The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by the Chairman with the following members present:-

The Chairman outlined to the Board the purpose of the meeting and requested that the Acting President of the College, Professor S. B. Earle, proceed with the reading of his report.

At the request of the Chairman Professor Earle also read letters and telegrams from Alumni, Alumni Chapters, parents and others.

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

Motion Adopted.

The Acting President S. B. Earle read to the Board the following petition presented by the Student Central Committee:

"TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLEMSON COLLEGE, THROUGH ACTING PRESIDENT S. B. EARLE.

As the duly selected representatives of the student body of Clemson College, acting in behalf of and by authority of this body, we would appeal to the Board of Trustees of Clemson College, through Acting President S. B. Earle, for relief in the following particulars:

FIRST: As one of the contributing causes to the deplorable action recently taken by the student body we would respectfully call to the attention of your honorable body incidents in connection with the mess which aroused the students. We present the following names of men who are prepared to testify under oath that on Saturday evening, October 11th, Link Sausages were served on the table for supper which were unfit for human consumption, some being wormy and some being moulded."
Further, That on Sunday, October 12th, some of the chicken which was served for dinner was spoiled to such an extent as to be offensive to the smell. The following men are prepared so to testify under oath:

Senior: Herlong, E. S. Soph: Crowson, J. K.
Junior: Elliott, W. R. Fresh: Hewlett, L. M.

We therefore petition the Board for more and better food.

SECOND: We respectfully petition your honorable Board to reinstate as students of Clemson College those men of the student body who left the campus without authority during Tuesday, October 14th and up to 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 15th.

We recognize the action which caused these men to leave to be hasty, ill-advised and subversive to discipline, but we believe they left in good faith after a large majority of the students had voted to leave in a body. Therefore we feel that the great majority of the students who remained on the campus are equally guilty with them of wrong-doing.

We earnestly desire to complete our education at Clemson, and, if possible, atone for the wrong done the College through the action of the student body.

THIRD: We further petition your honorable body to grant us a Matron for the mess-hall for the following reasons:

1st, To act as hostess for such guests as may visit the mess-hall
2nd, Because the presence of a Matron tends to promote politeness in the mess-hall.
3rd, Because the men of the Corps have become accustomed to the presence of a Matron and keenly feel the absence of one.
4th, Because the presence of a lady in the mess-hall has a humanizing influence.

We sincerely trust that your body may see fit to grant our petition.

Student Central Committee
(Signed) John Mosween
Acting Chairman.

Seniors: Paul Graves
C. A. Robinson, Jr.
E. H. Colbert
B. W. Freeland
B. B. Gillespie
J. D. Stewart, Jr.

Sophomores: H. S. Elms
W. C. Brown, Jr.
J. A. Milling
L. E. Cromer
At the request of the Board Acting President Earle proceeded to make an informal statement for the purpose of acquainting the Board with all details regarding the trouble.

 Moved by Mr. Tillman: That certain persons or Committees desiring to appear before the Board would be heard when the Board met at 9 A.M. October 21, 1924.

 Motion Adopted.

 The Board went into executive session for a short while.

 Moved by Mr. Manning: That we endorse and sustain the action of Professor S. B. Earle in all matters dealing with the student rebellion which were presented to us by him.

 Motion Adopted.

 Moved by Mr. Barnett: That further consideration of the student petition be postponed until Tuesday morning.

 Motion Adopted.

 The Board adjourned to meet at 9 A.M. Tuesday, October 21, 1924.

 MEETING AT 9 A.M. OCTOBER 21, 1924.

 The Board was called to order by the Chairman with twelve members present.

 Reverend John McSween was called before the Board for the purpose of making a statement. The statement made by Mr. McSween was taken stenographically and is filed with these minutes. Mr. McSween was excused and the Board went into executive session.
Following the statement of Mr. McSween the Chairman appointed Messrs. Manning, Geer, and Bradley to draw up resolutions for consideration by the Board.

Moved by Mr. Barnett: That the appeal of ex-cadet R. F. Holahan be heard by the Board.

Motion Adopted.

The appeal of R. F. Holahan together with the stenographic testimony taken at the Discipline Committee trial were read in full at this time.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the judgment of the Committee be sustained and that the appeal be dismissed.

Motion Adopted on roll call vote twelve members voting "aye".

The following report of the Committee was presented to the Board for consideration:

"Clemson College, S. C.,
October 21, 1924.
11:15 A. M.

