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8 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio
July 19, 1951

The Board of Trustees of Ohio University held a special meeting in Columbus, Ohio, July 19, 1951, on the call of the Chairman, to discuss the advisability of purchasing the Biddle property at 29 Park Place, Athens, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson. On roll call by the Secretary the following members were present: Gordon R. Ditch, C. Van McVay, Earl C. Shively, Mrs. Fred Luchs, John W. Culbreath, and Fred H. Johnson. Mr. W. H. Prichard arrived after roll call. President Baker, B. F. Grover, and Gustavo Ialloschi were also present.

Members Crew, Dickinberry, and Davis were unable to attend.

The Secretary announced the receipt of communications from U. S. Comptroller, Mrs. Grace R. Johnson, and Mrs. Hertha Administrator. The Secretary was instructed to incorporate the following communications in the minutes.

Athens, Ohio
June 19, 1951

Mr. Paul R. O'Brien, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

This is to express to you and the members of the Board of Trustees my gratitude and sincere appreciation for the new title "Trustee Professor" which you have given me. I appreciate also the salary consideration which accompanies it. This honor came to me as a great surprise I assure you. I would have been happy to go back to my "first interest" teaching with my former and unchanged title, but I do appreciate more than I can tell you the extra touch of dignity and honor which you have bestowed upon me as I leave administrative work and return to the classroom.

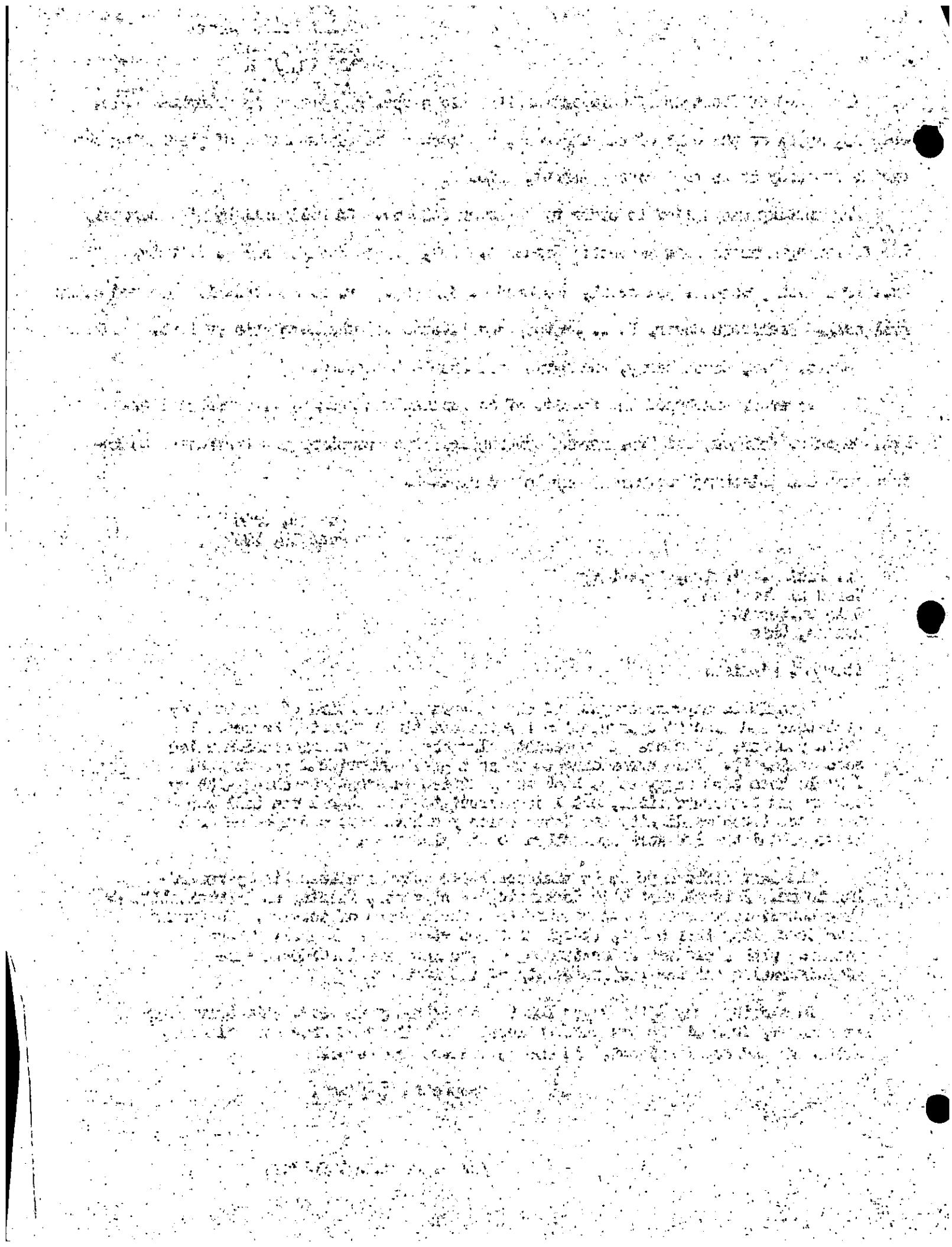
The last fifteen years of administrative duty have been highly rewarding to me. I trust that Ohio University — students, faculty and alumni alike — have benefited in some small measure from these years of service. The years have been altogether happy, though at times strenuous. I shall return to teaching with a clearer understanding of the intimate interdependence of administration and the responsibility of the teacher.

