

## **Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 6 - 1920)**

**Danville, Kentucky, January 22, 1920**

The Executive Committee of Centre College met at the Citizens National Bank of Danville, Kentucky. Present: Threlkeld, Sweets, Fox, Cheek, and Ganfield. Mr. J.W. Yerkes, by invitation, was requested to sit with the Committee. On motion, Mr. Threlkeld was called to the chair.

On motion, George W. Welsh, as chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Dr. Ganfield were authorized to employ Mr. Loomis, an architect of Louisville, Ky., to get facts about the improvement of the President's House and Old Centre.

On motion, the following action was taken: that the committee approve the plan of insurance for professors as offered by the Carnegie Foundation, including the payment of one-half of the premium by the Board of Trustees out of its fund, and the payment of the other half out of the salary of the professors taking out the insurance.

The request of the Southern Refining Company for permission to run a pipe line through the farm belonging to Centre College situated in Fayette County, Kentucky, was referred to Mr. Charles C. Fox, and on motion, Dr. A.J.A. Alexander, president of the Board of Trustees, was authorized to sign the contract on behalf of Centre College prescribing the terms on which said permission is granted after the same has been approved by Mr. Fox.

The Committee adjourned.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

**Danville, Kentucky, February 4, 1920**

The Executive Committee of Centre College met at the library. Present: Alexander, Welsh, Hemphill, Threlkeld, Ernst, Fox, Cheek, and Ganfield, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Hemphill.

The Executive Committee, after full discussion with members of the College fraternities, decided to recommend to the Board of Trustees that these fraternities be allowed to erect buildings on the campus in accordance with plans of the buildings and conditions of the lease which have first been submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee.

On motion, it was decided that in the future a matriculation fee of \$5.00 be required of all new students, but that there should be no raise in the charge for tuition at present required by the catalogue.

The President reported on the advisability of a more complete system of keeping the College accounts. The Executive Committee resolved that the Treasurer and Secretary be authorized and entrusted to furnish to the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting, June 7, a complete statement of all College assets and accounts as of June 1, 1920, and that they be authorized and empowered to adopt and institute a complete and modern system of keeping College accounts, beginning June 1, 1920.

On motion, authority was given to the president of the Board of Trustees to release the lien on property in Keene, Kentucky, owned by Edward Harding and wife.

The Committee adjourned

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

**Danville, Kentucky, February 4, 1920**

The Board of Trustees of Centre College met at the library. Present: A.J.A. Alexander, Henry C. Read, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, John Stites, William L. Threlkeld, J.T. Tunis, H.B. Fleece, John A. Cheek, Edward L. Warren, Charles C. Fox, Louis C. Humphrey, Hugh Leith, G.O. Letcher, J.P. McCartney, Robert Tate Irvine, and Emmett O'Neal. Opened with prayer by Dr. Leith. Absence of five members noted and reasons for same approved.

After a full discussion of the housing problem, the same was fixed for further discussion at two o'clock p.m. The following motion concerning salaries was adopted: Moved that the President be authorized to employ the professors for the next year at the salaries substantially as set out in a list submitted by him to this meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The President reported that Dr. John W. Redd and Professor Samuel R. Cheek will, by reason of their age, be entitled to retire and accept the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation prior to the opening of College in September 1920, and recommended that when either or both of said men retire, the departments of Greek and Latin be consolidated, if this plan prove feasible and the way be clear. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky that we approve the plans proposed and policies offered by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, that commends benefits to members of Centre College Faculty, and agree to pay one half annual premium for any members of the Faculty who select to carry such policy, and that in each case the application of the professor be approved by the Executive Committee of this Board of Trustees. Provided it is understood that no professor shall carry a policy of over \$10,000 under this plan.

Mr. J.P. McCartney was sworn before H.L. Briggs, a notary public of Boyle County, Kentucky, to the oath prescribed by the charter qualifying him as a trustee.

On motion, Dr. Alexander, Mr. O'Neal, and Dr. Ganfield were appointed a committee with authority to add to their numbers, to visit New York, and present the claims of Centre College before the General Education Board and the Carnegie Corporation.

The question of housing was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, who were instructed to submit any plans and recommendations to the Executive Committee, which committee shall have power to act.

The Executive Committee was directed to employ a landscape gardener, and take into consideration recommendations from him in planning and locating new buildings on the campus.

