

Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes - 1915

Danville, January 5, 1915

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

Mrs. Mary A. Powers was employed as stenographer and assistant in president's office at salary of \$40 per month beginning at date of resignation of Miss Hinitt.

On motion of Mr. Fox the following action was taken: that the Dean of the Faculty shall discharge all the duties devolving on the President of the Institution until such time as the Board of Trustees may act in this matter, and that said Dean shall associate Prof. Charles Crooks with him in the discharge of all said duties.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., February 3, 1915

Executive Committee of Central University met at Library. Present: Alexander, Sweets, Fox, Quisenberry, and Cheek. Mr. Welsh being absent, Dr. Alexander was elected chairman of committee pro tem.

On motion, not exceeding \$50 was granted to College Y.M.C.A. to be expended under the advice and approval of Dr. Crooks.

The use of the main library room was granted to the local alumni association for giving their annual banquet.

Request of the librarian, Dr. John C. Fales, to be allowed to expend \$44.50 in purchases of cards he needed, was granted.

Question of assistants to Prof. Clarence Nash in Chemistry Department was referred to Dr. Redd and Dr. Crooks. Statement for new catalogue about scholarships was left to Dr. Charles Crooks and John Redd. Fees for coming year in chemistry was fixed at \$7.50 and for breakage at \$2.50.

Dr. W. Francis Irwin, Mr. John Stites, Dr. H. H. Sweets, and Dr. Edward L. Warren were requested to assist in raising money to be used in rebuilding the gym.

The following action was taken: the Executive Committee having found none of the reference books on the shelves of the reading room, and it being the unanimous judgment of this committee that these books should be in easy reach of the student body, requests that all reference books be placed on the shelves of the reading room. The Secretary is directed to hand to the librarian a copy of this action.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Louisville, Ky., April 15, 1915

Board of Trustees of Central University of Ky. met on call of President of the Board at the Theological Seminary Building. Present: John Barbour, H. C. Read, A. J. A. Alexander, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, W. Francis Irwin, J. S. Lyons, William L. Threlkeld, E. L. Warren, H. B. Fleece, Edward W. C. Humphrey, John A. Cheek, O. M. Billings, and David M. Sweets. Reasons for absence from Dr. Hemphill, Dr. Glass, and Dr. Douglas were presented and sustained. The resignation of Mr. Barret was presented and accepted.

The matter of scholarships was referred to the Executive Committee, and to the same committee the employment of an athletic coach.

Rev. Hugh Leith, D.D., was elected a trustee in place of Dr. Frederick W. Hinitt, resigned, and O. M. Billings, Charles C. Fox, John W. Yerkes, and David M. Sweets, whose terms expired in 1914, were re-elected for four years expiring in 1918.

Special committee to report suitable name for president presented the name of Rev. William A. Ganfield, D.D., of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

On motion of Fleece, second by Warren, the report of special committee was received. It was ordered that the committee be retained, and that no vote be taken within ten days from this date.

Board adjourned to meet May 5th 1915, in Louisville, Ky. at Theological Seminary Building.

Louisville, Ky., May 5, 1915

Board of Central University of Kentucky met pursuant to adjournment in Louisville, Ky. Present: John Barbour, A. J. A. Alexander, J. G. Hunter, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, W. Francis Irwin, J. S. Lyons, William L. Threlkeld, E. L. Warren, H. B. Fleece, Edward W. C. Humphrey, R. E. Douglas, John A. Cheek, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, Hugh Leith. Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, and Dr. Hugh Leith were sworn in as required by the Charter.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay M. C. Knapp \$1,400 in full for his services for current year ending July 1, 1915.

The following resolution was adopted: that the salary of the President be and is now fixed at \$3,000 per year payable as other salaries, and in addition he will have the President's House and garden and lot adjoining same, and also the services of a secretary, and all traveling expenses where traveling for the College.

On motion, a ballot vote was taken on name of William Arthur Ganfield for President of the University. He was declared elected and his election was made unanimous. The present committee was instructed to notify Dr. Ganfield, stating salary and terms.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Ky., June 9, 1915

Board of Trustees of Central University of Ky. met in the Library on campus at Danville, Ky. on Wednesday, June 9th 1915 at 9:30 A.M. Present: John Barbour, A. J. A. Alexander, J. G. Hunter, George W. Welsh, W. Francis Irwin, William L. Threlkeld, H. B. Fleece, Edward W. C. Humphrey, R. E. Douglas, Charles C. Fox, J. W. Yerkes, David M. Sweets, Robert T. Quisenberry, Charles R. Hemphill, Hugh Leith, and John A. Cheek.

