

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Downey House - Lansing

January 24th, 1917.

10 o'clock A. M.

Present, President Kedzie, Messrs. Doherty, Wallace, Woodman and Beaumont.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been in the hands of the members were approved without reading.

Prof. French and Superintendent of Public Instruction Keeler presented their views of the legislation now pending in Congress known as the Smith-Hughes bill.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the resolution passed at the July meeting setting aside \$70,000 for the completion of the gymnasium is hereby revoked and that this sum be restored and credited to the current account, it being the purpose to reapportion a like sum to the gymnasium account after July 1st.

Revoking resolution setting aside \$70,000 for the completion of the gymnasium.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the matter of suggesting a state board to be incorporated in a proposed bill to the legislature accepting the terms of the Smith-Hughes bill above referred to if the same shall be enacted a law by Congress, was referred to President Kedzie and Superintendent of Public Instruction Keeler with power to act.

In re. Smith-Hughes bill.

The President presented a communication from State Geologist Allen in reference to a soil and economic survey of certain sections of the state.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the following memorandum prepared by a committee of the faculty of the Agricultural College was adopted as expressing the views of the Board in regard to this matter, and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy to State Geologist Allen.

The following report is submitted by the committee chosen by President F. S. Kedzie to consider the memorandum of Soil and Economic Survey presented by Director R. C. Allen, State Geologist, and others, under date of Jan. 9, 1917.

Report of Faculty Committee concerning memorandum from the State Geol.

(1) We believe a soil and economic survey of the newer portions of Michigan would be of great service in stimulating and directing agricultural development. In such a survey we would consider investigations relating to soils, climate and other natural resources as of primary importance, and other economic phases mentioned in the memorandum as secondary because of their dependence on the former and the possibilities of speedy and radical changes.

(2) If legislation should be enacted authorizing investigations as described by this memorandum it is our opinion that the Michigan Agricultural College should not be charged with the administration of the same because of the varied economic, sociological and industrial features included in the addition to the soil survey.

(3) At the same time we are thoroughly of the opinion that if the state legislation authorizes, and provides for the conduct of investigations as described in the memorandum, a cooperative agreement should be made between those charged with the administration of the investigations and the Michigan Agricultural College relating to the agricultural or soils investigation phases of the work. The special training of men in Soils and Science and the varied and extensive facilities of the College would aid in providing co-operators who should see clearly, interpret correctly and direct safely.

(4) We believe the newer portions of Michigan are not only greatly in need of a soil survey but require an agricultural survey in its broadest sense involving the cooperation of soil physicists, crops experts, animal and dairy husbandmen, horticulturists, geologists, chemists, meteorologists, botanists and other scientists as well.

(5) If legislation is enacted as suggested in the memorandum, and if co-operation should be established between those charged with administration and the Michigan Agricultural College the specific point of attachment should be with the Experiment Station as the work would be primarily of an investigational character.

(6) We are so positive of the great need of the investigations outlined in the memorandum that we desire to give it our endorsement and express the earnest wish that provision may be made for the establishment of the work on the basis heretofore outlined at an early date.

R. S. Shaw
H. J. Eustace
A. J. Patten
M.M.McCool
F.S.Kedzie.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the Secretary was directed to have a bill introduced in the legislature asking for an appropriation of \$250,000.00 for a library building.

Appropriation bill for library.

^{Morse}
Clara Morse employed.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the recommendation that Miss Clara ^{Morse} be employed in extension work until September 1st next, at a salary of \$1000.00 per year, was approved.

The President presented a communication from the Mayor of the City of East Lansing asking the Board to make provision for assisting in paving Grand River Avenue.

Concerning the paving of Grand River Ave.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Secretary was directed to draw an enabling act permitting the Board to appropriate funds for this purpose.

Athletic & Liberal Arts fees denied.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the petitions of several students for refund of the Athletic and Liberal Arts fees as presented by the President, were refused.

Olney to receive diploma .

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the request of Mr. Clinton B. Olney that he be given his diploma when his work is completed and his name recommended by the Faculty for a degree, was granted.

Tuition fee increased from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per term.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the recommendation of the President that the tuition fee for foreign students be increased from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per term, was approved.

Dr. Beal's History & Barrows Bird Book to be advertised.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Secretary was directed to advertise in the M.A.C. Record from time to time, the sale of Dr. Beal's History of the College and Prof. Barrows' Michigan Bird Life.

The President presented a communication from Prof. Brown in reference to a sale of Chester White swine during Farmers' week.

In re. swine sale.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, it was not deemed advisable to have such sale at that time.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the resignation of Mr. Tully as Instructor in Poultry Husbandry and Superintendent of the Poultry Plant, was accepted.

Tully re-signs.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the bill of Prof. A. J. Clark for traveling expenses only in attending the meeting of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists at Washington, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, \$28.00 was added to the apportionment of the Department of Economics for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Added apportionment to Economics Dept.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the request for an additional apportionment of \$200.00 to the English Department to cover the expenses of the Debating Teams, was approved.

Added apportionment to English Dept

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the title of Dr. Benner was made Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine instead of Assistant Professor of Pharmacology.

Dr. Benner's title changed.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the communication from Prof. Taft in reference to the salaries of the State Inspector of Nurseries and his deputies, was referred to Mr. Graham for recommendation.

Taft's letter referred to Mr. Graham

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Dean White that the fee for Domestic Science 4 be changed from \$5.00 to \$4.00, was approved.

Fee for Dom. Science 4 changed frm. \$5.00 to \$4.00.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, Dean White was authorized to attend the meeting of the National Educational Association at Kansas City, February 26th to 28th with traveling expenses paid.

Dean White to attend meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the following laboratory fees as presented by Miss Yakeley, Registrar, were adopted:

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| Chemistry 17a | \$4.00 | Entomology 10a | \$1.00 |
| " 17b | 4.00 | " 10b | 1.00 |
| " 17c | 4.00 | " 10c | 1.00 |
| | | " 10d | 1.00 |
| Physics 4 | 2.00 | | |
| Diseases of Economic Plants | \$2.50 | | |
| Plant Reproduction | 2.50 | | |
| General Plant Physiology | 2.50 | | |
| Advanced Plant Physiology | 2.50 | | |

Laboratory fees established.

The President presented the correspondence between himself and Mr. Brewer of the University of Missouri in reference to his employment as Director of Athletics.

In re. Mr. Brewer.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the action of the President as shown in the correspondence above referred to, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the Secretary was authorized to institute proceedings against Mr. Louis Marks of Amasa, Michigan, for violation of the seed law.

To prosecute Louis Marks

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the expense accounts of the Board members were approved.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the chemical laboratory is hereafter to be called the Kedzie Building.

Chemical laboratory named.

On motion adjourned.

All Brown
Secretary.