The Board adjourned.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

**Danville, Kentucky, April 29, 1920**

The Executive Committee of Centre College met in the library building. Present: Alexander, Threlkeld, Sweets, Ernst, Fox, Cheek, Welsh by proxy to Yerkes; Dr. Cowan by proxy from Dr. Sweets, and Dr. Ganfield.

The Executive Committee recommended to the Trustees conferring the honorary degree of LL.D. on Governor Edwin P. Morrow; for Doctor of Divinity, Robert J. McMullen and Horace G. Turner.

On motion, the President was authorized to pay a bonus of a sufficient amount to bring the salaries of the regular professors to a total of \$2,200 salary for each professor, eight in all, for the year ending July 1, 1920, and a bonus of \$300 to Miss Woods for the year ending July 1, 1920.

On motion, it was unanimously adopted to pay to Dr. William A. Ganfield, a bonus of \$600 for the year ending July 1, 1920.

On motion, Dr. Ganfield was authorized to employ Professor James Hewlett for one year for the Department of English at a salary of \$2,200, and to employ Dr. Gronert at a salary of \$2,400 to be paid out of the funds of the College, with an understanding made with him that arrangements will be made for extra work to be paid for by private subscriptions.

On motion, the whole question of the fraternity buildings proposed to be erected on the campus, and the nature of the lease to the fraternities, was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee with power to act.

On motion, the President was instructed to notify the Board of Trustees that the annual meeting of the Board would be held on Friday, June 4, 1920, at ten o'clock a.m.

The Committee adjourned.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

**Danville, Kentucky, May 10, 1920**

The Executive Committee of Centre College met at the Farmers National Bank. Present: Alexander, Threlkeld, Welsh, Fox, Cheek, Ganfield, Ernst by proxy to Yerkes, Sweets by proxy to Cowan.

The following proposition, made by President Ganfield to Dr. E.C. Sage, General Education Board, New York City, was read to the Committee, and on motion the application so made was unanimously approved.

New York City  
May 5, 1920  
Dr. E.C. Sage  
General Education Board  
New York City

My dear Dr. Sage:

Complying with your request of this date I address you this communication, being the substance of the statement I made to you in your office this morning.

Centre College needs for immediate use the sum of \$150,000 for additional housing facilities and other equipment, and an addition of \$600,000 to the endowment of the College. We very earnestly and sincerely make application to the General Education Board for the sum of \$250,000 toward this endowment fund, the same to be payable to Centre College on condition that we secure from other sources the sum of \$350,000 for the endowment in good pledges on or before June 1, 1922.

We further earnestly solicit and request that the General Education Board pay to Centre College the interest on the amount of your gift from date of your granting this application, said interest sum to be used by the college in paying salaries of the Faculty from date of the granting of this application.

Signed in behalf of Centre College by William A. Ganfield, President

Dr. Ganfield reported to the Committee a gift by the Carnegie Corporation of \$75,000, without condition, for the endowment of the Chemistry Department, and on motion, unanimously adopted, Dr. Ganfield was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of this notice, and to express on behalf of the Board of Trustees the gratitude and appreciation of the Committee and the Trustees of this generous gift.

The Committee adjourned.

*John A. Cheek, Secretary*

### **Danville, Kentucky, June 4, 1920**

The Board of Trustees of Centre College of Kentucky met in Danville, Kentucky, on June 4, 1920, at 9:30 a.m. in the library building on the campus. This meeting was called by the order of the Executive Committee, and takes the place of the annual meeting which was to have been held on June 7, 1920.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Doctor Hugh Leith, D.D., of Covington, Kentucky. The members present were as follows: Charles R. Hemphill, J. Rice Cowan, J.S. Lyons, William L. Threlkeld, J.T. Tunis, Hugh B. Fleece, C.D. Gates, R. Tate Irvine, John W. Yerkes, John A. Cheek, Charles C. Fox, David M. Sweets, Hugh Leith, Gibney Oscar Letcher, John P. McCartney, Henry C. Read, A. J. A. Alexander, Emmett O'Neal, Richard P. Ernst, George W. Welsh.

Written excuses from members not present were received and read to the Board, and on motion, their reasons for absence were sustained. The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Board were read and approved as recorded. The minutes of the Executive Committee were read to the Board for their information.

The report of the Finance Committee, signed by W. L. Threlkeld, chairman, was presented to the Board showing the investment of the previous fiscal year made from fund arising from maturing investment, and collections from the new endowment were approved by the Finance Committee. The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the fiscal year of the College close on May 15 in each year was on motion approved. The full report of the Finance Committee was ordered to be filed.

