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The Board of Regents of Murray State Teachers College met in the office of the President at 10:00 A.M. Monday, October 12, 1936, in regular quarterly meeting. Dr. C. E. Crume, Judge Charles Ferguson and Mr. Joe Rogers were present.

Dr. C. E. Crume Elected Chairman Pro Tem

In the absence of Chairman Harry W. Peters and Vice Chairman T. O. Turner, Dr. C. E. Crume was elected Chairman Pro Tem for this meeting of the Board of Regents.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Dr. Crume that the minutes of the Board of Regents of the meeting held on August 14, 1936 be approved and signed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Judge Ferguson that the minutes of the Board of Regents of the meeting held on September 21, 1936 be approved and signed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and was carried unanimously.

Report of the President

Copies of the President's report were distributed to the members of the Board present, and Dr. Richmond read his report, as follows:

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MURRAY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
October 12, 1936

The Honorable Board of Regents
Murray State Teachers College
Murray, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the following information and recommendations to the Board.

I. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Regents at meetings held on August 14, 1936 and on September 21, 1936

II. Report of the Executive Committee of Board of Regents
See attached report.

III. Purchase of President's Home

The deal for the purchase of the Rainey T. Wells property for a President's home has finally been completed. The purchase price was $19,000.00, Dr. Wells finally cutting $1,000.00 from the original figure. Our own Board Member, Senator T. O. Turner, deserves the major part of the credit for completing this transaction. The deed to the Rainey T. Wells property has been recorded in the office of the Calloway County Court Clerk and mailed to Mr. Frank D. Peterson, for filing in the Office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with instructions received from the Department of Finance, Frankfort, Kentucky.
At the time I am dictating the agenda for this meeting, nothing definite has been done regarding the allotment which the Governor has promised for remodeling the home. I have requested the Governor, in writing, to make this allotment at the earliest possible moment in order that we may start work immediately in remodeling this property. I am attaching to this report a copy of my letter to the Governor. At the time of the meeting, I may have something definite to report to the Board.

IV. English and Art Classes in the Training School

Because of the large enrollment in the Training School, it was necessary to employ a part-time teacher in English. Since the Board had given me authority to make such employment, I have appointed Miss Mildred Beale to this position with the following financial arrangement: part-time teacher for nine periods a week to teach English and History in the ninth grade of the Training School, at a salary rate of $50.00 per calendar month, effective September 24, 1936.

We had hoped to get along with one Art teacher but found it impossible; and, for the time being, I have appointed Mrs. Dorothy Rowlett to do part-time work in this field in the Training School. At this time, we are not in position to know just how much work she will be required to do; and, for that reason, no definite compensation has been fixed yet. As soon as I am in position to fix such compensation, I will do so and report it to the Board at our next meeting. Certainly, the compensation will be such as to keep the budget in balance.

I am asking the Board of Regents to ratify my actions in these two instances.

V. Attendance

We have a very satisfactory attendance in both the college and the training school. As I reported at the last meeting, the training school has one of the largest enrollments in its history; but the enrollment of the college is slightly under that of the same period last year, 721 having passed through the office of the Business Manager. There are a few on the campus who have not yet paid their fees, and I am confident that, when they do, the enrollment will be increased to approximately 730. In view of the increased fees and drought conditions, I have the feeling that we have every reason to be satisfied with our present enrollment.

VI. Financial Report of Business Manager

Attached to this report is the financial report of the Business Manager.

VII. Report of Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation

A copy of the report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation is also attached to this report.

VIII. Health Building and Home Economics Building

On August 14, 1936, I reported to the Board that in compliance with the request of the Contractor, made through me, that the restrictions be waived with reference to the number of hours per week certain employees are permitted to work in the construction of our Health Building, that the P. W. A. granted authority to increase the maximum hours of
work permissible to eight hours a day and forty hours per week for brick masons and hod carriers. This relaxation of working hours was granted for a period of ninety days, beginning July 14, 1936; and, on September 25, 1936, at the request of the Contractor, I wrote to Mr. Geo. H. Sager, Jr., State Director, and asked for an extension of same for an additional thirty days.

In my letter of September 25, I also presented to Mr. Sager the request of the Contractor for permission for skilled plasterers and semi-skilled plasterer helpers to work on a straight forty hour per week basis until December 15, 1936, in order that he may complete his plastering work before the cold weather sets in.

I was requested to take up this matter with Mr. Leo Whalen, Resident Engineer Inspector, Murray, Kentucky, who has full instructions as to the procedure to be followed in requesting relaxation and extension of hours of work. Mr. Whalen has reported to me that he has sent in the proper forms with reference to these requests but that he has not yet received report of the action taken with reference to them.

IX. Resignation of Miss Rosalind Crass

Miss Rosalind Crass, Secretary to the Director of Extension, has resigned her position in order to accept a position as teacher of French and English in the Bardstown High School. Under the authority granted me by this Board, I have accepted Miss Crass' resignation, effective October 12, 1936.

