

At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College, held at the office of Dr. Frank L. McVey, President of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, on March 29, 1929, pursuant to call, the following members were present:

Hon. W. C. Bell, Chairman
 Mrs. S. M. Bradley
 Allie W. Young
 Glenn E. Perry
 E. W. Senff, Secretary

The following business was transacted:

The committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate certain acts of former Dean Chambers filed its report, which report on motion of Judge Young, seconded by Mr. Perry was read, approved and ordered spread at large upon the minute book of the Board. The report follows:

To the Board of Regents of the MOREHEAD STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND TEACHERS COLLEGE.

The Committee which you appointed to inquire into the activities of J. L. Chambers while he was Dean and Registrar of the Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College makes the following report of their findings:

I. Concerning "the graduation of seventy from the high school."

The following persons participated in the graduating exercises of the Normal School (High School) class in 1928, although the records of the school show that they had the following credits at that time:

Alkie Baldridge	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Lacked $\frac{1}{2}$ of a unit in Plane Geometry
Malkie Baldridge	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Stanley Blair	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Edna Bladdsoe	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Lockie Burchwell	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Bertha Chapman	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Frank Cornette	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Ralph Coleman	15	
Lena Crispe	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
William Dupey	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Peach Ellis	14	Lacked $\frac{1}{2}$ of a unit in Plane Geometry
Gwendolyn Everman	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Ethel Fetterly	15	
Claude Flannery	--	No high School credit on record
Ethel Flannery	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Bessie Halbert	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	

Christine Hall	14-3/2	
Hargis Ison	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	
O. A. Howard	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Edith Howland	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Virgil Howland	15	
Della Johnson	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Atha LeMaster	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Neva McKenzie	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Elsie Martin	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Frank Meadows	15	
Clyde Miller	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Anna Musser	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Virgie Pennington	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ted Perry	14	
Eloise Queen	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Edna Quesinberry	12	
Marjorie Rayburn	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Mima Roberts	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Marie Salisbury	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Pearl Setser	15	
Sena Skaggs	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
R. D. Sloan	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ina B. Spencer	15	
Bessie Stamper	15	
Agnes Stidham	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Katherine Stratton	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
William Sturgill	2	
Carrie Tolliver	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Glen Underwood	15	
Esta Mae Wells	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Pearl Franklin	15	
Cecil Landreth	14-2/3	
Robert Stewart	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Allie Carter	13	Lacked $\frac{1}{2}$ of a unit in Plane Geometry

Note: 16 units are required for High School graduation from an accredited high school. Five of these must be as follows: English 3 units; Algebra 1 unit; and Plane Geometry 1 unit.

In addition to those persons named above, nineteen others participated in the graduation exercises. These, however, had the required units.

II. Concerning the credits of D. J. Carty and W. O. Leedy.

The records of the school show the transcripts were given D. J. Carty and W. O. Leedy on July 16th, 1928.

Miss Davis, who at that time was the Recorder, states that she gave these young men a copy of their credits before they left Morehead for Richmond.

III. With reference to Mr. Chambers or his wife receiving pay from book companies during Mr. Chambers' connections with the Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College your committee has the following to report.

On a recent trip which took him through Cincinnati, Ohio, Professor E. V. Hollis, at the request of the committee, called at the offices of the American Book Company and secured from Mr. Blue of that company the information that Mrs. J. L. Chambers was paid \$18.00 a week for a period of seven (7) weeks by the American Book Company for exhibiting their books at Morehead.

We also find that during the term of his employment at Morehead Mr. Chambers used his authority as Dean for the purpose of discriminating against certain of the other book companies. As evidence of this fact we attach statements from the persons concerned.