In closing, may I thank you for the opportunity to serve Ohio University as teacher, dean of the Graduate College, the College of Arts and Sciences, Acting President, President, and now as Trustee Professor.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ W. S. Comptroller,

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Columbus, Ohio
June 22nd, 1951

President John C. Polk
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Dear John:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 11th, and for the copy of the Trustees' minutes concerning Arthur. It is a very beautiful tribute, and so expressive of his many contributions toward the good 1120. You know how dear the O.U. was to him — and it was there that we met for the first time! And it was there that he knew and valued so sincerely your friendship — and your great service to the O.U.

Thank you for coming to see me that Sunday — your visit cheered me and helped me. My recovery is very slow — but I try to be brave. Hope you and your nice family are well.

Very sincerely,

/s/ George R. Johnson

George R. Johnson

Athens, Ohio
Tuesday, July 10, 1951

Mr. Paul R. O'Brien
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

It gives me no small comfort to hear expressions of the deep regard in which they are held by all who know him.

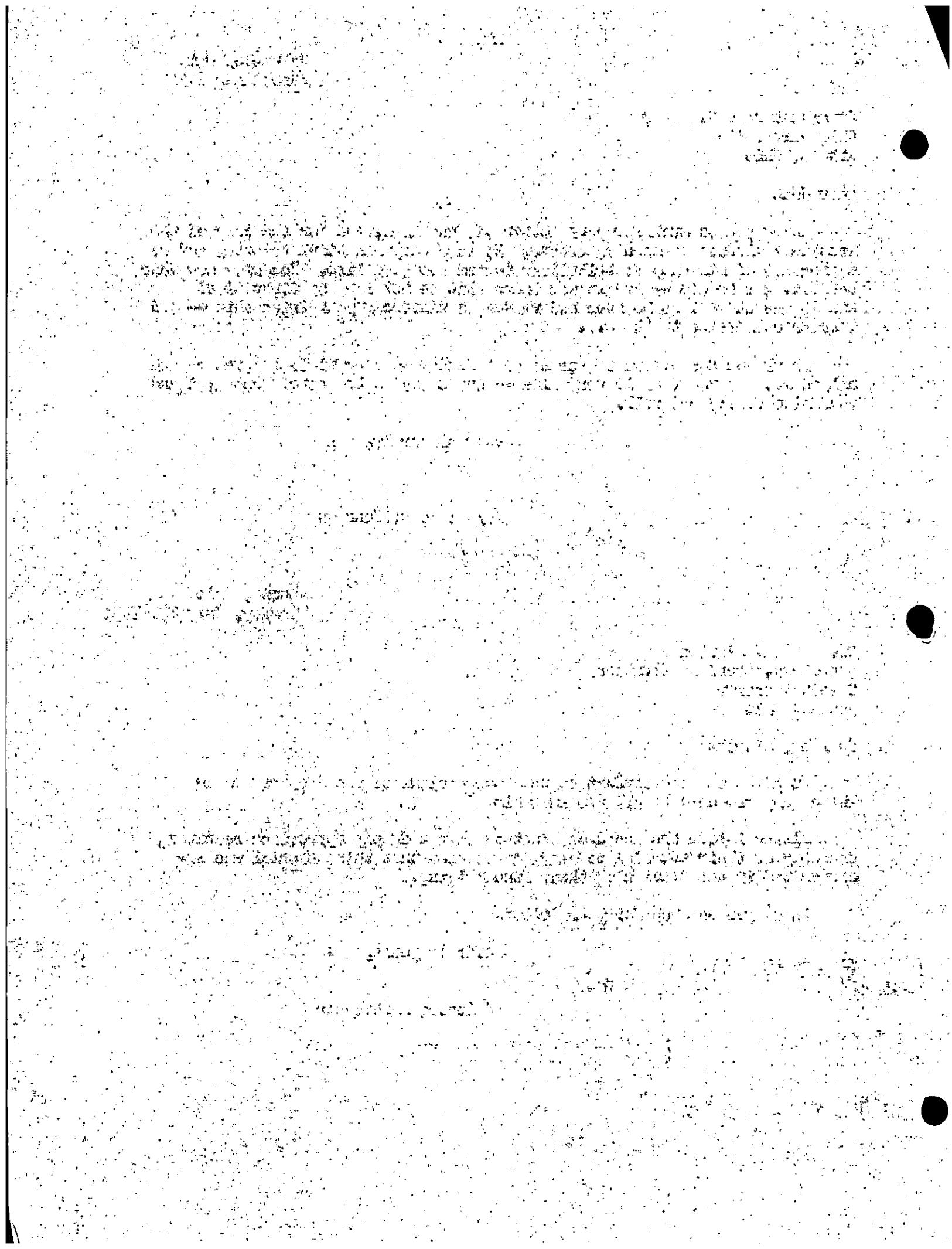
Please inform the Board of Trustees that I deeply appreciate receiving the copy of their memorial to Artie and to know that this memorial was incorporated in the minutes of their June meeting.

Thank you so much for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dorthe Ambruster

Dorthe Ambruster



The Secretary read a copy of a letter of resignation sent to Governor Lausche by Dr. T. E. Biddle and the Governor's reply.

June 25, 1951

Hon. Frank J. Lausche, Governor of Ohio,
State House,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Governor Lausche:

Because of my age and the condition of my health, I find that I must severely limit my activities, and, therefore, I hereby submit to you my resignation as a Trustee (life member) of Ohio University. I do not wish to continue as a Trustee when I am unable to participate fully in the Board's activities and responsibilities.

During the fifty-one years that I have served as a Trustee, the advancement of the institution, my own alma mater, has been close to my mind and heart. The excellent appointments of Trustees which you have made and the constant support you have given assure that it will continue to serve the people of Ohio in full measure. And under the efficient administration and the inspiring leadership of President John C. Baker, I know that this fine old institution of higher learning will reach new levels of accomplishment in continuous and complete fulfillment of the objectives of the far-seeing founders.

With your consent, I should prefer to have my resignation effective July 1, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Biddle

