

meeting of
October 9, 1953

Cutler Hall
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio
October 9, 1953

Mr. O'Brien

The Board of Trustees of Ohio University held a regular meeting in Cutler Hall, Athens, Ohio, October 9, 1953.

Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. H. E. Frederick, Gordon K. Bush, C. Don McVay, Harvey B. Jordan, John W. Galbreath, Fred H. Johnson. Also present were President John C. Baker, Messrs. B. T. Grover, L. F. Lausche and Paul R. O'Brien.

Messrs. Fred W. Crow and Joseph B. Hall were absent.

It was moved by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Galbreath, that the minutes of the June 5, 1953, meeting be approved as sent out by the Secretary. This motion carried.

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

Mr. O'Brien presented a report showing total appropriations available for the year ending June 30, 1954, \$3,371,729.95. Expenditures made against these appropriations through September 30, 1953, total \$580,626.31. The cash balance as of September 30, 1953, was \$2,791,103.64; with outstanding orders totaling \$65,186.97, and an unencumbered balance of \$2,727,916.67.

Mr. Grover reported for the Athletic and Public Relations Committee that Robert Wren had been transferred to the Dean of Men's Office and would divide his time in the future between the Dean of Men's Office and coaching of baseball. Mr. Grover reported that although the score of the Harvard game was not satisfactory, otherwise the trip was a complete success and he felt that this game would add to the prestige of Ohio University in the East.

Mr. Grover reported that due to the poor growing conditions over the past summer, the golf course will be open for play in the spring instead of this fall as originally planned.

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

Mr. Jordan asked Mr. O'Brien to present a group life insurance plan that had been prepared by the special committee appointed to study the need for additional life insurance for the staff members. Mr. O'Brien presented a plan prepared by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. The amount of insurance carried is based on the annual salary received

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by the participants. There are five classes of policies issued: Class 1, those employees earning less than \$3,000 will receive an insurance policy for \$2,500; Class 2, those employees earning between \$3,000 and \$3,999 will receive a policy of \$3,500; Class 3, those employees receiving annual salaries between \$4,000 and \$4,999 will receive an insurance policy of \$4,500; Class 4, those employees receiving annual salaries between \$5,000 and \$7,500, will receive a policy of \$5,500. Class 5, those employees receiving annual salaries of \$7,500 will receive a policy of \$7,500. The committee recommended that this plan be added to the present plan now in effect.

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company was chosen to carry this additional insurance because the Committee felt this company presented the best plan studied by the Committee.

The annual premium costs on this plan for the first year would be approximately \$40,000. The cost in future years would be reduced by 71.48 percent to 78.47 percent of the original premium, less 83.2 per cent of the losses. In order to purchase this additional insurance it is necessary to give all employees participating an increase in salary equal to the annual premium and then make deductions from their salaries for the premiums.

It was further pointed out that at the present time the money to put this plan into effect is not available, however, it will probably be available in the future when registration fees are raised.

It was moved by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Galbreath, that the group life insurance plan presented by the Secretary be approved and that it be put into effect as soon as the administrative officers determine it possible. This motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Jordan then asked President Baker for a report on the faculty salaries. The President reported that our faculty salaries were pretty much in line with other faculty salaries in Ohio, however, they had not kept pace with the salaries paid by industry, and that this fact would tend to decrease the quality of the faculty for future years as most smart young men were going into industry rather than into college teaching. He said that he will have a more complete report on this situation at a future meeting of the Board.

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Mr. McVay, for the Finance Committee, presented a revised bond resolution to replace the one passed at the March meeting of the Trustees. It was pointed out that this resolution had been prepared by the three retirement systems purchasing the University's bonds and would be a uniform resolution used by all of the state universities.

(Here insert the Bond Resolution).

