

These are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Athletic Club in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, July 17, 1968.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. with the following members present: Joseph B. Hall, Wayne E. Brown, Don M. Casto, Jr., Duncan M. Baxter, C. Paul Stocker, Edwin L. Kennedy, and William R. Morris. In addition to the members of the Board of Trustees also present were Vernon R. Alden, President; Provost Thomas S. Smith; Vice Presidents James J. Whalen, Martin L. Hecht and Robert L. Savage; Treasurer John F. Millar; Paul R. O'Brien, Secretary; L. F. Lausche, University Architect and Planner. Also present were Ward Wilson, Director of Non-Academic Personnel; James Henderson, Assistant to the Vice President; Abraham Clearfield, Representative of the Faculty Senate; and John Felton representing the Ohio University Post.

The Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Casto, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the meetings held June 6 and recessed until June 19 when it was reconvened be approved as distributed by the Secretary.

The Secretary then read the following letter from Governor James A. Rhodes indicating the re-appointment of Fred H. Johnson as a member of the Board of Trustees.

STATE OF OHIO

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

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I, James A. Rhodes, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Fred H. Johnson (Republican), Upper Arlington, Franklin County, Ohio, as a member, Board of Trustees of the Ohio University, for a new term beginning May 14, 1968, and ending at the close of business May 13, 1977, with appointee taking office in his new term June 7, 1968.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 7th day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.

(Seal)

/s/ James A. Rhodes  
Governor

The Secretary then reported that a letter had been received from Professor Sherwood Hall, Acting Director of the School of Music, and concurred by Dean Morrison, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, recommending that a voice studio in the new music building now under construction be named the C. C. Robinson Studio in memory of Professor C. C. Robinson, former director of the School of Music. The Chairman then noted that if there were no objections from the trustees, he would refer this request to the proper committee. There being no objection, this request was submitted to the committee for recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

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The Chairman then called on President Alden for his report.

The President called on Provost Smith for a report. Provost Smith reported as follows:

EARLY ADMISSION TO GRADUATE COLLEGE

The superior student (generally a 3.5 accumulative average is required) may upon the completion of all his graduation requirements except for the total number of hours required apply for admission to the Graduate College. If he is accepted for admission, the credit he earns in the Graduate College will be counted toward both his undergraduate and his graduate degree. It is theoretically possible, therefore, for the exceptional student to be granted his master's and his bachelor's degree at the same time.

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## PASS-FAIL SYSTEM

This last term almost 500 juniors and seniors took courses on a pass-fail basis. The accumulative average of the grades they actually earned, but for which they earned the grade of "P" was 2.4.

This program was devised to allow students to take courses of special interest without risking their point average. It is now restricted to juniors and seniors with a 2.5 average. Only one pass-fail course is allowed per quarter and students are not permitted to take courses on a pass-fail basis in courses which are denoted as "requirements."

The pass-fail system is now under study with a view toward liberalization. The new proposal allows for 1) the lowering of the grade point prerequisites; 2) opening the procedure to freshmen and sophomores; 3) allowing pass-fail in the required courses; 4) removing the necessity of the adviser's approval; and 5) allowing ten days after the opening of classes for exercising the pass-fail option. This program is now in process and will probably be subjected to considerable alteration and qualification before it is passed. The effort here is simply to put more of the responsibility for his education upon the student himself.

## STUDENT-PACED LEARNING IN GENERAL CHEMISTRY

In a two-year experimental program supported by the Esso Foundation, Professor Jesse Day proposes a scheme which may prove very significant in efforts to provide for individual differences in the large classroom.

Under this plan the beginning chemistry student will be given a detailed list of objectives and sample final examination problems, textbook and list of references, and an introduction to the "class library." He will attend scheduled lectures on defined topics only as he wishes. Specially trained graduate assistants will be available for personal consultation throughout the week.

The final examination will be the only examination given. It will be offered once each month, and the student may take it when he feels ready. He may accept the grade earned, or take the examination as many times as he wishes, receiving as his only grade that on the last examination taken.