Rev. William A. Ganfield, D.D., newly elected President of the University, was present by invitation of the Board. After prayer by Dr. Ganfield, the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board and of three called meetings, October 22, 1914, April 15, 1915, and May 5th 1915, were read and approved. The minutes of the Executive Committee held since the annual meeting of the Board in June 1914 were read and approved.

The special committee appointed to notify Dr. William A. Ganfield of his election to the presidency of Central University reported through Dr. A. J. A. Alexander, its chairman, that Dr. Ganfield had accepted, assuming the duties of the office from June 1, 1915. Dr. Ganfield addressed the Board, expressing his pleasure in taking up the

work, asking the heartiest sympathy and support of the members of the Board, and making suggestions as to the plans of work for the future.

On motion, the Executive Committee was empowered to act in matter of compensating Prof. John Redd and Prof. Charles Crooks for services rendered during the vacancy in the presidency.

A committee of the Alumni Association consisting of Emmet O'Neal, Nelson D. Rodes, and W. S. Glore appeared and presented a plan for recommendations by the association for filling vacancies on the Board.

On motion, the chair was directed to appoint a committee to nominate officers and standing committees of the Board as provided in the bylaws. The Board declared its approval of the general proposition of alumni representatives, and the previously appointed to confer with the Alumni Association was continued, with addition of Hon. John W. Yerkes.

On recommendation of the Faculty of Centre College degrees were conferred as follows:

(Names not shown in minutes)

Degree of LL.D. was conferred on Prof. Almond E. Spencer of Clinton, South Carolina.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to deposit 104 shares of the capital stock of the Louisville Bridge Co. with the committee consisting of John W. Barr, Jr., John Stites, and others, with authority given them to sell and dispose of same; and John A. Cheek, Treasurer of Central University of Ky., was authorized to assign and transfer the certificates representing the above mentioned shares of Louisville Bridge stocks, and to sign the corporate name of the University and affix the seal in making sale and transfer.

On motion of Mr. Threlkeld, the resolution fixing the salary of the President of the University at \$3,000 was reconsidered. It was then ordered that the salary of the President be fixed at \$3,500 per year.

On motion, the committee on Buildings and Grounds was authorized to make necessary repairs on the President's house after conference with Dr. Ganfield.

The report of Dr. Redd and Dr. Crooks, who by order of the Board, have discharged the duties connected with the President's office was presented and approved. The report of Prof. Bosley on the Academy was presented and approved.

The following presented by Mr. Charles C. Fox was adopted:

Resolved that hereafter the Treasurer of the College shall not collect fees for the Athletic Association, and that the statement hereafter published in the catalogue shall conform with this resolution.

On motion, the relations of the College to the Athletic Association was referred to the Executive Committee.

Report of librarian Dr. John C. Fales was received and filed.

Report of Dr. Redd and Dr. Crooks on the subject of scholarships was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Cheek, all students occupying rooms in Breckinridge Hall are required to pay for same in cash, and any compensation due to such students from the College will be paid by treasurer's check.

President Ganfield was empowered to employ help of students for canvassing this summer. On motion, the chairman appointed Messrs. Threlkeld, Cheek & Fleece a committee to prepare an order of business for the Board.

A communication of a special committee of the Synod of Ky. U.S. was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

A plan proposed by Dr. Ganfield for securing a "sustaining fund" to avoid deficits was referred to the Executive Committee.

Report of the nominating committee recommended that all officers and standing committees of Board be continued for two years as provided in the Bylaws, was adopted.

The following trustees, whose term expires in 1915, were re-elected for four years, viz., John Barbour, H. C. Read, A. J. A. Alexander, J.G. Hunter, Richard P. Ernst, and George W. Welsh.

Board adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a.m. June 10, 1915.

Trustees met pursuant to adjournment, and in absence of president, Dr. Charles R. Hemphill was called to the chair.

Special committee to prepare an order of business made following report, which was adopted.

Order of Business of Board of Trustees

Invocation

Calling of Roll

Reading of Minutes of Board

Reading of communications

Reading of Minutes of the Executive Committee and of other committees

Treasurer's statement

Discussion

President's annual report and recommendations

Discussion

Reports of standing committees

Reports of special committees

Election of Trustees

Appointment of regular and special committees

Unfinished Business

New Business

Dr. W. Francis Irwin was appointed to represent this Board at the inauguration of Dr. Frederick W. Hinitt as President of Washington & Jefferson College.

Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, acting as President of this Board, was authorized to sign diplomas. Method of conferring honorary degrees was referred to Executive Committee.

Dr. Hemphill was appointed to prepare memorials of Drs. Lindsay H. Blanton and Gelon Rout.

Board adjourned to meet on call of chairman.