

April 6, 1954

A meeting of the Board of Regents of Morehead State College was held at the office of President Charles R. Spain on April 6, 1954, following a call and notice by the chairman, Superintendent Wendell P. Butler. Present were:

M. K. Eblen  
J. T. Norris  
Dr. Elwood Esham  
Dr. Lowell Gearheart

Dr. Gearheart and Dr. Esham being members of the Board newly appointed by Governor Lawrence Wetherby, they were given the oath of office and duly installed by Judge W. T. McClain of Rowan County.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on January 26, 1954, were read and ordered approved.

President Spain presented his report on the operation of the College for the quarter January 1, 1954 to March 31, 1954. The financial report not having been completed, consideration of it was postponed to the next meeting. The report on operation is hereto attached and made a part of these minutes. The report will be found at the end of the minutes typed.

The personnel changes recommended in paragraph 4 of the report were approved on motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Dr. Esham, with all members voting "aye."

The policy regarding the use of College facilities by non-college groups, recommended by Dr. Spain in paragraph 5 of the report was adopted on motion of Dr. Esham, seconded by Mr. Eblen.

Paragraph 6 of the report, which is the resignation of Dr. Spain as President of the College, to be effective July 1, 1954 was presented. Mr. Butler expressed his appreciation and that of all the members of the Board for Dr. Spain's valuable services and contribution to the growth of the College. Mr. Norris moved that the resignation be accepted, with allowance for a 2-weeks vacation beginning June 15. The motion was accepted by Mr. Eblen and unanimously carried.

The chairman then presented the matter of selecting a successor to Dr. Spain. He read a list of a number of educators who had been mentioned or recommended for the position. Dr. Gearheart then presented the name of Dr. Adron Doran, of the Department of Education at Frankfort, mentioned his qualifications and moved that he be given a four-year contract as president of Morehead State College, effective June 15, 1954 at a salary of \$8500 a year.

After a discussion, the motion was seconded by Dr. Esham. On the roll call the vote was Dr. Gearhart, aye; Dr. Esham, aye; Mr. Eblen, no, and Mr. Norris, no. Chairman Butler then broke the tie by casting his vote aye, and declared Dr. Doran elected.

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The Board then declared an expression of appreciation to Dr. Spain for his services as President and to the retiring Board members, Mr. Ball and Mr. Reed for their services on the Board.

The report of President Spain follows:

MOREHEAD STATE COLLEGE  
Morehead, Kentucky  
April 6, 1954

Board of Regents  
Morehead State College  
Morehead, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a report on the operation of the College for the quarter January 1, 1954 to March 31, 1954.

1. Enrollment. Our enrollment for the second semester is 698. This enrollment compares with 758 for the first semester. The spring term enrollment will, however, probably increase our total second semester enrollment to or slightly beyond the first semester. During the current semester we also have 20 off-campus courses being taught by the regular faculty.

2. Financial Report. At the end of the past quarter our Revolving Fund Balance was approximately \$57,000 and our General Fund balance was approximately \$4300. A detailed financial report for the quarter will be mailed to each Board member shortly. In general, it may be observed that our financial condition is good and that we are operating within our budget. Our current estimate is that we shall overrealize our anticipated income, although we do not yet know by what amount.

3. Report on Request for Gymnasium. A formal application for assistance toward construction of a new gymnasium has been sent to the State Property and Buildings Commission. This request was recently deferred by the Commission to a later date. Inasmuch as the College will have to issue revenue bonds to help in construction of the gymnasium when it is approved, we are making plans now for the College to handle these revenue bonds. The Sinking Fund for revenue bonds on the Science Building has enough funds now to meet obligations for about three years. We have therefore placed \$15,600 in the Man's Hall Fund and plan to add \$20,740 to this Fund by July 1, 1954. This Fund will then have all the money required to meet the remaining principal and interest obligations. The college will then be in position to assume the cost of revenue bonds on the gymnasium without any hazard and without impairment of the financial support of the instructional program. In addition, this procedure will facilitate the sale of revenue bonds.

4. Personnel Changes. I recommend acceptance and approval of the following personnel changes:

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a. Resignations.

Helen Greim, assistant professor of music, effective at the end of the academic year.

Lou Watson, basketball coach. Mr. Watson has decided not to accept appointment as originally agreed upon.

Mary Jo Woerner, instructor in nursing, effective September 1, 1954.

b. Appointments.

Robert Laughlin, basketball coach, effective immediately. Mr. Laughlin served as acting basketball coach during the current year.

John "Sonny" Allen, assistant basketball coach and instructor in physical education, for the period September 1, 1954 to June 1, 1955, at a salary of \$2400 for the nine-month period.

Patti Bolin, instructor for the 1954 summer session, at a salary of \$500.

James R. McConkey, director of the 1954 Writers' Workshop, at a salary of \$225.

Cari Newsom, instructor for the 1954 summer session, at a salary of \$300.

Elizabeth Sutton, instructor for the 1954 summer session, at a salary of \$550.

Luther Jones, instructor for the 1954 summer session, at a salary of \$300.

Robert P. Tristram Coffin, Writers' Workshop, at a salary of \$300.

James Still, Writers' Workshop, at a salary of \$150.

C. P. Lee, Writers' Workshop, at a salary of \$150.

Mrs. Lureata Martin, Music Workshop, at a salary of \$225.

Leaves

Leave without pay for Clarica Williams, for the period July 13 to August 6, 1954.

5. Policy regarding Use of College Facilities by Non-college Groups. I recommend adoption of the following policy regarding use of college facilities.

POLICY REGARDING USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES  
BY NON-COLLEGE GROUPS

Facilities of Morehead State College are available without charge to all college-sponsored groups and to various professional education groups. These facilities may be made available at the discretion of the College to non-college groups

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serving educational, charitable, and civic purposes. College facilities are not available to groups for commercial purposes. To cover cost of operation and maintenance of these college facilities, the following schedule of charges is established:

Auditorium	\$20.00 per evening
Gymnasium (old)	25.00 " "
Athletic field	50.00 " "
Breckinridge Auditorium	10.00 " "
Rehearsal Hall, Fine Arts Bldg.	10.00 " "

6. Resignation of President. It is with deep regret that I tender my resignation as president of Morehead State College effective July 1, 1954. I should like to take this opportunity to express my sincere and genuine appreciation to the Board of Regents for their loyalty, cooperation, and devotion. Each Board member has served unselfishly and with as high a sense of professional responsibility as I have ever observed. This attitude of the Board has made my administration a great pleasure and a professional challenge. To the Board I owe, therefore, a great debt of gratitude for their assistance in my modest accomplishments. I shall always hope that Morehead State College may continue to grow through devoted service to the people of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Charles R. Spain  
President

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

J. T. Norris  
Secretary

Mendell F. Butler  
Chairman