

May 24, 1953

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office, Conway, Arkansas, at 10 A.M., Sunday, May 24, 1953, pursuant to legal call of the meeting by the Chairman. The following members were present: Dr. J. H. Flanagin, Chairman; Carl H. Brown, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Rufus W. Morgan, Jr., Secretary; O. H. Parham; Harry S. Ashmore; Louie H. Polk and J. W. Teeter.

President Irby and President-elect Snow met with the Board.

After roll call Chairman Flanagin declared all members of the Board of Trustees present and called the meeting into formal session.

Trustee Brown made the motion that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board be approved. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Flanagin welcomed Mr. J. W. Teeter, who was recently appointed to the Board.

The Chairman asked for items of pending business.

President Irby presented the matter of the purchase of cash registers, stating that Mr. Carter, Manager of the Book Store, did not believe the expenditure to be necessary. Trustee Ashmore made the motion that no purchase be made at this time. Trustee Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Secretary Morgan read a letter from R. J. DeSalvo requesting pay for the period from February 1, to March 6, which stated that it was impossible for him to take work during the period of the legislative investigation of the college cafeteria and that he was in much need of the money. Trustee Teeter made the motion that the advice of the State Comptroller in the matter be secured and with the Comptroller's approval DeSalvo be paid \$275.00 for the month of February 1953.

Chairman Flanagin declared that the Board was ready to consider items of new business.

Trustee Ashmore made the motion that any form of hazing or initiation into any group on the campus which involves physical or mental pain or indignity be abolished as of this date. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Brown made the motion that the salary of Robert Mosley be discontinued, May 31, 1953, until he reports for duty from sick leave at the beginning of the fall semester, 1953-54. Trustee Polk seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby recommended that the Board would approve:

1. A request from James Sylar for a leave of absence for the academic year 1953-54 to attend graduate school.
2. The resignation of Ted Worley to become effective June 1, 1953 to become executive secretary of the Arkansas History Commission.
3. The resignation of Imon Bruce, June 30, 1953, to become Superintendent of the Hot Springs Public Schools.

Trustee Brown made the motion that the President's recommendations be approved. Trustee Polk seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Ashmore made the motion that the resignation of Ed Radley be accepted as of August 9, 1953, instead of September 1, 1953 as he requested and that the resignation of Keith Petersen be accepted as of July 5, 1953 instead of August 8, 1953 as requested, unless he continues to teach during the second summer term. Trustee Brown

seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Action was delayed for a year to investigate the advisability and need for paying a salary to the President of the Student Council.

Trustee Polk made the motion that the Board of Trustees pay \$2.00 per month on the premium for health and accident insurance on each employee of the college, except the President and the Dean of the College who may not receive the amount because of salary bracket in the annual appropriation measure. Trustee Morgan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Morgan made the motion that the two trailers on the campus formerly allotted to the faculty for recreation purposes be sold and the money received be placed in a trust fund and pledged to apply on the purchase or improvement of a faculty recreation center upon the recommendation of the faculty committee on faculty recreation. Trustee Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the proposal of G. Y. Short for the purchase of a micro film and reader.

Trustee Ashmore made the motion that the policy of the Board of Trustees governing faculty participation in politics be amended to read - "No employee of Arkansas State Teachers College shall actively participate in any political campaign involving the election of any State officials, that no prohibition is made against participation in local or county campaigns." Trustee Polk seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board took no action to revise the policy which restricts to \$800.00 per year the amount that any employee of the college may earn by teaching extension courses, grading correspondence papers, teaching adult education or veterans courses, or private music lessons.

Secretary Morgan read a letter from the North Central Association which stated that the college is in excellent standing with the Association, and which stated that the college badly needs additional revenues.

Business Manager Eidson presented the financial report of the dining hall, the monthly trial balance, and the budget for the 1953-54 academic year. He reported a satisfactory financial condition and will present detailed statements at the next meeting of the Board.

Trustee Ashmore made the motion that entrance fees of \$40.50 per semester and \$20.25 each summer term in proportion be distributed as follows and published accordingly in the next forthcoming catalogue:

	General Operating Account	Auxiliary Account
Building fee	0	\$10.00
Scroll fee	0	2.00
Echo fee	0	1.50
Health fee	0	1.50
Library fee	\$3.00	0
Activity fee	0	6.00
Student Council	0	.50
Laboratory	\$10.00	0
General Operation	6.00	0
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	\$19.00	\$21.50

Trustee Teeter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Polk made the motion that the following letter be made a part of the records of this meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Brown seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

"Dr. Nolen M. Irby, President  
Arkansas State Teachers College  
Conway, Arkansas

June 1, 1953

Dear Dr. Irby:

Perhaps no one appreciated the magnitude of the job you have done at Teachers College so well as those of us who have had access to the whole of the record.

As Trustees, we know the financial limitations under which the college had to operate during the critical war years and after, and we know something of the internal dislocations you have had to face. The recent favorable report of the North Central Association is in itself a monument to the wisdom and devotion of your administration.

We know, too, the complete loyalty to students, faculty and staff you have displayed in all your dealings with the Board -- and we have admired you for it.

The esteem in which the present Board members hold you was demonstrated when each of us tried to dissuade you from offering your resignation, and by the reluctance with which the Board finally accepted it only at your urging.

We count it a great privilege to have served with you during a period in which you earned the gratitude of all the people of Arkansas for your distinguished service to the cause of education.

J. H. FLANAGIN, Chairman

CARL H. BROWN, Vice-Chairman

MRS. RUFUS W. MORGAN, JR., Secretary

O. H. PARHAM, Trustee

HARRY S. ASHMORE, Trustee

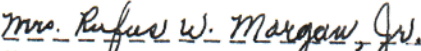
LOUIE H. POLK, Trustee

J. W. TEETER, Trustee"

The next meeting date of the Board was set for 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 21, 1953.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to attend commencement exercises.

  
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James H. Flanagin, Chairman

  
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Mrs. Rufus W. Morgan, Jr., Secretary