

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY  
HELD AT THE CHISCA HOTEL  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,  
JUNE 2d, 1922.

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The Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University met at the Chisca Hotel, Memphis, at nine A. M., June 2d, 1922. The following members were present:

Tennessee -- Chas. E. Diehl, President  
B. A. Patch, Secretary  
James I. Vance  
W. E. Holt

Alabama -- R. H. McCaslin  
J. T. Fuller

Mississippi-Joseph Rennie  
J. D. Duncan  
A. A. Little

Louisiana- W. McF. Alexander

Devotional exercises were conducted by President Chas. E. Diehl.

Two members of the Board were absent -- W. T. Hardie, Louisiana, George Lang, Alabama, and upon motion their excuses were sustained. Inasmuch as Rev. H. M. McLain has moved into the Synod of Arkansas, the Synod of Louisiana for the time being has only two Directors.

The President reported the resignation of Professor Warren S. Higgins, head of the Mathematics Department, and upon motion of Dr. Alexander the President was instructed to secure his successor.

The President reported upon the splendid work of Mr. Samuel H. Monk as instructor in Spanish, and upon motion of Dr. McCaslin, Mr. Monk was continued in this position for the next year at a salary of approximately \$900.

The President reported upon the gratifying development of the Honor Council and its enlarged scope, by which a great forward step has been taken in student self-government. The students under this new arrangement are taking under their purview not only, as in the past, irregularities on examinations, but "any ungentlemanly acts or things hurtful to the welfare of the institution." This program includes lying, dishonesty, drinking, gambling, hazing and other such things. The Board expressed itself as heartily approving this development.

Dr. James I. Vance and the President reported on the status of the suit against the City of Clarksville, and called attention to the very excellent brief which was recently filed for examination by the Supreme Court.

The matter of issuing an alumni catalogue was discussed. The statement of the costs of issuing such a catalogue was read, showing that it would

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cost slightly over \$1,000. Upon motion of Dr. Vance the issuance of this catalogue was ordered, and a corresponding increase in our budget was recognized and directed.

A Communication from Mr. D. W. Gordon, Assistant Treasurer of Memphis College, was read. This communication called attention to an error made in transferring a \$1,000 Fourth Liberty Loan Bond #45623 from Thos. H. Somerville. By mistake it was assigned to the Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University, when it should have been assigned to Memphis College. Upon motion of Mr. Patch, the following resolution, prepared by Mr. J. T. Fuller was adopted: "

Whereas, the United States Treasury Department has informed the Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University that the Board would be required to authorize the transfer of Thomas H. Somerville's \$1,000 bond before the transfer could be made acceptable.

"Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University at a meeting of the Board held in the City of Memphis, Tennessee, June 2, 1922, that the said bond of \$1,000 #45623--it being a Fourth Liberty Loan Bond--heretofore assigned by Thomas H. Somerville to the Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University, be and the same is hereby transferred and assigned to Memphis College Campaign, L. C. Humes, Treasurer, and Dr. Chas. E. Diehl, President of Southwestern Presbyterian University be and he is hereby authorized to assign and transfer in the name of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University the said bond to Memphis College Campaign, L. C. Humes, Treasurer."

The President and Secretary gave an account of the visit and splendid address made on the campus at Clarksville by Honorable William Jennings Bryan on May 29, 1922, and of the very splendid and magnificent way in which Mrs. Chas. E. Diehl, in the absence of the President, met and provided for this present emergency. Upon motion of Dr. Alexander the Board expressed its hearty approval and directed the Secretary to convey to Mrs. Diehl its great appreciation for her excellent work.

The President presented a communication from the Faculty concerning Rev. S. W. McGill who appeared before the Curriculum Committee presenting his credits for advanced standing from Louisville Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt University, with the desire of completing the requirements for the Bachelor's degree. The communication from the Faculty concluded, after reviewing the circumstances of the case, with the unanimous recommendation that the Board of Directors convey upon Rev. S. W. McGill the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. This communication, together with a number of other communications, recommending candidates for honorary degrees, was turned over to the Committee on Honorary Degrees, consisting of Dr. McCaslin, Dr. Vance and Dr. Rennie.

Upon motion of Dr. Rennie, the Board took recess from eleven A.M. until four P. M.

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The Board reassembled at four P. M. Dr. Vance called attention of the Board to a discrepancy in the resolution adopted by the Board February 10, 1921, concerning the increase in the President's salary and the provision for that increase as made in the budget. It was shown that the resolution authorized an increase of

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\$600 more than the budget of 1921 called for, and that the President had been governed by the budget instead of by the resolution. Upon motion of Dr. Vance the Board reiterated its approval of the resolution of February 10, 1921, providing "that the President's salary be increased in proportion to increases made in the professors' salaries, the proportion to be based upon the relative salary scale adopted by the Board for the session of 1914-15", and the President's salary was fixed in accordance with that resolution. This action was made retroactive. The President expressed his appreciation for this thoughtful correction of the discrepancy. He ~~preferred not to make the action retroactive,~~ <sup>declined to have</sup> ~~but to let it take effect for the year 1922.~~ <sup>made</sup>

The matter of visiting the Synods was discussed, and upon motion of Dr. Vance the President is asked to visit this fall as many of the four Synods as possible.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees reported and recommended that no more honorary degrees be conferred this year. Upon motion of Dr. Rennie this report was adopted.

The following persons were nominated for honorary degrees to be conferred a year hence. For the degree of Doctor of Divinity -- Rev. S. W. McGill, nominated by Dr. Vance; Rev. W. H. McIntosh, nominated by Dr. Little. For the degree of Doctor of Literature -- Dr. Charles W. Welch was nominated by Dr. Diehl. For the degree of Doctor of Laws -- Dr. M. E. Melvin was nominated by Dr. Rennie. These recommendations were referred to the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Other recommendations made in the form of communications to the President or to the Board were also turned over to the Committee on Honorary Degrees.

Upon the recommendation of the Faculty the Board granted the following degrees in course:

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jesse Pleasants Bellamy.....Clarksville, Tennessee.  
 Charles Rupert Grantham.....Ovett, Mississippi.  
 Wallace Gourley Hynds.....Martin, Tennessee.  
 Joseph Bennett Love.....Columbus, Mississippi  
 Samuel Proctor McCutchen.....Greenville, Mississippi.  
 Mabel Frances Meacham.....Woodlawn, Tennessee.  
 Samuel Holt Monk.....Selma, Alabama.  
 Ursula Lee Smith.....Clarksville, Tennessee.  
 Kirby Pipkin Walker.....Hattiesburg, Mississippi.  
 Cecil Whitmarsh Watson.....Minden, Louisiana.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Horace Yeargin Kitchell.....Greenwood, Mississippi.  
 John Rutledge Roberts.....Lewisburg, Tennessee.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Ralph Clinton Kenney.....Jackson, Ohio.  
 Henry Siebert Morrow.....Clarksville, Tennessee.  
 Alonzo Leslie Parrott.....Clarksville, Tennessee.  
 Margaret Elwyn Trahern.....Clarksville, Tennessee.

Upon motion of Mr. Holt the Board adjourned at five P. M. and the meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. Little.