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MINUTES OF BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

January 26, 1942

The Board of Regents of Murray State Teachers College met in the office of the President in regular quarterly session at 10:00 A. M., Monday, January 26, 1942, the last Monday in January, with the following members present: Dr. C. E. Crume, Judge Charles Ferguson, Mr. Claude Winslow and Mr. George Hart. In the absence of Chairman J. W. Brooker, Vice Chairman Charles Ferguson presided.

President's Report

Dr. Richmond presented and read his report as President, as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

January 26, 1942

Honorable Board of Regents
Murray State Teachers College
Murray, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the following items for your information and consideration:

I. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Regents

I recommend that the Minutes of the Board of Regents for the meeting held on December 18, 1941, copies of which were mailed to the individual members of the Board, be approved and signed.

II. Report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation

III. Extension of Leave of Absence for Mr. W. E. Blackburn

Mr. W. E. Blackburn has requested an extension of his leave of absence from February 1, 1942 through June 6, 1942 in order that he may continue with his graduate work; and I have granted his request.

IV. Room and Board in the Dormitory

I am asking this Board to ratify the action of the President in making official announcement that the price of room and board in the dormitories will be increased from \$5.00 per week to \$5.50 per week, effective at the beginning of the second semester. This announcement was made after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board. The necessity for this increase of 50¢ per week is due to the mounting costs of food. As a matter of fact, if the same percentage of increase had been maintained as has been indicated in the increased cost of food supplies, an increase of \$1.00 a week would have been necessary; and it may be that further advances in board charges will be necessary, unless a ceiling is placed on food costs.

V. Amended Contract with NYA for Rental of Swann Dormitory

In compliance with the action of the Board of Regents on December 18, 1941, I have accepted and signed, under date of December 26, 1941, an amendment to the lease entered into with the National Youth Administration on August 5, 1941, which amendment provides that the rental fee for the use of the Warren S. Swann Memorial Dormitory as living quarters for the students employed on the NYA Resident Project be reduced from \$650.00 to \$500.00 per month, effective January 1, 1942. I am submitting herewith this amendment for final approval by the Board of Regents.

VI. Aid for Alumni Association

VII. Report of the Treasurer

VIII. Report of the Business Manager

IX. Problems Confronting the College as the Result of War

Now that our country is at war, many complicated problems confront our colleges: attendance, modifications of the curriculum, acceleration of college programs to the end that students may graduate in less time, change from semester to quarter basis and other problems equally as significant and pertinent to our present situation. On January 20, a meeting of representatives of our colleges was held in Lexington, at the University of Kentucky, where attention was given to these matters. Due to the fact that I was just returning from Washington at the time of this meeting, I asked our Dean, Dr. Nash, to represent Murray; and, before the close of this meeting, I will request him to report to the Board regarding the changes suggested and approved at the Lexington meeting. May I say, in passing, that at the September meeting of the Council on Higher Education, as chairman of a special committee, I recommended that we change from the semester to the quarter basis. At that time Dr. Donovan, of the University, temporarily blocked this change; yet I notice in the press that, without consultation with the other colleges, he has announced that the University will go on the quarter basis, beginning with the coming summer school. I was surprised at this announcement, due to the fact that the Council had concurred in Dr. Donovan's wishes that no change be made at the present time. I now recommend, however, that we change to the quarter basis, since such a change would make it easier for us to accelerate our program during this emergency, and that this change start with the summer school.

X. Report of the Dean

XI. Enrollment for Next Semester

Our next semester starts February 2. In my judgment, we will suffer a distinct loss in enrollment, for reasons that are apparent.

Every effort, however, will be made to keep the enrollment up to as high a level as possible. This may be done by diligent contacts with prospective students and by re-arranging our offerings to meet the demands of the present emergency.

XII. NYA

I have recently returned from Washington, where I attended a Regional Council of the NYA, and must return there next week for a meeting of the National Council of this same organization. There is a strong effort being made to do away with the National Youth Administration. Leaders in Congress, as well as organizations outside of Congress, that have never been sympathetic with this program are taking advantage of the present emergency to destroy it. It is needless to say that its friends are doing what they can to save it. My position in this matter is accurately reflected in excerpts from letters written to Senators Barkley and Chandler, which I am including in this report, as follows:

"As you may know, I am on the National Advisory College Council of the NYA. This college group to which I belong counsels with the National Youth Administration and helps them to shape their policies. At our meeting, in Washington, from which I have just returned, I was grieved to discover that there seems to be a strong probability that the NYA agency may be dropped, or seriously restricted in its services. I hope that Congress will continue to appropriate a reasonable amount of money to maintain this great organization. It has done, and is now doing, splendid work for the youth of America. It is enabling thousands of worthy young men and women to get college educations that otherwise would not have that opportunity; and, surely, education is a defense agency, since it trains for leadership, vocational and intellectual. In my judgment, in this emergency, great as it is; we cannot afford to neglect our youth. They must re-order the post-war world. We cannot afford to declare a moratorium on education. With mounting costs of living, the need for NYA aid has increased rather than diminished. Surely, with all the billions that we are spending for defense, we could allocate a little for the youth of America in order that they may be trained alike for war and peace.

