A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ohio University was held in the Trustees' Room, Cutler Hall, Athens, Ohio, on October 11, 1955.

Chairman C. Don McVay called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Messrs. Gordon K. Bush, Harvey B. Jordan, Joseph B. Hall, John W. Galbreath, and Chairman McVay.

Mr. Fred Johnson arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. H. E. Frederick and Mr. Fred Crow were absent.

Also present were: President John C. Baker, Messrs. E. T. Grover, L. F. Lausche, and Paul R. O'Brien.

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Galbreath, that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 10, 1955, be approved as distributed by the Secretary. This motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary presented letters of thanks for their election as professors emeriti from Dr. E. Herndon Hudson, Professor H. H. Peckham, and Professor John A. Hess.

The following memorial to C. L. Dow was presented by the Secretary.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF PROFESSOR CLARENCE L. DOW

The Board of Trustees of Ohio University observes with deep sadness the passing of Professor Clarence Lorenzo Dow whose death occurred aboard ship on July 25, 1955, while he was returning from a Fulbright lectureship in geography in two of the oldest universities in Japan. Dr. Dow came to Ohio University as Associate Professor of Geography and Geology in 1936, and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1941. In September 1949 he became chairman of the Department of Geography and Geology where he served for eighteen years with distinction and honor until the time of his death.
In consideration of Professor Dow's highly valuable service to Ohio University and to the entire State of Ohio - his services as a skillful teacher, administrator, and member of important committees; his instructional service in the Civil Aeronautics Authority Ground School during World War II; his services as a member of the Ohio Academy of Science, Geology Section; his membership on the Ohio State Geologic Survey and Department of Lands and Soils Subcommittees; his membership on the five-man committee which wrote the legislation establishing the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; his honor in having been invited by Governor Frank Lausche to serve on the seven-man commission which directs the program of conservation of natural resources in the State of Ohio; his services in securing public and legislative approval for the lake and recreational facilities soon to be developed in the Strouds Run area (near Athens), and for the honor which came to him when the Department of Natural Resources recognized Dr. Dow's services by naming this lake Dow Lake; and further, in consideration of his high ideals of the scholarship, his scientific contributions to the professional journals in his field, his exceptional qualities of leadership, his amiable disposition and generosity of spirit, and his willingness always to extend himself to the limits of his energies to serve students, his community, and the general welfare of the State; in consideration of these and other valued services,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Board of Trustees of Ohio University attest to the excellent teaching services which Dr. Dow gave to Ohio University and to the scholarly and wise leadership which he gave to the Department of Natural Resources in the State of Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the Board of Trustees; and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Caroline Dow, his wife, as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation of his many valued services and as an expression of our deep sympathy to Mrs. Dow and the members of her family.

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and unanimously carried, that the foregoing resolution be approved and incorporated in the minutes of the Board of Trustees as a permanent memorial to Clarence Lorenzo Dow, and also that a copy of this memorial be sent to Mr. Dow's widow.

Mr. O'Brien presented the following summary of current operation and rotary accounts for Ohio University.

**OHIO UNIVERSITY MONTHLY REPORT**

Month Ended: September 30, 1955

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Annual Appropriation</th>
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Mr. O'Brien then presented the following summary of the estimated revenues and the amounts necessary to retire the Physical Education Building Bonds.

**ESTIMATED REVENUES AND AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO RETIRE PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING BONDS**

<table>
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<th>YEAR</th>
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<th>AMOUNT NECESSARY TO RETIRE PHYSICAL ED. BUILDING BONDS</th>
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<td>1965</td>
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Mr. O'Brien also presented a report showing the outstanding bonded indebtedness on June 30, 1955, including the three and one-half million dollar bond issue that was approved at the June 10 meeting of the Board of Trustees; but not yet delivered. This report showed a total bonded indebtedness of nine million one hundred eighty thousand dollars to be paid in annual amounts through the year 1994.

