Board Meeting
Feb. 21, 1922

The Board was called to order by Chm. E. C. Brooks with the following members present; E. C. Brooks, Chairman, F. C. Harding, Gray R. King, and J. R. Bammerman.

President Wright read the following:

February 21, 1922

Board of Trustees,
East Carolina Teachers College,
Gentlemen;

On February 1, C. W. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, died suddenly. Wilson was one of the original Board of Trustees, and from the organization of the Board of Trustees until his death was Secretary to the Board. He was Director of the Summer School and in my absence was the person to whom I turned over the administrative duties of the College. His death is the most serious blow the College has ever had when viewed from the internal workings of the institution. He understood thoroughly our state's educational needs, and worked indefatigably to meet those needs. He literally gave his life for the children of North Carolina. In his going our state has lost one of its best citizens and one of its most unselfish public servants. This College has lost one of its strongest workers, one of its best teachers, and one of its most loyal and enthusiastic spirits. His place cannot be filled. In fact we do not want to fill it, but his going necessitates a reorganization and readjustment. We are in the midst of making these changes. The spirit of our teachers and officers as it manifests itself at this trying time to the administration of the College is most loyal and most commendatory and as your executive officer I want to lay these facts before you. Respectfully submitted,

Robt. H. Wright, President

The question of the selection of a Secretary came before the Board. It was moved and seconded that it is the sense of this Board that the Secretary to be selected shall be other than a member of said Board. The motion was carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Fron R. Meadows be elected Secretary to the Board Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Pres. Wright stated that we have approximately $214,000.00 with which to carry out the recommendations of the Executive and the Building Committee - that is for the completion of the Administration Building, and the erection of a new dormitory together with the furnishing of these two buildings.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomerman and seconded by Mr. King that the Board follow the recommendations of the law for permanent improvements, that is to spend $120,000.00 for completing the Administration Building, $80,000.00 for a dormitory, and $15,000.00 for furnishings for these buildings, with the following provisions:

1- That the amount spent shall not exceed the available appropriations for both buildings and equipment for same.

2.- That in completing the Administration Building provisions shall be made for adequate library facilities, society halls, and a gymnasium. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Bomerman that the Building Committee be empowered to secure an architect for the erection of these two buildings and that the architect proceed at once with the work. Motion carried.

Pres. Wright submitted the following report from Buckingham and Miller:

Dec. 16, 1921

Dr. Robt H. Wright, Pres.
East Carolina Teachers Training School
Greenville, N.C.
Dear Dr. Wright;

In making my report to you on increasing the area of your present school plant, I will make the following suggestions:

Looking over the plans that we made for the school in 1908, and having forgotten in the interim the conditions that exist on your grounds, I would have suggested that any additions to your school plant might be constructed on the land to the east and west of the present buildings i.e. the land which is indicated on my plans as woodland. But after having walked over the entire property and having seen what judicious care and thinning out has done for these two bits of woodland: how it has turned them in thirteen years into as handsome a piece of natural park land as can be found, and surely ~~that~~ if no other institution in the south possesses, I cannot but advise that these two tracts be kept inviolate for the joy and pleasure of the students during their recreation hours. Then again from the standpoint of an arboricultural education, in these bits of wood are full grown specimens of almost all the native Carolina trees. Taking all the above into consideration I would consider it a crime against posterity if in enlarging your school you encroached on these precinctes to the extent of their destruction.

Understanding from you that you will need several more dormitories, a gymnasium, library and additional class room building, also a future possibility of separate homes for your faculty, and later, as you may become coeducational, an athletic field, I would

advise the sites for such additional buildings as follows;

To locate southerly and westerly of the west dormitory two more dormitories of the same size and shape as the present one, to build southerly and easterly of the east dormitory also two more similar ones. East of this group to build a fore-court surrounded by a library, gymnasium and religious building and an additional class room building, making this group an architectural feature and school center. As all these last buildings are of a semi-public nature their propinity to the easterly Fifth Street entrance to the grounds enables the general public to attend any school function it may be invited to without in any degree being permitted to spread out over the balance of the property, thus interfering with the students living thereon. To the east of this group would come the athletic field dormitories possible separate homes for the faculty, gardens, stables, and other out buildings necessary to the school.

