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Hartford, Connecticut,

May 16, 1917.

The regular meeting of the Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College was called at the Capitol at Hartford, at 11:20 A. M., by Vice President Manchester.

Those also present were Messrs. Henry, Jarvis, Stoddard, Fanton, Lyman, Hubbard, President Beach, Mr. Baker and King.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The following report of President Beach was voted to be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

That on April 4th the faculty voted:

1. That in the event of war being declared by Congress, students called for military service or volunteering for military service be given credit at the time of withdrawal for the full semester's work.

2. That in the event of the proposed State legislation in the aid of Boys' and Girls' Club work, students selected by the Extension Department for county leaders be given credit at the time of withdrawal for the full semester's work.

That on May 3rd the faculty voted:

1. That a committee be created to secure appointment or evidence of appointment for productive employment for students; that such students as secure work approved by the Committee be allowed to leave for immediate service. The above Committee formulated the following rules:

- a. Any student may withdraw from College at once upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence of productive employment.

b. That he make in writing a monthly statement concerning his work, such statement to be signed by his employer.

2. That except in the case of senior students in College and School, all credits be withheld until the fall semester. At that time each case shall be investigated and judged on its merits.

Students availed themselves of the opportunity for withdrawal and the number remaining in College on May 13th was 17 boys and 17 girls. At that time all but four of the young men had made arrangements for summer work. Classes were suspended on the above date. The young women were required to remain for special training in canning.

The following statement is a summary of the present occupations of the student body:

Army . . . . .	27
Garden work in connection with the extension service . . . . .	19
Farm positions . . . . .	98
Employed by the State Forester . . . . .	14
Munitions factory . . . . .	2
Available for farm positions but unplaced	3
Chauffeur . . . . .	1
Grocery Clerk . . . . .	1
Receiving special instruction in canning (girls) . . . . .	17

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Voted: To approve the following recommendations of President Beach:

1. That instruction in Music be discontinued and that Miriam A. Thompson be notified that her services will not be needed after the close of the College year.

2. That the appointment of a Physical Director be deferred and that the time scheduled for physical exercise be devoted to military training.

3. In order that students may be released for agricultural production, that the college calendar be changed, the opening deferred from September 18th to October 16, 1917, and that Commencement 1918 be advanced from June 11th to May 10th.

4. That the two-year course in Home Economics be discontinued.

5. That the summer school for teachers be abandoned for the present and that four one-week canning schools be scheduled.

6. (a) That Maud E. Hayes, Professor of Home Economics (College) be transferred to the Extension Service to take effect July 1, 1917.

(b) That Margaret Costello, instructor in Home Economics, receiving a salary of \$600. for nine months' service, be paid at the rate of \$900. a year for twelve months' service, beginning September 15, 1917.

7. That Benjamin G. Southwick, Associate Professor of Agronomy, now giving one-half time to the College and one-half time to the Experiment Station, be transferred to the Extension Service and that his salary be increased from \$1800. to \$3000. per year beginning May 1, 1917.

(b) That the salary of F. W. Duffee, Instructor in Agronomy, be increased from \$1200. to \$1500. a year, beginning September 15, 1917.

8. That Sherman P. Hollister, instructor in Horticulture (College) be transferred one-half time to the Extension Department, salary at the rate of \$1800. to be increased to \$2000. per year beginning September 15, 1917, to be paid by the College, traveling expenses to be paid by the Extension Division.

9. That Guy C. Smith, Professor of Agricultural Economics, be transferred to one-half time Extension Service, beginning July 1, 1917.

10. In case the War Department fails to detail an officer to serve the College as Military Instructor, that the President be authorized to provide for military instruction for the coming college year.

11. (a) That the President be authorized to engage an instructor in Animal Husbandry at a salary of not to exceed \$1500. per year.

(b) That B. K. Dow, Lecturer in Veterinary Science, be advised that his services will not be needed next year.