On motion, the bonus to be paid to the President of the College for the year 1919-20 was increased to \$1,000. The President, Dr. W. A. Ganfield, presented his annual report, and the same was received and approved and ordered filed.

The Treasurer presented his report showing the receipts and disbursements of the income for the year 1919-20, together with the vouchers for the disbursements, which was received and approved.

The following honorary degrees were conferred, namely: Doctor of Laws, Governor Edwin P. Morrow, Frankfort, Kentucky; Doctor of Divinity, Robert Johnson McMullen, Hangchow, China, and Horace G. Turner, Danville, Kentucky.

On recommendation of the Faculty the following degrees were conferred upon the graduating class of Centre College:

#### Bachelor of Arts

Arthur C. Bruner Richmond, Ky.  
Hugh Kennedy Bullitt Louisville, Ky.  
Samuel Robertson Cheek, Jr. Danville, Ky.  
Carroll Custis Chenault Mt. Sterling, Ky.  
Stephen A. Gilbert Newfound, Ky.  
George Adams Joplin Louisville, Ky.  
Richard Helm Stout Danville, Ky.  
Archer Woodford Paris, Ky.

Bachelor of Science

James Fox Coleman Gracey, Ky.  
John Allen Davis, Jr. Danville, Ky.  
Wilton Webster Durham Indianapolis, Ind.  
William Rowan Pryor Crestwood, Ky.  
Howard VanAntwerp, Jr Farmers, Ky.  
Oscar Carl Vogel Henderson, Ky.  
Robert Broy Wright Lebanon, Ky.

On account of an important engagement, which was made known to the Board, a rule requiring the presence of the recipient of an honorary degree was suspended in the case of Governor Morrow, and his diploma was ordered forwarded to him.

The executor of the estate of Miss Anna M. Haley, deceased, late of Newark, New Jersey, having notified the College of a legacy of \$10,000 left in her will, and of his readiness to pay the same on the proper papers being signed on behalf of the College, on motion, Doctor A. J. A. Alexander, as president of the Board of Trustees, was authorized to sign these papers, including a bond of indemnity as required by said executor.

On motion, Dr. A. J. A. Alexander and Dr. W.A. Ganfield, President, were authorized and directed to express on behalf of this Board its thanks to the General Education Board of the New York City, for its gift of \$200,000.

President Ganfield presented a statement of the needs of the College and a tentative budget of salaries, which was on motion adopted and approved. His recommendation regarding undergraduate dues was approved and is as follows:

UNDERGRADUATE DUES	
Matriculation Fee (paid once only)	\$5.00
Tuition for regular schedule	
First Semester	\$25.00
Second Semester	\$25.00
General Fees (public rooms, light, heat, care)	
First Semester	\$25.00
Second Semester	\$25.00

The general fees include the athletic fee and the subscription to the Cento [college student newspaper], but do not include the laboratory fees. The diploma fees are increased from seven to ten dollars, which covers the cost of a diploma and other expenses of Commencement, and is required to be deposited by every candidate for graduation with the Treasurer of the College at the opening of the second semester. If the candidate should not receive the diploma, this deposit will be returned.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to transfer on his books the price of the Academy grounds sold seven years ago for \$10,000 to the [Danville] Public School to a separate fund, which can be used from time to time under the authority of the Board of Trustees for improvements to the College buildings or campus as may be deemed best by the Board. The Treasurer was further directed as any surplus may arise in any fiscal year to transfer said surplus to the same fund.

On motion, the question of improvements to be made on Old Centre so as that the same may be used for dormitory purposes was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

On recommendation of committee number 1, Charles R. Hemphill John Stites, and J. S. Lyons , whose term of office as trustees expire 1920, were re-elected for the term of four years, expiring 1924, and on recommendation of committee number two, William L. Threlkeld and J. T. Tunis, whose terms expire 1920, were re-elected for four

years expiring 1924, and on recommendation of committee number two, J. Rice Cowan, the Trustee nominated by the Alumni Association, was elected to succeed himself for the term of four years expiring 1924. On motion, William L. Threlkeld and Charles R. Hemphill were continued as members of the Executive Committee and William L. Threlkeld was continued as a member of the Finance Committee, and made chairman of said Committee. On motion, the following rule was adopted in connection with investing funds belonging to the endowment: that said checks be signed where the same exceed \$2,500 by the Treasurer, and counter-signed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The following Trustees, members of the Class expiring 1920, and who have been re-elected for a term of four years, namely, Charles R. Hemphill, J. Rice Cowan, J. S. Lyons, William L. Threlkeld, and J. T. Tunis, being duly sworn before H. L. Briggs, Notary Public for Boyle County, took the oath of office required by the charter.