"Let it be understood that all of us are anxious to make all the financial sacrifices necessary to win this war. Our college programs are being re-adjusted to that end. We are accelerating our work to the end that students may be graduated in three years rather than in four; we are revising our curricula to meet the present emergency. Students that formerly earned a part of their college expenses during the summer are now planning to go to school the year 'round in order that they may be ready to serve their country as speedily as possible. These students, and those coming from families whose incomes have been reduced as the result of the emergency need NYA. Please help them to get it. In closing, may I say that I know of no New Deal agency that has been more gratefully received by the people of America than the NYA.

"May I add this observation: Certain forces, both in and out of Congress, that have always opposed the social progress made under New Deal legislation are now taking advantage of the war emergency to destroy the things that they tried to block during the first eight years of New Deal progress. As you well know, it is an old trick of such 'Bourbons' to use a great emergency as a smoke screen for their attacks."

XIII. Fine Arts Building

You are familiar with the facts in connection with the delay in getting steel for our Fine Arts Building. For months, the Priorities Division of the O. P. M. has prevented the delivery of this steel. It has greatly disturbed all of us, because it appeared that months, and possibly years, might pass before this building could be completed, such a situation dislocating all our financial plans for the payment of interest and the retirement of bonds. I have conferred with our architect, the W. P. A., Stein Bros. & Boyce and our Senators and Congressmen; and, finally, we were able to get the steel from the Colonial Supply Company, a concern in Louisville; but, it was necessary to pay \$85.00 per ton for this steel instead of the original purchase price of \$73.30. I consulted the Executive Committee of our Board of Regents; and it was agreed that we should buy this steel even if it did cost more. At the time I am dictating this report, the steel has not arrived, but we are informed that it has been shipped. In all probability, it will arrive prior to the Board meeting.

XIV. Fire Protection

XV. State Appropriation

The Legislature has appropriated \$254,000.00 annually for this college during the next biennium. This is an increase of \$15,000.00 annually. No money was appropriated for Capital Outlay. We will get along with this appropriation. There is little need of making any comments regarding it, now; but, in fairness to my Board and to this college, I am impelled to say that Murray State Teachers College did not get her proportionate share of the money appropriated for our State colleges. This was true two years ago, and is equally true, today. The State is requiring us to do more work with a dollar than is required of any other State educational institution. I want to assure this Board, however, that I will work diligently and cheerfully at the job of conducting the affairs of this college in such fashion that its work will not suffer and its growth will not be impaired. I sincerely hope that sometime in the future, the legislative authorities of the Commonwealth will deal with our institution in a more equitable fashion. Today, despite the fact that our institution is larger than one of the others, that one gets an appropriation of \$26,000.00 a year more than Murray; moreover, we are required to function with \$121,000.00 less annually than another sister institution whose enrollment is just 180 larger than ours at the present time. There is no need to comment on these comparisons.

These figures speak for themselves. I presented all the facts to the Legislative Council and to the Governor. They were not questioned; they were accepted as facts. I not only presented our case to them, but to various legislative leaders. I do not know what more I could have done.

We enter a new semester in trying times. To a certain extent, we are feeling our way in this emergency; but the college program will be carried forward. Now, more than ever before, we need the leadership of educated people. Education is the greatest of our defense agencies; its services must not be neglected. As I stated to Social Security Director McNutt last week, in Washington, there must not be a moratorium in education. Not only do we need trained students to solve the problems of this war; but, to an even greater degree, we need their leadership to chart the course of our nation in the post-war period. Murray State will carry on.

Respectfully yours,

James H. Richmond
President

JHR:TB

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Dr. Crume that the Minutes of the Board of Regents for the meeting held on December 18, 1941, copies of which had been mailed to the individual Board members, be approved and signed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart, and was carried unanimously.

