

## **Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 6 - 1919)**

### **Danville, Kentucky January 21, 1919**

Executive Committee of Central University met in the Library Building. Present: A.J. Alexander, R.P. Ernst, W.L. Threlkeld, G.W. Welsh, C.R. Hemphill, D.M. Sweets, J.A. Cheek, and W.A. Ganfield.

On motion, President Ganfield and Mr. Cheek were constituted a committee to secure a new steel engraved plate from which the diploma of Centre College will be printed in the future.

On motion, Capt. A.B. Massey was requested to act as chairman of the Campaign Committee in Boyle County, Kentucky, in soliciting funds for additional endowment.

On motion of R.P. Ernst, the expenses in connection with the campaign for additional funds were directed to be paid by the Treasurer out of any funds which may be in his hands, including funds received free from the campaign for additional endowment, and further it was ordered that Dr. W.A. Ganfield be expressly authorized and directed to employ such assistance, and to incur such expense as may be necessary or expedient to make the campaign for the endowment fund of \$500,000 for the college.

Committee adjourned.

*J.A. Cheek, Secretary*

### **Danville, Kentucky, February 27, 1919**

Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met at the residence of G.W. Welsh. Present: G.W. Welsh, Hon. R.P. Ernst, Dr. D.M. Sweets, Charles C. Fox, J.A. Cheek, and Dr. W.A. Ganfield.

On motion of J.A. Cheek, seconded by R.P. Ernst, it was decided to establish in Centre College the John C. Young and William C. Young Foundation, as requested by Eugenia Young, Sarah L. Young, and Zillah Y. Jacobs. The Rev. F.J. Cheek, representing the Misses Young and Mrs. Jacobs, was present, and offered certain bonds as the beginning of the endowment of the John C. Young and William C. Young Foundation. On motion, the following action was taken with references to the securities offered by Dr. F.J. Cheek, representing Miss Eugenia Young and Miss Sarah L. Young.

Whereas the Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky having the full powers of the Board of Trustees, has established the John C. and William C. Young Foundation as an endowment of the President's chair, at the request of Misses Eugenia and Sarah L. Young and Mrs. Zillah Y. Jacobs, and whereas Eugenia Young desires to turn over to the College

\$4,000 par value of the Columbia Gas & Electric Company's first mortgage five percent bonds due January 1, 1927, being nos. 6/9 inclusive, \$1,000 each. \$700 par value of the Commonwealth Power Railway & Company's bonds five year seven percent secured convertible, due May 1, 1923, being no. V122, \$500, and C372 and C373 for \$100 each. \$4,000 the Columbia Gas & Electric Company bonds having July 1919 coupon attached, and the Commonwealth Power Railway & Light Company bonds having the May 1919 coupons attached

on account of said Foundation, and whereas Sarah L. Young desires to turn over

\$4,000 par value of the Columbia Gas & Electric Company's first mortgage five percent bonds due January 1, 1927, being nos. 7862-7863-9443-9444 for \$1,000 each, having July coupons attached

on account of said Foundation, resolved that these gifts be accepted by the Executive Committee of behalf of the Board of Trustees, to be held by Centre College of Kentucky as a part of the endowment of the John C. and William C. Young Foundation, in accordance with its terms and conditions as set forth in the proposition of the Misses Young and Mrs. Jacobs, dated February 26, 1919.

On motion, Dr. Ganfield, as President of the College, was authorized and requested to prepare a proper resolution to be sent to the Misses Young and Mrs. Jacobs, indicating the appreciation of the Executive Committee of this gift, and the thanks of the College, for the establishment of this foundation.

On motion duly carried, it was decided to make a joint campaign in Boyle County by Centre College and Kentucky College for Women for the amount of \$200,000 for endowment. It was distinctly understood that in making this campaign both colleges were equally to share the expenses of the campaign, and divide equally between the two colleges the amount raised. The local trustees of Centre College were appointed as a committee on behalf of Centre College in this local drive for additional endowment.

On motion, it was decided to invite the alumni of Centre College to join in the celebration of the centennial of the College at Commencement in June, beginning with Sunday, June 8, and to make of this occasion a great homecoming of the alumni.

Committee adjourned.

*J.A. Cheek, Secretary*

#### **Louisville, Kentucky April 3, 1919**

Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky met at the Pendennis Club in Louisville, Kentucky, and was opened with prayer by Dr. L.E. Holden, Secretary of the College Board of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Members present: A.J.A. Alexander, C.R. Hemphill, L.C. Humphrey, J.R. Cowan, John Barbour, C.D. Gates, G.W. Welsh, J.T. Tunis, E.L. Warren, W.L. Threlkeld, Dr. Philip Barbour, D.M. Sweets, H.B. Fleece, John Stitles, G.O. Letcher, H. Leith, and J.A. Cheek.

