April 7, 1947

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office, Arkansas State Teachers College, at 1:00 P.M. Monday, April 7, 1947 pursuant to written notice of the meeting and its purposes as authorized by the Chairman. All members were present and voting.

Chairman Cox announced that all members of the Board of Trustees were present and on behalf of the Board welcomed to membership Dr. J. H. Flanagin of Conway. He then declared the Board of Trustees ready for items of old business.

A letter addressed to the President from Jeff Farris requesting an increase of $2000. in the budget allowed for the operation of the Department of Physical Education for the fiscal year was read and upon motion by Trustee Guthridge, seconded by Trustee Parham, the request was granted by unanimous vote of the board members.

There were no additional items of old business and Chairman Cox called for such items of new business as might legally be acted upon by the Board.

President Irby requested approval of personnel changes he had tentatively authorized since the last meeting of the Board as follows:

The granting to Sam Hindsman a year of absence, as of September 1, 1947 to continue graduate studies.

The election of N. F. Bolling as Assistant Professor as of June 1, 1947 at a salary of $250.00 per calendar month.

The election of Mabel Grey Patterson as Supervisor, effective September 1, 1947 at a salary of $208.34 per calendar month.

The election of Howard Montgomery as coach, effective March 14, 1947, at a salary of $250.00 per calendar month.

The election of Mrs. Howard Montgomery as hostess in Veterans' Hall, effective when Veterans' Hall is ready for occupancy, to receive for her services, board for herself, husband and child if meals are taken in the Commons at regular meal times, and the quarters allocated to the hostess in that building.

The acceptance of the resignation of H. D. Baldridge as manager of the Commons, effective March 31, 1947.

The election of R. J. DeSalvo as supervisor of the personnel in the Commons effective March 31, 1947, at a salary of $175.00 per calendar month and in addition to receive the use free of a single apartment in Wingo Hall for himself and wife and meals in the Commons for himself and wife.

Trustee Colvert made the motion that the action of the President be approved in each case. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
Request of the Southern Realty Company for authority to list the college dairy for sale was next discussed by the Board. Trustee Johnston made the motion that the company be authorized to sell the farm and non-useful equipment at a price to be determined by local real estate agencies, and others in position to advise, and agreed upon by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Veterans Administration request that President Irby be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of and for Arkansas State Teachers College was presented to the board. Trustee Guthridge made the motion that Nolan N. Irby, President of Arkansas State Teachers College be given authority to sign contracts on behalf of and for Arkansas State Teachers College. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

A request of Milton Trusler for approval of an expansion of the facilities offered music students in band and orchestra was presented. Trustee Johnston made the motion that the Board of Trustees grant an increase of the budget not to exceed $5,000 for the fiscal year 1947-48 for the purchase of equipment for the music department and that Mr. Trusler be informed that the Board of Trustees is in hearty accord with his plans to develop the Department of Music. Trustee Colvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Parham made the motion that the contract for the operation of the college book store be ended within not less than 90 days from the date of the meeting and not later than August 15, 1947. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Johnston made the motion that the President and Bursar proceed with the planning, construction, and equipping of the proposed Industrial Building as soon as the State Comptroller's office notifies the college authorities that funds are available. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned until legally called into session again.

R. A. Cox, Chairman

Mrs. Pauline Johnston, Secretary