

Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education

Fifth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section

Clemson College, South Carolina

April 22-23, 1938

The fifth annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education was held at Clemson College, South Carolina, on the afternoon of Friday, April 22nd, and the morning of the 23rd.

The meeting was called to order at 2 :00 P.M. by the Chairman, Dean W. S. Rodman of the University of Virginia.

In the absence of Dr. W. E. Sikes, President of Clemson, the address of welcome was given by Dean S. B. Earle, President of the National S.P.E.E.

After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting the Chairman appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee

Dean S. B. Earle, Clemson College  
Professor W. E. Freeman, University of Kentucky  
Professor H. A. Fisher, North Carolina State College

Committee on Resolutions

Dr. R. L. Sweigert, Georgia School of Technology  
Dean L. J. LaSalle, Louisiana State University  
Professor W. J. Miller, University of Alabama

After the appointing of these committees the first paper of the meeting;

"Delinquencies" was presented by Professor R. B. Rice of North Carolina State College.

A general discussion, in which most of the members took part, followed the reading of this paper.

The following points were covered in the discussion: Hiring athletes, Copying reports, Putting less emphasis on examinations, Allowing use of books on examinations, Habits formed in freshman and sophomore years, Effect of requiring large amount of memory work, Habits formed in elementary schools, Effect of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Proctoring examinations, Signing pledge, Honor systems, etc.

The next item on the program was a round table discussion on "The Selection, Development, and Recognition of Engineering Teachers".

This discussion was opened by Dean J. M. Robert of Tulane, in which he stated: "A student will not learn much from a dull teacher, Student resistance is marvelous, Big name doesn't amount to anything when it comes to teaching."

His discussion was followed by others too numerous to mention. Among the points brought out were the following: Importance of inspiring and teaching honesty; Teaching honesty to engineering students of more importance than in any other profession; Should not mumble words; Not necessary to write book in order to be recognized; Basis of measurement not popularity. Does he know his subject? Can he put it over? Does he enter into student affairs? Do you want a good teacher or do you want an advertiser?

After this discussion the meeting was adjourned and the members were conducted on a tour of the college buildings and laboratories. One of the items of interest was the John C. Calhoun mansion.

At 7:00 P.M. the college entertained at a banquet at which Dean Earle acted as toastmaster. President Sikes made a short address.

The morning session, Saturday, April 23, was opened by the Vice-Chairman, Dean J. M. Robert of Tulane.

The first discussion of the morning was a continuation of the last subject of the program for the previous afternoon - "The Selection, Development, and Recognition of Engineering Teachers." Among the most important points discussed were the following: Teacher personnel sheets; Type of citizen; Interest in societies; Young teachers sitting in classes of older men; Sitting in on young instructors; Teachers should be men desirable in industry.

The next item on the program was a round table discussion of "Efforts at Correlation of Subjects in Southeastern Colleges and Efforts to Restrict the Curricula to Fundamentals".

The following points were discussed: English to suit engineers; Correlation of subjects with what student will have when he gets out of college; Getting math faculty and engineering faculty together; Fundamentals instead of specialization; Arrange for

teachers of math to visit engineering classes; Make contact with English instructors; High schools should give more math.

This discussion over, Professor W. J. Miller proposed that the Southeastern section be divided into smaller areas on account of the great distances between some of the member schools. This proposal was put to a vote but failed to carry.

The next order of business was the selection of subjects for the next spring meeting. The following subjects were proposed:

1. Vocational Guidance in Freshman and Sophomore Years
2. Correlation of English and Mathematics with Courses in Engineering
3. What Shall We Do With the Young Man Who Comes to Us Unprepared to Handle our Work?
4. Development of Citizenship in Engineering Students.

The nominating committee proposed the following for officers for the coming years:

Chairman - Dean J. M. Robert of Tulane University  
Vice-Chairman - Dean B. R. Van Leer of North Carolina State College  
Secretary - Professor Chas. R. Hixon, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

These nominations were unanimously approved.

In selecting a place for the next annual meeting it was decided that each institution should be allowed one vote. A majority of votes was cast for the University of Virginia for the 1939 meeting.

It was agreed that a committee be appointed to take up the order of institutions at which successive meetings shall be held. Dr. R. L. Sweigert, Georgia School of Technology; Dean B. R. Van Leer, North Carolina State College; Professor Hamilton Johnson, Louisiana State University were appointed on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. R. Hixon, Secretary

REGISTRATION FOR SPEE CONVENTION  
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ALABAMA  
W. J. Miller

AUBURN  
W. W. Hill, C. R. Hixon, A. L. Thomas

THE CITADEL  
John Anderson

CLEMSON  
S. B. Earle, D. D. Curtis, E. L. Clarke, H. E. Glenn,  
A. B. Credle, S. R. Rhodes, F. T. Tingley, D. H. Shenk,  
A. M. Quattlebaum, B. E. Fernow, E. J. Freeman, J. H. Sams,  
J. L. Marshall, J. E. Shigley, T. S. DuBose, H. E. Slone,  
J. S. Branch, W. W. Klugh.

DUKE UNIVERSITY  
H. C. Bird, W. H. Hall, R. S. Wilbur

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY  
J. L. Ellis, J. H. Henika, D. P. Savant, R. L. Sweigert

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
D. V. Terrell, W. E. Freeman, A. L. Chambers, J. W. May

NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE  
J. M. Clarkson, G. Wallace Smith, J. W. Cell, R. C. Bullock,  
H. A. Fisher, H. B. Briggs, E. W. Winkler, L. L. Vaughn,  
H. E. Satterfield, R. B. Rice, H. Page Williams, A. M. Fountain.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
J. G. Tarboux

TULANE UNIVERSITY  
J. M. Roberts, J. K. Mayer, C. E. Norris, W. B. Gregory

VANLEBILT UNIVERSITY  
W. M. Brezeale

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
W. S. Rodman

## Minutes of Meeting

A luncheon meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education was held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, Texas, June 28, 1938, with twenty-two members in attendance.

Professor R. B. Rice of North Carolina State College was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Dean James M. Robert presided and proposed that the group discuss the matter of improvements in our section.

Dean B. R. Van Leer of North Carolina State College made several suggestions; one being that our Chairman go before the nominating committee, immediately following our luncheon, and propose that our section have a representative appointed at this time on the Council. He called attention to the fact that Clemson College, Georgia School of Technology, and Tulane University now were represented on the Council.

It was duly moved, seconded and passed by the unanimous group present that:

"Dean Robert be instructed to present the following names to the nominating committee to be considered by them as candidates for the Council: Dean G. J. Davis, of the University of Alabama; Professor N. C. Ebaugh, of the University of Florida; Dean L. J. Lassalle, of Louisiana State University; and Professor Robert B. Rice, of North Carolina State College."

Dean Van Leer suggested that our group discuss the accrediting plan of the E. C. P. D. with especial reference to its effect on the Engineering Schools in the Southeast Section at our Annual Section Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia, next spring. The proposal was met with the general approval of the group.

Dean Robert closed the meeting with one of his inimitable stories, depicting the tenor of ecclesiastical ideals in the Ethiopian race which abounds the environs of New Orleans.

Respectfully submitted,  
July 6, 1938

R. B. Rice, Sec'y., pro tem