

Minutes of the Called Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky on Friday, May 31, 1963, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met in a called session in the President's Office on the campus of the University at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 1963, with the following members present: Governor Bert T. Combs, Chairman, Dr. Ralph Angelucci, Vice Chairman, Mr. Robert Hillenmeyer, Mr. Sam Ezelle, Mr. Gilbert Kingsbury, Mr. Floyd Wright, Dr. H.B. Murray, Dr. R. W. Bushart, Mr. Clifford E. Smith, Mr. Wendell P. Butler, Dr. Harry Denham, Judge J.A. Sutherland, Secretary, and Dr. Aubrey Brown and Dr. Lewis Cochran, non-voting faculty members. Members absent were Mr. Smith Broadbent, Mr. W.F. Foster, and Mr. Emerson Beauchamp. Dr. Frank G. Dickey, president of the University, was also present.

A. Report of Presidential Screening Committee Heard.

Governor Combs opened the meeting with the statement that this special session of the Board of Trustees had been called for the purpose of considering the selection of a president of the University of Kentucky to succeed President Dickey whose resignation becomes effective July 1, 1963. He indicated that the Screening Committee had completed its work and asked Dr. Angelucci, chairman of the committee, to present its report.

Dr. Angelucci read the following report:

REPORT ON SCREENING COMMITTEE WORK

"Perhaps, the scope of the Committee's work since last fall can best be described by pointing out that its nine members have traveled more than 50,000 miles in seeking a new president for the University.

"Those travels have taken the members from points as far east as New York, New Jersey and Washington to points as far west as Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado.

"In addition, we have conferred by 'phone with persons in California and Alabama. We also have done much work in Kentucky, looking into prospects in many parts of the commonwealth, including our own campus.

"It has been gratifying to receive the advice and counsel of literally hundreds of citizens, in and out of the state, who have a deep and dedicated interest in the progress and growth of the University.

"The Screening Committee unanimously recommend Dr. John W. Oswald be invited to become the president of the University of Kentucky."

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Mr. Floyd Wright made the motion to nominate Dr. John W. Oswald as president of the University of Kentucky. Governor Combs expressed the thanks of members of the Board to members of the Screening Committee and then called for a second to Mr. Wright's motion. Dr. Aubrey Brown seconded the motion, stating that those on the faculty felt he would make a great president. Dr. Lewis Cochran joined in seconding the motion and expressed his pleasure at Dr. Oswald's selection. On roll call vote by Governor Combs, the following persons voted aye: Dr. Angelucci, Dr. Murray, Dr. Bushart, Mr. Smith, Dr. Denham, Mr. Wright, Mr. Butler, Mr. Kingsbury, Mr. Ezelle, Mr. Hillenmeyer, Governor Combs, and Judge Sutherland.

B. Dr. Albright Named Acting President

Governor Combs indicated that, since it would not be possible for Dr. Oswald to assume his position until August or September, it would be necessary for the University to have someone serve as its chief executive officer after Dr. Dickey's departure and before Dr. Oswald's arrival. Mr. Smith made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, we have a man who has rendered a very valuable service as Executive Vice President of the University in the person of Dr. A.D. Albright. Dr. Albright is a very outstanding man in the field of education and administration and I would like to move that Dr. Albright be named as the acting or interim president with the full power to act, to perform all acts, that the president would act until Dr. Oswald is ready to assume the duties as president. I think we are indeed fortunate that we have a man of Dr. Albright's character and qualifications to fill that bill and I think that Dr. Albright has rendered a very fine and outstanding service to the University of Kentucky. So it is my pleasure to make that motion.

Mr. Ezelle seconded the motion. Governor Combs indicated that he had a letter from Dr. Albright which he read to the Board.

May 31, 1963

The Honorable Bert T. Combs
Chairman, Board of Trustees
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Combs:

The Board of Trustees is to be commended highly and unreservedly