

November 22, 1945

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 22, 1945, pursuant to written notice of the meeting and its purposes as authorized by the Chairman. Trustees Bachelor, Kendall, Cox, Guthridge, Johnston and Parham were present. Trustee Elton was absent.

Chairman Bachelor announced that a quorum was present and directed that the minutes of the last meeting be read. The minutes were read and approved.

Chairman Bachelor then declared the Board of Trustees ready for items of old and new business.

President Irby explained actions of the Personnel Committee since the last meeting as follows:

The resignation of Mrs. Prentiss Ware, effective November 30, 1945, to rejoin her veteran husband.

The resignation of Mrs. Joel Ferrell, effective October 8, 1945, to rejoin her veteran husband.

The resignation of Mrs. Henry Hudson, effective November 24, 1945, to rejoin her veteran husband.

The granting to Miss Thyra Ellen Brockman an extended leave of absence, effective October 1, 1945, on account of illness.

The election of Miss Helen Canaday to succeed Mrs. Ware, effective November 12, 1945, at a salary of \$186.67 per calendar month.

The election of Miss Frances Parker to succeed Mrs. Ferrell, effective October 19, 1945, at a salary of \$186.67 per calendar month.

The election of Mrs. Mary Catherine Stewart as teacher in the training school, effective November 5, 1945 at a salary of \$125.00 per calendar month - to May 25, 1945.

The granting to Sam Hindsman (returned veteran-faculty member) leave of absence without pay to be effective from the date of reporting for assignment to the staff until September 1, 1946.

Trustee Kendall moved that the action of the Personnel Committee in each case listed be approved. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby reported that Ted Worley, on leave because of military service, had discussed his return to the faculty, but that no decision has been reached as to the date of his reporting for assignment. President Irby also reported that Miss Georgina Silliman elected to the faculty for the 1945-46 academic year did not report for assignment.

President Irby also reported informally on the financial condition of the college, the present enrollment and the embarrassment already arising because of lack of housing facilities for married veterans. He also reported recent efforts to reorganize the Alumni Association and pledged support of the administration to the Alumni group.

Reports of the Memorial Committee were read. Trustee Guthridge made the motion that the President, the faculty, and the committee make the necessary plans for permanent memorials to students who have died in service, but that no present building on the campus be named as the "Memorial Building". Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Kendall made a motion that the President confer with an architect concerning the remodeling of buildings on the campus to increase student housing, and concerning the erection of new buildings on the campus. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Trustee Guthridge made the motion that all former letter men be given life passes to all athletic events on the campus. Trustee Cox seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Jake Hiegel was invited to appear before the Board of Trustees. He presented a statement totaling \$10,901.42 which he claimed is due the Hiegel Lumber Company of Conway, Arkansas, on contracts made with the company for the erection of the Torreyson Library and the Stadium. Letters from H. L. McAlister, former President of Arkansas State Teachers College, and from Harry Lee Williams, former member of the Board of Trustees, in support of the claim were read. A letter from Guy E. Williams, Attorney General, to Harold Eidson, College Bursar, was also read. Mr. Williams stated that if the Board of Trustees authorized payment of the claim, that Mr. Eidson's position as Disbursing Officer of the college would not be jeopardized in any manner if he paid the account.

After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Cox made the motion that the Attorney General of the State be asked for an opinion as to the legality of the claim and its payment and that the State Auditorial Department be asked to audit the account for accuracy, and that the opinion and the audit be presented to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby explained to the Board the steps taken to date to secure trailers from the Federal Public Housing Authority for the use of student-veterans and their families on the campus.

Trustee Guthridge made a motion that President Nolen M. Irby be authorized to sign contracts for the college with the Federal Public Housing Authority or other federal agency to secure as many trailers as are needed or may be secured for the college. Trustee Cox seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board of Trustees adjourned until legally called into meeting again.

George T. Bashem
Chairman

Paul Kendall
Secretary