Dr. Ganfield, President of the College, was present, and presented Dr. L.E. Holden, who addressed the Board on the subject of "Christian Education". Notice was given the Board of the death of Col. C.E. Hogue, and on motion a committee consisting of Drs. Alexander, Hemphill, and Mr. Threlkeld were requested to prepare a suitable resolution, a copy of which was to be sent to the family. Dr. Alexander and Dr. Ganfield were requested to attend the funeral of Col. Hogue at Frankfort, Kentucky.

On motion, the Board granted the following honorary degrees, and the parties to whom they are granted are to be notified by the President of the College to be present on Wednesday, June 11, 1919, at the Commencement exercises in the chapel of Centre College, where the same will be conferred.

Doctor of Laws: Judge A.M.J. Cochran, U.S. Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky; Robert Tate Irvine; William Ayres.  
Doctor of Divinity: Prof. Francis Powell Cheek, Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Harvey S. Murdock, Buckhorn, Kentucky; Rev. J.F. Record, Pikeville, Kentucky; Rev. Alfred A. Higgins, Louisville, Kentucky.

On motion, the resignation of Dr. John Barbour as a trustee of Centre College was accepted to take effect in June 1919.

On motion, the degree of Lit.D. was conferred on Rev. John Barbour, D.D., of Maysville, Kentucky

On motion, all catalogues of Centre College and Centre [i.e. Central] University for the years not contained in the bound volumes at this time in the library of Centre College, are to be collected by the librarian for the purpose of having the same bound for the use of the library.

On motion, Hon. J.W. Yerkes, Dr. E.L. Warren, and Dr. D.M. Sweets were requested to prepare a brief sketch of Centre College and Centre [i.e. Central] University for use in the Centennial campaign, and the expense of the same is to be paid by the Treasurer of the College when the bills are presented marked correct by this committee.

The Board adjourned.

*J.A. Check, Secretary*

### **Louisville, Kentucky April 3, 1919**

Executive Committee of Centre College met at the Pendennis Club, Louisville, Kentucky. Present: A.J.A. Alexander, C.R. Hemphill, G.W. Welsh, D.M. Sweets, J.A. Check, and W.A. Ganfield.

On motion, the Executive Committee recommended to the Association the following names to be voted on by the alumni for a trustee of Centre College representing the Alumni Association: William Ayres, Robert Tate Irvine, Francis W. Andrews, Joseph Harkins, Nicholas Dosker, Emmet O'Neil.

Committee adjourned.

*J.A. Check, Secretary*

### **Danville, Kentucky June 9, 1919**

The Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky met in the library building at Danville, Kentucky, Monday, June 9, 1919, at two o'clock p.m., and was called to order by the president, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, and opened with prayer by Dr. John Barbour of Maysville, Kentucky. The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, G.W. Welsh, C.D. Gates, Richard P. Ernst, Dr. J. Rice Cowan, W.L. Threlkeld, Dr. C.R. Hemphill, Hugh B. Fleece, Henry C. Read, Dr. John Barbour, Dr. Phillip F. Barbour, C.C. Fox, G. Oscar Letcher, Dr. Hugh Leith, J.T. Tunis, Dr. D.M. Sweets, and J.A. Check.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 31, 1918, and April 3, 1919, were read and approved as recorded. The minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee held during the past year were read and approved as recorded. The Treasurer's report was read, which was received and approved.

On motion, the Board expressed its appreciation of the efficient management of the S.A.T.C. by President Ganfield. On motion, the matter of repairs in Breckinridge Hall was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. The Treasurer was authorized to make payment of a bonus not exceeding \$200 each to such members of the Faculty as the Executive Committee may recommend.

On recommendation of the Faculty, the following degrees were conferred upon undergraduates.

