

Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 6 - 1918)

Danville, Kentucky March 31, 1918

The Executive Committee met at the library. Present, A.J.A. Alexander, George Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, W.L. Threlkeld, David M. Sweets, Charles C. Fox, John A. Cheek, and William A. Ganfield.

Dr. Ganfield was authorized to use his judgement in fixing date of commencement. Motion that the date of meeting be fixed on Friday preceding the date fixed for commencement.

On motion, it was recommended that the Board of Trustees confer the degree of D.D. upon Rev. B.J. Bush and Rev. Eugene Bell, and the degree of LL.D. upon Dr. J.L. Cotton.

A scholarship in the name of Kenney, claimed by his daughter Mrs. Risque, was purchased for \$250 and cancelled.

The following resolution was passed: Whereas the contract with the Louisville Dental College has expired, a committee of two consisting of Mr. Charles C. Fox and President William A. Ganfield was appointed to ascertain the exact status of the relation of the Louisville College of Dentistry to Central University, and to take all measures necessary to the formal and final and conclusive termination of any contract or compact between said two institutions, and to give all requisite notice of such termination to the Louisville College of Dentistry.

Dr. Daniel Thomas [*professor of English*] was authorized to prepare for publication a history of Centre College under the direction of the Committee on Publication of the Faculty.

On motion, John A. Cheek was added to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. On motion, Richard P. Ernst was added to the Executive Committee.

The proposed improvement to the President's house and plat of lots on Maple Avenue was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

As a preliminary Committee on Arrangements for the celebration of the centennial, the Board appointed Dr. Alexander, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Ernst, A.G. Whitley, David M. Sweets, and A.P. Humphrey.

Adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

May 1, 1918

The Executive Committee of Central University met at the Library and was opened by prayer by Dr. Ganfield. Present, A.J.A. Alexander, Charles C. Fox, George Welsh, David M. Sweets, John A. Cheek, and Dr. Ganfield.

On motion, Dr. Ganfield was authorized to notify the parties who receive LL.D. and D.D. degrees to be present at the Commencement and receive degrees.

Motion was carried that Committee on Buildings and Grounds be requested to report to the Board whether any repairs to Main Building [*Old Main*], especially chapel and President's house, can be made at this time; Dr. Ganfield to act with committee.

Recommendation that if the Board of Trustees can see its way clear to do so, that it increase salaries of professors to \$1,800, and to raise a fund for the purpose of paying an additional \$200 during the war.

Adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Kentucky May 31, 1918

The Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky met in the Library Building of the College in Danville, Kentucky at 9:30 A.M. Prayer was offered by the rev. E.L. Warren, D.D. There were present the following members of the Board of Trustees: Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, president of the Board, Dr. E.L. Warren, Hon. John W. Yerkes, Dr. David M. Sweets, Henry C. Read, Dr. J.C. Hunter, Richard O. Ernst, George W. Welsh, Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, Dr. J. Rice Cowan, Dr. J.S. Lyons, W. L. Threlkeld, Hon. J.T. Tunis, Dr. Philip F. Barbour, Dr. R.E. Douglas, Col. C.E. Hoge, John A. Cheek, G. Oscar Letcher, Dr. John Barbour, Charles C. Fox, and Hugh B. Fleece. Mr. Ernst presented reasons for absence of Rev. Hugh Leith: He was detained at home on account of a death in his congregation.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the trustees, and the meeting of the trustees held in Louisville in October 1917, were read and approved as recorded. The minutes of meetings of Executive Committee held during the past year were read and approved.

Dr. William A. Ganfield, President of the College, was present and invited to sit with the Board. On motion, it was made a standing order that Dr. Ganfield be invited to sit with the Board at all times during its meetings.

The Treasurer presented his annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the income of the College, and also read to the Board a list of the securities held by him for the account of the College, all of which on motion was approved.