Report of Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation

Dr. Richmond submitted the report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation and recommended that it be approved and the degrees granted and the duplicate certificate issued as recommended therein, as follows:

January 26, 1942

To the Board of Regents
Murray State Teachers College

Gentlemen:

As per the duties assigned to the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification, and Graduation we report as follows:

The following seniors have applied for degrees to be granted in February, 1942. If they complete all the requirements for the degrees for which they are applying by February 28, 1942, we recommend that you grant their degrees as of that date.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Crawford, Rolene
Light, Rebekah Lois
White, Charles Oteen

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aken, Betty Jeanne	Stubblefield, Robert James
Dossett, Mildred Jereline	Vanhooser, Geneva
Oliver, Mary Claire	Weber, Emil William, Jr.
Perkins, Ann Whitnel	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME ECONOMICS

Burnette, Annie Laurie	Kettler, Barbara Belle
Ezell, Mary Nellene	White, Frances Grey
Hays, Martha Louella	Williamson, Mary Leah

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

Bailey, Robert Cammon

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Jones, Watkin Prichard	Farrish, William Ottis
Larsen, Arved Martin, Jr.	Roberts, Annie Lou

The records of the registrar's office show that Margaret Gholson was issued a Standard Certificate on August 21, 1930, and that this certificate was renewed for life on July 6, 1933. Miss Gholson states that her certificate has been destroyed by fire and asks that she be granted a duplicate. We recommend that a DUPLICATE STANDARD CERTIFICATE be issued to Margaret Gholson.

Respectfully submitted,

Cleo Gillis Hester
F. D. Mellen
G. T. Hicks
Wm. G. Nash

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation be accepted and the degrees be conferred and the duplicate certificate issued in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee and the President. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Aid for Alumni Association

Dr. Richmond stated that he had overlooked recommending to the Board that some aid be furnished the Alumni Association of Murray State College, on the same basis as last year, and that it was his recommendation now that the sum of \$200.00 be allocated to that organization to aid in carrying out its program for the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that \$200.00 be appropriated to the Alumni Association of Murray State College to be used for the development of its program. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Report of the Treasurer

Dr. Richmond presented the report of the Treasurer and recommended that the agreement which she had made with the bonding companies be accepted and made a part of the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the Board of Regents of Murray State Teachers College accept and approve the agreement made by the Treasurer with the bonding company and that it be spread on the minutes of this meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow, and was unanimously carried. The agreement follows:

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY
Baltimore, Maryland
Endorsement

10-14-42

It is agreed that the Company shall not be liable for loss or damage caused by war whether declared or not, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, hostilities, revolution, military or usurped power.

This endorsement is hereby agreed to and accepted by:

(Signed) Alice Keys, Treasurer
Insured Murray State Teachers College
Murray, Ky.

By (Signed) Alice Keys, Treasurer

United States Fidelity
and Guaranty Company

SEAL

By (Signed) L. E. Streckfus
Attorney-in-fact

Subject otherwise to all the terms, limits and conditions of the policy to which this endorsement is attached.

This Endorsement is effective as of October 14th 1941.

Attached to and forming part of Policy No. SP 1378 issued by the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, of Baltimore, Maryland.

To Alice Keys, Treasurer of Murray, Ky.

Dated at Murray, Ky. this 30th day of December, 1941

C. J. Fitzpatrick
Secretary

E. Asbury Davis
President

Countersigned R. H. Falwell & Co.
Authorized Representative

Change from Semester to Quarter Basis

At this point, Dr. Richmond asked the Dean to discuss the advantages that might result from a transfer from the semester to the quarter system of course organization. Dr. Nash stated: first, that a student could not graduate any more quickly under the quarter system than the semester system, provided he took advantage of the summer session, but it would, however, offer a possible advantage to boys who were about to enter military service, due to the fact that the unit of work would be twelve weeks instead of eighteen; second, the units of work would not be broken into by vacations as the fall quarter would close with the beginning of the Christmas holidays; third, that the summer quarter would conform to the other three quarters; fourth, the spring quarter will make it possible for rural teachers to enter immediately upon the college program; fifth, that practice teaching might be better carried on under a quarter system; and,

sixth, that the change provides an excellent opportunity to evaluate each of the courses offered by the college.

Dr. Richmond called the attention of the Board to the action of the University of Kentucky in announcing its change from the semester basis to the quarter basis, beginning with the summer school of 1942. He expressed surprise at this premature action, since the Council on Higher Education had delayed action on this proposed change out of deference to President Donovan, who stated at the Council meeting that his faculty was opposed to the change. Dr. Richmond recommended, therefore, that since the University had seen fit to take action before the Council had disposed of this matter, our college change from the semester basis to the quarter basis at the beginning of the summer school. He recognized the fact that the Council should have disposed of this matter before any college acted; however, since action had already been taken by one of the schools, he was of the opinion that Murray State was within its rights to take similar action if it desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that, since the University had seen fit to act before the Council on Higher Education had disposed of this matter, Murray State Teachers College change from a semester to a quarter basis, effective at the opening of the summer school of 1942. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Problems Confronting the College as the Result of War

Dr. Nash reported that representatives of the institutions of higher learning in the state, at the meeting held in Lexington, Kentucky, on January 21, agreed that there should be no lowering of requirements for admission to college nor of the amount of work required by colleges for graduation; but that efforts can be made to accelerate the advancement of students in both high school and college by allowing heavier student loads and greater length of school terms. He further stated that the group went on record as favoring the continuation of the NYA in-school program and the use of school facilities by the military services in carrying on their program.