To the Board of Trustees:

Your Committee has duly considered the matters submitted to it, and return herewith for your consideration resolutions which we feel will dispose of the original demands made upon the President: and we recommend that no further notice of this paper be taken.

We further advise that the paper embodying the requests of the student body be now taken up for consideration by the Board.

WHEREAS: On the afternoon of October 14th the Vice-President of the Senior Class presented to the Acting President of the institution a document containing certain demands reading as follows-

'We the undersigned members of the Senior Class demand the following changes and modifications of rules and orders now existing, to take effect one half hour after the presentation of these demands to the President of Clemson College. (Before presentation 'one half hour' was scratched out and 'at 6 o'clock' was inserted.)

'1. An assurance that the food served in the college mess hall be of better quality and in sufficient quantities.

'2. The resignation of J. D. Harcombe, mess officer.

'3. The services of a Matron.

'4. The reinstatement of R. F. Holahan as a cadet.'
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. That the Board endorses and sustains the action of the Acting President in the statement made by him that he would investigate the complaints against the quality and quantity of food served, and would do all in his power to insure proper food and in such quantities as would be conducive to the health and contentment of the student body.

2. The Board endorses and sustains the action of the Acting President in his refusal to ask for the resignation of J. D. Harcombe, mess officer.

3. The Board endorses and sustains the action of the Acting President in his statement to the petitioners that the question of whether the services of a matron would be secured was under consideration, and would be further considered in due course.

4. The Board endorses and sustains the action of the Acting President and of the Discipline Committee in the sentence of suspension for one year imposed upon Cadet Holahan. The Board takes this action after due consideration of the appeal submitted to the Board through the Acting President.

WHEREAS: The Vice-President of the Senior Class presented to the Acting President on the afternoon of October 14th, a paper signed by 127 Seniors and which reads as follows -

'We the undersigned members of the Senior Class demand the following changes and modifications of rules and orders now existing, to take effect one half hour after the presentation of these demands to the president of Clemson College. (Before presentation 'one half hour' was scratched out and 'at 6 o'clock' was inserted.)

'1. An assurance that the food served in the college mess hall be of better quality and in sufficient quantities.

'2. The resignation of J. D. Harcombe, mess officer.

'3. The services of a matron.

'4. The reinstatement of R. F. Holahan as a cadet.'

AND WHEREAS: Within the afternoon of the same day 113 of the signers of the aforesaid petition came to the President's office and asked permission to withdraw their names.

AND WHEREAS: Acting President Earle stated to the Vice-President of the Senior Class that no punishment would be meted out to members of the Senior Class for the specific act of signing these demands.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees appreciates and commends the spirit and the judgment of the Acting President in his promise that no punishment would be meted to the signers of this petition for the specific act.

BUT BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board of Trustees does not and cannot construe this action on the part of the Acting President to give immunity to the signers of this petition for any act of insubordination or infraction of the rules of the institution.

Signed: Richard I. Manning
         W. W. Bradley
         B. E. Geer

Committee
Moved by Mr. Lever: That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Motion adopted, on roll call vote twelve members voting "aye".

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That Mr. McSween be recalled and informed that after a careful review of the situation according to records and upon his statement the Board would at his request set aside the demands presented to the Acting President of the College by the Senior Class, and that no punishment be awarded for the signing of this document.

Motion Adopted.

Mr. McSween was recalled and presented with a copy of the Committee resolutions. He then continued with his recital which is filed with these minutes.

Moved by Mr. Cooper: That the Board adjourn until 2 P.M.

Motion Adopted

and the Board adjourned.

The Board was called to order at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, October 21st with twelve members present.

Moved by Mr. Tillman: That the Board proceed to consider the first part of the student petition and that Mr. McSween as Chairman of the Student Central Committee and four students on each complaint regarding alleged conditions in the mess hall be called before the Board.

Motion Adopted.
Moved by Mr. Bradley: That after the Board had completed its investigation a Committee of five write a full and complete report to be placed before the public.

Motion Adopted.

The following were appointed by the Chairman:

Reverend John McSween was then called and informed that it was the wish of the Board for him to sit with them during the examination of the students regarding conditions in the mess hall. Mr. McSween was also informed that he would be permitted to question the student witnesses and to make statements in explanation from time to time.

The stenographic testimony is filed with and is made part of these minutes. Each witness was sworn before giving testimony.

Professor D. H. Henry, Director of Student Affairs, was next called before the Board and examined in reference to alleged conditions in the mess hall.

The stenographic testimony of Mr. Henry is filed with and is made part of these minutes.

