

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting May 4, 1920

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY  
HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE,

MAY 4, 1920.

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The Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University met in the President's office at ten A. M. May 4, 1920, the following members were present:

Tennessee -- President Charles E. Diehl,  
Dr. James I. Vance.

Alabama -- Dr. George Lang,  
Mr. J. T. Fuller.

Mississippi--Rev. C. Z. Berryhill.

Louisiana.-- Dr. W. McF. Alexander,  
Rev. H. M. McLain.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Lang. The Board heard communications from the other Directors giving reasons for their absence, and the following were excused:

Mr. G. W. McRae and M. Savage, Tennessee; Mr. William T. Hardie of Louisiana; Dr. R. H. McCaslin of Alabama; Dr. Joseph Rennie and Mr. W. H. McIntosh of Mississippi.

A communication from the Interchurch World Movement was presented by President Diehl, in which the University was asked to underwrite the Interchurch World Movement for ten thousand dollars. Concerning this the following action was taken: "Inasmuch as the Southern Presbyterian Church is not this year participating in the financial campaign of the Interchurch World Movement, we do not deem it wise to underwrite any part of the Interchurch World Movement Budget at this time".

A communication was presented from Mrs. Julian C. Lane, Chairman of the Georgia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This communication requested the Board to give a scholarship to the Georgia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Upon motion it was ordered that one scholarship be granted to the Georgia Division of the U.D.C., the beneficiary to be selected by the Division in accordance with our entrance requirements and regulations.

A communication was received from Hon. Mich'l Savage, presenting his resignation as Secretary of the Board. Under the circumstances of Mr. Savage's ill health the Board regretfully decided to accept the resignation of Mr. Savage as its Secretary.

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The following resolution was adopted for our records, and a copy was ordered sent to Mr. Savage.

"WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of Southwestern Presbyterian University, in session at Clarksville, May 4th, 1920, learn with deep regret of the illness of Honorable Michael Savage,

AND WHEREAS, On account of this illness, Mr. Savage has felt impelled to offer his resignation as Secretary of the Board of Directors,

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Savage has served the University as Secretary of the directorate for a number of years, with uniform fidelity, and with unfailing loyalty,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors, now in session, express to Mr. Savage their very sincere appreciation for the service so long and so faithfully rendered and assure him of their unaffected regret that he is compelled to withdraw as Secretary of this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board express its great sympathy for Mr. Savage in his illness and assure him of the interest which the warmest friendship elicits.

Mr. B. A. Patch was elected Acting Secretary of the Board until the next regular meeting.

The following resolution was adopted, and a copy of this resolution was ordered to be sent to our Attorney, Mr. Currel Vance:

"Because of a misunderstanding of the action of the Board taken at the meeting January 22d, 1920, and which reads as follows:

'The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, accept the proposition of the City of Memphis, made through its Chamber of Commerce, to raise \$500,000 on condition that we bring to that city an additional \$1,000,000, and we will establish a first-class educational institution there, as soon as we can, after the conditions are met.'

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the following resolution:

1. That the Board of Directors declares that in the above resolution adopted January 22d, 1920, the sole purpose of that resolution was merely to assure Memphis that the Board accepted their proposition made through her Chamber of Commerce, that Memphis would raise \$500,000 on condition that we bring an additional \$1,000,000. It was not the intention of the Board to modify in the least our former action or the action of the Constituent Synods as

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to site and the present assets of the University, on the contrary, the Board was, and is still in harmony with its own former resolution and that adopted by their Synods as is evidenced by the first resolution adopted January 22d, 1920, which reads as follows:

'We reiterate our approval of the proposed removal, and the action which all the co-operating Synods have approved'.

2. To avoid all misunderstanding, the Board hereby re-affirms its complete harmony with the action of the Constituent Synods, and with its own former action."

Upon motion the Board took recess for lunch.

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The Board reassembled at 1:30 and by invitation the following gentlemen met with the Board:

- Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D.
- Rev. M. E. Melvin, D. D.
- Rev. S. W. McGill,

representatives of Assembly's Executive Committee of Christian Education, and Mr. A. E. Hoyle, representing the firm of Architects, Cram & Ferguson, Boston. These gentlemen were introduced in order named, and each spoke with reference to the proposed removal of the University to Memphis.

Upon motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The Board authorizes and requests the Assembly's Executive Committee of Christian Education to take charge of the Financial Campaign in Memphis and the four co-operating Synods, in accordance with the resolution already adopted by this Board, and in accordance with the request of the Executive Committee of the Campaign in Memphis, to raise at least \$1,500,000 for the establishment of a first-class Christian institution of learning in Memphis."

Upon motion of Dr. Vance By-Law No. 13 of this Board was temporarily suspended, and the Board authorized its Campaign Committee to borrow as it may be needed for the expenses of the campaign a sum not to exceed \$15,000.