Attest: *[Signature]*

Frank J. Lausche
Governor

THE STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS

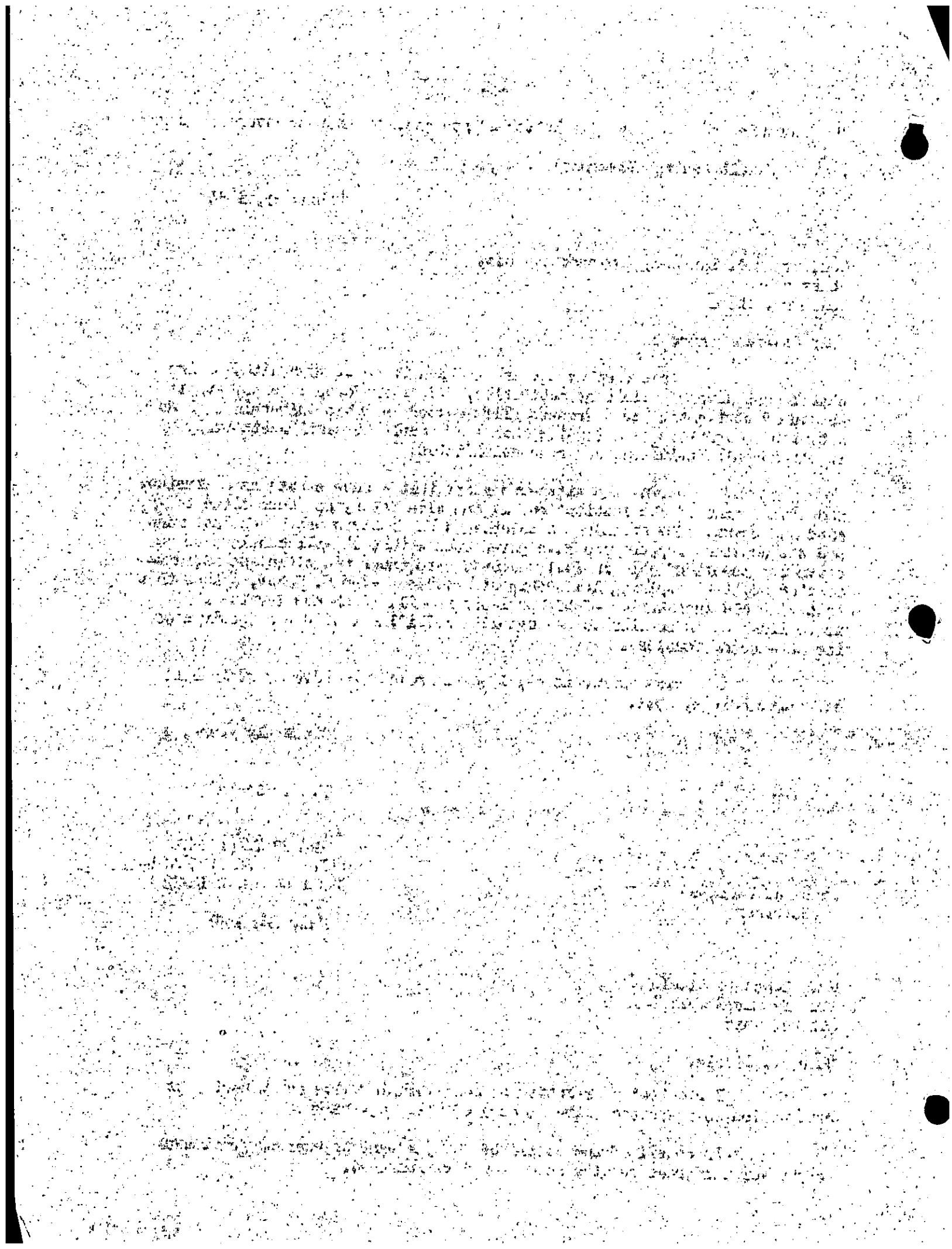
June 23, 1951

Mr. Thomas E. Biddle
201 Economic Temple Building
Athens, Ohio

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I received your letter of June 25th in which you tender your resignation as a Trustee (life member) of Ohio University.

In behalf of the people of Ohio, I want to express gratitude to you for the great service which you have rendered.



I regret to hear of your action but in view of your decision I am obliged to accept your resignation, effective July 1, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Louschi (signed)

Frank J. Louschi

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It was moved by Mr. Galbreath, seconded by Mr. Shively, and unanimously passed that Dr. F. H. Riddle's resignation be recorded and the following resolution of appreciation be tendered to F. H. Riddle.

The Board acknowledges the resignation of Thomas B. Riddle as a Trustee on July 1, 1951, with keen regret and sincere appreciation for his many years of service to this University.

