John Barbour, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, W. Francis Irwin, J. S. Lyons, E. L. Warren, H. B. Fleece, Edward W. C. Humphrey, Robert T. Quisenberry, John A. Cheek, John Stites, William L. Threlkeld, A. J. A. Alexander. Mr. O. M. Billings and H. B. Fleece were sworn in as required by charter.

Dr. Frederick W. Hinitt presented his resignation as President and as a member of the Board to take effect January 1, 1915.

On motion of George W. Welsh, the resignations were accepted. Committee consisting of George W. Welsh, J. S. Lyons, and Richard P. Ernst were appointed to prepare suitable resolutions.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: That a committee of six be appointed to consider and recommend to the Board such name or names of men who may be suitable to fill the vacancy in the presidency of this institution. Board appointed Dr. Alexander, chairman, Dr. Irwin, Dr. Hemphill, Dr. Lyons, Mr. Ernst, Mr. Welsh.

Mr. Charles C. Fox gave notice of an amendment to the Article 3 of Chapter I of bylaws.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., November 4, 1914

Executive Committee of Central University met at library. Present: Welsh, Sweets, Alexander, Fox, Threlkeld, and Cheek.

Bills presented by Treasurer and approved for payment.

Treasurer was ordered to pay salary of Dr. Flippin at rate of \$1,900 per annum.

C. A. Nash of University of Cincinnati was employed for present college year as instructor in chemistry at salary of \$1,600 per annum.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., November 27, 1914

Executive Committee of Central University met in library building. Present: Welsh, Fox, Threlkeld, Quisenberry, and Cheek.

On motion, Dr. Hinitt was authorized to solicit \$15,000 to be used in rebuilding the gymnasium, making subscriptions binding when \$10,000 in solvent subscriptions are secured. *[on November 23, 1914, a fire completely gutted the new Boyle-Humphrey Alumni Gymnasium, along with the attached vacant Sayre Library]*

On motion, the Building and Grounds Committee, with John A. Cheek added to committee, were authorized to protect the walls of the gym, and to employ M. S. Pierce to do the work.

Bills presented by Treasurer were approved for payment.

John A. Cheek, Secretary