

The Board of Trustees of The Arkansas State Teachers College met in the President's office, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Arkansas, Thursday, July 12, 1956 pursuant to legal call of the meeting by the Chairman. The following members were present: Dr. James H. Flanagin, Chairman; Dr. John W. Sneed, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Rufus W. Morgan, Jr., Secretary; Louie H. Polk and Walter Priest. Absent: Harry S. Ashmore; Sam E. Adkisson.

President Snow met with the Board.

Chairman Flanagin directed roll call and declared a quorum present and called the meeting into formal session.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were approved as read.

Chairman Flanagin called for items of old or pending business.

A letter was read from Mr. Herbert Eldridge, Director of Highways, concerning speed breakers on campus drives to control traffic and speeding. The Board directed President Snow to confer with Mr. Eldridge about this matter.

A progress report on the new Student Union Building was made. A copy of the official notice of approval on the request for funds with which to construct this building follows:

C	HOUSTING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY
O	Region V - Room 2000, 300 W. Vickery Blvd.
P	Fort Worth, Texas
Y	July 10, 1956

Ark. s-CH-18(5)
Ark. State Teachers College
Student Center Building
CONTROL:EEB:jmg

Mr. Silas D. Snow, President
Arkansas State Teachers College
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Snow:

The Community Facilities Commissioner has approved the above-indicated application for a Federal loan of \$350,000 to finance the construction of a student center building to house all student center activities except dining facilities, together with necessary appurtenant facilities.

The formal loan agreement will be forwarded to you within the next few days.

Very truly yours,
/s/ W. H. Sindt
W. H. Sindt
Regional Administrator

Following a discussion of the Army Reserve Armory Building site decision, the Board unanimously decided it might be well to contact Senator J. W. Fulbright in regard to this matter and President Snow was instructed to contact Senator Fulbright.

There being no other items of old business, Chairman Flanagin called for items of new business.

The Board formally approved the following Proclamation:

50th ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION
THE ARKANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

We, the President, the Members of the Board of Trustees, the Faculty and the Students of The Arkansas State Teachers College announce the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the college and herewith send cordial greetings to our colleagues in institutions of higher learning throughout the world, to our alumni and friends, and to the people of Arkansas who founded and maintain this institution.

The foresightedness and leadership eminent 50 years ago when The Arkansas State Teachers College became the first teacher training institution in Arkansas are proudly acknowledged.

Recognizing that in the years to come the values of democratic education may well be tried and tested by world events, we have therefore designated for special observance the Semi-Centennial Year of The Arkansas State Teachers College from the anniversary of our founding date, May 14, through December 1957.

A tentative appropriation request for the Biennium 1957-59 in the amount of \$619,595.00 was approved by the Board. President Snow was authorized to negotiate further with the Legislative Council and members of the Legislature.

The following statement ~~was~~ made at a recent meeting of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Education was read to the Board:

"The increasingly acute national shortage of college teachers, combined with the unfavorable competitive position which the state occupies as to salaries, has made it difficult to secure and keep competent teaching staffs".

Trustee Priest made the motion that the following resignations be accepted:

1. Miss Frances Amis, April 1, 1956 - illness
2. M. S. Trusler, July 7, 1956 - to accept position at DePauw University.
3. Miss Helen Canaday, May 31, 1956 - to accept position in Home Economics at Louisiana State University.
4. Dr. Harold Shapiro, September 1, 1956 - to accept position at Arizona State Cpllege, Tempe, Arizona.
5. Ralph Atkinson, July 9, 1956 - to accept position at Texarkana, Arkansas High School.

Trustee Morgan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Trustee Sneed made the motion that the following persons be elected:

1. H. B. Hardy, Director of Placement, effective July 1, 1956 at a salary of \$350.00 per calendar month.
2. Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, Director of Women's Activities, effective June 1, 1956, at a salary of \$300.00 per calendar month plus apartment and utilities.
3. Thomas Higgins, Assistant Professor of Music, effective September 1, 1956, at a salary of \$350.00 per calendar month.
4. Howard Groth, Professor and Head of the Department of Music, effective July 1, 1956 at a salary of \$500.00 per calendar month.
5. Glenn F. Powers, Assistant Professor of Physical Science, July 1, 1956 through September 9, 1956, at the rate of \$416.00 per calendar month. Mr. Powers has been granted a leave of absence to attend graduate school beginning Sept. 10, 1956.