The interest paid on the various bond issues ranged from two and one-half per cent to three and three-quarters per cent. This interest rate is determined by the prevailing rates on the date on which the bonds are delivered.

There was a long discussion of this bonded indebtedness and the estimated amount of revenue which would be available for the retirement of these bonds. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the Board of Trustees that the estimated revenues would be sufficient to retire all the bonds and that the financial condition of the dormitory system warranted investigating the possibility of constructing additional dormitory facilities.
Due to Mr. Frederick's absence there was no report from the Athletic and Public Relations Committee, however, Mr. Grover was called upon to report on the athletic policy of Bowling Green regarding aid to athletes. Mr. Grover reported that Bowling Green University was giving three meals per day to athletes participating in football, basketball, and baseball during the respective seasons without requiring the athletes to work for the meals provided. This is contrary to the Presidents' Agreement which provides that only one meal per day will be given during the season and that the participant shall work for the other two meals. President McDonald of Bowling Green reported that he did not understand this rule and agreed to change the policy to conform with the rules of the Mid-American Conference after they had completed the commitments already outstanding.

Mr. Jordan reported that there had been no meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Johnson asked President Baker to present the average salaries of the various ranks. President Baker presented the following report:

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<th>Number</th>
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<td>42</td>
<td>Professor</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>Associate Professor</td>
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<td>102</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
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<td>59</td>
<td>Instructor</td>
<td>4,408</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Lecturer</td>
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Mr. Johnson reported that some study had been made of the supplemental income for retired personnel. The Ohio State plan has been studied and at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees the Faculty Relations Committee will present recommendations to supplement the income of persons retired prior to June 30, 1955.
Mr. Galbreath reported that the bonds for the Physical Education Building had been approved and were in the process of being delivered. He further reported that the three million five hundred thousand dollar bond issue, for the construction of the last three dormitories on the East Green, has been approved by the State Teachers Retirement System. The bonds are now being printed, and will be delivered when required by the State Teachers Retirement System.

Mr. O'Brien submitted the following report on the appropriations obtained from the last legislative session. It can be summarized as follows:

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Received for the 1955-56 Biennium.

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<td>MAINTENANCE</td>
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<td>TOTAL OPERATING</td>
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*$112,000 of this increase to be obtained by an increase in registration fees by Ohio University.*
Mr. O'Brien then reported that the present Congress has made five major changes in the College Housing Act of 1950. He outlined the changes as follows:

1. The program has been broadened to include other educational facilities such as dining halls, student centers, student union, infirmaries, etc.
2. The maximum terms of loans was increased from thirty to fifty years.
3. The total amount of money available for loans was increased from three hundred million to five hundred million.
4. The interest rate was lowered from a previous 3.25% to 2.75%.
5. A corporation may be established by an educational institution for the sole purpose of providing housing or other educational facilities for students and faculty and to participate in the college housing program.

Mr. O'Brien further reported that the Housing and Home Finance Agency (the loaning agency administering this Act) is permitted to loan not to exceed fifty million dollars to Ohio colleges, and at the present time this agency has outstanding eleven million dollars in loans to Ohio colleges. It was also reported that this agency is permitted to extend the loans to fifty years, but it still prefers to make forty year loans.

After a discussion of this report it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Galbreath and unanimously passed that due to the future need for dormitories for single students, and the need of housing for married students, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized to investigate the possibility of obtaining a loan from the Housing and Home Finance Agency and to file the necessary application to obtain this loan in an amount not to exceed five million dollars.
In the likely event that the previously expressed condition fails, the following

steps will be necessary to ensure the integrity of the information gathered:

1. Categorize all data that is deemed sensitive or confidential.
2. Implement appropriate security measures to protect this data.
3. Establish clear communication protocols to ensure timely updates.
4. Allocate additional resources to handle the increased workload.

It is imperative that we proceed with caution and diligence in handling this situation,

as the consequences could be severe. We must prioritize the protection of our data

and ensure that our operations remain uninterrupted.

