A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ohio University was held in the Trustees' Room, Cutler Hall, Athens, Ohio, on March 13, 1953, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The following members were present: Messrs. Gordon K. Bush, Fred H. Johnson, Fred W. Crow, and Joseph B. Hall. Mr. H. E. Frederick arrived later. Also present were President John C. Baker, Messrs. Carr Liggett, B. T. Grover, L. F. Lausche and Paul R. O'Brien.

The following members were absent: Messrs. Harvey B. Jordan, E. C. Eikenberry, John W. Galbreath, and C. Don McVay.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and since no quorum was present he called on President Baker for his report.

The President first reported on enrollment. He reported that this year's enrollment showed a thirty-seven per cent increase in freshmen students for the first semester, but the over-all university enrollment was down about 100 students.

Our per cent of freshman increase was higher than that of any of the other state universities. Part of this increase can be attributed to our engineering school, and to the fact that we made extra effort during the past year to interest high school seniors in Ohio University.

President Baker reported that there was a shortage in public school teachers of about 3,000 per year, and that this shortage would probably go on indefinitely. Several factors make this shortage important to us at this time. He pointed out that a bill was ready to be introduced into the legislature to set up $1,000,000 in scholarships for students intending to go into public school teaching. As written this might lead to a great deal of confusion.

The President reported that the presidents and the deans of the colleges of education of the various state universities had met with members of the legislature and promised to submit to them a counter proposal to the scholarship plan by April 1.
The President explained that Ohio University had graduated in the last four years:

- 1949, 312; 1950, 539; 1951, 421; 1952, 448.

The percentage of the graduates certified to teach has been increasing over the last two years. Last year 45 per cent of our graduates were certified to teach.

The President reported upon the recommendation of the Fraternity Affairs Council of deferred pledging for fraternities and sororities and that he had approved this recommendation; that is, no fraternity or sorority will be permitted to pledge any freshmen until they have completed one semester at Ohio University. He also approved the Fraternity Affairs Council’s recommendation that all fraternities should have a house mother in the house, either on a part-time or full-time basis, as soon as possible. The President reported that these rulings had met with considerable opposition from the fraternities. He explained that the Fraternity Affairs Council consists of 8 faculty members, all fraternity men interested in fraternities, and 2 students who are members of fraternities. This is the council that had recommended the above rules. He pointed out that 35 per cent of this year’s pledges were dropped from fraternities for grades or other reasons before they were initiated. Fraternity Affairs Council and the President feel that this ruling should help improve the scholarship of the various fraternity men and will give new students a chance to become accustomed to living away from home before they are rushed by any fraternity. He feels that this will not destroy the fraternities, but will strengthen them in the long run. The opposition to deferred pledging has been on an emotional rather than reasonable basis. There is no idea on the part of anyone to hurt fraternities.

Chairman Bush and Fred Johnson concurred in the action taken relative to the fraternities.

The President reported that the plans for the sesquicentennial celebration are progressing satisfactorily. He reported that the play "The Green Adventure" by Allen Smart will be produced for the first time on February 18, 1954, which is Founders’ Day. The Sesquicentennial Year will have four important days; namely, February 18, Founders’ Day; Commencement in June; Homecoming in the fall, with football game and fireworks; and November 11 and 12, which will be designated as Education Days. At the November 11 and 12 meetings the presidents and deans from all of the colleges in Ohio will be invited to participate in our educational program.
President Baker asked Carr Liggett to report on the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar Sesquicentennial Scholarship Fund drive.

Mr. Liggett reported that Fred Johnson had accepted chairmanship of this drive; and that they were attempting to establish 60 scholarships at $150 annually.

Mr. Liggett reported that A. C. Gubitz had been named Executive Director of this drive; that the literature was being prepared at the present time; and that they hoped to have this drive well under way in the very near future.

The President then reported on the quality of the students attending Ohio University. He reported that this year 418 scholarships had been awarded outstanding high school graduates. Of these, 246 fees were waived by the university and 172 were financed by gifts from private funds or individuals. He pointed out that our special effort to interest scholarship students in Ohio University had permitted us to obtain more than our share of top level high school graduates. Of this year's honor freshmen, that is those who make an average grade of 3.5 or above, 63 per cent were here on scholarships.

