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MINUTES of MEETING
of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
held at
Storrs, Conn. Wednesday, May 13, 1931 at 11 a.m.

Present: Dr. Wood
Mr. Buckley
Mr. Bough
Mr. Longley

Mr. Hollister
Dr. McCracken
Mr. Longley

Dr. Wood reported that he was unable to come to an agreement with the Trustees, under the will of Edwin Gilbert, for the division of land, buildings, livestock, and capital stock in the Gilbert & Bennett Company, the gift of Edwin Gilbert. It was agreed that Mr. Buckley should confer with the Attorney-General with reference to the matter. Dr. Wood reported that although the Gilbert & Bennett dividend for May had been passed, the company would pay a dividend in August.

Dr. Wood also reported that he had recently visited the Gilbert Farm with Mr. Garrigus and proposed that a meeting of the Executive Committee be called at the Farm during the present month.

IT WAS VOTED: To allow Mr. Noble an extension of twelve days' vacation to permit him to attend M.I.T. during the summer.

IT WAS VOTED: To authorize Mr. Longley to allow the Military Department an additional $300.00 on the budget for 1930-31.

The President was instructed to advise the Attorney-General to continue the proceedings against Vincenzo Maestrangelo.

Dr. McCracken reported that he had received a request for approval of the organization of a sorority and for assignment of the Seckerson house. It was agreed that this matter be reported to the Board for their information, approval being subject to the action of the President and faculty.

Dr. McCracken reported that a meeting of men interested in raising sheep was held at the College May 12.

Dr. McCracken reported the following vote of the faculty in the matter of credits:

"It is recognized that our students are necessarily carrying a large number and variety of courses in their endeavor to accumulate 140 credits; that the quality of their course work is not of the desired standard as evidenced by unsatisfactory work at the several marking periods, by the difficulties encountered by instructors in securing proper preparation in their classes, and by superficial work even of superior students; and that our credit requirements now total more than those of most other colleges:"
"Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty favors a reduction in credits for graduation to a point not lower than 120 nor higher than 125; and that the appropriate committees are hereby requested to study and make recommendations at a special meeting of the Faculty to be held for May 19, concerning prescribed requirements and credits for the different divisions, for major and minor studies, the rank bonus, student load, promotion, dismissal, advanced standing, and credit adjustment for students who return to college subsequent to a date to be set later by the Faculty for such provisions to become effective."

The President reported that the number of credits required by other colleges ranged from 102 to 180.

IT WAS VOTED: To consider this a matter of administration and to approve any action recommended by the President and Faculty.

The President presented a petition from the Alumni Association requesting that the Board of Trustees consider the feasibility of including in its budget, funds for the development and maintenance of the athletic fields. The President was instructed to request a detailed statement.

A petition was received from six seniors recommending that the College give the AB degree. It was suggested that the President and Faculty work out a program leading to the AB degree and report to the Board of Trustees.

A discussion of budget control brought out that certain departments exceeded budget allowances each year.

IT WAS VOTED: That when estimates of departmental expenses as submitted to the President and approved are then exceeded beyond 2% per cent, the President is authorized to withhold from the salary of the individual responsible for these expenditures, an amount equal to the amount expended beyond 2 per cent.

Mr. Hollister reported that an association known as the Willowbrook Association had been formed by the property owners in the new Faculty Development and that this association proposed to collect assessments and disburse funds for the improvement of roads, walks, etc. It was agreed that this did not concern the College and that there could be no objection to the association.

Mr. Longley reported that Mr. King had agreed to permit the crossing of his land with sewer and water lines to give service to the Eta Lambda Sigma Fraternity and to the house occupied by Mr. Ellis, at a cost of $25. Mr. Buckley recommended that a contract be drawn to permit entering the premises for the purpose of repairs and that the contract be recorded on the books of the Town Clerk.
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IT WAS VOTED: To install coal hot water heaters on request of tenants at a cost not to exceed $25 installed.

IT WAS VOTED: To recommend to the General Assembly the following resolution:

"Resolved by this Assembly that a committee of five be appointed on or before July 1, 1931 by His Excellency, the Governor, to consider the facts, circumstances, and desirability to the College and to the State of Connecticut of a change of name.

"Said committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor for submission to the General Assembly of 1933."

IT WAS VOTED: That the appointment of Dr. Rogers should be for one year only.

IT WAS VOTED: To approve the budget as submitted by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

IT WAS VOTED: To approve changes in rank as follows:

R.E. Johnson from Assistant Dairy Husbandman to Associate Professor of Dairy Industry

D.E. Noble from Instructor in Mechanical Engineering to Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering

M. Bartlett from Assistant in Physical Education to Instructor in Physical Education

IT WAS VOTED: That Prof. C. B. Gentry devote a fraction of his time allotted to the College to the improvement of instruction within the College, that he be designated Director of the Division of Instruction, and that he represent the President in the absence of the President from the College.

The President presented to the Executive Committee the first printed copy of the history of the college prepared by Mr. Walter Stemmons.

IT WAS VOTED: To approve the following method of distribution of the history:

1. Give each member of faculty one copy upon request at President's office.
2. Mail copies to Board of Trustees and to such persons as they may designate.
3. Send notice to alumni and let those who desire the book send $1.00.
4. Handle local sales through the Book Store and mail orders through the Editorial Office.

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. LONGLEY
Secretary pro tem