Furthermore, it is crucial that we maintain open lines of communication

with all stakeholders to keep them informed of the ongoing developments.

In conclusion, this situation requires immediate attention and prompt action,

to mitigate any potential risks and ensure the smooth operation of our systems.

We are committed to doing everything within our power to address this issue,

and we will not hesitate to implement additional measures as needed.
Mr. Grover was then called upon for a report on the pending one hundred fifty million dollar bond issue for public buildings, including universities, to be retired from an additional one cent per package tax on cigarettes.

Mr. Grover reported that in order to help pass the bond issue, Ohio University has taken the following steps:

1. Every student has received a personal letter from President Baker asking their support of this issue.
2. A four-page brochure has been prepared and mailed to all former students of Ohio University who are living in Ohio.
3. All students have been requested to write their parents explaining this bond issue and requesting their help.
4. A large mailing box has been set up in the Ohio University Center to encourage students to write home relatives to support this bond issue.
5. Reprints of the article in last month's Ohio University Alumni were being sent to approximately eleven thousand alumni residents of Ohio who are not members of the Alumni Association.
6. Arrangements have been made with student groups to attach stickers to the bumpers of all cars coming to the home football games.
7. A Speakers' Bureau has been established at Ohio University to furnish speakers for all luncheon clubs and other organizations in the area requesting them.

Mr. Grover reported a state-wide meeting was to be held in Columbus Friday, October 14, at which Governor Lausche and Speaker of the House Roger Cloud and President pro tempore of the Senate Standley Mechem were to speak in favor of this bond issue.

Mr. Grover further reported that the Farm Bureau, Educational Associations, Welfare Associations, and Parent Teacher Associations were all supporting this bond issue.

President Baker reported that to his knowledge the Cigarette Venders Association was the only organized group opposing this bond issue.
Mr. O'Brien reported that we must deliver to the purchasers $3,500,000 in bonds within the next few months and that most of the money would not be needed for six to nine months. After a discussion of the possibility of investing in commercial paper or Treasury Bills, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that the Secretary be authorized to purchase short term Treasury Bills with any surplus construction funds not needed immediately for erecting buildings. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson reported for the Inter-University Relations Committee that all of the State universities had agreed to increase registration fees from $67.50 to $75.00 a semester for resident students, and from $172.50 to $200.00 a semester for out-of-state students, effective September, 1956.

Mr. O'Brien submitted a report suggesting that Ohio University go on a flat fee basis. He reported that Ohio State University was now on a flat fee basis and this seems to be the trend throughout the country. In other words, this would eliminate the charging of individual laboratory fees and each student would pay the same amount whether he was registered as a major in chemistry or in history, or some course not requiring laboratory fees.

After a general discussion of this suggestion, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Ohio University charge a comprehensive fee of $110 per semester for resident students and $235 per semester for out-of-state students, effective in September, 1956; this to include all laboratory fees, athletic, lecture, and entertainment fees, building fees and library fees. This motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Johnson reported that the Ohio University Fund had contributed $1,401,82 as the University's share of the expenses of conducting the present drive to obtain a favorable vote on the One Hundred Fifty Million Dollar Bond Issue.

Mr. Hall submitted the following report for the Library Committee.

Close to 24,000 more books were borrowed during the past year than the year before, an increase of some 30%, making a total of 96,442. The Library contains 243,877 volumes.

This is progress and a sure sign that the library and its services are playing an increasingly important role in the educational program and in the experience of the individual student.

Plans for a future undergraduate reading room on the lower campus and for library space in a building yet to be designed for the north-west corner of the College Green give promise for the years ahead, but during the year past a number of occasions demonstrated that our present proportion of one library seat for every nine students is totally inadequate. Steps taken at the close of the year to add a hundred or a hundred and fifty seats to the present 550 available in the library will make a scarcely perceptible change in this situation, since the enrollment will increase simultaneously if present predictions hold. Some additional help may come from further development of dormitory book collections specifically planned to be useful in course work as well as in furnishing the atmosphere for recreational reading, but the University will not be meeting its library obligations until it can offer a minimum of one seat in the library, or in an equally convenient study room, for every five students.
At this point the Board of Trustees adjourned for lunch to be reconvened immediately after lunch at the call of the Chairman.

