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19 June 1867

Holland, Michigan

Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte was a representative of the Particular Synod of Chicago at this meeting of the Council of Hope College. Pres. Philip Phelps Jr. was in the chair.

Minutes of the Council of Hope College, pp. 60-61.

June 19 The Council met in the Library at 10. A. M on Wednesday.
 1867 Present Rev Doctor Phelps in the Chair.
 Present From Part. Syn. Of Chicago, Rev A. C. Van Raalte
 " Classis of Mich. Rev Henry E Decker
 " " " Holla Abel T. Stewart
 " " " Holland Rev P.J. Oggel
 C Van Der Meulen
 S. Bolks
 " " " Wisconsin Rev R Pieters
 John Van Der Meulen
 Elder Jacob Van Zanten.
 opening The Pres. opened the Council with prayer
 The Council approved an order of ex-

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aminations proposed by the Faculty, the hours of which were from 9 A. M. to 12 M & from 3 P M to 6. They also resolved to hold their first business meeting on Thursday Evening. The Council then adjourned, and was closed by the Rev John Van Der Meulen

June 20 The Council met for business on Thursday Evening June 20th.
 1867 Rev Henry E Decker & B. Ledebouer M—[?] of the Classis of Mich. and Rev J. Joralmon of the Classis of Ill appeared in Council. The Rev Mr. Joralmon offered prayer. The minutes of the previous session of Council were read and approved. The minutes of the Ex. Com. were read and approved. It was Res. that all the minutes be referred to the Ex. Com. for arrangement and adoption, under the Lemmalta[?] which they may approve. Rev Cornelius & John Van Der Meulen were excused until Monday afternoon. And Mr. Van Zanten until Tuesday afternoon. The Council adjourned & was closed with prayer by Rev P. J. Oggel.

June 25, The Council met at 3 PM June 25th, & was opened with prayer by Rev Mr.
 1867 Pieters. The minutes were read. So much[?] of the minutes as relates to
 Female Female Education were taken up for consideration At 6 P. M. the Council
 Education adjourned. Rev Mr. Mr Bolks closed with prayer.

June 26 Council met at 9 A. M. June 26th & was opened with prayer by Rev Mr.
 1867 Decker. The minutes were read. Res that the Treasurer and Secretary hold
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during the pleasure of Council.
 Res. that the permanent mode of election of the other members of the Ex.
 Ex. Com. Com. be by ballot Res that the Ex. Com. be increased from 5 to 7 Messrs
 increased Bolks, Decker, Van Raalte & Ledebouer were elected. The subject of Female

Education was taken up. The Council adjourned Doctor Van Raalte closed with prayer.

June 26 The Council met at 3 P.M. and was opened with prayer by Doctor Ledeboer
1867 Res. that the final examination of the Senior class be sustained and that the following Gentlemen composing it.

Gerrit Bolks
James De Pree
Enne Jansen Heeren
Albert Tammes Huizinga[sic]

Res. that the examinations of the undergraduates be sustained and that they be recommended for promotion

The Degree of A. B. honorary was conferred upon Dirk B K Van Raalte and John Huizenga.

Res that all the financial accounts be referred to the Ex. Com.

The subject of Female Education was further considered. The following preamble & Resolutions were then passed.

Female Education Whereas the Ex. Com. have reported in their minutes certain action with regard to the establishment of Female Instruction Res that the design of the Ex. Com. in suring to promote higher Female Education be approved. Whereas it does not seem expedient that there should at present be any formal Connection of a Ladies Dept. with Hope College, Res that that numbers of the Ex. Com. be requested to associate with them

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Incorporation selves such additional individuals as they may select, & proceed to obtain an act of Incorporation according to law for the establishment of a Female Seminary at Holland Mich

A vote of thanks was passed to the Daughter of Rev John Gosman DD for copies of memorial of their Father. Also to Mr. Samuel B. Schieffelin for donation of books and pamphlets to the Library.

Res that the ~~thanks of~~ Secretary be requested to prepare a report for De Hope and the Christian Intelligences of the exercises of Commencement week, and so much of the acts of the Council as may be of public interest.

Res that the Faculty revise the course of College instruction and lay the same before the ex. com. for their approval & publication

Res that the thanks of Council be presented to the citizens for their kindness in entertaining the members from abroad during the meeting.

Res. that Mr. Pieters be recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College for the Degree of A. M.

grading of Students Report to Synod. Res. that the Faculty be a Committee to grade the standing of the Students Res that the standing of the Seinor[sic] Class take place in concurrence with the examination of the theological students & that the Ex. Com. superintend it. The report to Synod prepared by Rev A. T. Stewart was accepted & referred to the Ex. Com.

The following paper was adopted.

Whereas the two Theological Classes at Hope College are the direct fruits of the Institution.

Whereas Each Professor at Hope College

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has a relation to these Classes either as Synodical Professor or as Synodical Lector. Whereas the property of various kinds is the property of Hope College Whereas it is the important for the sake of securing our unity that our Educational interests be under one supervision & control.

Whereas each Western Classis is at present fully represented in the Council Res^d that the Gen. Synod be requested to recognize the Theological Classes as the Theological Department of Hope College, having the same general relation to the Council & Faculty as the other Departments of the College Res^d that the Gen. Synod be requested to place the Theological instruction at Hope College under the same Council which has Supervision over the College Departments & that the Ex. Com. of the Council be the Committee to receive New Theological Students. The Council adjourned & was closed with prayer by the President

Abel T. Stewart, Secty.