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### Minutes of the Council of Hope College

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23 June 1874

Holland, Michigan

There was a good attendance at this meeting of the Council of Hope College although both the president, Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, and the secretary, Rev. Abel T. Stewart, were not in attendance. Van Raalte was again elected president of the council. Pres. Philip Phelps Jr. reported on class examinations. Prof. Cornelius Doesburg accepted the office of treasurer. Profs. Shields, Doesburg, and Kollen were experiencing arrears in their salaries. They will receive interest on what has not been paid them. The council also met on the 28<sup>th</sup> for examinations. "Doctor Van Raalte having sent in his resignation as a member of the Ex. Com. it was accepted."

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*Minutes of the Council of Hope College, 170-176.*

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- The Council met in regular session on  
 June 23<sup>d</sup>. at nine A. M. Was opened with prayer by Doctor Phelps.  
 Present Rev Doctor Phelps, C. Van Der Meulen, N. M. Steffens, A Krickard, D.  
 Broek, H Niterwyk, P. De Pree, J. De pree, and Elders H. O. Yntema, and K  
 Brower, also Prof Charles Scott as advisory members In the absence of both  
 the President & the Secretary of the Council, Rev A Krickard was appointed  
 President Pro Tem and J. De Pree secretary Pro Tem.
- Election of Resolved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous year  
 officers meeting. Resd to proceed to the election of officers. The election resulted in  
 of Council. the choice of Rev Doctor Van Raalte for Pres. Rev J. J. Karsten for Adessor  
 Rev Abel. T. Stewart for secretary and Prof C Doesburg for Treasurer.  
 The Secretary was appointed a com. to see Prof Doesburg and report as soon  
 as convenient his acceptance or non acceptance of his appointment.
- Real Res<sup>d</sup> that the real estate held in trust by this Council for Primary & Female  
 Estate & Instruction be pledged in security for the Rail Road bond on which Ebenezer  
 Ebenezer Cash has been obtained.
- Prof Crispells A resolution Communication from Rev Doctor Crispell requesting the  
 Communi approval of Council of his absence during a part of the ensuing schoolyear to  
 cation. prosecute the endowment of his chair was read & a motion to grant this  
 approval was laid on the Table

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1874. The Pres. of the College presented his report in regard to the examinations  
 June 28. of the several Classes in the several Departments, accepted & adopted.  
 Examination Res<sup>d</sup> that Doctor Phelps with the Treasurer be authorized to collect all back  
 End. Notes, dues, fees & interest, making a compromise where required, and that they  
 & Teachers further have the power to get the original endowment notes cashed in the  
 Salaries course of one or two years, allowing if necessary 35 per cent discount  
 Res<sup>d</sup> that this be attended to immediately & that the first available moneys  
 collected be paid out to the Teachers for anorage[sic] of salaries. The  
 session was adjourned till with prayer by Rev C. Van der Meulen.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 ½ oclock with prayer by Rev P. de  
 Pree.

- Acceptance Prof Doesberg appeared in Council & personally signified his acceptance of  
 of the office of Treasurer, under the following details. The duty of the Treas  
 Treasuryship shall be to receive all moneys belonging to the Treasury & to keep clear,  
 C. Doesberg systematic & faithful accounts & records, and to lay them on the table of  
 Council or of the Ex. Com. whenever requested. He shall give bonds for the  
 Details of faithful discharge of his duties in a sum which during the present year shall  
 Duties. not exceed five thousand dollars, He shall pay out all moneys for  
 Bond. maintaining the work of the Institution as already sanctioned by the Council,  
 by order of the Pres. of the College, but moneys not yet authorized by the  
 Council shall be paid out by order of the Ex. Com. The Agency for the  
 Collection of Endowment interest & fees, now held by Prof Doesberg is  
 Continued on the same basis as before separate from the Treasuryship. The  
 Compensation for his services during the present year shall be one hundred

dollars. The session was closed with prayer.

The Council was opened on Wednesday morning's session at Eleven o'clock with prayer by N. M. Steffens.

The motion to grant the approval of Doctor Crispell's request was taken from the table & the following action was taken.

