MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.


The meeting was called to order by President Johnstone at 12 noon, at the Jerome Hotel.

The following members were present: Messrs. Alan Johnstone, S. A. Burns, J. E. Wannamaker, S. T. McKeown, R. I. Manning, R. H. Timmerman, J. J. Evans, and I. M. Mauldin.

The report of the Board of Charities and Corrections was read to the Board. (Copy attached)

Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That the report of the Board of Charities and Corrections be received as information, and their recommendations adopted.

Motion Adopted.

President Riggs read a request from Prof. C. C. Newman, that he be given a year's leave of absence, without pay, to enter the employ of the Combahee Company. The request of Prof. Newman was supported by a letter of explanation from the Hon. D. C. Heyward. President Riggs recommended that the leave of absence be granted.

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That the recommendation be adopted, and that Prof. Newman be given a year's leave of absence without pay.

Motion Adopted.

President Riggs next read the report of the Board of Visitors.

Moved by Dr. Timmerman: That the report be received as information.

Motion Adopted.

The list of eligible applicants for the one-year scholarships in the One Year Agricultural Course was presented to the Board.
Moved by Mr. Evans: That these be recommended to the State Board of Education for appointment.

Motion Adopted.

President Riggs made a motion regarding the status of scholarships in the event that the college should be unable to contribute the money required by law, and asked that he be empowered to obtain from the Attorney-General a ruling on this point; and if the ruling was that scholarships could not be maintained if funds were insufficient to operate the college in accordance with the Trustees' idea of efficiency, to ask the Legislature to appropriate the necessary funds to pay for the scholarships. In view of the great demand for teachers, he advised also amending the law so as to require beneficiary students to pursue teacher training courses in Agriculture and Textile Industry.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That these recommendations be adopted.

Motion Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That in view of his long and very efficient service rendered to the college, Mr. S. W. Evans be given a leave of absence for two months, with pay, and that the Board express its appreciation of his loyalty to the college, and the thoroughness which characterizes his work.

Motion Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That in the interest of the college, Mr. S. W. Evans be ordered to take this leave.

Motion Adopted.

President Riggs next presented the following, which he stated had been read at a recent meeting of the college faculty -
In case our resources enable us to do so after carrying out the Board's Budget as adopted at the July meeting, it is my purpose to recommend that a bonus of 10% on the basis of annual salaries paid from college funds be added to the salaries of all college teachers and officers. This recommendation would include Public State Work salaries which are paid from the same sources as are college salaries, but would not include salaries paid from Experiment Station or Extension funds, which funds are fixed and already allocated.

We will be able to carry out the Budget if our lapses are about as usual and our income from the Fertilizer Tax reaches $250,000.00, or if the Legislature makes appropriation which will relieve us of some of the Public State Work expenditures we carry in the Budget during the last half of this fiscal year. It is not likely that any relief from the scholarship payments, if at all, will come during the present fiscal year.

With the present price of cotton and the possibility of importing German potash at a reasonable price, it is not unlikely that the Fertilizer Tax will reach a new level, perhaps the highest of its history. Unsettled conditions of labor and the invasion of the boll weevil are the only dangers that I apprehend.

With an uncertain income, it is not wise to guarantee further increase in fixed salaries at this time. However, I would not mention this matter if I had any doubt that the Board would agree in this recommendation if the funds are available, or unless I thought there was a reasonable chance (unless the bottom falls out of the agricultural situation) of the necessary funds being available. It will be my plan to bring this proposition before the Board at the December meeting, with the hope and expectation of getting their approval. Then at the April meeting, the outlook will be sufficiently clear to determine what can be done.

While nothing that the Board has ordered in the Budget should be omitted, everything should be done with the greatest possible economy consistent with efficiency, in order that there may be no failure to realize the saving contemplated in the Board's Budget. Economy resulting in a greater saving than the 6% contemplated will of course be in the interest of our plan of paying the bonus.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the Board approve the plan outlined above.

Motion Adopted.

The Board went into executive session, after which a motion to adjourn was made by Gov. Manning.

Motion Adopted and Board Adjourned.