MINUTES OF CALL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD

IN COLUMBIA, S. C. THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1935

The following responded to roll call: Mr. W. W. Bradley, Chairman; Messrs. Benet, Sanders, Sherard, Speer, Cope, and Brown.

President Sikes stated that he wished the Board to approve the recommendations of the faculty in granting degrees to the following who have completed the prescribed course of study at the end of the first semester:

- John Franklin Griner
- James Francis James
- Marvin Henry Johnson
- Fred Alexander Knight
- Earle Sloan, Jr.
- Gary Lever Wannamaker
- Ransom Memroo Yonce

Recommendation approved.

President Sikes informed the Board concerning the hearing granted the College by the Ways and Means Committee of the General Assembly. He also outlined the purpose of the meeting of the Fertilizer Committee on Wednesday, the 23rd.

The Board was informed of the progress made in securing additional employees to make application for group insurance.

President Sikes called the attention of the Board to the four billion dollar fund, similar to the old P. W. A. appropriation, now pending in Congress, and stated that this would probably provide an excellent opportunity for the College to secure needed buildings.

A statement of the great need for an Agricultural Building was read.

It was explained to the Board that in 1933 the state colleges, the state hospital, and other charitable and penal institutions made joint application to the General Assembly for permission to secure P. W. A. funds then available, but the General Assembly of 1934 felt that it was unwise to issue bonds in the amount necessary to care for the program. In view of this experience it was suggested that Clemson request the General Assembly to pass an enabling act authorizing the College to borrow on its own resources for the purpose of erecting an Agricultural Building and to pledge the fertilizer tax, tuition fees, and sales of products for the purpose of guaranteeing the loan. It was suggested that the General Assembly be requested to add each year the sum of at least $5,000.00 to the appropriations for Collegiate Activities, for Agricultural Research, and for Agricultural Extension; and in this way funds be provided to care for the payments as they became due. President Sikes informed the Board that the need for an Agricultural Building was so great that he felt the College was justified in taking the risk of the possibility of having to use current income to meet any payments.

The next item presented was that of a student dormitory or dormitories of approximately 200 rooms for the purpose of taking care of an increasing student body and to relieve crowded conditions in the present barracks. It was explained that sufficient funds may be secured from the P. W. A. for the erection of this building and that income from room rent of $1.50 per student per month be used to amortize the loan.
President Sikes recommended as follows:

1. That the Board grant authority to negotiate for Federal or other funds amounting to approximately $250,000.00 more or less for the purpose of erecting an Agricultural Building on the campus. This to include the passing of an enabling act by the Legislature and to pledge certain income from College activities as fertilizer tax, tuition fees, laboratory fees, and income from sale of products.

   Moved by Mr. Brown: That the recommendation be approved.
   Motion adopted.

2. That the Board grant authority to negotiate for Federal or other funds amounting to approximately $250,000.00 more or less for the purpose of erecting a student dormitory or dormitories of about 200 rooms. This authority to include the passing of an enabling act by the General Assembly empowering the Board to borrow money and to pledge the income from student room rent.

   Moved by Mr. Speer: That the recommendation be approved.
   Motion adopted.

President Sikes suggested to the Board that it would soon be time to select the next Board of Visitors. It was decided to wait until the spring meeting; and in the event the meeting was delayed, the President would send out letters to the members for suggestions.

Messrs. Speer, Sherard, and Cope expressed approval and appreciation of the election of Mr. T. B. Young to membership on the Life Board of Trustees.

Moved by Mr. Cope: That the Secretary of the Board notify the Governor of the vacancy now existing due to the election of Mr. Young to life membership.

Motion adopted.

Moved by Mr. Cope: That the Board express its thanks to the Insurance Committee for the good and efficient work it had done.

Motion adopted.

President Sikes introduced Mr. D. W. Watkins, Director of Extension, who wished to talk to the Board about the position of Assistant Director of Extension. Mr. Watkins explained that he had not yet been able to fill the position of Assistant Director for the sum of $3500.00 which is the salary now fixed for the position. Mr. Watkins suggested the possibility of a plan whereby he might employ a younger man as Assistant to the Director.

Moved by Mr. Speer: That the College authorities proceed with the filling of this position as early as practicable, and if unable to secure a suitable person for the $3500.00 President Sikes to take up with the Board by letter the advisability of raising the amount to $4000.00. As an alternative, authority be granted to select an Assistant to the Director of Extension.

Motion adopted.

President Sikes also introduced Prof. McGinty, Acting Director and Dean in place of Prof. Barre now on leave in Washington.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman.

Acting Secretary.