To the Board of Direction of  
the Gen. Synod R. C. A. Whereas a request has been received from Rev  
Prof Crispell's absence granted. Doctor Crispell that the Council should approve of his absence during a part  
of the next school year for the purpose of prosecuting the work of endowing  
his chair: therefore  
Res<sup>d</sup> that the Council give its sanction to the absence of the Professor in the  
Theological Dept, for the purpose of making collections on the basis  
authorized by the Gen. Synod in June 1873. And whereas it is of the Greatest  
importance that the whole endowment of Hope College should be Completed  
therefore Res<sup>d</sup> that the Council will do all its its[sic] power to promote the  
work in General or in relation to any specific Department or Professorship  
Res<sup>d</sup> that all the arrangements for Teachers in the different Departments be the  
same as last year including the pro tem arrangement in the Theol. Dept.  
Res<sup>d</sup> that the sum for Student help in teaching do exceed four hundred dollars.  
Doctor Van Raalte having sent in his resignation as a member of the Ex.  
Com. it was accepted.  
Ex. Com powers. Res<sup>d</sup> that the Ex Com. shall have no power except to carry out the details of  
action previously adopted by the Council.  
Res<sup>d</sup> that the Pres. of the Institution be ex officio Chairman of the Ex. Com.  
Resd that the Ex. Com. be constituted of the

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1874 same members as last year, and that Rev C. Van der Meulen be appointed to  
June 23<sup>d</sup> fill the place of Doctor Van Raalte who resigned his presidency of said Com.  
C. Van der Meulen Rev. C. Van der meulen closed the session with prayer.  
Pres. of Ex. C

The afternoon session was opened at 2 ½ o'clock with prayer by H Niterwyk  
Librarian Res<sup>d</sup> that the services of Mr. Meulendyk be Continued in relation to the  
Meulendyk Library.  
Preparatory[?] Resd that the Council highly appreciate the services of Prof Doesburg,  
professors Shilds[sic] & Kollen & that they will refund to them any interest which they  
salaries &c have to pay on account of deficiency in Salaries.  
Resd that in the absence of the Pres. the acting Pres. be authorized to sign all  
Acting notes.  
President's Res that it be proposed to borrow one thousand dollars of Ebenezer money for  
Signature the benefit of the Primary & Female instruction, secured by the note of  
Ebenezer Council & backed by the real Estate belonging to such purpose. Said note is  
Fund. to be drawn payable on demand at 7 per cent from Jan 1, 1874.  
\$1000. Res. that the Treasurer be authorized to obtain the balance of the above

- loan note & pay it to the Pres. of the College.
- Hom. Theol. Res that the Term Homiletical Theology be instituted for the term sacred Rhetoric.
- Diploma Res<sup>d</sup> that a Catalogue be reported by the Pres & of approved by the Ex. Com. be printed Res that henceforth the price of a Diploma be \$2.00  
Res that in order to promote the interest of the College the Council will
- Endowment cheerfully accept the services and agency of any person connected with this
- Agencies Body and or with any of the Faculties of the College in procuring[sic] donations.

The meeting adjourned after closing with prayer by Doctor Phelps  
James de Pree Sec. Pro Tem.

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Jan 27, 1875. Present The Council of Hope College met in Special Session at eleven oclock A. M. on Wednesday. It was opened with prayer by Elder Klass Brower Rev Philip Phelps Jr representing the Institution. Prof Charles Scott representing the Theological Faculty, Rev A. C. Van Raalte representing the Part Synod of Chicago, and in the chair.

Classis of Mich. Rev Abel. T. Stewart  
 " " Ill " J. S. Joralmon  
 " " Hol " D Broek, P. D. Pree  
 H. Niterwyk and the  
 Elder Jacob Herrenga  
 " " Wis " John H Karsten  
 " " Grand River James De Pree

Aid asked of Brd of Education C Van Der Meulen & Elder K Brower. The object of the meeting was stated. The Council adjourned to meet at 9. A.M the next day, for the purpose of making some report to the Board of Education. The Council needing one to form a quorum met pursuant to adjournment and passed the following after reading letters marked 1, 2, 3 from the Board of Education.  
 Resolved that the Board of Education be respectfully informed that in endeavoring to conduct the Synod's Institution, the Council have been compelled to assume obligations even beyond its measure of ability, that they have been directed that the whole amount appropriated by the Board in aid of Hope College be distributed pro rata[?] among those whose salaries were originally established by the Board. And since any attempt on the part of the Council to make up deficiencies in that respect would of necessity be a mere theory having the President & Professors in the same pecuniary straits as before, it is the Conviction of the Council as ex-

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pressed in their last report to General Synod that the interests of the Institution need increased appropriations in aid of Hope College by the Board of Education, Resolved that the Board of Education be respectfully referred to the President of the College for any information which the Board may desire with reference to Hope College, in the intervals of the meetings of the Council and that the President be requested to present a certified copy of this action