## CUTLER PROGRAM

The University has recently approved the institution of a program whereby a student may devise his own four-year baccalaureate degree in consultation with a specially appointed advisor (a Cutler Fellow). A student wishing to enter the Cutler Program must demonstrate his special needs and ability and must convince the Director of the program, his assigned Cutler Fellow, and the program's administrative committee that he should be admitted.

This program has been instituted on a three-year trial basis and is limited initially to 150 students.

## HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College and the pre-honors college freshman program enroll approximately 800 students yearly. The Honors College student is chosen primarily on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement, but those with special qualifications or unusual background are also accepted upon sufficient evidence. Honors College students take their basic sophomore courses in small seminar sections and in their junior and senior years may work for departmental honors in which they carry out and submit a report upon sustained independent research in a specific discipline. They may also choose to take their major in "general honors." This latter program the students take each quarter a specially designed seminar in a particular program. In the general honors program the students themselves may design courses and submit them to the Honors College for approval and to a faculty member for actual offering. Already five or six of such student-designed courses have been approved and offered. The effort here is to carry out experimentation in various interdisciplinary subjects. Course subjects in general honors range from "Fluid Dynamics for Non-engineers" through the more normal range of academic problems to the course in figure drawing for non-art majors.

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## INDEPENDENT STUDY

A student at Ohio University may do independent study for as many as 15 hours in one quarter, either on or off the campus. Here again the burden for establishing and getting approval for such a program is upon the student. It is he who must convince his adviser and his department that the nature of his project and his intellectual qualities assure the completion of a successful and significant quarter's work.

## CREDIT BY EXAMINATION ON INDEPENDENT STUDY

As Mr. John Nash, who recently earned his A.B. degree in less than two years from Ohio University, has demonstrated, a program exists by which the enterprising student may apply for a special examination in a particular course whose content he feels he can master on his own.

Because the present system is cumbersome and not well publicized, a new program is now in the process of being instituted. This new program will remove many of the administrative barriers between the student and this program, will seek to encourage the independent student to use this system, and change the grading system to pass or non-pass (as opposed to a pass-fail system). It is hoped that a successful administration of this program will allow the student to proceed through the university at his own rate.

## STUDY ABROAD

Ohio University now offers opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate students to take academic credit for supervised study abroad. This next year students from Ohio University with students from Bowling Green State University will be studying in Madrid, Spain, in Salzburg, Austria, and Tours, France. Students working in this program may get as many as 45 term hours in the humanities and in the social sciences. This program is not restricted to the junior year as it is in some other schools, but includes graduates as well as undergraduate students. Ohio University now offers a number of summer programs abroad of which are equally of interest. Some 50 students from Ohio University are currently working at the "Ohio University in Italy." These students are largely students in economics and art. Another group of 40 students is now engaged in study in Spanish in the Ohio University program in Mexico. Three students (two on scholarship) are now studying in summer program in the Soviet Union. During this summer and next year approximately 150 students will be studying abroad under the auspices of Ohio University.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Ohio University participates in the Advanced Placement Program by which entering students may earn college credit by submitting superior scores on the Advanced Placement test given at regular intervals throughout the country. It is theoretically possible under this system for a student of exceptional training to earn credits for his whole freshman year by this method.

During the pre-college program an incoming freshman may take tests in European history, chemistry and American history. If he does well on these tests he will be excused from taking the basic courses in these areas.

In reply to questions from various members of the Board, Provost Smith reported that there are scholarships awarded by the Scholarship Committee in all of the programs he referred to above and that he did anticipate some extension of the pass-fail program; however, he pointed out some departments will not accept this program and probably the program will never be universal or extended to all courses. He further explained the Cutler Program by indicating that an individual who desires to enter this program would consult with a Cutler Fellow and together they would work out a proposed program that would be satisfactory to the individual student and would meet the requirements of the Cutler Fellow. After this program was worked out the required curriculum of the Cutler Student then would not be changed except in unusual circumstances.

Provost Smith then reported that our Director of Libraries, Walter Wright, has resigned to accept a similar position in Dartmouth College and we are now looking for a new librarian. He reported that 54 people were interested in this position and after studying the qualifications of these people, he has picked out fifteen to be interviewed. He feels certain that we will obtain an outstanding man for this position. He also pointed out that in 1962 our library expenditures were \$320,000 compared to the \$1,200,000 approved in the 1968-69 budget.