#### Bachelor of Arts

Alexander Hamilton Barbour	Springfield
William Douglas Chamberlain	Glasgow
George White Fithian	Paris
Julian Thomas Gentry	Danville
Fred Owsley Marsh	Danville

Robert Francis Ogden	Ashland
Forestus Reid, Jr.	Danville
Joseph Lynn Turner	Danville
William McKinley Wesley	Bethelridge
George Louis Alley	Fulton

Bachelor of Science

Frank Talbot Barber	Sharpsburg
Charles Armstrong Browning	Danville

The following honorary degrees were conferred, namely:

Doctor of Divinity

Oliver P. Barnhill	New York, N.Y.
Francis Powell Check	Cincinnati, Ohio
George Fulton	Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
Alfred Alcorn Higgins	Louisville
William Higgins Hopper	Louisville
James F. Record	Pikeville

Doctor of Letters

John Barbour	Maysville
Sara Lee Young	Danville

Doctor of Laws

William Ayres	Pineville
Andrew M.J. Cochran	Maysville
Robert Tate Irvine	Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Augustus Rogers	Danville

Whereas the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 17, 1918, authorized a contract of lease and sale of the undivided interest of the College in a lot in Chicago, Illinois, on the corner of Sheffield and Addison Streets to the Standard Oil Company, in order that proper authority may be vested in the president of the Board of Trustees, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, to make deed to the same, when said deed is called for, the following action be taken:

Whereas the Centre College of Kentucky (formerly the Central University of Kentucky) is the owner of an undivided on-half of a certain parcel of real estate situated in the city of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, known and described as follows: lots 23, 24, and 25 in Weage and Hyde's subdivision of lot 1 in the Assessor's division of the North-West quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, township 40 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and whereas the Standard Oil Company, a corporation of Indiana, has offered to purchase the said real estate for the sum of \$11,500, and whereas the said sum is deemed to be an adequate price of the same, now therefor be it resolved that A.J.A. Alexander, the president of the Board of Trustees of this corporation, and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the deed of this corporation conveying said real estate unto the Standard Oil Company, a corporation of Indiana, conveying the undivided one-half of said real estate belonging to Centre College of Kentucky for a consideration of \$5,750.

In the matter of the employment of a Professor of Education and Philosophy, the same was referred to President Ganfield with power to act.

Nominations of Trustees for vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of the class expiring 1919 were made according to the requirement of the by-laws as follows:

John P. McCartney	Flemingsburg, Ky.
Henry Clay Read	Fort Smith, Arkansas
A.J.A. Alexander	Spring Station, Ky.
Richard P. Ernst	Covington, Ky.
George W. Welsh	Danville, Ky.

On the nomination of the Alumni Association of Centre College:

Emmett O'Neal	Louisville, Ky.
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On motion unanimously adopted, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot for each and every one of the foregoing nominations, and the same were declared duly elected for a term of office expiring 1923. On motion, the resignation of Rev. Rutherford F. Douglas, D.D., was presented to the meeting of the Board held April 3, 1919, was accepted, and on motion, Hon. Robert Tate Irvine of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, was elected to fill this vacancy in the class expiring 1921. The Board having been notified of the death of Col. C.E. Hoge, a Trustee in the class expiring 1921, on motion, unanimously adopted, Hon. John W. Yerkes of Danville, Kentucky, was elected to fill this vacancy. On motion, Dr. Ganfield was requested to write letters to Dr. J.B. Hunter and Dr. Rutherford expressing the Board's appreciation of their past services on the Board of Trustees. On motion, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees to serve for a term of two years, and Mr. J.A. Cheek was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer for a like term. The following standing committees of the Board were elected:

The President of Centre is ex-officio member of all committees.

#### Executive Committee

G.W. Welsh, Chairman, W.L. Threlkeld, Charles C. Fox, J.A. Cheek, D.M. Sweets, A.J.A. Alexander, R.P. Ernst

#### Finance Committee

W.L. Threlkeld, Chairman, Charles C. Fox, G.W. Welsh, J.A. Cheek

#### Buildings and Grounds

G.W. Welsh, Chairman, Charles C. Fox, H.B. Fleece, J.R. Cowan

#### Morals and Discipline

Emmett O'Neal, Chairman, G.W. Welsh, J.R. Cowan, Tate Irvine

#### Curriculum

H.C. Read, Chairman, E.L. Warren, John P. McCartney

The Board by unanimous rising vote instructed Dr. Ganfield to take a vacation this summer of not less than thirty days, and ordered that the expenses of this vacation (not less than \$200) be paid from the College treasury.

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Col C.E. Hogue made the following report, which was adopted:

"The Board has learned with deep sorrow of the death of Colonel Charles E. Hoge, a member of this Board. Col. Hoge took a genuine interest in education and in the welfare and work of Centre College. He discharged the duties of trustee with intelligence and fidelity, and his high Christian character, unfailing courtesy, and gentle manners, won for him the esteem and affectionate regard of his associations. The Board tenders to the family warmest sympathy in their great bereavement. It is ordered that this minute be spread on the records of the Board, and a copy be sent to the family of Col. Hoge."

