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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

HANGCHOW UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

9:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 9, 1950
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Members of the Committee

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| Dr. W. A. Alexander | Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod |
| *Dr. Eugene E. Barnett | *Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland |
| Dr. J. LeRoy Dodds | *Mrs. W. A. Turner |
| Dr. C. Darby Fulton | Dr. Herrick B. Young |
| *Rev. George C. Hood | Dr. T. K. Young |
| Dr. James A. Jones | |

Guest

*Rev. Frank A. Mathes, representative of the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States on the Cheeloo Committee.

Staff

*Dr. Robert J. McMullen

Those whose names are starred were present.

The first meeting of the Hangchow University Committee met at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 9, 1950. Since no chairman had as yet been appointed, Dr. Ruland was elected chairman pro tem. He then called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On motion duly seconded, it was

H-1 VOTED to nominate Dr. C. Darby Fulton and Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod co-chairmen; that Dr. Fulton be asked to be the representative of the Hangchow Committee on the Trustees of the United Board provided he is able to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Trustees and in case he is not able to do so that Mrs. MacLeod be nominated to be the representative of this Committee on the Trustees.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE UNITED BOARD

A brief statement was made by Dr. McMullen regarding the work of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

A copy of the Declaration of Purpose of the United Board was presented and the members were advised that new members of the United Board were invited to sign their names if they cared to do so. A

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copy of the Declaration of Purpose is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

REPORTS

There followed full discussion regarding the present situation on the Hangchow campus and the outlook for the future with a view to presenting "findings" to the United Board for the formulation of policy and program for the year 1950-51.

It was

H-2 VOTED to recommend to the United Board the following "findings" of the Hangchow University Committee:

1. The quality of educational work which suffered greatly during the period of the turnover has subsequently improved and conditions have continued to settle down. It is hoped that they will further improve during the coming year. We believe, therefore, that conditions do justify continued support of the UBCCC.
2. While the general atmosphere is adverse to the Christian cause and the official propaganda of Communist ideology creates difficulties there has been no infringement of freedom of worship or of the study of religion inside or outside of the classroom. Attendance at worship and participation in such study have substantially increased during the past year. The Committee expresses appreciation of the increase on the campus of those who give evidence of a vitally religious life and of real concern about the Christian impact in the institution. We see real promise in the challenge of the present situation to Christian students to go deeper in their Christian thinking and experience.
3. The confusion in the administration of the University which existed during and since the change-over is a matter of real concern to the Committee. The College is yet without a president and the University Council as presently constituted is thereby handicapped in the discharge of its responsibilities. We rejoice, however, that there are Christian elements and trusted individuals on the campus with whom this problem is a matter of genuine concern. It is our conviction that the UBCCC should stand by those who are trying to work out these administrative problems. Recent reports reflect a somewhat stabilized situation and justify the hope that with a strong Christian president even better conditions will prevail.
4. The Committee recognizes that under the Communist regime courses in Communist indoctrination will be required. It is our conviction that the government should assume the responsibility of appointing a teacher of such

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courses and should carry their full support and that UBCCC funds should be designated for the support of that part of the College program which it has continuously supported since V-J Day. While such a position on the part of the UBCCC may not actually affect the administration of the University we regard it as important to affirm this policy to make clear our purpose in the institution.

5. Hangchow College has consistently stood for the organization of East China Union University and even in recent months has urged a formulation of a part of this on the Shanghai American School campus. Such efforts were frustrated by the government which refused to allow any part of any one of the three institutions to move to the S.A.S. campus. The Provisional Board of the East China Union University continues to exist and declares itself ready to proceed to implement this part of the Planning Committee's report if and when opportunity is given.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Budget

In presenting the budget for Hangchow University, Dr. McMullen reported that the Trustees of the United Board had voted that the budgets for the colleges should be drawn up to cover not a year but a half year, for the period July 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950. The United Board is planning to make a complete re-study of all finances and allocations in view of the present situation and this will be considered by the Trustees at the November meeting. Allocations for the second half of 1950-51 will be based on this re-study.

The budget was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Robert J. McMullen

Secretary

RECORD OF CIRCULATION VOTE
HANGCHOW UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

January 2, 1951

Members of the Committee:

*Dr. Eugene E. Barnett	*Dr. James A. Jones
*Dr. L. Nelson Bell	Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod
*Dr. J. LeRoy Dodds	*Dr. Lloyd S. Euland
*Miss Margaret A. Frame	*Mrs. W. A. Turner
Dr. C. Darby Fulton	*Dr. Herrick B. Young
*Rev. George C. Hood	Dr. T. K. Young

Under date of December 19, 1950 the members of the Committee were sent copies of the following document:

Proposed Budget for the period January 1, 1951 to June 30, 1951.

The Committee members were asked to signify their approval or disapproval of the above documents. All those whose names are starred approved of the proposed recommendations as follows; other members have not been heard from:

H-3 VOTED to recommend to the United Board approval of the proposed budget for the six months' period January 1, 1951 to June 30, 1951.

Very truly yours,

Henry B. Seaman

HENRY B. SEAMAN
Associate Treasurer

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HANGCHOW CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

BUDGET

6 months January 1, 1951 to June 30, 1951

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Board of Foreign Missions - Presbyterian U.S.A.	\$ 4,250.00
Presbyterian Board of World Missions.....	4,500.00
United Board for Christian Colleges in China...	<u>15,000.00</u>

\$ 23,750.00

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