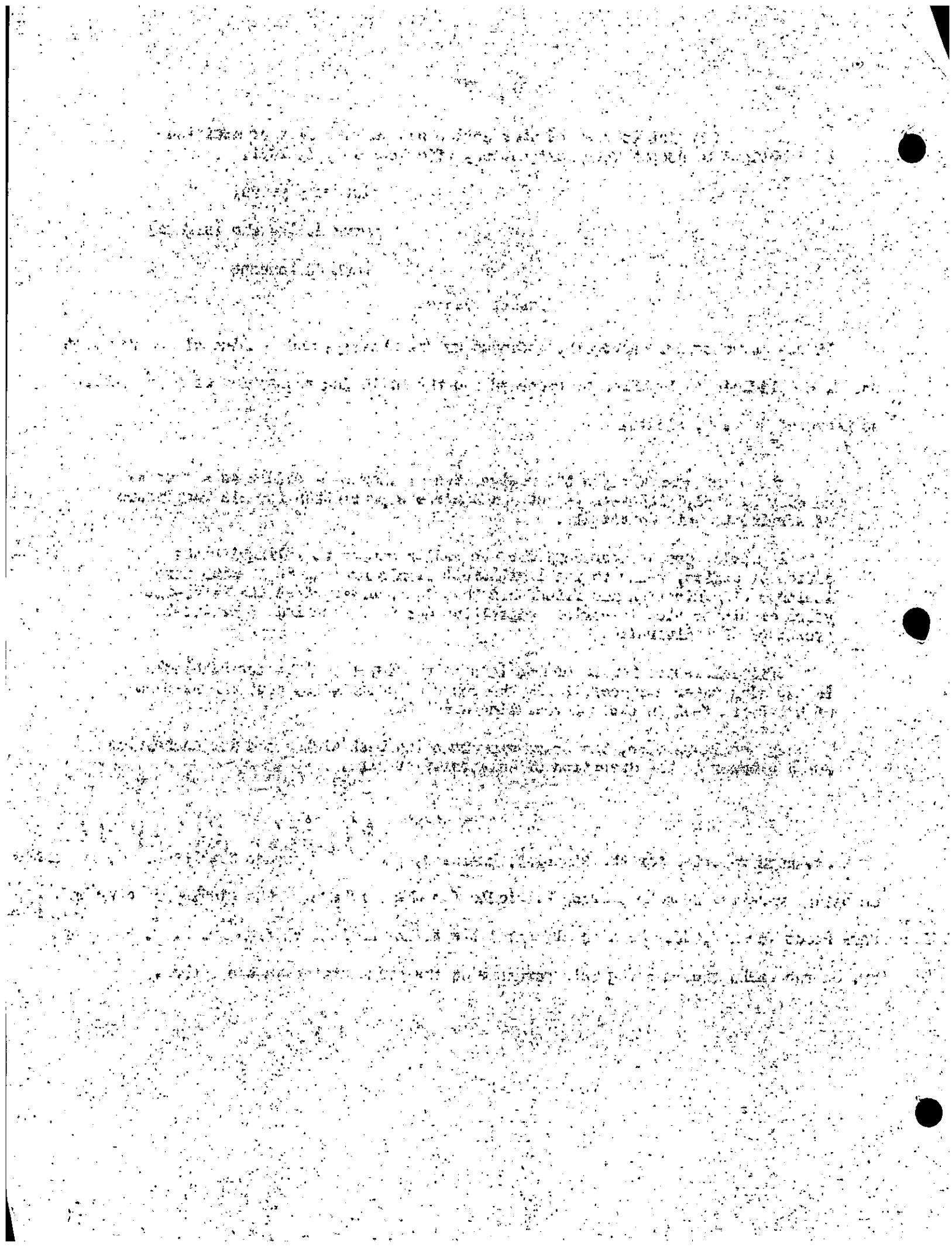
It having become necessary for our senior member to relinquish the duties of office, owing to the limitations of his health, it is with warm feelings of admiration and friendship that the Board records the fifty-one years of his service in various capacities during the period of greatest growth of the University.

