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MINUTES OF BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
March 7, 1946

Dr. C. E. Crume, Mr. Claude Winslow, and Mr. George Hart, members of the Board of Regents of Murray State Teachers College, met in the Office of the President, in a special advisory session, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 1946. Miss Alice Keys, secretary, was ill and was not present.

Mr. Claude Winslow Selected as Chairman

Motion was made by Dr. Crume that Mr. Claude Winslow be selected to serve as Chairman of this session; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart, so Mr. Winslow presided at the meeting.

Price of Meals at College Dining Room Authorized Increased; Room and Board Increased from $6.00 to $6.50 per Week

President Woods brought to the attention of the Board the report from the Dietitian to the Business Manager to the effect that the price of board in the dormitory is not sufficiently high to cover the cost of food and operation. Dr. Woods then recommended that the price of board and room in the dormitories be increased from $6.00 to $6.50 per week.

Motion was made by Dr. Crume that the price of room and board in the dormitories be increased from $6.00 to $6.50 per week. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hart; and the roll was called on its adoption with the following result: Dr. Crume, aye; Mr. Hart, aye; Mr. Winslow, aye.

Housing for Veterans; Veterans Committee Requested Lower Rental Prices

President Woods reported to the Board that thirty-three family dwelling units and seventeen trailers had been secured from the Federal Public Housing Authority, and that the rental rate on these housing facilities will finally be determined by the Federal Housing Administration.

It was brought out that, if the Federal Public Housing Authority reimburses the college for the moving and installation costs, the Authority would set the price for rental of the houses and trailers. On the other hand, if the college does not accept the plan for reimbursement for moving and installation costs, the college is supposed to have authority to determine the rental prices and to collect the rent.

In discussing the rental prices for these houses and trailers, Dr. Woods reported that two days ago a committee of veterans had come into his office and said that they thought the veterans' houses should be rented to them at $15.00 per month.

The breakdown of actual costs incurred in moving and preparing the houses for occupancy indicated that the college had already incurred expenditures totaling $26,311.61. At this point, estimates prepared by Mr. John O. Pasco for the completion of the housing project were distributed to those present. It was pointed out that the plumbing has been completed in twenty-one of the houses but that seven such installations are yet to be inspected by the State Health Department.
It was pointed out that, based on the assumption that the houses will be rented ten months per year for a period of five years, it will require a rental income of $797.30 per year for five years, or $15.95 per month, to offset the amount of expense incurred in moving and preparing the houses for occupancy.

Mr. M. O. Wrather reported to the Board that the Meade Bill provides that colleges be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in moving houses and relocating them on college property, including the construction of foundations and the running or connecting the sewers, the water, and the lights from the main sewer and main water and light lines to the houses. He added that the college's reimbursement from the Federal Public Housing Authority, under the provisions of the Meade Bill, had been estimated to be between $10,000.00 and $12,000.00 but that, if the college accepted reimbursement under the plan authorized by the Meade Bill, it would suffer considerable loss on the funds expended on this housing project and would, likewise, have to surrender the management of the houses, also the rents collected from them to the Federal Public Housing Authority, and finally would have to make up any deficit that might accrue from the maintenance and rental of the houses included in the project, while at the same time any profit resulting from the operation of the project would go to the Federal Public Housing Authority.

Dr. Woods stated that the amortization had been figured at $159.46 per house, or $15.95 per house per month, if the houses are rented for fifty months out of a period of five years. Dr. Woods added that it seemed fair to start out renting the houses to veterans at $25.00 per month for the small house and $30.00 per month for the larger house, which rental prices would be subject to change if the college secures reimbursement for moving and installation costs.

Next, at the request of President Woods, a committee representing the Murray State College Veterans Club appeared before the Board to discuss rental prices on temporary dwelling units for veterans. The committee was composed of Joe Russell, Chairman, Wilford Travis, James Nanney, James Stevens, Charles Pryor, Leonard A. Crosby, and Sam Petillo; and each veteran present was called upon for his comments and questions; also copies of cost sheets were submitted to those present for examination, and certain members made copies and notes on such figures as they desired.

After the committee was heard, the Board of Regents, without taking formal action, authorized the President to work out a rental schedule for temporary dwelling units, and announce the prices to the veterans.

Adjournment

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