

April 4, 1951

The Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, met in the President's office Wednesday, April 4, 1951, pursuant to legal call of the meeting by the Chairman. All members of the Board were present. President Irby and Business Manager Harold Eidson attended the meeting.

Chairman Cox presided and presented Mrs. Rufus W. Morgan, Jr., as the new member of the Board of Trustees.

After roll call, Chairman Cox announced a quorum and directed that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees be read. Trustee Colvert made the motion that the minutes be approved as read. Trustee Snow seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Cox announced that it was necessary to elect a new Secretary. Trustee James S. Colvert was nominated and elected unanimously.

There were no items of business pending and the Chairman announced that the Board was ready to take action on new items.

President Irby and Bursar Eidson described the status of the 1951-52 and 1952-53 budgets. It was announced that although the general assembly had voted an appropriation of \$525,000 for each year of the biennium, only \$375,000 would be available each year under existing legislation. President Irby described actions he deemed necessary to operate within the appropriation. After further discussion no action of the Board was taken pending the call of an extraordinary session of the general assembly.

Trustee Flanagan made the motion that the following resolution be mailed to Governor Sid McMath:

April 4, 1951

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the General Assembly ended the 1951 session without making adequate provisions for the support of the public schools, the state colleges and the State University, and

WHEREAS, Arkansas State Teachers College has received formal notice from the North Central Association that additional funds for its operation must be made available or that the institution's rating would be seriously jeopardized, and

WHEREAS, Arkansas State Teachers College cannot of itself provide the funds necessary for its operation,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, that the Honorable Sid McMath, Governor of the State of Arkansas be asked to call into special session the General Assembly and request that body to make adequate operational funds available for the public schools and for State Institutions of Higher Education.

/s/ R. A. Cox  
Chairman

/s/ James S. Colvert  
Secretary

Trustee Snow seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby presented a request from the State Board of Education that the University and State Colleges charge a uniform fee of \$5.00 per credit hour instead of \$4.00 as at present for correspondence and extension courses. After general discussion action on the request was postponed.

Trustee Guthridge made the motion that the Board of Trustees, Arkansas State Teachers College, invite the members of all Board of Trustees of all State institutions of higher learning to a meeting on this campus during the week of May 14, 1951, to discuss such matters of interest as are common to all institutions. Trustee Colvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Snow made the motion that 20 scholarships be offered prospective music students to the value of \$20.50 each for the first semester the students entered college and that these scholarships be renewable; that 12 scholarships be granted in applied music to the value of \$40.00 under the same conditions; and that the present policy of the Board respecting scholarships to valedictorians be amended to include honor students from schools which do not announce a first honor graduate. Trustee Guthridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Trustee Guthridge, the following changes in college personnel were adopted:

1. The resignation of Eugene Nolte to take effect May 31, 1951 to reenter graduate school.
2. The release of Mrs. Ruby Melton at the end of the present session because of discontinuing the 7-8 grades in the training school.
3. The promotion of Viron Hukill from instructor to Assistant Professor, Industrial Education.
4. The promotion of Verna Chrieler from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, Education.

Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Trustee Guthridge made the motion that the request of Wayne Maloy for indefinite leave as of April 20, and of Fred Cathcart as of April 20, 1951 for a two year leave not be approved, but that each be given a year's leave subject to renewal upon request. Trustee Parham seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

President Irby reported the result of the recent inspection by the North Central Association and Chairman Cox directed that the letter from the Association which defined college status be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting of the Board of Trustees. The letter follows:

"April 3, 1951

President Nolen M. Irby  
Arkansas State Teachers College  
Normal Station  
Conway, Arkansas

Dear President Irby:

At its meeting on March 28-29 the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association gave careful consideration to the report of the recent survey of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway. In the judgment of the Commission your institution has weaknesses of a serious nature, stemming from insufficient income. The salaries are extremely low, making it difficult to secure and retain well-trained staff members. The teaching loads are excessively high. The faculty is small in relation to the size of the student body. The provisions for leaves of absence are quite meager, and the retirement plan is inadequate. The maintenance of the physical plant is below average because of understaffing. It should be emphasized that these serious weaknesses are a direct result of the inadequate financial support of the College. The great majority of institutions in the North Central Association have higher income per student than does Arkansas State Teachers College. It is imperative that your institution secure greatly increased income if a satisfactory teacher education program is to be maintained.

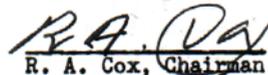
In view of the findings of the survey the Commission voted that Arkansas State Teachers College be continued on the accredited list for two years and that another examination be made in the Autumn of 1952. It is the hope of the Commission that the College can secure in the immediate future the additional resources that are urgently needed. At the Annual Meeting of the Association in the Spring of 1953 a decision will be made again as to whether or not the College should be retained on the accredited list.

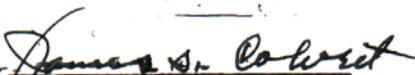
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Sincerely yours,

Manning M. Pattillo, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary"

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

  
R. A. Cox, Chairman

  
James S. Colvert, Secretary