

October 16, 1941

A meeting of the Board of Regents of Morehead State Teachers College was held on October 16, 1941, in the Consultation Room of the Court of Appeals. The Board met in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and moved to the Consultation Room because of the noise in the Superintendent's office created by workmen repairing the Capital Building. The meeting was held pursuant to call of Chairman J. W. Brooker.

The following were present:

J. W. Brooker, Chairman
Harry H. Ramey
E. E. Shannon
Mrs. Allie W. Young

Mr. Donald Putnam was absent, due to being mistaken as to the place of the meeting, as he went to Morehead instead of coming on to Frankfort; however, on arrival in Morehead he realized his mistake and telephoned from there and expressed regret at this error and his inability to reach Frankfort in time for the meeting. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Putnam, the Chairman requested Miss Clara Kershaw, of the Department of Education, to serve as Secretary pro tem. The Chairman declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. President W. H. Vaughan was also present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mrs. Young, the minutes of the meetings of October 21, 1940, January 30, 1941, and June 5, 1941, were ordered approved. The motion was put; all voted "Aye", and it was so ordered.

President's report: Chairman Brooker stated that President Vaughan had prepared a report, and he would now proceed with the reading of it. President Vaughan then began reading his report, but was interrupted as it was reported that Judge E. C. O'Rear, Attorney, Frankfort, Kentucky, was waiting in an outer office to come before the Board. Chairman Brooker asked President Vaughan to hold the reading of his report in abeyance until Judge O'Rear made his statement to the Board.

Judge O'Rear's claim for fee: Judge O'Rear entered the meeting at this time and made a detailed statement of his employment as counsel by the Board in 1928, and his claim of \$1500 as balance due on his fee of \$3,000 in connection with services rendered the College, and the method of paying this balance in equal annual installments of \$500 each. After a full discussion of the matter by members of the Board with Judge O'Rear, he then retired from the meeting. In the discussion which followed by the Board, with reference to the question of Judge O'Rear's fee, Mr. Ramey stated that as the services of Judge O'Rear were contracted for by a former Board and this was a matter of great importance, he thought it should be considered by the full Board, and as Mr. Putnam was absent today that any action on this matter should be deferred to the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Brooker then stated as Judge O'Rear had offered to settle

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his claim of \$1500, by the payment of \$500 annually for a period of three years, he would appoint Mr. Ramey and President Vaughan to consult with Mr. Putnam and prepare suitable resolutions for consideration and discussion at the next meeting of the Board.

President's report continued: The Chairman then stated the Board would revert to the President's report. President Vaughan then discussed at length his budget, stating that they were asking for \$100,000 more money. Motion was then made by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the budget be adopted as prepared for 1942-44, with the request for \$100,000 for capital outlay and \$100,000 increase in the operating expenses of the institution, including re-equipment, rehabilitation and renovation of the physical plant. The motion was put; all voted "Aye" and it was so ordered.

The President's report was ordered filed as exhibit with the minutes, and the report follows:

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To the Members of the Board of Regents:

I am submitting to you to-day a statement of our operation budget for this year, and also a financial statement of the year that has just closed. I should like to call your attention to the serious economic problems that confront us this year. As you know, our finances come from two sources. First, state appropriations and second, student fees. Our income from state appropriations is \$219,000.00, and our estimated income this year from student fees is \$126,971.00, making a total of \$345,971.00, as an operating budget for 1941-42. Last year, our total income from student fees was \$167,524.12, which gave us an operating budget of \$386,524.12.

This means that we have had to cut from our budget this year, a total of \$39,553.12. This reduction must be made in the salary roll, in instruction supplies, in the maintenance and operation of the plant, in travel, or in such auxiliary agencies as athletics, library, lyceum and the like. In short, it is necessary for us to reduce the services we would like to give our students by that amount.