We are now planning to centralize all student aid under one administrative head. Mr. Ed. Sudnick has accepted the position to head the scholarship program, student loan funds, and part-time employment for students. In this way all student aid will be coordinated in one office.

The President outlined the number of faculty members in the various state universities as follows: Ohio, 218; Bowling Green, 186; Miami, 268; Kent, 276. He reported that the faculty and administrative officers of Ohio University were cooperating closely in every way. This cooperation was accomplished primarily through the Faculty Advisory Council which consists of 21 faculty members who are elected by the faculty as a whole. They meet once a month and the President and other administrative officers meet with them to explain any problems that arise. He reported that this arrangement was working satisfactorily.
The President reported that Ohio University was going to hold the Economic Workshop in cooperation with the COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT again this summer. He reported that at an organization meeting in Cincinnati, Mr. Hall had been very helpful in getting the Cincinnati area interested in this workshop. He reported that the total pledges to date for this workshop were $13,000, and the average contribution was $300. Last year at this time we had pledged only $6,000.

Mr. Frederick arrived during the President's report. There now being a quorum of Trustees present, Mr. Bush called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 24, 1952, be approved as distributed by the Secretary. This motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary then presented a letter from Miss Anna Pearl McVay which she had sent to all members of the Board of Trustees relative to the naming of the Student Center building. The Secretary was instructed to write Miss McVay and inform her that her letter will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the proper time.

The Secretary then presented the following letter from Henry Thomas, Head Librarian, Nelsonville Public Library, Nelsonville, Ohio:

NELSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Nelsonville, Ohio
January 20, 1953

John Calhoun Baker, President
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio

Dear President Baker:

Athens County has a great need for improved library service. One of its chief obstacles is adequate library quarters. The present Athens County Library Extension headquarters located at Nelsonville has outgrown itself completely. There is a severe need for a new building.
The Nelsonville Rotary Club tried a few years ago to secure the pre-fabricated recreational center located at Ohio University, as new quarters for the Athens County Library. The Korean situation held up the completion of the new Student Union Center leaving the matter at a standstill.

Being a university county, it's of great importance and value in bringing to the youths and adults of Athens County the key to knowledge -- adequate, modern libraries and efficient library service. New quarters will help tremendously in achieving this goal.

All that you can possibly do in securing for the Athens County Library the pre-fabricated recreational center on the Ohio University campus will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Henry Thomas
Head Librarian

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It was moved by Mr. Frederick, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that when the pre-fabricated recreation building on the front of the campus was no longer needed by Ohio University that it be given to the Nelsonville Public Library and that it be understood that the Nelsonville Public Library will move the building from its present location and restore the ground to its former condition at no cost to Ohio University. This motion carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr. Eikenberry relative to the request of Miss Anna Pearl McVay was not presented as the matter was not being considered at the present time.

In the absence of Mr. Don McVay, Mr. Grover reported for the Athletic and Public Relations Committee as follows:

The Mid-American Conference, at a meeting held in November, 1952, decided that in order for any member team to compete for a championship, that that member must participate in five games with other members of the conference in 1955. In January of 1953, President Walters of the University of Cincinnati wrote a letter to Commissioner Reese indicating that this ruling was detrimental to the University of Cincinnati athletic plans, and that unless revoked the University of Cincinnati would be forced to withdraw from the conference.
At a later meeting held in Bowling Green, the members of the Mid-American Conference reaffirmed their previous action regarding the ruling.

Mr. Grover then reported that the University of Cincinnati had officially withdrawn from the Mid-American Conference. After this withdrawal, Ohio University did not complete plans for the football games tentatively scheduled with the University of Cincinnati for 1953-54. The action of the Faculty Athletic Council was followed on this matter.

President Baker then reported that he had discussed this action with President Walters and that President Walters was greatly disturbed by Ohio University's action.

Mr. Hall then reported for the Faculty Relations Committee. He had met with the Faculty Advisory Council the previous evening and from that meeting he felt that the faculty-administrative relations at Ohio University were satisfactory.

