MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
East Carolina College
May 13, 1959

The Board of Trustees of East Carolina College met in the office of the Director of Higher Education, Raleigh, North Carolina, at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, May 13, 1959.

Members present: Messrs. Ralph Hodges, I. H. O'Hanlon, Arthur L. Tyler, Luther Hamilton, Fred Willetts, Carl Goerch, Henry Belk, Herbert Waldrop, Robert Morgan, W. W. Taylor, Jr., and Mrs. W. B. Umstead.

Members absent: Charles H. Larkins

Minutes of the last meeting, held January 20, 1959, were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Board approved the action of the Executive Committee taken February 16 and March 12.

GRADUATION: Trustees approved for graduation as of May 24 applicants for graduation as follows: A.B., 140; B.M., 2; B.S., 606; M.A., 160.

FACULTY: Trustees approved the following persons not members of the faculty to teach courses in various extension centers of the college: Col. Edmund E. Allen, Mrs. Margaret Woods Birk, Mrs. George Durr, Mrs. S. W. Dry, Mr. Carlton T. Fleetwood, Lt. Col. Donald J. Gehri, Dr. Leon G. Grantt, Major John Reynolds, Mr. James M. Smith, Mr. Seth Henderson, Col. A. V. Soupios, Mr. Allen S. Taylor, and Major Neil F. Young.

Trustees approved the employment of Allan Nelms as of May 1 as Director of Foundations and Alumni Affairs.

Trustees approved the employment of the following teachers to begin work as of September 1: James Hudson Bearden, business education; Wesley Crawley, art; Graham Davis, science; Nellie E. Dry, business education; Horton W. Emerson, Jr., social studies; John C. Ellen, social studies; Charles Stanley Harris, psychology; Donald W. Irvine, psychology; and Robert Williams, social studies.

Resignations were accepted from the following people: Thomas Flowers, Grace Eaton, Theodore Eaton, Lyle F. Plymale, Stanley Todd Lowry, Clifton Johnson, James LaPoe, Earle LeBaron, Mildred Pate.

Horace Monroe was granted another year's leave of absence. George Pasti and Martin Goldsworth were granted a year's leave of absence.

The President announced retirement as of the close of the school year for Hubert Haynes, Emma L. Hooper, and Louise Galphin.

The Board approved retention of Eunice McGee, who has reached retirement age, for another year.

NAMES: Dr. Messick presented a request from students in the business education department asking that the classroom designated as the "seminar" room in the E. E. Rawl Classroom Building be named the "E. R. Browning Room," stating that if this is done students will have Dr. Browning's portrait painted and hung in the room. (Dr. E. R. Browning has been chairman of the business education department for twenty-three years.) The Board voted to turn this request over to the committee of the Board designated to consider names for buildings at the College. This committee is composed of: Herbert Waldrop, I. H. O'Hanlon, and Fred Willetts, with Arthur L. Tyler, ex officio.

The President presented a request from members of the art department to name the small gallery in the new Rawl Classroom Building in honor of Miss Kate W. Lewis, a charter member of the East Carolina College faculty. The Board voted approval of this request. The Kate Lewis Gallery will be used for student exhibits.

Trustees discussed a bill proposed by Senator Robert Humber which would establish a minimum basis for beginning salaries at all state-supported colleges, the funds necessary to raise salaries to this minimum and to make other salary adjustments to be secured by raising tuition to $150. The Board of Trustees looked upon this bill with favor and empowered the Executive Committee and the administrative officers in the event this bill is passed to raise the fees at East Carolina College to $50 a quarter with the stipulation that they are not to exceed $150 for the regular year.

The President reported that it was found that Joe Louis Gray (the Negro whose application had been discussed in earlier meetings) did not qualify for admission; when his transcript was received, it was found that he was too low in quality points to meet the standards required for admission.

TENURE: The question of tenure for teachers following a probationary period was discussed. Although this has never been a problem at East Carolina College, trustees felt that action on their part might give the faculty a greater feeling of security. Therefore, the following resolution concerning tenure, which is standard IX of the American

Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, was adopted:

> After the expiration of a probationary period of three years teachers should have permanent or continuous tenure, and their services should be terminated only for adequate cause, except in the case of retirement for age, or under extraordinary circumstances because of financial exigencies.

Trustees, noting the fact that the terms of four members of the Board, Ralph Hodges, I. H. O'Hanlon, Arthur L. Tyler, and Luther Hamilton, expire June 30, passed a resolution expressing appreciation to these four members for the interest and outstanding service rendered as members and the hope that they will be reappointed when present terms expire. They requested that the Governor be informed of this action on the part of the other Board members.

APPROPRIATIONS: Trustees discussed proposed appropriations to the College and the proposed distribution of the additional sixteen million dollars which it now appears will be available for distribution to institutions and in this connection passed the following resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Raleigh, N. C.
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To the Committee on Appropriations:

According to a report in the News and Observer May 13, it is stated in effect that the amount of $3,200,000 suggested for the Greater University of North Carolina and $1,116,000 for all other State degree-granting institutions to be allocated from the 16 million dollars surplus funds is unfair to the University. It is unfair but not to the University!

It seems unfair to the Alumni of East Carolina College, and it must seem equally as unfair to the Board of Trustees and those interested in Appalachian and Western Carolina Colleges that so much is suggested for the University and so little for all other colleges.

We say this for the following reasons:

The Budget Commission has recommended an annual appropriation for the next biennium of $614 per capita for the Greater University and an average of but $353 per capita for East Carolina College, Appalachian State Teachers College, and Western Carolina College. The average recommended in the Budget for the Negro colleges is $541.

The total predicted average enrollment of the Greater University for the coming biennium is 16,832 and that for all other State degree-granting institutions is 14,900.

Citizens of the State and members of the General Assembly, we ask you, wherein does the inequity lie when the Budget Commission recommends an average per capita of $614 for the Greater University, $541 for the Negro colleges, and but $353 for the colleges whose primary objective is teacher training where scholarship should be paramount?

Some appear to feel that because the Board of Higher Education recommended a still much greater differential in favor of the Greater

University that there should be accorded a special favor. We understand that it is true that the Board of Higher Education did as stated but that only increases the differential instead of recognizing that there should be a just minimum basis for the operation of an institution of higher learning and that all undergraduate programs should be accorded the same status.

Try to imagine what would happen if the State attempted to discriminate in a similar way in its public school program between the Raleigh and Wake County schools.

Gentlemen, the problem is yours, but don't forget that the education of the children of the citizens of the State is at stake, and if we continue to discriminate in providing adequate education for the teachers of tomorrow, we will continue to have inadequately prepared high school graduates for all institutions of higher learning and thus poorly prepared college graduates.

Board of Trustees, East Carolina College
A. L. Tyler, Chairman

SCHOOL OF NURSING: The proposed School of Nursing at East Carolina College was discussed. No action has as yet been taken by the General Assembly.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER: The Business Manager gave a report on the status of buildings at this time: new cafeteria wing in full use, one dormitory to house 512 men has been completed, second dormitory of the same size under construction, Rawl Classroom Building expected to be ready for occupancy in the fall, and new addition to the administration building recently completed.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Agnes W Barrett
Agnes W. Barrett, Secretary