Official separation in no wise lessens the loyalty of Thomas B. Riddle to his alma mater nor does it dim the sense of comradeship that the members of the Board feel in close association with him.

By unanimous vote, the Board expresses its best wishes and its admiration for a pioneer in the direction of University affairs.

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Mr. Bush reported for the Planning, Building, and Land Purchase Committee. He presented an option received from Mr. George P. Riddle for the purchase of the Riddle property on Park Place for \$60,000. He also presented the following letters from Mr. L. C. Baker and Mr. George Parks recommending this purchase at the price stated in the option.



Athens, Ohio
July 12, 1951

The Board of Trustees
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that I have reviewed the property of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Riddle on Park Place in Athens, Ohio, and it is my considered judgment that the option submitted to the Board of Trustees of Ohio University to purchase this property at \$30,000 is very reasonable.

Based on real estate figures in Athens, the size of the house, its fine construction, its present excellent condition — with a garage apartment in connection therewith, its location, and its acreage, the option price on this property is low. It is my opinion that the property is of greater value than that placed upon it in the option to the Board of Trustees of Ohio University.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) L. C. Dakor

Athens, Ohio
July 11, 1951

L. F. Louieho, Business Manager
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am herewith confirming, in compliance with your request, my opinion given to President Baker, Paul H. O'Brien and you, as of this date, concerning the valuation of the Riddle property on Park Place.

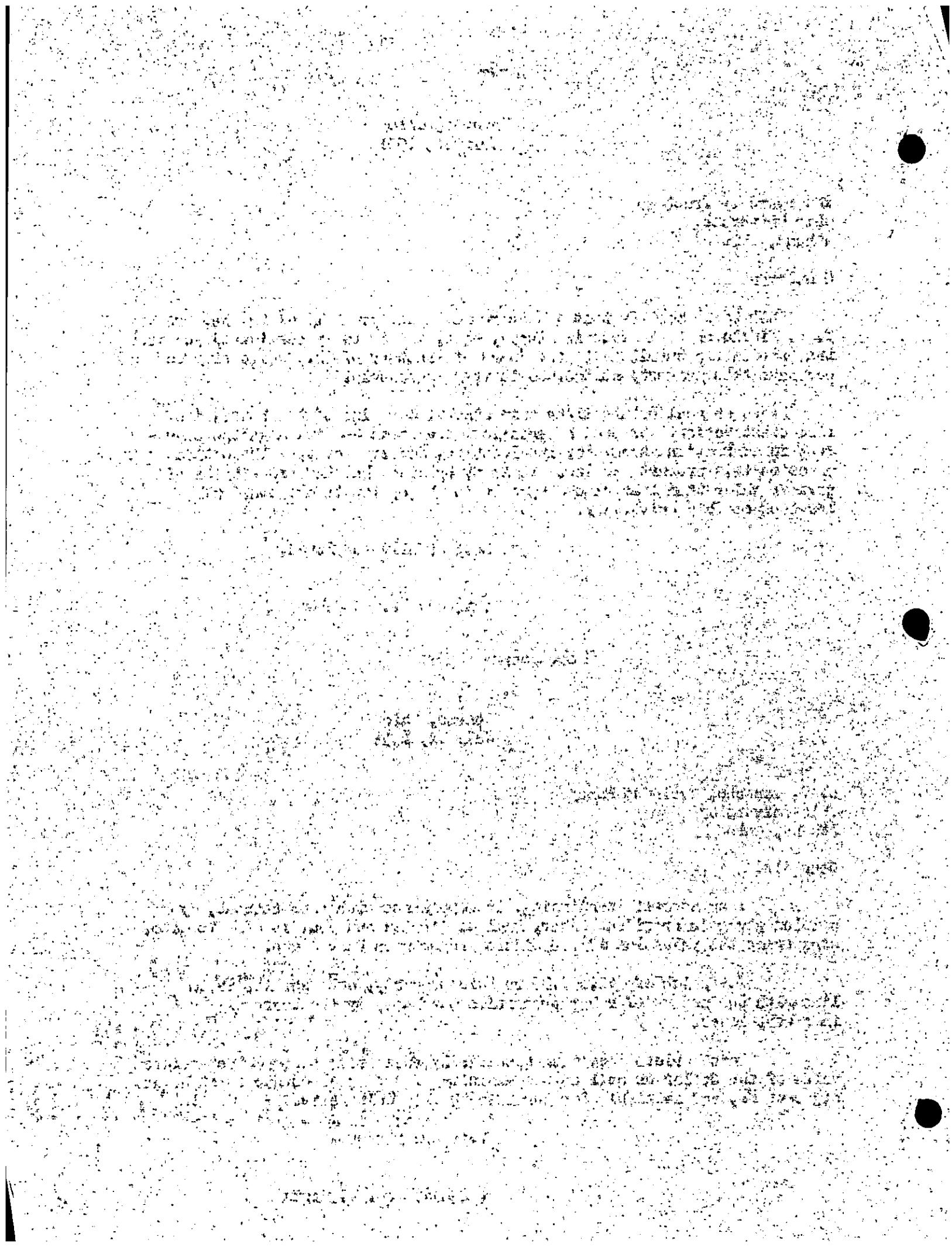
The price of \$40,000.00 on this property, as I see it, is in line with the prices of other properties purchased by the Board of Trustees in recent years.