Mr. Hall then presented the following report on graduate scholarships:

**GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Recognizing the potential need of professional training at the graduate level for teaching as well as for all professions, the Trustees of Ohio University have established twenty-five scholarships for students who wish to pursue graduate study at Ohio University.

Stipend: These scholarships provide for the remission of the general registration fees (resident or non-resident) during the period of study for the master's degree.

**Basis for Appointment.** These scholarships are available only to graduates of the privately endowed colleges or universities of Ohio and are intended for graduates with outstanding qualifications.

Nomination of appointees shall be made by officials of the college or university from which the baccalaureate degree was received. Final selection of the appointees will be made by the Graduate Council of Ohio University. The recipients of these awards are required to carry a full-time program of graduate work. Graduate study may be taken in any field in which Ohio University affords training.

**Date of Availability.** Designation of appointees should be made prior to April 15th. It is understood that recipients of these scholarships may have the option of pursuing their graduate program continuously, beginning either in June or September, or in consecutive summer sessions only.

**Application.** Application should be made through the dean of the applicant's college where appropriate forms are available.

Inquiries concerning graduate study may be directed to the Graduate College, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

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It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Frederick, that twenty-five scholarships for graduate students, as outlined above, be established at Ohio University, effective with the summer session of 1953. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien was called upon to report on the accounts. He called attention to the detailed report showing the amount of annual appropriations, vouchers issued, cash balances, outstanding orders, and unencumbered balances of all money appropriated in House Bill 671. A summary of this report follows:

**REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1953:**

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Mr. O'Brien presented the following figures on the budget for the 1953-1955 biennium, with a comparison of the appropriations received for the 1951-1953 biennium. It was pointed out that the Governor had cut the original request, submitted by the administrative officers of Ohio University, from $6,530,746 to $5,828,406, or $702,340. This, compared to the appropriation received for the last biennium of $5,145,328, was an increase of $683,078. It was pointed out that there was a possibility of receiving the Governor's recommendation, but it would require a lot of work on the part of all concerned to get the legislature to accept this recommendation.

The additions and betterments request for the 1953-1955 biennium was then outlined in detail as follows:
Additions and Betterments Request for 1953-55

G-1 - Lands $ 150,000

G-2 - Buildings

| Classroom Bldg. - Commerce  | 1,200,000 |
| Classroom Bldg. - Engineering Science | 750,000 |
| Classroom Bldg. - Education | 800,000 |
| Classroom Bldg. - Natural Science | 700,000 |
| Classroom Bldg. - Industrial Arts | 300,000 |
| Classroom Bldg. - Space Arts | 700,000 |

G-32 Other Capital Outlay

| Addition to Power Plant | $200,000 |

It was pointed out that there was little possibility of obtaining any sizable amount of this request.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the following amendment be made to the Bond Resolution passed October 24, 1952, and this motion carried unanimously.

- On page 2, line 15, delete 25 to 32, and insert 25 to 30.
- On page 2, line 15, delete $40,000.00, and insert $30,000.00.
- On page 2, line 16, delete 33 to 40, and insert 31 to 38.
- On page 2, line 17, "41 to 48," "39 to 46.
- On page 2, line 18, "49 to 56," "47 to 54.
- On page 2, line 19, "57 to 66," "55 to 64.
- On page 2, line 20, "67 to 76," "65 to 74.
- On page 2, line 21, "77 to 86," "75 to 86.
- On page 2, line 22, "87 to 96.
- On page 2, line 23, "99 to 110.
- On page 2, line 24, "111 to 122.
- On page 2, line 25, "123 to 134.
- On page 2, line 26, "135 to 146.
- On page 2, line 27, "147 to 158.
- On page 2, line 28, "159 to 170.
- On page 2, line 29, "171 to 182.
- On page 2, line 30, "183 to 194.
- On page 2, line 31, "195 to 206.
- On page 2, line 32, "207 to 218.
- On page 2, line 33, "219 to 230.
- On page 2, line 34, "231 to 240.

On page 2, line 34, delete $40,000 and insert $50,000.

- On page 2, line 46 (the last line on the page), delete "par" and insert after "Athens, Ohio, at "a premium equal to one year's interest, or $5,162.50 each".
- On page 4, line 25, delete "par" and insert "a premium equal to one year's interest, or $5,162.50 each".

