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MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING

FUKIEN UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE AND HWA NAN COLLEGE COMMITTEE

2:00 P.M., Thursday, October 25, 1945
Room 900, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

ATTENDANCE

Fukien University Committee

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| r) Dr. James Thayer Addison | r) Dr. L. J. Shafer |
| r) Dr. Arlo A. Brown | * Mr. Fred R. Sites |
| r) Dr. Frank T. Cartwright | r) Dr. Milton T. Stauffer |
| * Dr. L. Carrington Goodrich | Mr. Samuel Thorne |
| * Dr. Lewis Hodous | r) Rev. W. Galloway Tyson |
| Mr. William MacRossie | Mr. H. R. Van Deusen |
| r) Dr. Harold S. Matthews | r) Dr. Edwin G. Warner |
| Dr. Edgar F. Romig | * Dr. John W. Wood |

Hwa Nan College Committee

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| * Mrs. Albert E. Beebe | * Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough |
| r) Miss Elisabeth M. Congdon | * Miss Dorothy McConnell |
| r) Mrs. R. E. Diffendorfer | Mrs. Thomas Nicholson |
| r) Miss Margaret E. Forsyth | Mrs. Leon Roy Peel (Chairman) |
| * Miss Henrietta Gibson | * Miss Louise Robinson |
| Mr. J. C. Haley | Mrs. H. E. Woolever |
| r) Dr. Georgia Harkness | * Mrs. J. Wesley Masland |

Guests

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| * Miss Marian Cole | * Prof. T. H. Cheng |
| * Miss Elsie Riek | * Prof. H. P. Yang |
| * Miss Elizabeth Richey | * Prof. E. M. Stowe |
| * Miss Eunice Thomas | * Miss Eva Asher |

Staff

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| * Mr. E. H. Ballou | * Mr. C. A. Evans |
| * Mr. C. H. Corbett | * Mrs. W. Plumer Mills |

Persons whose names are starred were present, persons whose names are marked (r) sent regrets.

OPENING OF MEETING

The Fukien University Committee and the Hwa Nan College Committee met in joint session at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 25, pursuant to a call issued at the request of Dr. Eric M. North, Acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. The purpose of the meeting was to share information about the present situation and to confer on common problems urgently needing solution because of the sudden end of the war and the desire of both institutions to return to Foochow.

In the absence of Dr. Cartwright, Chairman of the Fukien University Committee and of Mrs. Peel, Chairman of the Hwa Nan College Committee, Mr. Ballou called the meeting to order and asked the group to elect a temporary Chairman. Dr. Hodous

was nominated and elected by common consent. He asked Prof. Yang Hsin-pao to lead in prayer.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

In order to furnish a background for the meeting, Mrs. Mills briefly reviewed the recommendations of the Associated Boards' planning Committee in regard to the postwar programs of the two institutions, and the subsequent action of the Fukien and Hwa Nan Boards in approving these recommendations. The following summary was presented:

The Report of the Planning Committee makes the following recommendations:

"The Committee envisions the possibility of two main types of educational institutions:

Type I. Universities of the highest rank with one or more postgraduate professional schools, maintaining academic standards comparable with the best advanced education offered by Government institutions.

Type II. Smaller institutions with a limited range of courses, aiming primarily to serve the Christian communities in the areas in which they are situated."

"At Nanking, the University of Nanking and Ginling College should, if feasible, be located on near-by sites with maximum coordination of their facilities and educational programs. We welcome the suggestion of the British Planning Committee that consideration be given to a scheme on the Oxford or Toronto model, whereby 'Nanking' and 'Ginling' might form one university - The Nanking Union University - in which each college would appoint its own faculty, control its own finances and make its own distinctive contribution to the University. This would make possible a joint teaching staff and participation by faculty and students in the common life of the University.

"In Fukien Province, the Committee envisages the probable desirability at some future date of linking Fukien Christian University and Hwa Nan College with one of the major Christian university centers - presumably Nanking or Shanghai - perhaps along the lines of coordination recommended for North China. For the present, Fukien Christian University and Hwa Nan College should be located on adjacent sites, and their facilities and programs coordinated as a university of Type II, along the lines of proposal for Nanking above."

From the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Hwa Nan College Board of Trustees, May 10, 1945:

"It was moved and approved that a VOTE (B-94) of thanks be given to the Planning Committee for the excellent piece of work done."

"It was VOTED (B-95) that we approve the suggestions in principle made by the Planning Committee and would now present them to the Board of Directors of Hwa Nan College in China for their consideration and recommendations."

From the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Fukien Christian University, May 11, 1945:

"T-1362 VOTED to approve the report of the Planning Committee of the Associated Boards and to recommend it to the Board of Directors, stressing the importance of conserving the unique contribution which Hwa Nan College has made to the Christian constituency of Fukien Province, in any coordination which may be effected between Hwa Nan and Fukien Christian University."