Dr. Ganfield, as President, presented his report of the year's work of the College. The report of the Faculty was presented by Dr. Ganfield, recommending that the following degrees be conferred on members of the senior class, to wit:

Bachelor of Arts

Harvey Johnson Alexander
James Cooke Cooper
Alfred J. Lowe
John Frank McWhorter
John C. Rogers
Samuel Wiener Winebrenner
Winston Welsh Wiseman

Bachelor of Science

John Breckinridge Ardery
John Albert Carnagey, Jr
Koshin Hamanaka

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Laws: Jesse Lee Cotton

Doctor of Divinity: Eugene Bell, Benjamin Bush

On motion, the Faculty was authorized to accept such credits for war work done by students as in their judgment was wise.

On recommendation of the Faculty, the degree of B.S. was conferred on Mr. John Rogers and Mr. Winston W. Wiseman, Jr. as members of the class of 1917, for work done in war service.

The following honorary degrees were conferred upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, namely:

Doctor of Laws: Jesse Lee Cotton

Doctor of Divinity: Eugene Bell and Benjamin Bush

The Board waived its rule requiring the presence of the recipient of honorary degrees in the case of the Rev. Eugene Bell, because of his residence in Korea.

On recommendation of the Executive Committee, the salary of the professors in Centre College was increased from \$1,700 to \$1,800 per annum, the increase to begin with October 1, 1918, the salaries being payable monthly as is done at the present.

The Board decided to make a special effort to raise a fund to provide a bonus during the term of the war to be used in adding to the salaries of the several professors in actual services, and expressed the hope that such bonus may reach at least \$200 additional in each year.

On motion, the salary of Miss Lyda Woods as assistant to the President was increased from \$900 to \$1,200 a year, the increase to begin with the month of June 1918. The President and members of the Board expressed their sincere appreciation of the services of Miss Woods.

A communication from the Alumni Association was read, recommending Mr. Lewis C. Humphrey of the Class of 1896 for election to the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Alumni Association.

The matter of the sale of the part of the campus fronting on Maple Avenue between Walnut and Main Streets, was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Executive Committee was directed to consider what, if any, changes or repairs should be made in the building known as Old Centre adjoining the President's house. This action is taken in view of the approaching centennial of Centre College in 1919.

Recess was taken for fifteen minutes to allow nominating committee to make nominations for members of the Board whose term have expired or are about to expire.

On reassembling, the committee no. 1 made the following nominations; Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, and Gibney Oscar Letcher, whose terms expire in 1918 to succeed themselves for a term of four years. Committee no. 2 nominated Rev. E.L. Warren, Hon. John W. Yerkes and Rev. Hugh Leith, whose terms expire in 1918 for a term of four years to succeed themselves. Committee no. 2 also recommended that Mr. Lewis C. Humphrey be elected a trustee to fill the first vacancy that may occur in any class of trustees nominated by committee no. 2. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominations made as hereinbefore stated. The Secretary reported and the election was unanimous.

Members of the class expiring 1918, and Col. C.E. Hoge of the class expiring 1921, took the oath of office as required by the charter of the College.

Recess taken until 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board resumed session in the gymnasium, and entered into an informal discussion concerning the importance of raising additional endowment for the College. On motion, President Ganfield and Dr. Alexander were appointed a campaign committee with power to add additional members to the campaign committee. On motion, it was decided that not less than \$250,000 should be raised for additional endowment.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the president of the Board of Trustees.

Adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary

Danville, Kentucky July 2, 1918

Executive Committee of Central University of Kentucky, met at the library building. Present, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, David M. Sweets, Charles C. Fox, John A. Cheek, Richard P. Ernst, and William A. Ganfield.

Owing to the election of Professor Bosley as superintendent of the Graded Schools of the City of Danville, and his resignation as the principal of the Academy of Centre College, on motion it was decided to discontinue the Academy.

President Ganfield notified the committee that Dr. Daniel L. Thomas [*professor of English*] had decided to take a leave of absence for one year on account of his entrance into war work. On motion, Dr. Ganfield was authorized to secure the services of Mr. John T. Price, a graduate of Centre College, as an instructor in the Department of English for the coming year.

