

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—APRIL, 1886.

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The Board met at the office of the President, room 90, No. 115 Dearborn street, Chicago, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment from March 23d, as designated by the President.

Present—Trustees Pearman, Eisenmayer, Bennett, McLean, Earle and Millard.

Absent—Governor Oglesby, Hon. John Landrigan, Trustees Cobb, Follansbee and Paden.

President Millard in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Regent offered a communication from E. Lemme, class of 1886, asking to be excused from elocution.

It was moved and carried that the above communication be referred to the Regent and Faculty with power to act.

The following communication from C. B. Gibson, President of the Chicago Club, University of Illinois, was offered and read:

*To the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois:*

GENTLEMEN: At a special meeting of the Chicago Club of the Alumni of the University of Illinois, the undersigned were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial address to your honorable body in relation to the subject of endowments, praying that you may take such action, at the meeting of Trustees March 23d, as shall be deemed by you advisable, after hearing this petition, and upon a careful consideration of the whole subject at this meeting.

The students and graduates of the University desire to cooperate with the Trustees and Faculty in their efforts to make the University of the greatest possible benefit to all who shall enter it; and to assist in the work of presenting to the people of this State and of the country the privileges and advantages to be enjoyed here by those who are seeking a broad and liberal education; and to unite with you in placing the University among the foremost institutions of learning in the land.

With this subject before us we have brought up and discusssd the subject of endowments, as a means of commanding the attention, and securing the help of those who are empowered to grant appropriations for the fund of the University, and to invite the notice and enlist the good will of public spirited and generous citizens of our State and the nation, who are able, and with the proper understanding of the matter would be ready, to make donations, gifts or bequests.

Correspondence has been had with the leading colleges and universities of the country, which has furnished information, in facts and figures, upon this question of endowment.

Section 7 of the Organic Act founding the University, in relation to the power of Trustees upon the question of endowments, reads;

"They may accept the endowments of voluntary professorships of departments in the University from any person, or persons, or corporations who may proffer the same, and at any regular meeting of the Board may prescribe rules and regulations in relation to such endowments, and declare on what general principles they may be admitted: Provided, that such voluntary endowments or professorships shall not be incompatible with the true design and scope of the act of Congress, or of this act."

Your memorialists, representing the alumni and students of Chicago and vicinity, referring to the act and section above quoted, respectfully ask that at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees March 23d, 1886, you will prescribe the rules and regulations in rela-

tion to such endowments which Section 7, as quoted above, directs may be prescribed for the admission of such endowments; so that the alumni, students, and friends of the University may solicit endowments for special purposes, as provided.

Your petitioners also respectfully ask that the Trustees will, at a convenient day, prepare a paper setting forth your ideas upon the subject of this memorial, and submit the same at your June meeting, 1886, that we may know your views and be prepared to act with you in the matter.

Lastly, we understand that progress will be slow, and that it will require years to mature and develop a successful plan of endowment.

Believing that your honorable body already concurs in the views we have stated, and hoping that the subject may have your careful consideration, this memorial is presented. And your memorialists will ever pray.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. GIBSON,

*President Chicago Club, University of Illinois.*

CHICAGO, March 6, 1886.

Trustee McLean moved that the above communication be placed on file, and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the club, which motion was seconded and carried.

Trustees McLean, Bennett, and Follansbee were appointed as such committee.

It was moved and carried that the Regent and President of the Board be added to the committee on the petition of the alumni.

A communication from L. Franklin, Secretary of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, was then presented and read, as follows:

BELVIDERE, ILL., Jan. 25, 1886.

*Hon. S. M. Millard, President Board of Trustees, University of Illinois:*

The following resolutions were passed by the Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, held at Springfield December last:

*Resolved*, That we desire to see a chair of Pedagogy established in the University of Illinois at an early day, and that we request the Trustees of the University to take measures to establish such department, and pledge them our co-operation in securing any legislation which may be necessary to this end.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the association is hereby instructed to communicate this resolution to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State University.

L. FRANKLIN, *Secretary.*

Trustee Earle then offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Board receives very cordially the request of the Illinois State Teachers' Association for the establishment of a chair of Pedagogy in the University of Illinois, and that it will make the subject one of serious consideration at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

Which resolution was seconded by Trustee McLean, and unanimously carried by the Board.

The Board then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Trustee McLean, Trustees S. M. Millard, John T. Pearman and Charles Bennett were unanimously elected members of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned at 1:30 P. M. until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock P. M.—Board reassembled at the office of the President of the Board, No. 115 Dearborn street.

Dr. S. H. Peabody, Regent, appeared before the Board and presented his resignation as Regent, as follows:

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., March 23, 1886.

*To the Trustees of the University of Illinois:*

GENTLEMEN—I herewith tender this my resignation of the office of Regent of this University, to take effect at such time as may suit your convenience, not later than the first of July next.

While so doing I beg to express my profound acknowledgments for the continued courtesies which you have shown me while engaged in the discharge of the duties of this office, and to express my sincere wish for the continued and greater prosperity of the University of Illinois.

I remain ever sincerely yours,

SELIM H. PEABODY.

Upon receiving the communication the Board resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss the same, and after full consideration the following resolution was offered by Trustee Pearman, seconded by Trustee Eisenmayer, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the resignation of Dr. S. H. Peabody, now on file with the Board, be not accepted.

On motion of Trustee Eisenmayer, seconded by Trustee Earle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars be added to the salary of Regent S. H. Peabody for the current year ending March 8, 1887.

The President then announced the following standing committees:

By election, Executive Committee—President Millard, Trustees Pearman and Bennett.

Farm Committee—Trustees Pearman, Cobb and Earle.

Buildings and Grounds—Trustees McLean, Follansbee and Eisenmayer.

Auditing Committee—Trustees Paden, Eisenmayer and Bennett.

Finance Committee—Trustees Follansbee, Bennett and Paden.

Committee on Publications (by resolution)—President, Regent and Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Mr. McLean, the Board adjourned.