IV. Concerning "persons receiving credits for their attendance at school while they were employed in the institution."

After the Board of Regents had passed a resolution to the effect that no employe of the institution be allowed to attend classes in the school for credit, we find that Lyda Amburgey, Mrs. S. H. McGuire and Mrs. J. L. Chambers received credits as follows:

Lyda Amburgey

English Literature 61a	First Term	1926-27	3	hours
English Literature 61b	Second "	1926-27	3	"
Modern Poetry 71	Second "	1926-27	2	"
Modern History	First "	1926-27	3	"

Mrs. S. H. McGuire

Contemporary British Literature 82	First Term	1927-28	3	"
Comparative Govt. 75	First "	1927-28	3	"
Sociology 86	First "	1927-28	3	"
English History 61	First "	1927-28	2	"
Modern History 51	First "	1927-28	3	"

Mrs. J. L. Chambers

American Literature 75	Second Term	1927-28	3	"
History 51	First "	1927-28	3	"
Education 56	First "	1927-28	3	"
American Literature 76	Summer	1928	2	"
Political Science 54	Summer	1928	2	"

The order of the Board of Regents referred to above was passed December 3rd, 1926. The committee finds that on December 4th, 1926, Lyda Amburgey was paid by check Number 278 the sum of four (\$4.00) dollars as the refund of her entrance fee. No entrance fee was paid by her at any later time.

During the time that Mrs. S. H. McGuire took the work listed above she was receiving fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per month from the school for teaching.

Mrs. J. L. Chambers went on a regular salary in the Extension Department in November 1927. The first check given her in this capacity is dated November 23d, 1927.

V. Concerning the personal actions of Mr. Chambers while in office, the committee is unable to offer a definite report.

During the process of investigation the committee interviewed a number of the members of the faculty and employes of the school, but was unable to find anyone who could testify to having seen any indiscreet or improper act on the part of Mr. Chambers other than that of locking the door of his office on numerous occasions and allowing none other than his office help inside. So much unfavorable comment was aroused over this that one member of the faculty felt it his duty to call the attention of the President to the situation.

VI. Your committee also finds that there are numerous irregularities in the handling of credits, which date back to Mr. Chambers' term of office, as examples of which the following are specified:

1. Miss Lena Faye Darrel received a certificate dated July 13th, 1927, good for two years, on the fact of which certificate is the statement "This certificate is issued on the basis of evidence showing that the holder has earned credit for $6\frac{1}{2}$ units standard high school work, at least four of which were earned in residence at Morehead State Normal School."

The Act of 1926 requires eight units of high school work for this certificate. There is nowhere a provision in the school law for a certificate based on six and one-half units of high school work.

This certificate has been secured from Miss Darrell and is attached to this report.

We are informed that Miss Darrell's sister has a certificate of a similar kind and we are led to believe that there are others.

2. Pearl Adams Newsome was awarded a College Elementary Certificate on July 30th, 1927, when she lacked two (2) units necessary to high school graduation and had nineteen (19) semester hours of college work. (This certificate is issued on the basis of high school graduation plus sixteen (16) semester hours of college credit.

3. Angie Ward was granted the College Elementary Certificate on June 15th, although her records shows only seven (7) units of high school work.

4. William Skaggs who took part in the graduation exercises in May 1928 as a member of the two-year college class and who understood that he was to receive the Standard Certificate had (14) units of high school work and sixty (60) semester hours of college credit. (The Standard Certificate is issued on the basis of high school graduation plus sixty-four (64) semester hours of college credit.)

5. Mrs. Pearl B. Webb was granted the College Elementary on June 10th, 1926. She had only fifteen and one-half ($15\frac{1}{2}$) units of high school work and lacked one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a unit of Plane Geometry. She had sixteen (16) semester hours of college credit. When she asked for a renewal of this certificate in 1928 the request was denied by the State Department of Education because she was not a high school graduate.

6. The record of G. I. Becraft contains the following:

Teachers Arithmetic Evaluated	3 hours
English Composition Evaluated	3 hours

The grade on each of the above mentioned courses was "B". Mr. Becraft, when asked about this matter, stated that no examination of any kind was given him, but that Mr. Chambers thought that a man of his experience should be given credit for these courses.

7. S. M. R. Hurt was awarded the College Certificate on May 31st, 1927. One requirement for this certificate at Morehead Teachers College was five (5) Semester hours of credit on Practice Teaching. Mr. Hurt did not have any credit on Practice Teaching.

8. Robert J. Nickel was granted the College Certificate on June 30th, 1928. Mr. Nickel's record does not show any credit on practice teaching.