Elections cont'd.

6. E. W. Packard, Professor and Head of Industrial Education Department, July 1, 1956 through September 9, 1956, at the rate of \$416.66 per calendar month. Mr. Packard has been granted a leave of absence to attend graduate school beginning September 10, 1956, and returning to the payroll June 1, 1957.
7. L. W. Winget, Foreign Language Department, July 9, 1956 through August 11 1956 at the rate of \$80.00 per week for the five weeks - total of \$400.00 for the five weeks summer term.
8. Sue Phelps, Instructor of Home Economics, effective July 1, 1956 - salary be fixed at \$337.50 per calendar month, instead of \$325.00

Trustee Polk seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Trustee Polk made the motion that the following requests for leave of absence be approved:

1. V. N. Hukill, to attend graduate school this summer - one term with pay and one term without pay - going off the payroll June 4, 1956 and returning to the payroll July 9, 1956.
2. Dorothy Allen, to attend graduate school the second summer term - without pay 0 going off the payroll July 8, 1956 and returning to the payroll August 12, 1956.
3. Miss Jacqueline DeCamp, to attend graduate school during school year 1956-57 - going off payroll September 9, 1956 to beginning of first summer term of 1957.

Trustee Morgan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Trustee Morgan made the motion that Miss Barbara Banks, recently voted MISS ARKANSAS, be awarded an all expense scholarship (room, board and fees) at The Arkansas State Teachers College for the school term 1956-57.

Trustee Sneed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Trustee Polk made the motion that a piano for instructional purposes be purchased and authorized a call for bids for same.

Trustee Morgan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The following letter from The Arkansas Baptist State Convention was read:

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
June 22, 1956
President Silas D. Snow
Arkansas State Teachers College
Conway, Arkansas

Dear President Snow:

At a recent executive committee of our executive board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention I was authorized to approach the presidents of our state colleges about the possibility of the establishment of Bible Chairs for the benefit of those students who might like to take Bible courses for college credit. This has been done very successfully in other states, such as Texas and Missouri.

You probably already are familiar with the arrangement. The college sets the number of elective hours a student may have for Bible courses and passes on the academic standing of the ones who teach the courses. The denominations hire the teachers and use the religious student centers adjacent to the campus as the classrooms. I believe the student pays the same amount for a certain number of hours of Bible as he does for the same number of hours of history, English, etc. I believe that the Bible courses are listed in most of the catalogues of the state colleges in Texas.

We are very interested in establishing a Bible chair at Arkansas State Teachers College and believe that you will see the merit of such a step. We would use our Baptist Student Center, if your college approved of such a program, and would submit to you for approval the name of our student director or a pastor in the area as the instructor.

I have been in this position a short time and regret that I have not had the pleasure of meeting you. I will be happy to come to Conway at your convenience to talk with you about this matter or any other. We are grateful for your fine leadership at Arkansas State Teachers College.

Sincerely,
/s/ Tom J. Logue
Tom J. Logue
B.S.U. Director

The Board unanimously approved President Snow's recommendation to submit the request to the College Curriculum Committee for further study and discussion. The committee will be requested to recommend a course of action later to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Sneed made the motion that the following regulations pertaining to students living off the campus be approved:

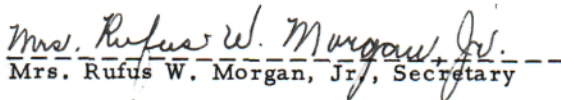
1. All students living off the campus are required to report any change of address promptly to the Office of the Dean of Students. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of registration.
2. All students living off the campus are reminded that they are subject to the following college policies:
 - a. Women guests may not visit in men's apartments or rooms at any time or under any circumstances.
 - b. The college policy on alcoholic beverages is that no student shall drink on college property, in any student living place, or at any social function or other college event.

Trustee Priest seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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



James H. Flanagin, Chairman



Mrs. Rufus W. Morgan, Jr., Secretary