During lunch hour, all of the members of the Board of Trustees present were taken to the Athens Ice and Storage Company and shown the properties owned by this firm.

When the Trustees reconvened after lunch, Mr. Bush presented an outline of the offer made by the Athens Ice and Storage Co. to sell their properties to the Ohio University Board of Trustees for the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars. There was a general discussion of the use of this property and the possibility of converting the present service building into a classroom building, and moving the service facilities to the plant of the Athens Ice and Storage Co.

After a thorough discussion it was moved by Mr. Galbreath, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the purchase of the property of the Athens Ice and Storage Company be approved for a top price of $75,000. It was suggested that it may be possible to purchase this property for $65,000, and that an attempt should be made to get a reduction in the price, however, if no reduction was available the $75,000 should be accepted, and that the Administrative Officers of Ohio University attempt to obtain a release from the Emergency Board for sufficient funds to purchase this property. This motion carried unanimously.

After a general discussion of the need for more dormitories and the lack of suitable sites now owned by the University for the location of these dormitories, it was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and unanimously passed that the Secretary be instructed to request the Attorney General to give an Opinion to determine whether the Board of Trustees of Ohio University has authority to borrow money for the purchase of land to erect future dormitories, and to pledge excess revenues, not needed for the retirement of the present outstanding dormitory bonds, for the repayment of these notes.
After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that if the Attorney General renders a favorable opinion, that the President of Ohio University and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized to issue notes for the purchase of land to be used for dormitory purposes heretofore or hereinafter approved by the Board of Trustees.

On a roll call vote, the following votes were recorded: Hall, Yes; Jordan, Yes; Johnson, Yes; Bush, Yes; Galbreath, Yes; McVay, Yes.

Mr. Bush then reported the possibility of obtaining the so-called Cobb Lash property, across the Hocking River and west of Richland Avenue, comprising approximately thirteen acres.

There was a general discussion of the possible use of this property for dormitory purposes in the future and although no option was at hand, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that if it is possible to purchase the Lash property, that it be approved for not to exceed $700 per acre. This would make the total price around nine thousand dollars. This motion carried unanimously.

President Baker reported that he had been talking with Mr. A. C. Denison of the university architectural department relative to his preparing a long time plan for the future expansion of Ohio University. There was a general discussion of the need for this type of planning and it was moved by Mr. Galbreath, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Mr. Denison be employed during the summer months to prepare a long range plan for the future development of Ohio University. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lausche presented drawings showing the new physical education building and the new engineering science building for which plans are being prepared by the State Architect's Office. He reported these plans should be complete in the near future, and that the money was available for the construction of both of these buildings.
Mr. Bush presented a request from the City of Athens for the granting of an easement for the construction of a roadway east of the present Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks along the west side of the University property from the north side of the property owned by the Athens Building Material Co. to Mill Street. There was a discussion of the need for this road and it was pointed out that the construction of this road would enhance the value of the property now owned by the University and the move would be very beneficial to the University as a whole, and would relieve the traffic congestion in the city.

Mr. Bush moved, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that the City be granted the right to use the land for the construction of a roadway and that they be granted any easement within the powers of the Board of Trustees to grant that will permit the construction of this roadway. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson reporting on faculty housing said that his project has four houses under construction, and he will be able to build many more as soon as the City makes available sewer and water to the area in which his lots are located.

President Baker pointed out that many faculty members were purchasing or building homes, but that we would still have a need for rental units for young faculty persons who have not acquired tenure.