9. A. H. Turman was granted the College Certificate on July 15th, 1928, although he had only two (2) hours of credit for Practice Teaching instead of the required five(5). We also find, in connection with Mr. Turman's record that of the work taken at Morehead Teachers College $32\frac{1}{2}$ hours were completed in residence and 26 hours by special examination. There are a number of references and notations on his record card which are confusing, one of which refers to twelve (12) semester hours of credit for War Service. This seems to have been accepted by the University of Idaho.

In the list of special examinations given Mr. Turman by the Morehead Teachers College appear the following--Astronomy, Calculus, and Analytical Geometry. We are unable to ascertain who gave these examinations as at that time there were not taught in the school, and we know of none of the faculty at that time capable of giving such examinations. Astronomy and Calculus have never been taught in the Morehead Teachers College.

VII. Your committee also finds that the records of the Department of Extension, for which Mr. Chambers was responsible, are in such condition that they mean very little. For example, a record was kept of receipts, but there are no notations to show what these receipts were for or to account for the divergence in the amounts received.

We also find that in connection with a Study Center held by Mr. Chambers at Mt. Sterling that there is no record of the amount received at all. Whether or not there are other instances of a similar kind the committee is unable to say. It happened that members of the committee had personal knowledge of this Study Centre being held.

Signed:

Wm. H. Vaughan

W. L. Jayne

Warren C. Lappin

Committee

Dr. McVey then explained in detail the report of the survey committee, a copy of which report was heretofore sent to each member of the Board.

Judge Young then offered the following resolution: Be it resolved by the Board of Regents of the Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College that its sincere thanks be extended to Messrs. McVey, Works and Gillis for their splendid service in making survey of the school and for their comprehensive, efficient, and helpful report, which resolution was seconded by Secretary Senff and upon a roll call all members of the Board voting Aye.

On motion duly carried Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Perry are appointed a committee to take up with the proper authorities the question of consolidating the local school at Morehead with the proposed new training school.

On motion of Judge Young, seconded by Mr. Perry, the architects, Messrs. Joseph & Joseph are requested to visit two libraries named in the survey report and to then redraft library plans and submit same to the Board. Motion carried.

Dr. F. C. Button having tendered his resignation as President, same is now taken under advisement by the Board, and Mr. Perry then moved that Governor Sampson, Judge Young and Secretary Senff be made a committee to select a new President, who shall also act as Dean and agree with him as to compensation, such appointment to become effective as of the semester beginning in September next, to serve for an indefinite period and so long as his conduct and services are satisfactory to the Board, and which selection shall be subject to the final approval of the Board; said motion was seconded by Judge Young and on a roll call all members of the Board voted Aye and said motion was declared adopted.

Judge Young then moved that the following members of the faculty and employees be notified that beginning with the semester in September their services would no longer be required:

S. H. McGuire, Mrs. S. H. McGuire, Miss Bettie Robinson, Miss Evelyn Royalty, Miss Emma Shader, Miss Lola Traylor, Mrs. G. K. Carter, Miss Cessna Stafford and Mrs. Nannie G. Faulconer, and that before the semester beginning in September next that a leave of absence be given to each of the following, upon their request for further preparation, viz: H. C. Haggan, Miss Pearl Jordan, Miss Carolyn Turner, Miss Capitola Simpson, Miss Ruby Hard and Miss Effie King, which motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and upon a roll call declared duly adopted.

It being the purpose of the Board to consolidate the office of President and Dean, as per recommendation of the survey committee, on motion duly carried the position of Registrar is tendered Professor Wm. H. Vaughan, at the same salary as now received by him, effective as of the semester in September, or when a new President and Dean shall assume such duties and the committee above appointed to select such new President and Dean is also authorized to confer with Dr. Button regarding a position at the school and agree with him upon compensation for his services, subject to the final approval of the Board.

On motion duly carried resignation of Mrs. Mayme Wiley effective at end of her present contract of employment was accepted.

On motion, duly carried, the meeting then adjourned to meet at ten o'clock A. M. Tuesday, April 2, 1929, at the Administration Building, Morehead, Kentucky.


CHAIRMAN


SECRETARY

APPROVED:

April 2-1929