STATEMENT ON COMMISSION ON WOMEN'S HIGHER EDUCATION

Mrs. Mills also told about the meeting held last March under the auspices of the Planning Committee to consider women's higher education in China. She said that as a result of that meeting, a Commission on Women's Education had been appointed with Mrs. Ada Comstock Notestein, the former President of Radcliffe, as Chairman. This Commission is now about to hold its first meeting, and will make a study of the philosophy and objectives of women's Christian education in China and will suggest standards for the ten co-educational institutions. Their findings should be helpful to those who plan for the future cooperation of Fukien and Hwa Nan.

PRESENT STATUS OF THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN FUKIEN PROVINCE

Miss Marian Cole was asked to report on the present situation at Hwa Nan. She said that she had left there on January 11, 1945 when the Chinese faculty said they could no longer protect their western colleagues. She did not arrive in America until August and in the intervening months received no communications from Hwa Nan. Recently some letters had come but they were brief and personal and told very little about the college. She felt, however, that the future was bright now that the Japanese have gone. Several members of the faculty are ready to return to China. Hwa Nan has remained at Nanping because the buildings at Foochow are in bad shape. There were about 120 students in the College last year, with 150-200 in the Middle School, and about 500 in the Nanping School making a group of about 800 in all. The Middle Schools has now moved back to Foochow.

Prof. T. H. Cheng was then asked to tell about the present status of Fukien. He said that on his way out he had stopped for a week at Nanping and had seen Hwa Nan College. He said that both this institution and Fukien were doing splendid work. Though the teachers are among the lowest paid in China, they are very loyal and the close relations between faculty and students are not paralleled in any government institution. Both in Hwa Nan and Fukien there is increasing interest in service work and religious fellowship.

Fukien is fortunate, according to Prof. Cheng, in having been able to move nearly all its equipment to Shaowu, and even received some additions in biology and agriculture during the war years. It was also able to save the bulk of its library and its collection of 140,000 volumes at Shaowu was one of the best in Free China.

Prof. Cheng spoke of the new opportunities presented by the return of Formosa to China -- formerly a part of Fukien province -- and the re-establishment of communications with the South Seas where so many Fukienese are located. But he

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emphasized the severe competition which would increasingly come from Government institutions and which would tend to wipe out their weaker rivals.

Mr. Evans called attention to a radiogram received on October 22 from President Lin, showing the urgent need for quick decisions in regard to Fukien. The radiogram read as follows:

LOCAL CONDITIONS MAKE RETURNING FOOCHOW BEFORE FEBRUARY IMPERATIVE
REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION 50 MILLION YUAN FOR REPAIRS AND
MOVING URGE STAFF RETURN SPRING INCLUDING TEDDY SUTTON WELCOME
VANWYK CONDOLENCE HILL TALCOTT VANDERMEER FAMILIES ALL REPORTS
MAILED SEPTEMBER

CHINJULIN

POSSIBLE WAYS OF COOPERATION

There followed a discussion of the possible ways of implementing the recommendations of the Planning Committee. It was pointed out that though discussion of cooperation between the two institutions has been going on for twenty years, there is a particular need of coming to an early decision at this juncture. The matter of possible changes in site were considered, as well as the feasibility of having a common library, and developing an interchange in the fields of biology, political science, languages and so forth. Particular attention was given to ways in which Hwa Nan's unique quality of service might be maintained. It was finally

VOTED to ask the Fukien University Committee and the Hwa Nan College Committee each to appoint three members to continue joint discussions on the possibilities of cooperation, and to report if possible before the meeting of the Hwa Nan Committee on November 25th, and definitely before the meeting of the Trustees of the United Board on December 21, 1945.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting then adjourned to meet on call.

Charles H. Corbett

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COMMITTEE REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION OF

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HWA-NAN COLLEGE, AND FUKIEN UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Your committee on coordination of administrative functions of the three Colleges mentioned above makes the following recommendations:-