Mr. Lausche reported that we are at present investigating the possibilities of a new Television Broadcasting Station that will be available for an amount from forty to fifty thousand dollars, and that we hope to have a final report and recommendations for the Trustees at their next meeting.

President Baker was called upon for his report, and he reported as follows:

Our enrollment has been increasing much faster than the average college enrollment since 1951-1952. Our present enrollment of sixty-one hundred, an increase of about twenty-one hundred since 1951-52, is outstanding. He feels that there are many causes for this increase and among them can be listed the improved housing conditions, the publicity received during the Sesquicentennial celebration, and the fact that we are calling on many more high schools than formerly for college days.
We have now passed Kent State in full time enrollment, and our enrollment trend seems to be steadily upward. In the future it will probably be at a slower rate, however, our present enrollment can be termed a solid enrollment as only 80 persons are carrying less than 12 hours.

The Branch enrollment this year has increased considerably over previous years. At present the enrollment at the Branch Schools is as follows: Chillicothe, 250; Portsmouth, 304; Zanesville, 240. These Branch schools are operated on a self-supporting basis, and in all cases the towns are friendly and are helping in every way to keep and build up the Branch schools. We have insisted on quality teaching in the Branches and we feel that the enrollment will increase steadily in the future.

The President reported that we have been attempting to discourage those students whose psychological tests indicate they will have trouble doing satisfactory college work. The OSPE tests given the entering freshman class this year indicate that 30 per cent should be "B" students and 5 per cent should be "E" students. This is an improvement compared with the 1953 entering freshmen which indicated that 26 per cent should be "B" students and 12 per cent "E" students.

The President then asked for questions.

Mr. Jordan requested to know the number of students registered in electrical engineering and whether we were offering courses in electronics in this college.

President Baker reported that we have 158 students in the three years of electrical engineering and Mr. Lausche reported that our electrical engineering course includes several courses in electronics and that our students are well trained in modern electrical engineering including electronics.
President Baker reported that our Placement Bureau has arranged for 286
different industrial firms and 125 different school districts to interview our
seniors during the past year. There were 2,267 students individually interviewed
by placement officers from either industry or school districts. This indicates
approximately three interviews for every student graduating. There is an increasing
demand for our students in both industry and schools.

President Baker reported that many state universities feel that the state
government is interfering with the rights of the Trustees. He asked Professor
Collins of our Government Department to make a study of this growing tendency.
We have not noticed this as much in Ohio as seems to be the case in other states.
However, House Bill No. 490, passed at the last session of the legislature, seems
to take some of the control of the construction of buildings from the Trustees.

Mr. Bush agreed that probably House Bill No. 490, setting up the Division
of Capital Planning and Improvement, does infringe upon the rights of the Trustees.

The President reported that now is the time to obtain a good faculty for
the future. This year we brought in fifty-four new staff members and as a group
they are all above average and many of them outstanding. He reported that we have
obtained a new dean of the college of education, Dean Francis M. Hamblin, who is
well trained having received his undergraduate degree from Amherst, and his graduate
work in education at the Harvard Graduate School.
Mr. Lausche reported that Colonel Berger of the Air Force Officers Training Department has reported to him that the next Congress may be more liberal in allocating buildings for ROTC purposes with fewer reservations on the use and control of the buildings.

Mr. Bush and President Baker both felt that Colonel Berger may be over optimistic about this possibility, however, we will not neglect any chance to obtain a federal ROTC building provided the federal government does not place too many restrictions upon its use.

The President then reported that he had been spending one or two days a week in New York City on his UN assignment, but he felt that the time required may be less in the future.

Upon a roll call of members, Mr. McVay suggested that we should move ahead as fast as possible in obtaining a federal loan.

Mr. Bush suggested that we hold an Executive Committee meeting the night prior to the regular meeting in December as it was almost impossible to cover the large agenda presented for this meeting without slighting some of the items.

After a discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 13, 1955, at 10 a.m., in the Trustees' Room, Cutler Hall, Athens, Ohio.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.