We have reduced our salary roll from \$204,000.00 last year to a little more than \$197,000.00 this year. This has been an unpleasant task, because our teachers are underpaid as it is. Consequently, we have not reduced any salary, but as teachers and employees have resigned, wherever it is possible, we have not filled their places. For example, Miss Virginia Conroy resigned last year. Miss Carter took over her duties without any extra compensation. Alton Payne was drafted into the army. We have asked another member of our staff to take over his duties without any extra pay. Mr. Keith Davis, Assistant Professor of Music, resigned. We are taking care of his work without adding another teacher. Dr. Black, head of the Mathematics and Physics Department, will be away all this year on a leave of absence. We are not employing anybody to take his place. His work will be divided among the two remaining members in the department, and some of it will be carried over into other departments. Mrs. Carl, Manager of the Bookstore, has resigned, and I have asked Mrs. Manning, a member of the clerical staff, to take her work. We shall continue to follow this policy as long as it is possible to do so. As you can understand, this policy

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cannot be pursued indefinitely without very harmful results to our instructional program.

There are a great many items in our budget that cannot be reduced. For example, our debt service remains constant, that is \$32,800.00 annually. Such items as coal, electricity and the like can be reduced but very little.

I am summarizing a few of our budgetary items to give you an idea of what we have done. Our budget this year calls for the following expenditures:

Salaries	\$197,897.35
Student wages	19,098.00
Cafeteria Purchases	38,000.00
Debt Service	32,800.00
Electricity	8,200.00
Coal	15,000.00
Insurance	2,755.00
Postage	1,500.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,160.00
Bookstore Purchases	5,000.00
Maintenance of Plant	4,105.00
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This leaves a total of \$20,425.65 for such items as instructional supplies, library books, magazines and supplies, travel, office supplies and printing, premiums on surety bonds, institutional memberships, chapel and lyceum programs, medical supplies for our school hospital and social activities. If the whole of this amount were expanded on instructional supplies alone, we would not be as well equipped as some institutions.

This is more meaningful when you note that there is included in the \$20,425.65 contingent fund of \$6,455.99 which is set aside to take care of unforeseen expenditures, or reductions in our estimated receipts. You can readily see that it is necessary for us to deny to our students many of the services that a college should render.

We should be putting \$5,000.00 annually into our library. This year, we can only spare \$2020.00 for the library. We are able to spend only \$2900.00 for instructional supplies. This is more meaningful when you realize that most small high schools will spend more on their instructional program than we can for this year.

I should like to call your attention to the fact that our state appropriations ten years ago were nearly twice what they are now, and in the past ten years there has not been one cent appropriated from the general treasury of Kentucky for capital outlay on this campus. As a result of this, the buildings and grounds are badly in need of repair. The furniture in our dormitories is dilapidated, and some of it needs replacement. The boulevard should be repaired. The buildings should be painted. Whatever improvements have been made on the campus have been made out of our operating revenue, which is much lower than it was ten

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years ago. In the meantime, the college has grown, and in an effort to serve the people of our territory more efficiently, it has expanded its offering which has added to the legitimate and necessary expenses of operating the college. These facts add tremendously to the administrative problems of the college. Below is a tabulation of the state appropriations of the college since 1924:

1924-25	-----\$364,967.73
1925-26	- 380,866.12
1926-27	381,940.75
1927-28	396,502.07
1928-29	373,189.75
1929-30	375,726.51
1930-31	406,350.79
1931-32	365,378.71
1932-33	196,059.99
1933-34	175,360.00
1934-35	194,000.00
1935-36	194,000.00
1936-37	180,000.00
1937-38	180,000.00
1938-39	194,000.00
1939-40	193,000.00
1940-41	219,000.00
1941-42	219,000.00

I hope you will study these carefully and see what you think can be done to help us get this situation remedied at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

President"

Petition to Highway Commission: It was moved by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mrs. Young, that a petition be presented to the State Highway Commission to put some kind of top surface on the road between West Liberty and Morehead. This would be at least 75 miles nearer to Morehead than it would be by Ashland, and would probably increase the annual enrollment at Morehead. The motion was put; all voted "Aye", and it was so ordered.