1. We recommend that the Joint Conference Committee be made a permanent organization, as now composed, i.e. of four elected members from each of the three Boards of Managers and the Presidents of each on the three colleges; to correlate the work of the three Boards of Managers, and be responsible on the one hand to the Boards of Managers, and on the other hand to the United Board of Trustees.
2. We recommend that the Joint Conference Committee shall nominate to the three coordinating Boards of Managers a Chancellor, who shall be chairman of the Joint Conference Committee (or its successor), and such chancellor shall before taking office receive a majority vote favorable to his election, from each of the three coordinating Boards of Managers. *James Ting*
3. We recommend that there shall be appointed a Comptroller for the three coordinating institutions, who shall be responsible for the finances, the budgets, the care and maintenance of all properties and for the purchase of all supplies for the three coordinating institutions. Responsible to the Comptroller shall be the accountants in the several institutions, and the Comptroller in his turn shall be responsible to the several Presidents, the Joint Conference Committee and the United Board of Trustees. Said Comptroller shall be nominated by the Joint Conference Committee, and approved by a majority vote of each of the three Boards of Managers. *Henry Lacey*
4. We recommend that there shall be organized a Joint Administrative Council, which shall be composed of the Chancellor, the three Presidents, the three Deans of Colleges (or corresponding positions), and the Comptroller, who shall be responsible for handling such administrative matters as may affect more than one of the coordinating colleges.
5. We further recommend that in the future the President of each of the coordinating institutions shall be nominated to the Joint Conference Committee; by the Board of Managers of the institution concerned. Said Joint Conference Committee shall refer such nomination to each of the other Boards of Managers, and on receiving a favorable majority vote for such nomination, the Joint Conference Committee shall then forward the nomination to the United Board of Trustees for confirmation.
6. Your committee further recommends that in the coordination of these institutions, that, except in the Theological College, all men shall be registered in Fukien Christian University, and all women shall be registered in Hwa-Nan College. Both men and women may be registered in the Theological College. Students registered in any one of the three institutions shall be allowed to register for special courses in any one of the three institutions, and all credits thus secured shall be credited to them in the institutions in which they are registered as regular students. The faculty members of the Theological College shall be registered as members of the faculties of either Fukien Christian University or Hwa-Nan College as may be most suitable to their work and courses offered; but in no case should more than half of the Theological College faculty be registered in either Fukien Christian University or Hwa-Nan College except where it may be necessary in the case of there being an odd number of the faculty of the Theological College.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry V. Lacey
Michael Chang
W. H. Topping

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC RELATIONS OF THE FUKIEN

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CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HWA-NAN COLLEGE AND UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Your committee on academic relations met on February 14 to hear reports on the present colleges and departments of Fukien Christian University, Hwa-Nan College and Union Theological College and to make recommendations for their relations.

A. Report

It is reported that FCU has now three colleges embracing eleven departments. The College of Arts has four departments: Chinese, Western Language, History, Education; the College of Science has three departments: Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Mathematics; the College of Agriculture has four departments: Agronomy, Horticulture, Agricultural Economics, Rural Education. Hwa-Nan College (College of Arts and Science) has seven departments: Chinese Literature and History, Home Economics and Education, English, Music (2-year course), Physics and Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry. Both institutions run a pre-medical course of study.

B. Recommendations

Your committee after a careful study of the problem given to it wishes to make the following recommendations:-

1. All existing departments of F.C.U. and Hwa-Nan should be maintained, but there should be no duplication of major professors, no duplication of courses offered. Additional courses and personnel should be agreed upon by a joint academic relations committee.
2. A Joint academic relations committee should be organized to make adjustments in courses and personnel, to avoid duplication and conflict as well as to meet the additional need of each department. It is to be composed of the academic dean and three other representatives of each institution, making a total of twelve members.
3. All existing departments should be open to the students of the three institutions; new departments while run by some one institution should likewise be open to all. Such arrangement should be reported to and approval should be secured from the Ministry of Education.
4. Upon the approval of the academic deans concerned, students should be permitted to elect any course or courses in any department of the coordinating institutions.
5. A joint committee on admission should be organized to conduct entrance examinations and to pass on the admission of students.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sieh
Chen Sie-chong
C. J. Lin
Lucy Wang
C. T. Yang

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF ADJACENT CAMPUSES

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HWA-NAN COLLEGE, FUKIEN UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Your committee appointed to consider the location of Fukien Christian University, Hwa-nan College and Fukien Union Theological College has visited the campus of Fukien Christian University, the campus of Hwa-nan College, the campus of the Union High School, and also Sie-buo to study campus possibilities. In considering the matter entrusted to your committee we have had in mind three possibilities:- (1) The locating of the institutions on adjacent campuses at Kwei-chi, where Fukien Christian University is located; (2) the locating of the institutions on adjacent campuses including the present campus of Hwa-nan College; and (3) the locating of the institutions on an entirely new site, that is entirely new insofar as the three institutions, Fukien Christian University, Hwa-nan College and Fukien Union Theological College, are concerned. Your committee had three meetings to consider the problem given to it, and wish to report as follow:-

After careful consideration of the problems involved in coordinating the above mentioned institutions on adjacent campuses your committee feels that from a physical viewpoint there is but one solution to the problem and that is that Hwa-nan College and Fukien Union Theological College should move down to the campus at Kwei-chi.

But in making this recommendation your committee feels that such a move should be strictly on the basis of co-ordinate physical plants in order to avoid the development of any sense of an inferiority complex.

In making these recommendations we do so fully realizing that this plan is a long step in a complete amalgamation of the institutions and fear it will mean the sacrifice on the part of Hwa-nan College, of that distinctive contribution which she has been able to make in the past, and that it removes the Theological College from its close contact with the life of the churches in which its students must work.

Your committee is further convinced that the problem of personnel in the coordinating institutions, which has been a serious obstacle to closer cooperation in the past, must first be solved before any steps can be taken towards coordinating the institutions on adjacent campuses.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Chang
Henry V. Lacey
James L. Ting
T. K. Chiu

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