These prices have been necessarily reflecting the much depreciated value of the dollar as well as the scarcity of such real estate as might be adjacent to, and available for purchase by Ohio University.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Leo. C. Paris

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Mr. Lausche reported on the physical condition of the buildings and the size of the lot, and recommended the purchase of the Eiddle property.

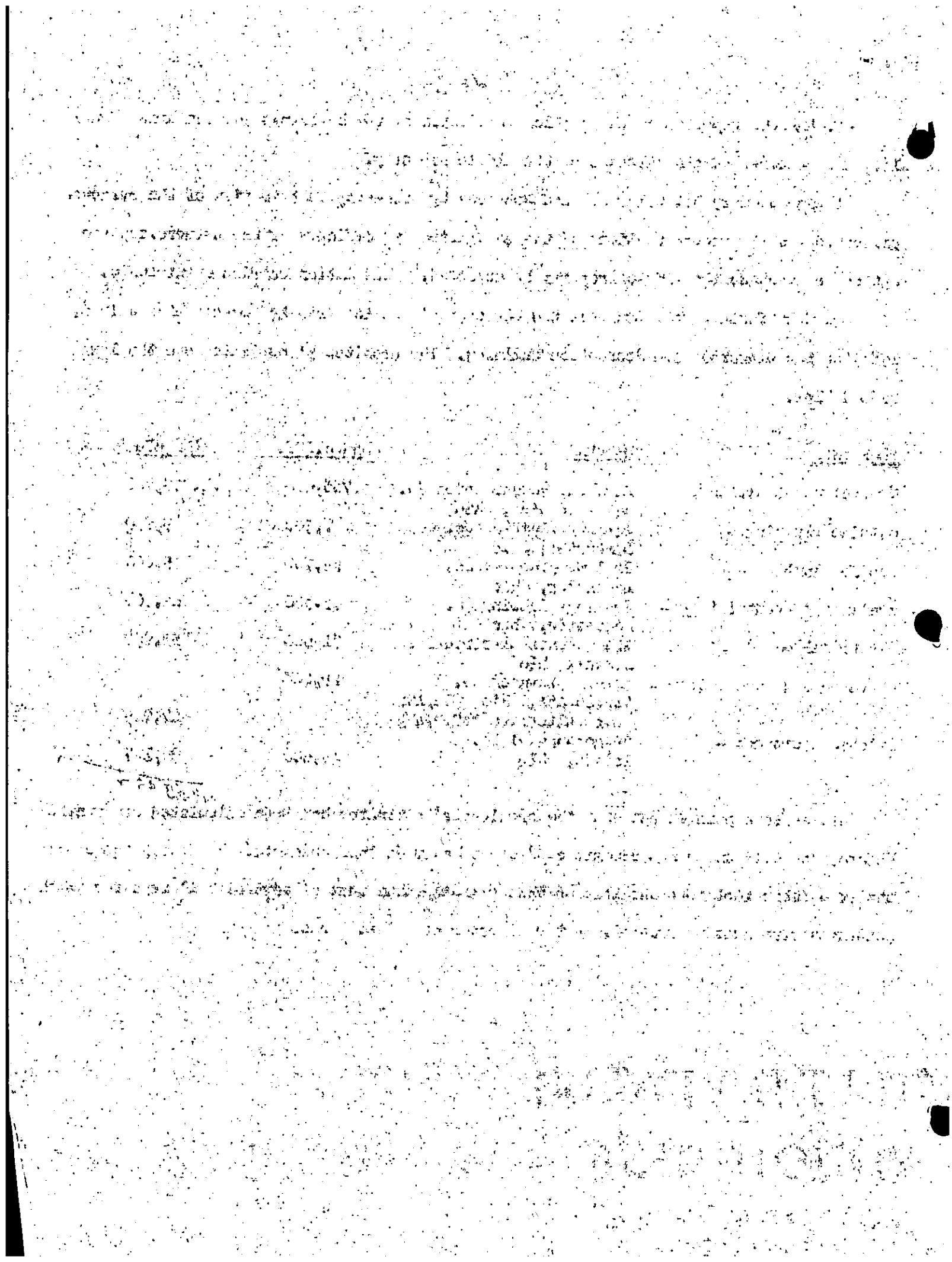
It was moved by Mr. Galbreath and seconded by Mr. McVay that in view of the evidence presented and the recommendations of the administrative officers of the university, the option to purchase the Eiddle property be accepted. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bush further reported that the Director of Public Works had opened bids July 6, 1951, on the Classroom and Recreation Building. The architects' estimates and the low bids follow.

