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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS

November 16, 1970

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern At Memphis met on Monday, November 16, 1970, at 4:00 P.M. in the Directors Room, Palmer Hall, on the campus.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert D. McCallum, and was opened with prayer by Dr. W.J. Millard.

The members of the Executive Committee present were: Walter P. Armstrong, Jr., Edward B. LeMaster, Ross M. Lynn, Robert D. McCallum, W. Neely Mallory, W.J. Millard, Edmund Orgill, A. Van Pritchard, Wayne W. Pyeatt, Sidney A. Stewart, Jr., S. Shepherd Tate, William L. Bowden and M.J. Williams, Jr., Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Treasurer. Also present by invitation were Jameson M. Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Loyd C. Templeton, Jr., Director for Institutional Advancement, and A.P. Perkinson, Jr., Director of Development.

The following members were absent: L. Palmer Brown, Stanley J. Buckman, Norfleet Turner and Russel S. Wilkinson.

Inasmuch as this was the first meeting of the Executive Committee since the meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 14-15, 1970, there were no minutes of the Executive Committee to be read and approved.

The Chairman called upon Dr. Bowden who advised the meeting that the Tennessee Council of Private Colleges, of which Southwestern is a member, proposes to ask the 1971 Tennessee General Assembly for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for both public and private higher education. Dr. Bowden mentioned that various states have different ways of helping the needy student, and about 20 states have entered into this type of grants to the needy. If the Tennessee General Assembly should grant the request, the grants would be to Tennessee students, based on need, to attend Tennessee institutions. The student would have the choice of the institution which he desired to attend.

The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Bowden had written him a letter under date of October 26, 1970, a copy of which was sent to the members of the Board of Trustees, relative to the minutes of the Board meeting of October 14-15, 1970, concerning the guidelines for the campus publications. A portion of those minutes state:

It was the definite consensus of the Board of Trustees that nothing should be published in the college publications which would not constitute good journalism with the public newspapers.

Dr. Bowden and the Executive Committee discussed this matter at length, and upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously passed, it was voted that the minutes be amended to delete the words "with the public newspapers."

There was a general discussion by the Executive Committee of membership on the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Bowden also advised that he was continuing to work on the revision of the By-Laws.

Dr. Bowden also pointed out that a roster of prospective donors to the college was being prepared, and that the college needed the assistance of the members of the Board of Trustees in suggesting names for this list.

He also pointed out that John D. Rockefeller IV was unavailable as a commencement speaker, and he asked for suggestions from the Executive Committee of possible commencement speakers.

Dr. Bowden advised the Board of the recent death of Margaret Huxtable Townsend, Professor Emeritus of Sociology of the college. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution of tribute to Mrs. Townsend was unanimously passed.

MARGARET HUXTABLE TOWNSEND
Professor Emeritus of Sociology
Southwestern At Memphis

Margaret Huxtable Townsend was born at Chesterville, Ontario, Canada in 1882. She received her B.A. degree in classical languages and literature from McGill University in 1907, and her masters degree in 1910. She pursued graduate studies in sociology, psychology, economics, political science and English at the University of Chicago, University of Colorado, Northwestern University, Harvard University, University of Wisconsin and Oxford University, England. She received the honorary LL.D. degree from Southwestern At Memphis in 1954.

Mrs. Townsend joined Southwestern in 1918 and served the college with distinction until her retirement in 1954. She was the college's first dean of women, serving continuously from 1925 to 1952. She was an inspiring teacher and friend to many Southwestern students, alumni and faculty. She was professor of sociology when she retired.

Mrs. Townsend epitomized the warmly humane teacher, sensitive to the issues of the world about her and her students. She championed federal programs of public welfare. She lent her presence to numerous public and civic forums. She backed student participation in public affairs. She diligently pursued women's rights, serving as national president of the American Association of University Women.

Townsend Hall was dedicated June 3, 1961 in honor of Mrs. Townsend. She was the wife of Charles Louis Townsend, Professor of English, Southwestern, 1917-1954. Mrs. Townsend and her husband were two of Southwestern's greatest teachers.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

S. Shepherd Tate, Secretary