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The Executive Vice President, James Whalen, was then called upon for a report. He reminded the Board that he had submitted to them two reports, both rather voluminous and in much detail and he had nothing further to add to these reports at this time.

He also reported that Waverly Glover, our present controller, has resigned to return to Central State University as Vice President for Finance and we are now looking for a replacement for Mr. Glover.

Chairman Johnson then suggested that since the Board members had just received these reports on Friday and most of them had not had time to study them that, if there were no objections from the Board, he would refer them to the respective committees to be appointed later in the meeting. The chairmen of these committees were to report back to the Board with recommendations before any action was to be taken on these reports.

Mr. Milar was then called upon for a report on the audits included in the agenda material submitted to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Milar suggested that there was nothing to add to the report of the General University Accounts unless there were questions from some members of the Board of Trustees.

The Chairman reported that he had read the news release when these reports were released in Columbus and discovered that most of the news story was taken completely out of context on the report and that he was satisfied with the report as submitted by the Auditor of State.

Mr. Milar then called the Board's attention to the report of the audit of the National Defense Loan Fund. He reported that the Federal office supervising the granting of these loan funds commended Ohio University for their fine collection rate. At the time of the report, there were 203 delinquent accounts. These have since been reduced to 61 out of a total loans outstanding of 2,955. Mr. Milar further explained that for five years ten percent of these loans are forgiven providing the borrower teaches in the public schools and in the event they teach in certain poverty districts fifteen percent per year is forgiven.

Mr. Milar then presented a resolution relative to the transfer of the balance in the irreducible debt fund in the State Treasurer's Office to the treasurer of the Ohio University.

There was a discussion of this resolution and it was pointed out by the Chairman, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Hall that most of these funds had been acquired during the 1954 sesqui-centennial drive and the donors had received a commitment from the university that these funds would be placed in the irreducible debt fund of the State of Ohio and the Ohio University would receive six percent interest each year from the State. There was also a discussion as to whether the transfer of these funds was mandatory by state law or whether it was at the option of the university. This point was not clear so action on the resolution was deferred until a later meeting of the trustees. Mr. Hall suggested that in the future these resolutions should be handed through the designated committees of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Milar then presented the following resolution approving Certificates of the President and Treasurer for Housing and Dining Revenue Bonds Series G and H.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFICATES OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND TREASURER FOR HOUSING AND DINING REVENUE BONDS,  
SERIES G AND H

RESOLUTION NO. 68-1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of The President and Trustees of the Ohio University that the certificate attached hereto marked Exhibit A, setting forth the earnings coverage for additional bonds to finance the construction of Dormitories 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, as required by Section 5 (b) of the Bond Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees June 6, 1968 and the statements required by Section 2.03(8) of the Original Trust Agreement, as modified by the Fourth Supplemental Trust Agreement, and the certificate attached hereto marked Exhibit B setting forth the statements required by Section 2.03(4) of the Original Trust Agreement, and the same are hereby approved.

EXHIBIT "A"

THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF THE OHIO UNIVERSITY

Certificate of Expected Earnings Coverage Required under Section 5 (b) of Bond Resolution adopted June 6, 1968, for issuance of \$8,800,000 Housing and Dining Revenue Bonds, Series G and H to finance construction of Unit No. 10, in West Green Dormitory Development and Units Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 and 15 in East Green Dormitory Development.

