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July 13, 1923.

Dr. H.A.Morgan, President
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear President Morgan:

I regret that it becomes necessary for me to recommend that Mrs. A.M.Withers, Assistant Professor of Art in the University, be not reappointed for the following reasons:

Mrs. Withers was employed two years ago to give instruction in Art with the distinct understanding that she was to give most of her time to instruction in Applied Art. She was informed that special attention was to be given to that phase of the work which has to do with the application of Art to Home Economics. The Smith-Hughes Course in Home Economics requires certain courses in Applied Art. I learned some time after Mrs. Withers began her work that she was neglecting the art work in the Home Economics courses. I had a conference with her and after considerable difficulty it was agreed that the instruction in Applied Art would be given according to the needs and requirements of the Home Economics Course. I found thereafter, upon investigation, that she continued to neglect this important phase of her work and that she refused to cooperate with the Home Economics Department.

The women students of the University who take the Smith-Hughes Course in Home Economics are preparing to teach. This Smith-Hughes Course in the public schools is rapidly increasing in importance. The Home Economics teacher must know something of the fundamental principles of Applied Art. We must, therefore, have an instructor in the subject who is able and willing to cooperate and to give the instruction required. I am for this reason recommending that Mrs. Withers be not reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean.

JDH:H