b. Report of Dunbar Experiment Station Building. Request introduced at October meeting that College budget finance this to avoid heavy draft from experiment station funds. (Repairs estimated at $755.) Action has been deferred until summer.

c. Request for partition in Room 107 in the Horticultural Building. Estimate on Plaster job $255.00.

On motion of Mr. McColl, it was voted to approve the above request.

d. Status of the New Dormitory. Mr. McColl reported to the Board about the meeting held in Mrs. Wilson’s office in Detroit, those present being President Shaw, Secretary Halladay, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. McColl; also Mr. Connely, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Trout. An agreement was drawn up by Mr. Trout of Malcolmson, Bigginsbotham & Trout, Architects, which the committee had not had time to look over.

On motion of Mr. Daane, it was voted to leave this matter with the present committee consisting of: President Shaw, Secretary Halladay, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. McColl, with power.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY’S OFFICE

1. Report on letter received from Mr. Connely of the First Detroit Company stating that he had purchased $2,000 Michigan State bonds which were offered the College by Heber, Fuger & Co. at 97, 21/2th part of the $15,000 left from the building of Mary Mayo Hall.

2. Request that the South Haven Experiment Station be permitted to rent ten acres of land near the edge of South Haven, from Mr. J. J. Longinotti, for a period of five years with the option of releasing it for another five year period, at $10.00 per acre per year. Lease to become effective March 1, 1932. Payment to be made from regular Experiment Station allotment to the rented for 5 years South Haven Station. Mr. Longinotti did not wish to have an option to purchase included in the agreement.

On motion of Mr. Brody, it was voted to approve the above item.

3. Letter from Mr. Gordon of the Detroit Trust Company requesting that additional Insurance be placed on the furniture and fixtures at Mary Mayo Hall.

On motion of Mr. Daane, it was voted that the Secretary negotiate with the Detroit Trust Company regarding the above matter and report back to the Board.

The next meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will be held at 10 o’clock in the President’s Office, March 17.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

President
Secretary

Special Meeting of the State Board of Agriculture
February 27, 1932

All members were present.

A special meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was called for 10:00 A.M. February 27th, to decide whether James Crowley, football coach should be released from his three year contract dating from September 1st, 1951, on account of an offer presented to him by Iowa University at a sum much in advance of the terms of his contract here.

Mr. Crowley had indicated in his interviews with the President that because of the much larger salary offered by Iowa, essentially three thousand dollars per year more than the maximum of his contract here, that he was considering its acceptance together with a request for release from Michigan State College.

The matter was first presented to the President by Mr. Crowley at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 24th, but full details were not forthcoming until 3:00 P.M. February 25th, at which time it was stated that Mr. Crowley must give Iowa a final answer by noon, Saturday, February 27th.

Neither Iowa officials nor their representatives inquired as to whether officials of Michigan State were willing that they should undertake negotiations with a member of our staff now under contract. For the information of Iowa authorities a copy of Mr. Crowley’s contract was wired to them on the afternoon of February 24th.

After complete details concerning the matter had been presented by the President to the Board and considered by them, Mr. Crowley was requested to stand by his contract with the assurance of such support in the future as has been accorded him in the past. Mr. Crowley agreed to fulfill the provisions of the contract.

President
Secretary

Meeting regarding Coach Crowley’s offer from Iowa Univ.