The following resolution upon the retirement of Dr. John Barbour from the Board was adopted:

"On the retirement, by his own desire, from the Board of Trustees by Rev. John Barbour, D.D., Litt.D., the Board wishes to make recognition of the valuable services of Dr. Barbour, and to recall also the services of his father and grandfather on the Board. Maj. James Barbour, his grandfather, served as trustee from 1819 to 1843; his father, Mr. James Barbour, from 1849 to 1896, and Dr. Barbour himself from 1899 to 1919, so that their combined service covers a period of ninety-one years. It is gratifying that this remarkable record is to be perpetuated through another grandson of Major James Barbour, Dr. Phillip F. Barbour, who is now serving as a member of this Board."

The following proposition was received from Zillah Young Jacobs concerning the conveyance of \$5,000 par value of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Companies, first consolidated mortgage five per cent bonds due 1939, as a part of the endowment of the John C. and William C. Young Foundation, to-wit:

*Danville, Kentucky  
February 28, 1919*

*Centre College of Kentucky  
Gentlemen:*

*On February 27, your Executive Committee, having the full power of the Board of Trustees, established the John C. and William C. Young Foundation as an endowment of the President's chair of Centre College, as requested by my sisters Eugenia and Sarah L. Young, and myself, as more fully set forth in a communication from us to the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky dated February 28, 1919, to which reference was specifically made. It is now my desire to turn over to Centre College of Kentucky \$5,000 of the par value of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company's first consolidated five percent bonds due 1939, as a part of the endowment of said John C. and William C. Young Foundation. This gift is to be subject to all the terms and conditions of the proposition made by my sisters and myself dated February 28, 1919, hereinbefore referred to, with this one exception, namely, that the income from this gift is to be paid after my death to Crittenden C. Young, my nephew, in quarterly payments during his entire life. At his death, the income is to be paid to my sisters, share and share alike, if both are living; if only one is living, the whole income to her; and if both are dead at the death of Crittenden C. Young, the income is to be used by Centre College of Kentucky in the payment of the salary of the President of Centre College in whole or in part.*

*Zillah Young Jacobs*

On motion, the following action was taken: whereas Eugenia Young, Zillah Y. Jacobs, and Sarah L. Young made on February 26, 1919, the following proposition:

*To the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky*

*Gentlemen:*

*We, Eugenia Young, Sara L. Young, and Zillah Y. Young, being daughters of John C. Young, and sisters of William C. Young, both of whom were Presidents of Centre College, request that the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky establish the John C. and William C. Young Foundation for the President's chair as a memorial to our father and brother, and to be forever known as the John C. and William C. Young Foundation.*

*In consideration of this being done by the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky, we agree to convey to the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky portions of our property from to time, as convenience may warrant, until we shall have jointly conveyed to the sum of \$50,000, which sum will constitute the endowment of said Foundation, the income of which shall be used in paying the salary of the President of Centre College in whole or in part.*

*The Board of Trustees of Centre College agree to pay in quarterly payments to us jointly, as our interests may appear, the income received from all moneys and securities placed in the possession of the Board of Trustees from time to time during our lifetime. Upon the death of the first sister, the income from all securities and moneys shall be paid to the two surviving sisters, and on the death of one of these two, then the entire income shall be paid to the last surviving sister. It is further provided that, in case of financial reverses or illness of any one of the donors, the Board of Trustees agree to return to such donor such a part of the principal given by her to the College as may be necessary properly to care for the donor who may had such financial reverses or illness.*

*The Board of Trustees agree to pay all expenses of the management of the investments and guarantee to pay to the donors all income derived from the property conveyed to the Board for such a time as the last surviving sister may live. If, in the judgment of the Financial Committee of the College, it is deemed best to sell any of the securities, then and in that event the College agrees to pay to the donors six per cent on the cash received from the sale of all such securities; and should any money received from the sale of securities be re-invested so as to produce a greater income than six per cent, then the College agrees to pay over the whole income derived from this reinvestment.*

*Eugenia Young, Zillah Y. Jacobs, Sarah L. Young*

Whereas the Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky having the full powers of the Board of Trustees did at its meeting on February 27, 1919, establish the John C. and William C. Young Foundation as an endowment of the President's chair as requested by the Misses Young and Mrs. Jacobs, and whereas Eugenia Young did on that date turn over certain bonds for herself on account of said Foundation, and whereas Sarah L. Young did on the date turn over certain bonds for herself on account of said Foundation, resolved that the proposition of Zillah Young Jacobs, dated February 28, 1919, above set forth proposing to turn over \$5,000 par value of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway bonds described in her proposition, however with certain modifications more specifically referred to in her proposition, be accepted, and that the Board of Trustees hereby specifically agree to pay the income from these bonds to Crittenden C. Young, her nephew, during his natural life, and after his death to pay the income from these bonds to the sisters of Zillah Y. Jacobs as is fully set forth in her proposition above referred to.