Further, the Board unanimously authorized its Executive Committee to borrow \$10,000 to cover the present overcheck and

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to provide for the current expenses of the University.

After a full discussion it was unanimously decided to increase the salaries of the professors for next year approximately twenty percent. This action was taken in lieu of recommendation 5 of the House Committee's report at the meeting of January 22d, 1920, which provided for an increase of approximately ten percent for next year.

The Board of Directors conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Warren Horton Stuart, President of Hangchow Christian College, Hangchow, China.

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

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Robert Henry Cobb.....Blytheville, Arkansas.  
 Mercer Ledbetter Gewin.....Scooba, Mississippi.  
 Charles Edwin Guice.....Oldenburg, Mississippi.  
 Stuart Lapsley Lindamood.....Columbus, Mississippi.  
 William Harris Lynn.....Ripley, Tennessee.  
 Walter John Millard, Jr.....Memphis, Tennessee.  
 Carlyle Thomas.....Charlotte North Carolina  
 Paul McLauren Watson.....Learned, Mississippi.  
 Cyfil Crawford Wilson.....Clarksville, Tennessee.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Robert Darnstaedt Johnston.....Ripley, Tennessee.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Percy Lamar Armstrong.....Vaiden, Mississippi.  
 Marion Lee MacQueen.....Clarksville, Tennessee.  
 Lucy Jordan Naive.....Clarksville, Tennessee.

The matter of the President's vacation was left to his own discretion.

The Minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

The Board adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Z. Berryhill.

H. M. McLain,  
 Secretary pro tem.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF MEMPHIS COLLEGE.  
 First Presbyterian Church, Nov.3.1921.  
 9:00 A.M.

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The Board of Directors of Memphis College met in the offices of the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn, Nov 3,1921.

Those present were:

Synod of Alabama: Dr.Dr.R.H.McCaslin,  
 Dr.George Lang,  
 J.T.Fuller.

Synod of Mississippi:  
 Rev.Joseph Rennie.

Synod of Louisiana: Dr. W.McF.Alexander.

Synod of Tennessee: Dr.Jas I. Vance,  
 Rev.Chas E. Diehl,  
 W.E.Holt.

*This action called forth by the large and increasing expenses - no way to check them.*

- 1.Minutes read and approved.
- 2.Dr.Chas E. Diehl, read correspondence between himself and Dr.Melvin concerning function of the Campaign Committee, and the functions of the committee were discussed by the Board.
- 3.Dr.Henry Sweets, S. W. McGill, and Mr.Hough, were invited to sit with the committee.
4. Motion was made by Dr.Vance in following resolution:  
 That the Executive Committee of Christian Education under whose direction, at the request of this Board, the campaign for a million dollars in the four cooperating synods is being conducted, is hereby asked to send for information, to Messrs,Diehl,Vance, and Rennie, members of the campaign committee, monthly statements of funds collected and disbursed; disbursements to cover all expenses for salaries and field work.
5. Moved by Dr.W.McF.Alexander, that Mr. S. W. McGill be heard on the campaign in the four synods. Motion adopted.
- 6.Moved by Dr. McCaslin to recess till 2:00 P.M. Motion adopted.
7. Afternoon session resumed at 2:00 o'clock.
- 8.Mr. <sup>Paul</sup> Harris was invited to sit as a visitor, on motion.
- 9.The Chairman appointed a committee consisting of Drs Alexander, Vance, and Diehl, to go to New York, to see the General Education Board Nov.16th, if found agreeable.
10. It was moved by Dr. Chas E. Diehl, that the name of the College to be founded at Memphis should be MEMPHIS COLLEGE. Motion adopted.
- 11.Dr.Diehl reported on the various architects investigated with view to selection of a firm for Memphis College.

12. It was moved by Dr. Lang, that report of Committee on Architects be approved, and that Messrs Henry Hibbs, Day, and Klauder, with some Memphis firm, be employed as architects under conditions specified: viz: 6% as total for architects fees, unless unusual services are required of Day and Klayder. Adopted.

13. Moved by Dr. Jas I. Vance, that the Committee be authorized to carry the request of this Board for \$ 200,000 for Library Foundation for Memphis College, successor to Southwestern Presbyterian University, to the Carnegie Corporation. Motion adopted.

14. ~~Mr.~~ S.W. McGill asked by the Board to give the Memphis College Board opportunity to employ his services after the general campaigns are ended.

15. Mr. Henry Hibbs, architect, was invited to sit as a visitor.

16. A report from Dr. M.E. Melvin and Mr. Gordon, on the campaign to date, was read by Dr. Diehl, and received as information.

17. Minutes approved.

18. Motion to adjour adopted.

Joseph Rennie  
Chairman.

George Lang  
Secretary.