<u>PROPOSALS</u>	<u>BIDDERS</u>	<u>ARCH. EST.</u>	<u>LOW BID</u>
General Construction -	Knuckton Construction Co. Beloftain, Ohio	3785,000	31,085,700
Outside Plumbing -	Geeling Plumbing Co. Lancaster, Ohio	7,500	9,850
Inside Plumbing -	Geeling Plumbing Co. Lancaster, Ohio	52,700	95,000
Heating and Ventilating -	Geeling Plumbing Co. Lancaster, Ohio	95,500	86,500
Electrical -	The Conroth Electric Co. Athens, Ohio	71,960	53,000
Elevator and Dumb Waiter -	Warren Elevator Co. Cincinnati, Ohio	29,000 130,190	27,715
Kitchen Equipment -	Loco Altornate "P" Stogor-Shewel Co. Toldeo, Ohio	2,475 44,600	96,127

Mr. Lausche pointed out that the architects' estimates had been calculated six months before, and that changing economic conditions had made them obsolete. He also pointed out that the cubic foot cost was less on this building than that of several buildings for which contracts were awarded recently by the Director of Public Works.

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It was moved by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Galbreath, and unanimously passed, that the low bids as indicated above with the exception of the kitchen equipment be accepted and that the purchase of kitchen equipment be deferred until a later date.

Mr. Shively moved, seconded by Mr. Bush, that the administrative officers of the university be authorized to make any transfers necessary to accept the bids on the Classroom and Recreation Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luchs moved, seconded by Mr. Prodrorick, that the Ohio University representatives on the Inter-University Council be instructed to attempt to have all members of the Inter-University Council establish uniform out-of-state fees. This motion passed unanimously.

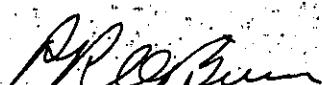
President Baker reported that Ohio University will be host for the annual meeting of the Committee for Economic Development in 1952. He pointed out that this was possible because the Ohio University Fund can guarantee \$15,000 for this project.

Mr. McVay commented on the importance of the Committee for Economic Development and said Ohio University was fortunate to be host for this meeting.

President Baker agreed to report at the October meeting of the Board of Trustees on the possibility of obtaining the Diddio property adjoining the property approved for purchase today.

The Chairman then called the roll of members for comment. There were no comments.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shively, seconded by Mr. Frederick, and unanimously passed.


Paul A. O'Brien
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Ohio University