On motion, the question of what repairs should be made to the inside of the Main Building [*Old Main*], and especially such repairs as are to be made to the chapel in that building, was referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds with power to act.

The following action was taken under authority conferred by the Board of Trustees: Messrs. Welsh, Cheek, and Fox were constituted a committee, and authorized to offer for sale the west end of the old campus facing on Maple Avenue between Walnut and Main Streets, on the following terms, to wit: Any and all bids that are not satisfactory to be rejected. Restrictions with reference to building, etc., are to be decided by said committee and incorporated in the deeds, should sale be made.

Committee adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary of Executive Committee

Louisville, Kentucky December 17, 1918

The Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky, met on call of the President of the Board, at the Seelbach Hotel, and was opened with prayer. Members present were, A.J. Alexander, Charles R. Hemphill, Phillip F. Barbour, David M. Sweets, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, C.E. Hoge, E.L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, William L. Threlkeld, John A. Cheek, Hugh B. Fleece, John Barbour, John Stites, C.D. Gates, and Lewis C. Humphrey.

Hon. John W. Yerkes, member of the class expiring 1918, having tendered his resignation, Mr. Lewis C. Humphrey, who was elected a member of the Board at the last annual meeting, was assigned to this class, making his term of office expire 1922. Mr. Humphrey having taken the oath of office required by the charter before a notary of Jefferson County, presented himself as a member of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, Mr. John A. Cheek, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees, was authorized to sign a contract of lease and sale of the undivided interest of Central University in a lot in Chicago, Illinois, on the corner of Sheffield and Addison Streets, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and counsel.

Mr. Charles C. Fox having been requested by the Executive Committee to report to the Board of Trustees, what in his judgement would be the legal liability or responsibility, if any, in the event of the change of the name of Central University of Kentucky to Centre College of Kentucky, stated as far as he could get information on the subject, that he could not find that the change of the name would impose upon Central University of Kentucky any additional liability or responsibility than what they now have. "If any person ever made a donation to Central University of Kentucky conditioned on its retaining that name, I cannot find or hear of such a donation and it is my belief and judgement that the name can be changed to that of Centre College of Kentucky without imposing any legal liability or responsibility on the College other than they now have."

Respectfully reported this December 14, 1918, Charles . C. Fox

On motion of Mr. Charles C. Fox, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the sixteen members of the Board of Trustees present.

Be it resolved that the name of our institution be changed from that of Central University of Kentucky to that of Centre College of Kentucky, and said institution shall hereafter be known as Centre College of Kentucky, and under said name of Centre College of Kentucky shall be vested with and own all property of every sort and kind, real and personal, including credits, assets, and effects of said Central University of Kentucky, and that without further deed or transfer, and shall also be bound for all the legal contracts or legal liabilities of any kind of the said Central University of Kentucky, and the president of the Board of Trustees of Central University of Kentucky is hereby directed and authorized and empowered to see that the articles of incorporation of said Central University of Kentucky be amended as provided by law, so that the name shall be changed from that of Central University of Kentucky to that of Centre College of Kentucky, as fully provided for by this resolution.

On motion of Mr. Richard P. Ernst, it was decided that the campaign for endowment funds of Centre College be begun, and that application be made to the General Education Board located in the city of New York for the sum of \$75,000 for endowment.

On motion of Dr. Charles R. Hemphill, it was decided to apply to the Carnegie Corporation, located in the city of New York, for the sum of \$125,000 for additional endowment.

The Board approved of the celebration of the centennial of Centre College during the year 1919 at a date to be selected by the Executive Committee, and to that committee were entrusted all details incident to the celebration of the centennial.

On motion of Dr. Phillip F. Barbour, the Executive Committee was given authority to appoint the Campaign Committee, who should make solicitation for additional endowment fund.

The Board adjourned.

John A. Cheek, Secretary