October 11, 1950

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office Wednesday, October 11, 1950, pursuant to legal call of the meeting by the Chairman. All members of the Board were present. President Irby, Dean W. C. Ferguson, and Business Manager Harold Eidson attended the meeting.

Chairman Cox directed roll call and announced all members present and noted the presence of President Irby, Dean Ferguson and Bursar Eidson as visitors. He then directed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved or disapproved. Trustee Colvert made the motion that the minutes be approved as read. Trustee Snow seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Chairman then called for pending items of business.

President Irby speaking for a committee including himself, Bursar Eidson and State Comptroller Beasley stated that carry over salaries for extension work might legally be paid and therefore E. E. Cordrey, a former faculty member, might be paid for services done prior to September 1, 1950. Trustee Johnston made the motion that E. E. Cordrey be paid $915.25 for extension services and that henceforth all new teachers be provided with typed or mimeographed copies of the resolution established by the Board on August 13, 1943 which applies to earning of faculty members over and above base salary. Trustee Colvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the committee for its services and report and relieved them of any further responsibility in the matter.
Trustee Parham, chairman of the committee on college architect (Trustee Johnston and Flanagin, and President Irby) reported that the committee does not feel that the selection of an architect is necessary at this time and suggested that action be delayed until a later meeting of the Board. After a general discussion, the Chairman accepted the suggestion as having the approval of the Board. There were no other items of pending business and the Chairman called for items of new business which might be legally acted upon.

The audit of the Cafeteria as of June 30, 1950 was read by the Secretary of the Board. Trustee Snow made the motion that Auditor Herbert George be given formal thanks for the audit and that, in general, recommendations in the audit be followed, but that the use of the cafeteria as a public relations asset be left to the discretion of the administration. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairman Cox directed that the audit be filed in the business office as a part of the permanent records of the college.

Trustee Flanagin presented a request that the rental usually charged for use of the auditorium, $30.00 each session of use, be waived for the Conway Community Concert series and moved that the request be granted. Trustee Snow seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened after lunch and Dean W. C. Ferguson was invited to discuss the Report of the Commission on Higher Education in Arkansas in so far as the recommendations and findings of the Commission affected the college.

Bursar Eidson was invited to discuss the recommendations of the Commission in so far as finances of the college were affected. His discussion included the trial balance as of September 30, 1950. It was his opinion that the college will reach the end of the fiscal year without financial problems, but that the finances of the college must be improved by legislative action. The Bursar was commended by the Board for his exhaustive study of finances of the institution.

President Irby defined the situation of enrollment which makes a new classroom building imperative and the plans for placing needs before the general assembly.

President Irby recommended changes in college personnel as follows:

1. Billy Cromwell be given an indefinite leave of absence without pay to enter Armed Forces, effective September 25, 1950.

2. James Sylar, M.A. Degree from Peabody College, be elected as Assistant to the Dean, ultimately to head the guidance service, as of September 9, 1950, at a salary of $300.00 per calendar month.

3. Luke B. Jackman, M.A. Columbia University, be elected as Director of Veterans High School as of September 17, 1950, at $200.00 per calendar month. (This position is temporary).

4. Theron Roberts, E.A. University of Arkansas, be elected as Line Coach and Assistant in Intramural Program, as of September 17, 1950, at a salary of $175.00 per calendar month (This position is temporary).

5/ H. H. Haskett be employed as director of the college band for the period September 9, 1950 to June 9, 1951, at a salary of $111.11 per calendar month.

Trustee Flanagin made the motion that the recommendations be approved. Trustee Johnston seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

R. A. Cox, Chairman

Mrs. Carroll Johnston, Secretary