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Wednesday, October 9, 1907

The Exec. Com met at the call of the chairman in the Directors room of the First National Bank in Clarksville, at 4:00 p.m. Present, Rev. Neander M. Woods, Chairman, Mr. H.C. Merritt, and Mr. C.W. Bailey. Absent, Major G.W. Macrae.

The chairman stated that a question had arisen as to the propriety of his collecting room rent from those students at Robb Hall who are not candidates for the Ministry. He said there were about thirteen (13) such now rooming at Robb Hall & at \$18.00 each per session the revenue from this source would amount to \$234.00 per session. This sum he stated he had intended to collect and turn in to the University treasury. To this the candidates of the ministry objected as being not customary, and asked that they be allowed to retain all the room rents to reduce the cost of living in that Dormitory. Mr. Creson, president of Robb Hall Club was present and presented his side of the case to the Committee. After full consideration it was ordered that the chancellor retain \$50.00 of room rent by non-candidates at Robb Hall, and allow the club there to collect all the rest of the rent and use it for the club's expenses on the condition that during the remainder of the session the university shall not be asked to make any repairs or furnish any outfit for any part of Robb Hall, except in case of damage or loss resulting from such causes as fire or storm or the acts of God. The furniture, bedding, shades, {page 38} dining room and kitchen furniture are to be kept in order by the Robb Hall Club & also the plumbing and light fixtures. In all cases of willful mischief or culpable neglect of students causing damages to the buildings or furniture the students responsible for the same shall pay for the same. In case the guilty parties will not confess or cannot be ascertained the loss shall be paid out of the general Damage Fund of the whole student body of the university.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that the salary of Dr. R.A. Webb seemed to have been \$20.00 a year less than it ought to have been for the years 1903, 1904, & 1905. On inspecting the board's minutes, however, it was learned that during these years the interest on a part of the endowment of Dr. Webb's chair was only 05%, but that after 1905 said sum was loaned at 06% thus increasing the income of said chair by \$20.00 per annum. Up to 1905 Dr. Webb was paid \$1640.00 a year but for 1906 and 1907 \$1660.00 that was due him. Thus it appears that he has been properly paid.

The chairman also called the Committee's attention to several serious omissions of the board in making up the budget of expenses for the year to end May 31st, 1908. As appears from the board's minutes the supposed income for the new fiscal year (June 1 1907 to June 1 1908) was divided up and apportioned without taking any account of the \$200.00 which the board added to the salary of Professor Dinwiddie as Vice Chancellor, or of the item of Light and Fuel which will [page 39] probably amount to \$225.00 or more for the fiscal year. Then he called attention to the fact that in June the board had ordered him to draw \$1000.00 from the War Fund and use it in paying the \$400 charged by the city for paving around the Shearer houses at 5th and Commerce Streets and to reimburse the general treasury of the university for other bills he had already made and actually paid out of the funds on hand June 1. He stated that the small cash balance in bank June 1 to the credit of the War Fund has already been assigned to the squaring up of our other checks in the bank here & and

that , in fact, there was not a dollar we could get from that source. It thus appeared that the board has omitted to provide for about \$1400.00 of the necessary expenses of the current year, and the chairman requested the members of the committee to advise him how to proceed. The committee seemed to feel there was nothing they could do in the [illeg.], there being no other business, and the Comm. adjourned.

Neander M. Woods

Chairman & Secy.