X. Request of Rev. Bruce B. Maguire

Rev. Bruce B. Maguire, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Murray, has again presented his request for permission to hold Vesper Services in one of the college buildings. I am submitting his request to you.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Richmond,
President

Report of Executive Committee of Board of Regents

Copies of the report of the Executive Committee were distributed to the members of the Board and the report was read.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers that the Board approve the report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents and that this report be spread on the minutes of this meeting. This motion was seconded by Judge Ferguson, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye. The report follows.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF
MURRAY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
October 12, 1936

Agreeable to the instructions of the Board of Regents, your Executive Committee took up the matter of lathing for
the Health Building, which had been discussed at some length at the last meeting of the Board. After two or three days of painstaking investigation and telephone consultation with Government officials in Louisville, the Committee decided to follow the recommendation of the Architect and substitute Ecod for Steeltex lathing, but not until an additional credit of $234.00 was allowed the college, the total credit amounting to $354.55. A telegram from Mr. Sager, attached to this report, states that Ecod is used in other Government projects; and his assistant, Mr. Carmichael, also considered it equally as satisfactory as Steeltex and offered no objection to its use. The attitude of Messrs. Sager and Carmichael prompted the Committee to adopt Ecod, in view of the considerable saving to the college. The substitution of Ecod for Steeltex lathing is the change recommended by the Architect in Item C of the request for change which was presented at the last meeting of the Board; you will recall that only Items A and B of this request were approved by the Board at that meeting. The request for change, including Item C, however, was finally approved and sent to the Louisville authorities for approval there.

Your Committee has authorized Mr. Broach, Business Manager of the College, to lease the furnished residence of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Langston from October 15, 1936 to February 1, 1937, at a rental of $60.00 per calendar month. In all probability, the President will move into the permanent home prior to that time, but we were unable to lease the Langston property for any shorter period.

Your Committee requests the Board to approve its action in these two matters and recommends that their report be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting of the Board of Regents.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. E. Broach  
Charles Ferguson  
James H. Richmond  
T. O. Turner  

Executive  
Committee of the  
Board of Regents  

of Murray State  
Teachers College

Remodeling of President's Home

Dr. Richmond called attention to the necessity for starting the remodeling of the President's home immediately after the Governor has tagged the necessary money for same from his Emergency Fund, in order that there may be ample time to complete the remodeling before the lease on the Langston home shall have expired.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers that the Board give the Executive Committee full authority to proceed with the remodeling of the President's home as rapidly as possible after the Governor has set aside the money for the remodeling. This motion was seconded by Judge Ferguson, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.

Employment of Miss Mildred Beale and Mrs. Dorothy Rowlett Approved

Motion was made by Judge Ferguson that the Board approve the action of the President in the employment of Miss Mildred Beale and Mrs. Dorothy Rowlett, as outlined in his report to the Board of Regents. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.
Report of Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation Committee

Next, Dr. Richmond submitted and read the report and recommendations of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation, and recommended that it be adopted by this Board and the degrees be granted and the certificates renewed, as recommended in the Committee's report, which follows:

October 12, 1936

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:

1. We have examined the records with reference to the number of credits required, credits in residence, group requirements, majors and minors of the persons named below and it is our opinion that they meet the requirements as set forth in the catalogue of the Murray State Teachers College.

We have examined the credits and official records of the persons named below and recommend that they be granted the DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE.

Clark, Elbert Lee
Littlejohn, Charlene
Rowland, Joe Anna

2. We have examined the records with reference to the number of credits required, credits in residence, group requirements, major and minors of the person named below and it is our opinion that she meets the requirements as set forth in the catalogue of the Murray State Teachers College.

We have examined the credits and official records of the person named below and recommend that she be granted the DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS.

Johnson, Mary Evelyn

3. We recommend that the COLLEGE CERTIFICATE of the person named below be renewed for life, as he has taught successfully for one year and has been engaged successfully in education work for two years since his certificate was issued and has fulfilled all other requirements as set forth in the law.

Blackburn, Edward Fletcher

4. We recommend that the STANDARD CERTIFICATE of the person named below be renewed for life, as she has taught successfully for three years since her certificate was issued and has fulfilled all other requirements as set forth in the law.

Wilkerson, Emmy Lou

Yours very truly,

J. W. Carr
A. M. Wolfson
Floy Robbins
Herbert Drennon
O. D. Edmonds
G. T. Hicks
Mayrell Johnson
Motion was made by Mr. Rogers that the report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation be accepted and the degrees be granted and the certificates renewed in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee and the President. This motion was seconded by Judge Ferguson, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.

