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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS

December 21, 1970

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The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern At Memphis met on Monday, December 21, 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., Stanley J. Buckman, Edward B. LeMaster, Ross M. Lynn, Robert D. McCallum, W.J. Millard, A. Van Pritchard, Wayne W. Pyeatt, S. Shepherd Tate, Russel S. Wilkinson and William L. Bowden. Also present by invitation were Jameson M. Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, M.J. Williams, Jr., Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Treasurer, and Julius W. Melton, Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs.

The following members were absent: L. Palmer Brown, W. Neely Mallory, Edmund Orgill, Sidney A. Stewart, Jr., and Norfleet Turner.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Executive Committee held on November 16, 1970, a copy of which has been received by the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, were approved.

The Chairman called upon Dr. Bowden, who made several announcements. Dr. Bowden advised that President Terry Sanford of Duke University, who was formerly the Governor of North Carolina, will be the commencement speaker.

Dr. Bowden also advised that John Churchill, a Southwestern senior, had won a Rhodes Scholarship and a NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Post Graduate Scholarship.

Dr. Bowden also informed the members that the Southwestern Classic, a high school basketball tournament between seven (7) high school basketball teams, was being held at Southwestern at this time.

Dr. Bowden advised that Mr. Sidney A. Stewart, Jr. had accepted the Chairmanship of the Memphis Community Campaign, a division of the Southwestern Annual Fund, and that as of December 18, 1970, \$241,967.74 had been received in contributions.

The Chairman urged that the Executive Committee members, as well as the other members of the Board of Trustees, exert their best efforts to make this campaign a success and that we not get complacent with the excellent start.

The Chairman called upon Mr. M.J. Williams who reported that progress was being made on the budget and that, as soon as he received the information from the division heads, a meeting would be scheduled in January for

the Finance Committee. Dr. Jones made a report on the efforts which were being made to decrease the number of faculty and in this way reduce in some measure the budget.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Williams relative to a matter involving Dr. Peyton Rhodes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the college give to Dr. Peyton N. Rhodes the sum of \$1,200.00 cash as a gratuity, such payment to be made during the month of January, 1971.

Mr. Williams also reported on the status of Bohlmann Hall, advising that after the Music Department moved to the campus in September, there had been vandalism to the property, and steps had been taken toward greater security of the property.

Mr. Wilkinson reported that it was difficult to sell the property on which Bohlmann Hall is located due to the uncertainty of the expressway. Mr. LeMaster suggested the possibility of tearing down the building.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Wilkinson, LeMaster and Williams, with Mr. Wilkinson as Chairman, as a committee to make a recommendation to the Board as to what should be done with the building.

The Chairman called upon Dr. Bowden who advised on the work of the Tennessee Council of Private Colleges to ask the 1971 Tennessee General Assembly for an appropriation for \$5,000,000 for both public and private higher education (see Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 16, 1970, page 1). Dr. Bowden advised that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission had been consulted about this matter, and they advised that they would not initiate legislation, but would support it. Dr. Bowden advised that a bill would be introduced in the 1971 Tennessee General Assembly.

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

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S. Shepherd Tate, Secretary