On motion, Dr. J. Rice Cowan, Emmett O'Neal, and Nelson D. Rodes were appointed a committee of the alumni, with power to add to their number, who were to be a campaign committee to assist the President in the endowment campaign.

On motion, the following action was taken: that the D.K.E. fraternity be given approval in the purchase of property in the city for a fraternity house, with the understanding that when the way eventually is clear for the erection of fraternity houses on the campus, the Board prefer their location there.

The following committee was appointed on the retirement of faculty members on the Carnegie Foundation, who are to report the policy of this board in regard to such retirements, namely, J. T. Tunis, R. Tate Irvine, Hugh Leith, H. C. Read, and C. D. Gates.

On motion, Dr. Charles R. Hemphill and G. Oscar Letcher were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions expressing the sense of the Board on the death of Dr. Daniel L. Thomas [professor of English], a member of the faculty.

On motion the Board adjourned.

*John A. Check, Secretary*

### **Danville, Kentucky, November 8, 1920**

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met in Danville, Kentucky, in the library building of said College. Present. A. J. A. Alexander, George W. Welsh, Charles R. Hemphill, William L. Threlkeld, David M. Sweets, Charles C. Fox, John A. Cheek, William A. Ganfield, and John W. Yerkes.

On motion, the Committee approved the employment by the President of Professor J. R. Ewing, Ph.D., as Professor of Economics and Business Administration for the year 1920-21, at a salary of \$2,200, and Charles R. McDowell as an Instructor at a salary of \$1,400 per annum. The employment of Miss Mary McDowell as temporary librarian by the President at \$50.00 per month was approved.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to transfer from the fund of \$10,000 arising out of the sale of the Academy lot, the sum of \$5,000 or as much as may be expended in improvement of Old Centre for use as a dormitory to the current income fund.

The question of purchase of fire extinguishers was referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds.

The Treasurer was directed to have transferred from the name Central University of Kentucky any and all stock owned by the College issued in that name, to the name Centre College of Kentucky, and Dr. A. J. A. Alexander as president of the Board of Trustees is authorized to sign the same if required.

On motion, the employment of coaches in athletics be left to the President, Dr. W. A. Ganfield, with power to act. Dr. A. J. A. Alexander and Dr. William A. Ganfield were authorized to select from members of the Board of Trustees a committee to assist in the drive for endowment.

On motion the committee adjourned.

*John A. Check, Secretary*

### **Danville, Kentucky, December 21, 1920**

The Executive Committee of Centre College of Kentucky met at the Farmers National Bank in Danville, Kentucky, Present: A. J. A. Alexander, Charles R. Hemphill, David M. Sweets, George W. Welsh, John A. Cheek, William A. Ganfield, and John W. Yerkes representing Richard P. Ernst by proxy.

Rev. Benjamin J. Bush, D.D., and Rev. R. T. Gillespie, representing the joint commission of the two synods of Kentucky, were present and presented to the committee a proposition with reference to changing the charter of Centre College. After a full and informal discussion of this proposition by the committee, on motion the President of the Board of Trustees was authorized to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held at a time and place to be named in the call after consultation with the members of the Board, and their wish concerning the same to be ascertained by President W. A. Ganfield through correspondence.

It is understood that this meeting of the Trustees, if held, should be called to consider this proposition and any other business which may come before the Board.

On motion, Mr. John W. Yerkes and Mr. Charles C. Fox were appointed a committee with authority to prepare an amendment to the charter, covering the points of change desired by the joint commission of the two synods and have the same ready for this called meeting of the Board of Trustees.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that John A. Cheek, Treasurer of Centre College of Kentucky, be authorized to accept proposition of protective committee of the collateral trust four percent bonds, of International Traction Company, and elects to purchase twenty-five shares of the Voting Trust certificates and \$500 of the 5% bonds of the International Railway Company of Buffalo for \$506.25.

Resolved, 2nd., that John A. Cheek, Treasurer, be authorized to sign the corporate name of Centre College of Kentucky by him as Treasurer to the certificate of deposit representing \$5,000. Par value of said International Traction 4% bonds, surrendering the same certificate in exchange for forty-five shares of the Voting Trust certificates and \$500 5% bond of the International Railway Co. of Buffalo.

On motion the Committee adjourned.

*John A. Check, Secretary*