Degree for Everett Hall

At this point, Dr. J. W. Carr, Dean, asked permission to present to the Board separate reports with reference to the requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree for Everett Hall. The Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation reported that Mr. Hall has completed the requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science with the exception of History 202 and that he is taking the final examination on this course this morning, and recommended that his name be added to the list of applicants for the BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE, as set forth in the report to the Board of Regents, if he successfully passes the examination. Dr. J. W. Carr's letter stated that, since the Committee had made its report, he had interviewed Mr. Hall who stated positively that he took the final examination in history 202, Medieval Europe from 376 A.D. to 1453, on August 14, 1936, and that Mr. Pogue told him that "he was safe", which he had interpreted to mean that he had successfully passed the examination, and that the credit would be reported to the Registrar. Dr. Carr's letter further stated that he was sending a telegram to Mr. Pogue, asking for an immediate reply, and requested that, if this matter is cleared up satisfactorily within a day or two, Mr. Hall be graduated and his name be added to the report of the Committee.

In view of these two reports, one signed by the Committee and one by the Dean, Dr. Richmond recommended that the Board pass favorably on the granting of the Bachelor of Science Degree to Mr. Hall in the event that his grade in this particular course is O. K'd. by Mr. Pogue or established by examination.

Motion was made by Judge Ferguson that the name of Mr. Everett Hall be included in the report of the Committee on Entrance, Credits, Certification and Graduation provided his grade in the course mentioned is established by official record or by taking another examination. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.

President Authorized To Select Successor to Miss Rosalind Crass

Dr. Richmond stated that he had not yet decided whom he would recommend to fill the position in the office of the Director of Extension, left vacant by the resignation of Miss Rosalind Crass. He said that he thought we could transfer some one from the Registrar's office temporarily, to take care of this work until he is ready to make a recommendation, and stated that he should like for the Board to give him specific authority to fill this place.

Motion was made by Judge Ferguson that the Board grant the President's request and give him authority to select some one to fill the position in the office of the Director of Extension. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Langston's Home Leased

Dr. Richmond suggested that the Board authorize the proper authorities to sign the contract for the lease of the home of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Langston for the use of the President and his family while the permanent home is being remodeled.

Motion was made by Judge Ferguson that the Board approve the contract for leasing the Elizabeth H. Langston house, with the proviso that, in case the house is not ready for occupancy until after the date mentioned in the contract, the lease will automatically extend beyond its expiration, as written therein, the same number of days that the lessee is delayed in securing possession of the house. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.

Report of the Business Manager

The report of the Business Manager was presented by Mr. R. E. Broach, personally, at the request of the President. This report was discussed informally and then filed with the minutes of this meeting of the Board of Regents.

Rev. Bruce B. Maguire's Request for Use of Buildings Disapproved

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers that the Board of Regents disapprove granting the request of Rev. Bruce B. Maguire to hold regular Vesper Services in one of the college buildings and that the President be instructed to give him the reason for this action of the Board, namely, that the Board does not approve of giving religious organizations permission to have regular meetings on the college campus. This motion was seconded by Judge Ferguson and carried unanimously.

Health Building and Home Economics Building - Brick Masons and Hod Carriers' Relaxation Work Hours Extended; Request for Relaxation Work Hours for Plasterers and Helpers Disapproved

Dr. Richmond reported to the Board that since dictating the agenda for this meeting, in fact just as the Board was convening, he had received a letter from Mr. Geo. H. Sager, Jr., State Director of the P. W. A., under date of October 10, 1936, granting an extension of the relaxation of working hours for brick masons and hod carriers for a period of thirty days, but disapproving of the request for a relaxation of the working hours for plasterers and plasterer helpers. This letter was read and filed.

Change Order No. 9-1-7 Approved

Next, Dr. Richmond presented to the Board another letter from Mr. Geo. H. Sager, Jr., State Director of the P. W. A., dated October 9, 1936, which was also received in the morning mail, in which he enclosed approved Change Order No. 9-1-7, also bearing the date of October 9, 1936, which covers the changes approved by the Board of Regents in session September 21, 1936, also the substitution of "Ecod" lath for "Steeltex" lath, which change was later approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, these three items having been embodied in one request which was forwarded to Mr. Sager on September 29, 1936 for his approval. The letter and the approved Change Order were received and filed.

Grant from Federal Government for Construction of Health Building and Home Economics Building Requested

Dr. Richmond called attention to the fact that Mr. Bert F. Jones, Auditor for the P. W. A., had advised that it is now time
for the Murray State Teachers College to file request for the second and final payment of the grant from the Federal Government for the construction of the Health Building and the Home Economics Building, P. W. A. Docket No. Ky-1062-R. Dr. Richmond recommended that the Board authorize the proper authorities to make the request for the second payment of the grant from the Federal Government for the completion of these new buildings.

Motion was made by Judge Ferguson that the Board of Regents make the request for the final grant from the Federal Government on the P. W. A. building project, Docket No. Ky-1062-R, the construction of the Health Building and the Home Economics Building. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Judge Ferguson, aye; Mr. Rogers, aye; Dr. Crume, aye.

Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Board adjourn.

Chairman

Secretary