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That the Board adjourn for supper until 8 P. M.

Motion Adopted.

The Board was called to order at 8 P. M. - Mr. Barnett presiding. Twelve members were present.

Moved by Mr. Tillman: That the members of the Senior Class stand charged that they did violate the rules and regulations of the Clemson Agricultural College as follows: That they did on or about 1 o’clock on Tuesday, October 14th hold a meeting of their class in violation of the Regulations for the
Government of the Cadets of the Clemson Agricultural College after they had been refused permission to hold such meeting by the Acting President of the College, or without permission from the Commandant; the said conduct on their part being in direct violation of Paragraphs 157 and 230 of the Cadet Regulations, to wit -

"157. Not more than ten cadets shall assemble at any place at any one time unless on duty without special permission from the Commandant in each case.

230. Disobedience - Any cadet who shall disobey a command of the President, the Commandant or his officers, or a member of the faculty, or shall behave himself in a refractory or disrespectful manner, shall be tried by the Discipline Committee and dismissed or less severely punished, according to the nature and degree of his offense."

After examining Cadet Colbert, Acting President of the Senior Class, it was decided to adjourn to the Chapel for the purpose of reading to the Class the aforesaid charges and to receive the plea of each individual as to guilty or not guilty. The Board adjourned to the Chapel where Mr. Barnett continued to preside and Messrs. Tillman and Evans were appointed to conduct the examination. The roll of the Senior Class was called and each cadet answered "guilty" or "not guilty". The plea of each member of the Senior Class if filed with the minutes.

After hearing the pleas the Board returned to the President's office and proceeded to call in individual students for examination. Each student was sworn and all testimony was taken stenographically. Thirty students were examined at this time.

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That permission previously granted by Acting President Earle to the football team, Seniors, Juniors, the band and such other organizations as carrying out the program in playing the scheduled football game at the Fair in Columbia be sustained unless it interferes with the progress of the Board Meeting, Provided, however, that none of these students
Participated in the "walk out". 

Motion Adopted,

by roll call vote eleven members voting "aye".

Moved by Mr. Cooper: That the permit for certain textile students to attend the Textile Exposition in Greenville, for the present, be revoked.

Motion Adopted.

The Board continued the examination of members of the Senior Class and twenty-six young men were called.

The Board adjourned to meet at 9 A. M.

October 22nd.

9 A. M. October 22, 1924.

The Board was called to order with Mr. Barnett as Chairman and the following members answered roll call: Messrs. Johnstone, Wannamaker, Manning, Evans, Mauldin, Barnett, Tillman, Geer, Timmerman, Bradley and Lever.

The examination of members of the Senior Class was continued - thirty-one students being examined.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That permission be granted to certain students to attend the Fair provided they were not involved and if necessary any student or students be recalled.

Motion Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Tillman: That permission to hold a football matinee in Chapel on Thursday, October 23rd be granted.

Motion Adopted.

The examination of Seniors was continued - seven members being called.

Moved by Mr. Geer: That F. H. Colbert, Vice-President of the Senior Class be notified by telegram to return from Columbia immediately for further examination.

Motion Adopted.
Five students were called before the Board for examination.

The Board adjourned until 2:15 P. M.

The Board assembled at 2:30 P. M. and continued the examination of students.

The Board went into executive session for a short time.

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That the request of the student body transmitted by Mr. T. E. Young to hold a meeting with in the Chapel at such time as may be arranged with the President of the College be granted.

Upon roll call vote the motion was adopted all members voting "aye" except Mr. Tillman.

Additional students were called before the Board - fifteen being examined.

Mr. I. M. Mauldin was called home on account of sickness and Mr. Geer asked to be excused from 6 P. M. until the morning session.

The Board continued to examine Seniors - seven young men being called.

Mr. T. B. Young and Reverend John MoSween appeared before the Board and presented the following statement:

"We, the students of Clemson Agricultural College, in meeting assembled wish to go on record that if the Board of Trustees is interpreting any document, now before them from the student body or any attitude of the student body as having any significance of a threat either in form or fact we wish to assure your honorable body that such is not the case and that we stand before your judgment in submission with full intention to abide by your decisions recognizing that our only plea is one for mercy."
It was explained by the gentlemen presenting the statement that only 67 voted against the resolutions.

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

**Motion Adopted.**

The Board continued the examination of Seniors - sixteen being called.

**Moved by Mr. Lever:** That the Board extend a vote of thanks to Mr. T. B. Young, Reverend John McSween and other Alumni for their interest and assistance.