Leaves of Absence: President Vaughan stated that a Sabbatical Leave had been granted to Miss Wilkes, but she found she could not take it now, and Dr. F. B. Miller had an opportunity to attend a workshop in Higher Education, and a Sabbatical leave was given to him. Motion was made by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Ramey, that this leave be granted to Dr. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Black has asked for a leave of absence. President Vaughan said they were not employing any one in his place; however, he is not sure whether he will return, and they would like to extend his leave until September 1, 1942. Mr. Ramey made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Young, that Dr. Black be given this leave. The motion carried unanimously.

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President Vaughan stated that Mr. Keith Davis has resigned. He said he told Mr. Davis that they would not be in a hurry in filling his place. No action was taken by the Board as to his successor.

President Vaughan stated that Mrs. Marjorie Esham Carl had resigned as Manager of the bookstore, and that Mrs. Iva Manning, member of the clerical staff, has taken over the work and is doing a very good job.

President Vaughan also stated that Alton Payne had been drafted into the army, and that he had asked Miss Lxer Robinson, Assistant to the Dean of Women to take over his work.

President Vaughan also reported that Mrs. Lucille Brand Havens, secretary to the Dean, had resigned, and he recommended that Miss Helen Gatewood be appointed to take over her place at the same salary. It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Ramey, that Mrs. Havens' resignation be accepted and that Miss Gatewood be appointed in her place at the same salary. The motion was put; all voted "aye", and it was so ordered.

President Vaughan stated that Bruce Patrick has been transferred from the cafeteria to the business office, where he is very happy.

Claim of Mr. Joseph: President Vaughan read a letter from Mr. Joseph, of the firm of Joseph and Joseph, Architects, Louisville, Kentucky, with reference to an alleged fee of \$4,783, which that firm claimed was due it on some work in connection with the Dam project. President Vaughan was instructed to write Mr. Joseph and request that he send a copy of the contract that he has with this Board, or other evidence of his employment by this Board, for the planning and supervision of the construction of the Dam.

Illness of Mrs. Carr: It was stated by President Vaughan that Mrs. Kathryn Carr was very ill and some doubt was expressed as to her complete recovery and return to work. President Vaughan said that in the event there should be a vacancy that he would like to fill the place with a young man who had a Doctor's degree.

Steam to Christian Church: The matter was brought up by President Vaughan of furnishing steam to the Christian Church which is located close by the steam line of the College. The church has asked that the College sell it steam. This matter was discussed fully, and it was moved by Mr. Brooker, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the request be rejected, with regret, due to legal difficulties involved. The motion was put; all votes "Aye", and it was so ordered.

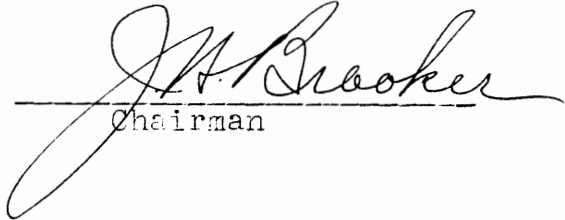
Attendance of President Vaughan at Educational Meeting: President Vaughan stated that he had a chance to ~~to~~ go an educational ~~meeting~~ in San Francisco in February, with all expenses paid, and he would like to have a short leave to attend this meeting. It was moved by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mrs. Young, that in the event the President can get his expenses paid to attend this meeting, that he be granted such leave as is necessary to attend. The motion carried unanimously.

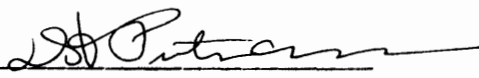
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Increase in Salary of Bill Hudgins: It was recommended by President Vaughan that the salary of Bill Hudgins be increased from \$100 to \$108 per month, due to additional work. It was moved by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the salary of Bill Hudgins be increased from \$100 to \$108. per month. The motion was put; all voted "Aye", and it was so ordered.

Civil Aeronautics Authority: President Vaughan stated that the Civil Aeronautics Authority was going to establish a flying field at Morehead and training would be available for the College next semester.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P. M.


Chairman


Secretary