12. To authorize the President to engage an instructor in Agronomy and an instructor in English for the coming College year at a salary of not to exceed \$1500. each.

13. Deposits -- All students who intend to reside at the College are required to make a deposit of \$25. at the Treasurer's Office on the date of registration. This sum will be returned at the end of the year upon certification to the Treasurer that all bills to the College have been paid and that all military equipment and other property loaned to the students, have been returned in good order to the officer in charge.

Motion was made to authorize the purchasing agent to contract for the coal supply for the College for the coming year. Motion was amended that contracts be referred to the Executive Committee, with power. Motion was passed as amended.

President Beach reported as follows:

That on the night of April 29th fire occurred in the Club Room of the Shakesperean Society, Storrs Hall. The fire apparatus was effective. The claim for damages amounting to \$255. has been adjusted.

Voted: To approve of a request of H. D. Newton, Professor of Chemistry, and E. W. Sinnott, Professor of Botany, to cooperate with the National Research Council in the manner suggested in the letter of John M. Coulter, Chairman, Botanical Committee, National Research Committee to Dr. E. W. Sinnott.

Voted: That the matter of insurance on boilers be taken up with the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company by Mr. Longley.

The following report of the Committee on Transportation was placed on file:

"Hartford, Conn., April 27, 1917.

"C. L. Beach, Esq.,  
President, Connecticut Agricultural College,  
Mansfield Center, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

The Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College to consider the problem of freight and passenger traffic to and from this Institution respectfully report as follows:

That the present needs of this Institution for transportation facilities require the construction of a railroad from Eagleville to the College, chiefly because it would allow the use of standard railroad equipment from the point of shipment to the point of consumption, thereby reducing the expense of unloading freight at Eagleville and transporting to the college by other methods.

The Committee is, nevertheless, of the opinion that this is not the proper time to construct a railroad, because the cost of material and labor is abnormally high, which would result in an expenditure at least 50% larger than in normal times.

We recommend, therefore, that an appropriation of \$70,000 be made for the construction of a railroad, the time of its construction to be subject to the approval of the State Board of Control. This recommendation is made so that if conditions materially change before the rising of the next General Assembly, this railroad may be built and the needs of the College met without harmful delay.

Yours respectfully,

R W. Perkins

Charles J Bennett.

C. C. Elwell

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Voted: To secure bids on well at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Voted: To locate the proposed dining hall and make necessary connections with the central heating plant.

Motion was made that the President be authorized to secure an option until October 15, 1917, on the Rosebrooks Farm at a price not exceeding \$8,000; that the President be authorized to lease the Farm at the best possible price, said price to be remitted providing said option is called before October 15, 1917.

Motion was lost. Messrs. Hubbard and Jarvis voted in the affirmative.

Voted: To buy the Rosebrooks Farm in lieu of building addition to the Dairy Barn and draining of the Valentine Meadow at a cost of not more than \$8,000. Mr. Hubbard voted in opposition.

The matter of securing and perfecting plans for building Dining Hall referred to the Executive Committee; cost to be \$50,000.

The matter of building Piggery at a cost of \$2,500. was referred to the Executive Committee.

The matter of building faculty cottages using plans of Unkelbach & Perry, at a cost of \$22,000. was referred to the Executive Committee; also the matter of building Infirmary at a cost of \$5,000. using plans of Unkelbach & Perry.

The question of instructing Mr. Blake to erect Poultry buildings, as planned, at a cost of \$9,000. was referred to the Executive Committee; also the matter of instructing Mr. Blake to build shed for bulls in connection with the Dairy Barn, at a cost of \$2,500.

The matter of instructing Mr. Blake to build two garages, to accommodate four cars each at a cost of \$1,000. was referred to the Executive Committee.

The matter of purchasing of a Right of Way for a railroad to Eagleville was also referred to the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P. M.

Attest: O. F. King.

Secretary.