The Board by unanimous vote extended to Mrs. Jacobs and the Misses Young their hearty appreciation of these gifts for the establishment of the endowment of the John c. and William C. Young Foundation.

The Board adjourned to meet in the library building at nine a.m., Wednesday, June 11.

*J.A. Cheek, Secretary*

#### **Danville, Kentucky June 11, 1919**

The Board met in the library pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Hon. J.W. Yerkes and Judge A.M.J. Cochran were requested to furnish copies of addresses made by them at the banquet on last evening. Messrs. Henry C. Read, George W. Welsh, and W.A. Ganfield were authorized to select the members of the standing committee, and furnish the same to the Secretary to be inserted in the minutes.

The Board adjourned.

*J.A. Cheek, Secretary*

**Danville, Kentucky July 9, 1919**

The Executive Committee of Centre College met at the Gilcher Hotel. Present: G.W. Welsh, C.R. Hemphill, C.C. Fox, R.P. Ernst, J.A. Cheek, W.A. Ganfield.

On motion, the President was instructed to pay a bonus of \$200 each to the following professors: Redd, Crooks, Rainey, Cheek, Coolidge, Smith, Meiers, Gronert.

On motion, the appointment by Dr. W.A. Ganfield of Walter E. Ervin as Professor of Education and Philosophy at a salary of \$1,800 was approved.

Upon motion, the proposition of the American Council on Education was accepted.

A proposition of Dr. J.A. Vansant to give \$100 to the new endowment fund on condition that an old note of his for \$100 given about twenty-five years ago be surrendered to him was accepted.

On motion, Mr. Lincoln, an architect of Louisville, Ky., was requested to make further suggestion of plans for improvement of the President's house [Hillcrest].

On motion, the excess of bills of the Alumni Association of Centre College incurred in providing a banquet and other expenses in connection with the Centennial, which may be excess of \$500, were ordered paid by the President. This amount, however, not to exceed \$149.25.

On motion, authority was given Dr. Ganfield to arrange for the opening of a boarding department in the College Home [Old Centre] building for the coming College year.

On motion, authority was given to Dr. Ganfield to employ all assistants needed in prosecuting {sic} the campaign for raising the new endowment.

The Committee adjourned.

*J.A. Cheek, Secretary*

**Danville, Kentucky October 6, 1919**

The Executive Committee of Centre College met in the library building. Present: Alexander, Fox, Welsh, Hemphill, Sweets, Threlkeld, Ernst, Cheek, and Ganfield.

On motion, Dr. Ganfield made report of improvements and repairs on Breckinridge Hall and Young Science Hall, which were on motion approved.

On motion, the Building and Ground Committee were authorized to terminate a lease of a frame janitor's building, situated on the western part of the campus, and thereafter to tear down or remove the same.

On motion, Dr. Ganfield reported the canvass for new students during the summer months, and same was approved, and expenses incurred ordered paid by the Treasurer.

On motion, the resignation of Dr. Gronert and Dr. Smith were reported to the Committee by the President, and on motion accepted.

On motion, authority was given to the President to employ an instructor to assist in mathematics and English.



On motion, the Treasurer J.A. Cheek and C.C. Fox were appointed a committee with authority to sell the warehouse situated in Richmond, Ky., known as the Letcher warehouse, for a sum not less than \$10,000, and the president of the Board of Trustees, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, was authorized and empowered to make a deed of that property to the purchaser in event of the sale of same.

On motion, Hon. John W. Yerkes and Dr. J.R. Cowan were asked to sit with the Committee after lunch.

On motion, the question of the best disposition of the College Home [Old Centre] was referred to the committee on Building and Grounds with direction to report their recommendations back to the Executive Committee.

On motion, Dr. Ganfield, Mr. Ernst, and Dr. Alexander were requested to go to New York for the purpose of interviewing the Educational Board in New York on the subject of endowment.

The Committee adjourned.

*J.A. Cheek, Secretary*