On page 9, line 17, after "would be carried upon similar buildings," insert "and in an amount satisfactory to the bond holders,"
Mr. Bush then reported for the Inter-University Council Committee. He reported that the TV application was in the process of being completed and would be submitted to Washington in time to protect the channel for which we were applying.

Mr. Bush reported that the Inter-University Council was inviting all members of the legislature, the elected state officials, members of the Governor's cabinet, and representatives of the press to a dinner meeting to be held in the Ohio State University Student Center on March 18. He pointed out that this was the first time the Inter-University Council had attempted to do this type of entertaining, and that it was hoped that this would build good-will in the legislature.

Mr. Johnson reported for the Building, Planning, and Land Purchase Committee. He presented an option from D. H. Goldsberry and Mary L. Goldsberry to purchase eight lots adjoining our proposed golf course, for $2,500. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hall, that this purchase be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

A sketch of the proposed rehabilitation of Howard Hall was presented and it was pointed out by Mr. Johnson that this rehabilitation work would be done as soon as possible and the cost would be paid from our Local Funds.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hall, that work on the rehabilitation of Howard Hall be completed from our Local Fund and by our local workmen as soon as practicable. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson then reported that we had opened bids on two new dormitories on East Green and had received very satisfactory bids. He then enumerated the low bidders on each contract as follows:

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<td>Plumbing Contract</td>
<td>The E &amp; M Heating &amp; Piping Co., Inc., 1019 Brice Ave., Lima, Ohio</td>
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<td>Heating Contract</td>
<td>The Gesling Company, Lancaster, Ohio</td>
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<td>Electric Contract</td>
<td>Bertke Elec. Co., Inc., 835 W. Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio</td>
<td>$34,935.00</td>
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It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hall, and unanimously carried, that contracts be awarded to the above bidders for the amounts indicated.

Mr. Johnson then reported on the various studies made to find a suitable location on the campus for the chapel donated by Mr. Galbreath. He pointed out that after much study his committee recommended that the new chapel be located between Ellis Hall and Memorial Auditorium, facing west. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson then reported on the mall and the relocation of the roadways on East Green. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Frederick, and the motion carried unanimously, that since these items were not income producing items that if possible we incorporate sufficient funds in our Additions and Betterments appropriation to cover the construction of the Mall and the relocation of roadways on East Green.

Mr. Johnson then discussed the need for additional dormitories and the fact that we had received such favorable bids on the two dormitories just advertised, that it was the recommendation of the Planning, Building, and Land Purchase Committee that the administrative officers of Ohio University attempt to borrow an additional $1,200,000 for dormitory construction, with the understanding that the first money should be allocated to the construction of the girls' dormitory to be located on College Street just north of Howard Hall, and the additional funds to be used to construct two dormitories similar to dormitory No. 2 on the East Green. This motion carried unanimously.

After further discussion of the possibility of borrowing $1,200,000 to construct additional dormitories, it was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Frederick that the architectural firm of Potter, Tyler, Martin, and Roth of Cincinnati, Ohio, be employed to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed new dormitories. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lausche then reported that the Student Center building was progressing ahead of schedule as far as the construction was concerned and that a committee had been at work for about a year in planning the furnishings for the various rooms in the Student Center building. He further reported that the footbridge would be completed in the very near future and that most of the steel work was now completed and the approaches were to be constructed by maintenance employees of Ohio University.
Under unfinished business, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Ohio University accept with thanks the scholarship gift presented by the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio in memory of Eleanor Gifford and that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees be instructed to write a letter of thanks to Bishop Hopson of Cincinnati. This motion was unanimously passed.

The Chairman then called a roll of members for comments.

President Baker presented the sketches of the proposed medallion to be issued during the Sesquicentennial Year. After a general discussion, it was moved by Mr. Frederick, seconded by Mr. Crow, that the medallion presented by President Baker and prepared by Dwight Hutchler be approved as the official medallion of Ohio University Sesquicentennial Celebration. This motion carried unanimously.

After further discussion, the date of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees was established as Friday, June 5, 1953, at 2 p.m. in the Trustees' Room, Cutler Hall, Athens, Ohio.

There being no further business the Board of Trustees adjourned.

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