

July 26, 1941

The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Teachers College met in Room 501, Park Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Saturday, July 26, 1941. Present and voting: Bachelor, Cox, McKinney, Kendall, Elton present by proxy. Absent: Bateman, Maze. President McAlister was also present.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following letter from Trustee Maze was submitted by Chairman Bachelor for consideration of the Board:

"I regret very much my inability to attend the board meeting -- I had the unfortunate luck to suffer a severe burn on my right leg and I am compelled to stay in bed.

"If, however, I were present, there would be one thing that I would put in the form of a motion, and that is that the reconsideration of the dismissal of Mr. C. C. Denney. I have had many requests to that effect from people whom I consider as those interested in our educational institutions; and while I realize that I was not present at the meeting at which he was dismissed, I will appreciate it if this letter will be treated as a motion that his reinstatement may be reconsidered.

"If the same is not done, I shall not treat it as a personal matter at all, because it was my business to have been present when his dismissal was made."

The letter was read and discussed. Motion by Kendall, seconded by McKinney that the board reaffirm its action of April 26, 1941, regarding Mr. Denney. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of President McAlister, motion by Cox, seconded by Kendall that Mr. Frederick Eby, Jr. of Denton, Texas be elected to a position in the Education Department at a salary of \$2568.00 per year, effective September 1, 1941. Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by McKinney that:

1. Mr. C. C. Denney be given an opportunity to complete all of his correspondence courses registered for prior to September 1, 1941.
2. All extension classes be taught by regular staff members of the Arkansas State Teachers College or staff members of some other college.
3. All correspondence courses be outlined and papers submitted be graded by regular staff members. That no outside person be employed to do this work until it is definitely determined that the regular staff cannot handle the work.

Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by McKinney that Dr. W. C. Ferguson be elected Dean of Men. Motion carried.

Motion by McKinney, seconded by Kendall that:

1. Coach and Mrs. L. T. Roberts be placed in charge of Doyne Hall next year.
2. His compensation be increased to include room and board for himself and family.
3. The business manager of the college be instructed to refinish the apartment in accordance with plans agreed upon by Dean Meadors, Mr. Guy E. Smith and Coach Roberts. Motion

Motion carried.

President McAlister presented the resignations of the following:

Mrs. Dollie R. Holl, Home Economics
 Miss Lucy Torson, Home Economics
 Miss Laura E. Haynes, Supervisor Training School
 Mrs. T. B. McNeely, Hostess Bernard Hall
 Troy Jones, Agriculture

Motion by McKinney, seconded by Kendall that the resignations be accepted, as of September 1, 1941. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, motion by Kendall seconded by McKinney that the following staff be employed in the Department of Home Economics for next year to be effective September 1, 1941:

Anna Carol Fults, Chairman of Department and Teacher Trainee. Teach Methods at the college - Salary: \$450.00 to be paid by the college and \$1,950.00 to be paid by Miss Keys.

Jessie Mae Parker, Live in Home Management House and Supervise Student Teaching - Salary: \$650.00 to be paid by the college and \$1,350.00 to be paid by Miss Keys.

Rosa Walker - Teach Clothing - Salary: \$1,760.00 to be paid by the college and \$240.00 to be paid by Miss Keys.

Marietta Sharp - Teach Foods - Salary: \$1,760.00 to be paid by the college and \$240.00 to be paid by Miss Keys.

Ellodee Davis - Teach Family Relations and Child Development - Salary: \$1,760.00 to be paid by the college and \$240.00 to be paid by Miss Keys.

Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by McKinney that Edna Grace Sharrock be employed as bookkeeper in the business office at a salary of \$60.00 per month, effective July 1, 1941. Motion carried.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by McKinney that a resolution of appreciation for the cooperation of Miss Alma Keys and Miss Drusilla Kent in making this Home Economics set-up possible for the college be drafted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

President McAlister presented to the board the following statement:

"I find that it is impossible for me to do justice to the two jobs I now have. I cannot do justice to my regiment and continue to devote as much time as is necessary in the general supervision of the work at the college.

"I have enjoyed my tenure at the Arkansas State Teachers College. I have seen it grow from a two year normal school in which the majority of the students were of high school grade to a standard four year college of between seven and eight hundred college students with standard equipment and a standard faculty. I have seen the faculty grow from a small faculty with only a limited amount of professional training to one that is now rated in the upper quartile among all the Teachers Colleges in the United States. I have seen the plant grow from one valued at about a quarter-million dollars to one now valued at more than two million dollars. I am happy to have had some small part in this growth. I believe that no school in the state has the possibilities for service that exist at the Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway.

"I have been torn between two desires, one to resign my commission in the Army and the other to give up the college and devote my entire time to my country in this time of emergency. I have made my choice, I must follow the call of the nation. I must serve my country.

"I appreciate the confidence that this Board has expressed in me personally. I appreciate the statements you have made and the resolutions you have passed with reference to my service. I appreciate the fact that you are studying the problems of the college and that you expect to help solve them. This is an excellent Board and I congratulate the college on having such citizens of this state as the guiding hand for its future.

"In fairness to the college and to you I must request that you elect a full time President, one who can devote his entire time to the duties of that office."

Motion by Cox, seconded by Kendall that:

1. President McAlister's recommendations be accepted.
2. He be given a three years leave of absence from duty with the college.
3. Dr. Nolen M. Irby be elected President of the college in his stead at a salary of \$4000.00 per year, effective August 15, 1941.

Motion carried.

The Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Bruce Kendall

Secretary

George L. Bachelor
Chairman