Business Manager's Report

Next, Dr. Richmond called on Mr. R. E. Broach to submit his report as Business Manager, which he did, explaining somewhat in detail concerning some of the items. This report was received and filed, and the part covering the Thomas P. Norris Student Loan Fund follows:

REPORT OF NORRIS STUDENT LOAN FUND FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1941

CASH FOR QUARTER

Receipts:

Cash on hand October 1, 1941	\$1,283.92
Collected on principal of notes	\$676.55
Collected on interest of notes	105.71
Total collections	782.26
Total collections and cash on hand	\$2,066.18

Expenditures

Loans to students	\$197.50	
Norris heirs fees and board	347.00	
Total expenditures		544.50
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1941		\$1,521.68
Bank balance December 31, 1941		
Bank of Murray	\$1,201.65	
People's Bank	320.03	
		\$1,521.68

NOTES RECEIVABLE FOR QUARTER

Notes on hand October 1, 1941	\$17,647.28
Loans made during quarter	197.50
	\$17,844.78
Collected on principal of notes	676.55
Notes on hand December 31, 1941	\$17,168.23

Note of James B. Deweese Due Thomas P. Norris Student Loan Fund

In connection with the Thomas P. Norris Student Loan Fund report, Mr. Broach called attention to the situation with reference to the past-due note of James B. Deweese, stating that partial payments had been made on this note since the time its status was reported to the Board of Regents on June 13, 1940, at which time the Board had authorized him "to accept the \$25.00 payment made by Mr. James B. Deweese on his note for \$170.00 in lieu of all interest charges on the said note, provided he promptly pays the full face value of \$170.00." Mr. Broach stated that even though Deweese now owes only \$22.50 on the face of the note, he had not complied with the agreement to pay the balance on this note "promptly" after the case was originally taken up, but he is now demanding an exemption from paying the accrued interest on his note; and when he was advised that, under the circumstances, the college had no choice other than to file suit for the collection of the debt in full, Deweese's attitude was not only unprofessional but unbecoming.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that suit be filed against James B. Deweese at once for the collection of the balance in full on the note due the Thomas P. Norris Student Loan Fund, including interest in full. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Daylight Saving Time Instituted

Dr. Richmond recommended that this Board take action authorizing the President to put this college on Daylight Saving Time at the time it goes into effect, February 9, 1942.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the President of Murray State College be authorized to put Daylight Saving Time into effect in this institution on the date Daylight Saving becomes effective over the nation, February 9, 1942. This motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow and was carried unanimously.

Fire Protection

Dr. Richmond called the attention of the Board to the fact that during the Christmas holidays there was a very disastrous fire very near the college campus; and he stated that it was his

opinion that the college should buy some additional fire hose and arrange for greater fire protection. He added that if the people living in this immediate neighborhood were allowed to help pay for this hose, we could buy 200 or 300 feet of fire hose, the college paying its proportionate part, and secure considerable fire protection at a very low cost; and since this area does not have city fire protection, he recommended that such a plan be instituted.

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that the President be authorized to buy fire hose in conjunction with the people living in this immediate neighborhood if it is expedient to do so. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Redecorating Interior of President's Home

Dr. Richmond next mentioned to the Board the condition of the interior of the President's Home and stated that, because of some imperfections of workmanship and material, the wallpaper had been cracking and coming off ever since this interior decorating job was done, soon after the purchase of the President's Home, and that it has been patched and repaired until it really needs to be repapered and some painting also needs to be done if it is the judgment of the Board that the budget would stand such expenditures at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Hart that the Business Manager and President be directed to investigate the proposition of repapering and repainting the interior of the President's Home with instructions to have this work done if it is found desirable. This motion was seconded by Dr. Crume, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Employment of Woodrow Felts as Farm Assistant

Dr. Richmond stated that due to the shortage of NYA workers now, Mr. A. Carman, head of the Department of Agriculture, says he is imperatively in need of another farm laborer. Dr. Richmond added that, after consulting with Mr. Carman, he was recommending that Mr. Woodrow Felts be employed as farm assistant at a salary of \$50.00 per calendar month, beginning February 1, 1942, with the understanding that he be furnished a house, free of rent, his fuel and produce from the farm in sufficient quantities as needed for his family use, this farm produce to consist of milk, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruits.

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that Mr. Woodrow Felts be employed as farm assistant at a salary of \$50.00 per month beginning February 1, 1942, with the further provision that he will be furnished a house, free of rent, his fuel and produce from the farm for family use, as outlined by the President in his recommendation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Judge Ferguson, aye.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Winslow that the Board adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and was carried unanimously.

Charles Ferguson

 Chairman

Alice Keys

 Secretary