It was moved by Mr. McVay, seconded by Mr. Bush, that the above resolution be approved as read, and substituted for a similar bond resolution passed at the March 13, 1953 meeting of the Board of Trustees. On roll call, the following votes were recorded: Mr. Frederick, Yes; Mr. McVay, Yes; Mr. Bush, Yes; Mr. Galbreath, Yes; Mr. Johnson, Yes; Mr. Jordan, Yes. Mr. Hall and Mr. Crow were absent from this meeting.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Inter-University Council had agreed that the members of the Inter-University Council recommend to their Boards of Trustees an increase in fees effective in September, 1954; the annual registration fee to be increased from \$105.00 to \$135.00 and the non-resident fee be increased from \$150.00 to \$210.00. The Trustees of Ohio State University have already taken action to increase their fees. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McVay, that the out-of-state fees be increased from \$75.00 per semester to \$105.00 per semester, effective September, 1954; and that students who are enrolled during the college year 1953-54, to be charged the non-resident fee at present in effect so long as they are continuously enrolled; those now absent in military service or those enrolled during the college year 1953-54 whose courses may be interrupted by military service will be charged the present fee. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson then moved, seconded by Mr. McVay, that the registration fee for Ohio Residents be increased from \$52.50 per semester to \$67.50 per semester, effective September, 1954. This motion carried unanimously.

There was no report from the Library Committee.

Mr. Bush reported for the Planning, Building, and Land Purchase Committee.

He presented the following bids on Voigt Hall, the new girls' dormitory, as being the low bids and those recommended by the Director of Public Works to be accepted; General Contract, H. C. Hummer, Columbus, Ohio, \$445,385; Plumbing contract, Gesling Plumbing Company of Lancaster, Ohio, \$30,000; the heating contract, Gesling Plumbing Company, of Lancaster, Ohio, \$24,250; the electrical contract, Bertke and Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, \$22,511.00. This makes the total cost for the dormitory, less the architect's fees and the furnishings, of \$522,146.00. The dormitory will house 163 women and this is a cost of \$3,210.00 per woman. It was moved by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Galbreath, that the above bids be accepted and that the Director of Public Works be authorized to enter into contracts with the low bidders indicated above. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Inter-University Council had agreed that the members of the Inter-University Council recommend to their Boards of Trustees an increase in fees effective in September, 1921; the annual registration fee to be increased from \$102.00 to \$132.00 and the non-resident fee be increased from \$150.00 to \$210.00. The Trustees of Ohio State University have already taken action to increase their fees. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Moway, that the out-of-state fees be increased from \$125.00 per semester to \$102.00 per semester, effective September, 1921; and that students who are enrolled during the college year 1921-22, to be charged the non-resident fee at present in effect so long as they are continuously enrolled; those now absent in military service or those enrolled during the college year 1921-22 whose courses may be interrupted by military service will be charged the present fee. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson then moved, seconded by Mr. Moway, that the registration fee for Ohio Residents be increased from \$25.50 per semester to \$67.50 per semester, effective September, 1921. This motion carried unanimously.

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The Secretary reported that the Stewart property tentatively approved for purchase by the Board at the last meeting was not available and that the property cannot be acquired at the present time.

Mr. Bush asked President Baker for some comments on the needs for buildings at Ohio University. President Baker reported that the size of the freshman class had doubled in the past two years and that the dormitory situation was acute now. If this trend continues, it also would require many future classroom buildings.

Mr. Bush then called the attention of the Board to a map of the campus and pointed out the three possible locations for the new classroom building for which an appropriation was made by the last legislature. He pointed out a possible location now owned by the University at the corner of President and Court Streets; also a location on the corner of the main Green adjacent to the Library, going down East Union Street, including the area now occupied by the Monument. The third location was an area next to Rufus Putnam School, further down on East Union Street, which the University does not own at the present time.

After a long discussion by the members of the Board, it was moved by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the new classroom building be located on the corner of President and Court Streets, and that it be assigned to the College of Commerce.

There was a discussion on the employment of an architect for the new classroom building. After this discussion, it was moved by Mr. Galbreath, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and unanimously passed, that the architectural committee be empowered to employ an architect for the new classroom building, subject to later approval of the Board. The Architectural Committee is to consist of the following: the Chairman of the Building, Planning, and Land Purchase Committee, the President of the University, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and the Business Manager of the University.

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Mr. Bush asked whether there was any possibility of the Board's purchasing at Ohio University. President Baker reported that the Board of the freshman class had doubled in the past few years and that the University situation was acute now. If this trend continues, it also would result in many future classroom buildings.

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Mr. Lausche reported that the architects on the new chapel have prepared almost complete working plans which have been submitted to the State Architect who has approved these plans, subject to a few minor changes. When these changes have been made, and the type of pipe organ desired is determined, these plans can be ready to submit to bidders.