**Motion Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.**

**Board adjourned.**

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The Board was called to order at 9:20 P. M - Mr. Barnett presiding.

**Moved by Mr. Bradley:** That the Freshman football team be permitted to go to Davidson College for the purpose of playing the scheduled game.

**Motion Adopted.**

Fifteen Seniors were then examined and the Board adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M.

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The Board convened at 9:30 A. M. October 23rd, with Mr. Barnett as Acting Chairman. The following were present - Messrs. Johnston, Wannamaker, Bradley, Manning, Timmerman, Barnett, Tillman, Lever and Evans.
Moved by Mr. Tillman: That all students on permit at the State Fair in Columbia be notified to return to the College by 1:30 P.M. October 24th. The scrub football team and students with the exhibit not being included in this order.

Motion Adopted.

Cadet Colbert was recalled before the Board for further examination. All testimony was taken stenographically and is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. J. D. Harcombe, Mess Officer, and Mr. J. G. Lindsay, Commissary Clerk, were next called before the Board for examination. All testimony was taken stenographically and is made part of these minutes.

Board adjourned until 2 P.M.

The Board was called to order at 2 P.M. Thursday for the purpose of considering what punishment, if any was to be awarded students participating either in the "walk out" or in the unauthorized class meeting held on Riggs Field.

Questionnaires were prepared and each student in the Corps of Cadets was required to answer all questions thereon.

Moved by Mr. Lever: That the question of the employment of a Matron be left in the hands of the Acting President and for him to report to the Board later if it is found necessary to continue the employment of a Matron in the mess hall.

Motion Adopted.

The Board Adjourned.
The Board was called to order at 9 A.M. October 24th with Mr. Barnett as Acting Chairman.

The following members answered roll call:

The Board took under consideration the questionnaires of the students. Committees were appointed by the Chairman to examine the questionnaires of the different classes.

The Board took recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The Board reconvened at 2:30 P. M. and six students were called for examination.

The following resolutions regarding the punishment to be awarded the students were presented to the Board:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Clemson Agricultural College -

1. That all members of the Senior Class who left the College without authority and remained away for a period of 48 hours or longer shall be dismissed.

2. That all members of the Senior Class who left the College without authority but did not remain away for a period of 48 hours shall be suspended for the remainder of this scholastic year.

3. That all members of the Junior and Sophomore Classes who left the College without authority and remained away for a period of 48 hours or longer shall be suspended for the remainder of this scholastic year.

4. That all members of the Junior and Sophomore Classes who left the College without authority but did not remain away longer than 48 hours be required to walk 60 extras and be denied all privileges for the remainder of this scholastic year, provided, however, that the President and Commandant may in their discretion restore these privileges at the end of the first semester - January 25, 1925.

5. That all members of the Freshman Class who left the College without authority and who return by 11 o'clock P. M. on October 29th, 1924 be permitted to reenter the College and submit to the punishment of walking 40 extras.

6. For the purpose of this resolution - That all irregular students be classified as follows:

1st year - Freshmen
2nd year - Sophomore
3rd year - Junior
4th year - Senior."
"That all Seniors found guilty of attending class meeting on Riggs Field who knew that permission had been asked for holding the said meeting and that permission had been refused shall be punished by the suspension of all privileges for the remainder of this scholastic year, provided, that the President and Commandant of Cadets may in their discretion restore said privileges to these cadets on February 1st if in their judgment such action is wise and expedient and warranted by conduct of cadets affected.

Those found guilty of attending the class meeting on Riggs Field knowing it was without authority and in violation of regulations but not knowing that permission had been asked for its holding and refused shall be punished by the withdrawal of all privileges to March 1st, 1925, provided, that the President and Commandant of Cadets may in their discretion restore said privileges to these cadets on December 1st if in their judgment such action is wise and expedient and warranted by conduct of cadets affected."

Upon roll call vote the resolutions were adopted, all members voting "aye".

The Committee of five appointed to prepare a report presented the same to the Board. Upon roll call vote the report was unanimously adopted, all members voting "aye".

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That Miss Sadler be granted $50.00 as compensation for stenographic services during the Board Meeting.

Motion Adopted, on roll call vote nine members voting "aye".

The Board of Trustees, Faculty and student body assembled in Chapel and findings of the Board as to punishment were made known.

Filed with these minutes is a list of the students dismissed or suspended. After returning to the President's office the Board adjourned.

Approved: 

Correct:

Chairman 

Secretary.