In placing these buildings, all in anticipation of the Training School becoming not only a thousand student proposition but the largest and best equipped school of its kind in the South, I find that it will be necessary to go still more east of the limits of the land now owned by the school. I would therefore recommend that a tract of land be purchased, beginning at the present easterly corner and Fifth Street, running easterly along the south side of Fifth Street to a point five hundred feet, more or less, thence running at right angles to Fifth Street southeasterly to the most easterly point of the land now

held or to the mill race. This would give room for ample development and at the same time save to the future students the beautiful park land that will under the same treatment that it has had in the past, develop into a most perfect thing.

I would recommend also that the present holdings be surveyed, the plot showing all buildings as built and as they now stand, all roads, trails, or paths, all branches or runs, all boundary lines and as an aid to future building and grading the one foot contour interval be shown also. I would suggest that this survey be plotted on a scale of fifty feet to one inch.

Very truly yours,
Louis L. Miller

Pres. Wright recommended:

1st That Mr. Miller be employed to draw a complete plot of our campus for future buildings as if we owned the tract of land east of our present boundary

2nd That the new dormitory to be erected this year be placed ~~south and~~ east of the present East Dormitory, and that the members of the Faculty be moved from East Dormitory to that building.

A motion was made by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Harding that the plotting of the grounds for both present and future buildings be left entirely with the Building Committee with power to act. Motion carried.

Pres. Wright read the following letter

Greenville, N.C.
Feb 18, 1922

Dr. Robt. H. Wright.
East Carolina Teachers College
Greenville N.C.
Dear Sir;

Please accept my resignation to the position I now hold in the dining room, to go into effect at the end of this school year.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. W. B. Carraway

Pres. Wright recommended that the resignation be accepted.

A motion was made by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. King that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. King that Pres. Wright be empowered to employ some one to take Mrs. Carraway's place. Motion carried.

Pres. Wright stated that he had employed J. S. Leggett to finish out Mr. Wilson's school year at a salary of $1200.00. The Board unanimously approved this action.

Pres. Wright recommended that the school pay Mrs. C. W. Wilson $900.00, the amount that would be left from Mr. Wilson's salary after paying Mr. Wilson's successor.

A motion was made by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Bannerman that the Board appropriate the sum of $900.00, the unexpended sum appropriated to the Department of Education to Mrs. C. W. Wilson. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Bannerman that Pres. Wright be empowered to employ a successor to Prof. C. W. Wilson at a salary not to exceed that given to Prof. Wilson. Motion carried.

Pres. Wright stated that he had asked Mr. Austin to take the inside administrative work done by Mr. Wilson, and that he had asked Mr. Meadows to take charge of the Summer School.

A motion was made by Mr. King and seconded by

Mr. Harding that the Board approve Pres. Wright's action. Motion was carried.

Pres. Wright read the following request:

Feb 27, 1922

My dear Mr. Wright:

Please grant me a leave of absence for this summer, as I find it necessary to be away. I hope you feel that my work has been such as to justify my asking for a continuance of my regular salary during the time I am away.

Yours very sincerely

Ola S. Ross

A motion was made by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Bannerman that action on Miss Ross' request be deferred till June. Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Bannerman that the President and the Treasurer of the College be empowered to employ an assistant to the Treasurer at a salary not to exceed $600.00. Carried

A motion was made by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Bannerman that the size and shape of the College diploma recommended by the Executive Committee be adopted by the Board. Motion Carried.

The chair ruled that the charge of $5.00 for the diploma is not legal, in the absence of a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee that such a change be made.

The wording of the diploma for the College was left with the President and his Committee on diplomas.

Pres. Wright read the following requests

Jan 20, 1922

My dear Mr. Wright

I wish to study next year. Will you kindly grant me a leave of absence in order that I may spend the year, for that purpose? Sincerely, Dora E. Mead