Mr. Lausche reported that Sigma Chi was the only fraternity to take advantage of the action of the Trustees at their last meeting permitting the University to furnish heat and hot water to fraternities or sororities on the campus, provided that they would pay for hooking onto our present steam and water lines. The charges are to be \$400 per year for heat and \$200 per year for hot water.

Mr. Lausche reported that the request for a crossing light at the B & O Ry. crossing on University Terrace has been referred to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and that their investigator has submitted a favorable report. We hope to get action on this crossing light in the near future.

After a further discussion of the need for more dormitories, Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and unanimously passed, that the administrative officers and the Building, Planning, and Land Purchase Committee be instructed to report to the Board of Trustees, at the next regular meeting, on the acquisition of land if necessary, and the financing of not less than 4 additional dormitories to house from 600 to 700 students.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and unanimously passed, that the administrative officers of the University and the Building, Planning, and Land Purchase Committee of the Board of Trustees be requested to make a survey of the needs for faculty housing and the possible methods of obtaining this housing, and report to the Board of Trustees at a later date.

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History of the Communist Party of the United States of America
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He suggested that this committee be composed of members of the Board of Trustees, members of the faculty, students, and alumni.

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A discussion followed of the need for acquisition of the Jacobs property. This property is located between our Ohio University Center and the Speech Building. It was moved by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Galbreath that the administrative officers be authorized to purchase the Jacobs property, and that if a reasonable price cannot be agreed upon that they be authorized to proceed with condemnation proceedings in order to obtain this vital property. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Sesquicentennial scholarship drive was progressing satisfactorily. There are 112 district chairmen appointed and the drive is under way in 31 communities and that \$48,000 in pledges has been received. He further pointed out that in order to make this drive successful, it would require the complete cooperation of all trustees and all of the alumni and we must obtain a number of large gifts. He requested all trustees who know any prospective donors of large gifts to contact them as soon as possible.

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Mr. O'Brien reported that the Attorney General has not given his informal opinion regarding the deed to the Presbyterian Church at this time. A further report will be made at the next meeting of the Board.

The Chairman then suggested that the December and March meeting of the Board of Trustees be combined and held on February 18, 1954, which is the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Act creating Ohio University.

The Governor will be on the campus on that date and will probably attend this meeting. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bush, that the December and March meetings of The Board of Trustees be consolidated and held on February 18, 1954. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bush presented an option on property located at 97 East Union Street owned by Ray Collett, for \$25,000.00. This price was so unreasonable that the option was not considered.

President Baker was called upon for his report. He reported that in the past at the request of the ROTC officials, Ohio University had withheld the granting of a degree from a student who had started advanced military training, and had not completed the course. Now, in the confused ROTC set-up, President Baker said this rule was being waived because the present ROTC units are not offering commissions to all who complete their course.

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President Baker reported that our College of Applied Science was doing an excellent job, and that we have a good faculty at the present time. He pointed out that Professor Roger Quisenberry in Electrical Engineering has completed a research project on a network analyser that appears to be an important addition to the Electrical Engineering field. He feels that this project may be an incentive to commercial institutions to contribute large sums of money to further our research in engineering. He stressed the need for the completion of the engineering building.

He reported that of our incoming Freshman class of approximately 1600, 216 have indicated a preference for engineering.

The President said that he has no recommendations to make at the present time for the employment of a Dean of the College of Education.

On a roll call of members Mr. McVay requested that the construction of a field house be kept in mind for the future at Ohio University.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President Baker reported that our College of Applied Science was doing an excellent job, and that we have a good faculty at the present time. He pointed out that Professor Roger Griswold in Electrical Engineering has completed a research project on a new type of amplifier that appears to be an important addition to the Electrical Engineering field. He feels that this project may be an incentive to commercial institutions to contribute large sums of money to further our research in engineering. He stressed the need for the completion of the engineering building.

He reported that of our incoming Freshman class of approximately 1600, 516 have indicated a preference for engineering. The President said that he has no recommendations to make at the present time for the employment of a Dean of the College of Education. (As a roll call of members Mr. Levy reported that the construction of a field house is kept in mind for the future of Ohio University. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.