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| 1.  | Net income of dormitory facilities during fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, excluding estimated annual net income of any dormitory facilities presently under construction or for which a full fiscal year's operating experience is not available, and estimated annual net income of dormitory facilities the cost of which is being financed by the sale of Series G and H Bonds   | - | <u>\$1,557,538</u> |
| 2.  | Adjustment, if any, to reflect schedule of fees, rates or charges placed in effect since the beginning of said fiscal year ending June 30, 1968   | - | <u>\$ -0-</u>      |
| 3.  | Adjustment, if any, to reflect schedule of fees, rates, or charges to become effective at the beginning of the next semester or other school period following June 30, 1968   | - | <u>\$ 330,660</u>  |
| 4.  | Adjustment for new fees, revenues or funds, if any, pledged by the resolution authorizing Series G and H Bonds adopted June 6, 1968.  | - | <u>\$ -0-</u>      |
| 5.  | Adjustment, if any, for anticipated changes in operating and maintenance expenses of the dormitory facilities.  | - | <u>\$ 284,121</u>  |
| 6.  | TOTAL   | - | <u>\$1,604,077</u> |
| 7.  | Estimated annual net income of dormitory facilities under construction and for which a full fiscal year's operating experience is not available   | - | <u>\$ 59,952</u>   |
| 8.  | Estimated annual net income of dormitory facilities, the cost of which is being financed in whole or in part by Series G and H Bonds  | - | <u>\$ 488,071</u>  |
| 9.  | Net income available for debt service (Total 6, 7, and 8)   | - | <u>\$2,152,100</u> |
| 10. | Total of average annual debt service on each of Series A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H Bonds computed as to each series by taking the total of the principal and interest maturities of all bonds of a series for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for each subsequent fiscal year to and including the fiscal year in which occurs the final principal maturity of said series, excepting those bonds or portions of fully registered bonds which are to be redeemed or retired with the proceeds of such additional bonds, or with the proceeds of additional bonds heretofore issued or to be issued concurrently with the issuance of Series G and H Bonds, and subtracting therefrom any funds held and irrevocably committed to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds (or a pro rata portion of funds so held for all bonds, exclusive of the amount comprising the required reserve in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account provided for in Section 7 of the Bond Resolution passed June 6, 1968) and dividing the resultant figure by the number of said years. (Aggregate average annual debt service requirement.) | - | <u>\$1,345,748</u> |
| 11. | Ratio of net income available for debt service (Item 9) to aggregate average annual debt service requirement (Item 10)  | - | 1.60               |

## The undersigned hereby certify:

- A. That the foregoing facts and figures are true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:
- B. That there was not included in the foregoing calculation of Net Income Available for Debt Service any receipts against which there is any prior claim other than the use thereof for the reasonable and proper operating and maintenance expense of the dormitory facilities.
- C. That the foregoing computation of estimated annual net income of dormitory facilities now under construction, or for which a full fiscal year's operating experience is not available, and of dormitory facilities to be financed by Series G and H Bonds, is based upon an assumed occupancy of not more than

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ninety percent (90%) of capacity.

- D. That the foregoing net earnings of dormitory facilities does not include any net income from any dormitory facility which is to be abandoned or which is not suitable for continuous use as a dormitory facility for the term of Series G and H Bonds.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1968.

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President of The President and Trustees  
of The Ohio University

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Treasurer of The President and Trustees  
of The Ohio University

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EXHIBIT "B"

THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF THE OHIO UNIVERSITY

Certificate Required Under Section 2.03 (4) of Original Trust Agreement for Issuance of Housing and Dining Revenue Bonds, Series G and H

The undersigned, President and Treasurer of The President and Trustees of The Ohio University hereby certify:

- (a) That, in the opinion of the signers hereof, all conditions provided in the Original Trust Agreement and Supplements thereto precedent to the granting of the application for authentication of Series G and H Bonds have been complied with;
- (b) That the proceeds of the Series G and H Bonds will be sufficient to, and are necessary to, complete the project for which they are issued.
- (c) That since the beginning of the current fiscal year there has been no material change which would adversely affect the estimate set forth in the earnings coverage certificate required by Section 5(b) of the Bond Resolution for issuance of Series G and H Bonds.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 196\_\_\_\_\_.

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President of The President and Trustees  
of The Ohio University

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Treasurer of The President and Trustees  
of The Ohio University

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After a discussion of this resolution, it was moved by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Casto, that resolution No. 68-1 be adopted, and on roll call the following votes were recorded: Stocker, aye; Baxter, aye; Hall, aye; Brown, aye; Casto, aye; Morris, aye; Johnson, aye; and Kennedy, aye.

Mr. L. F. Lausche was then called upon for a report on the bids received yesterday on the South Green residence and dining hall units. Mr. Lausche reported that there were 15 buildings in this project and they were a different concept of dormitory living than the dormitories constructed previously at Ohio University. He reported that because of the small size and the small group living conditions, they were more expensive than dormitories previously constructed. Mr. Millar then reported that the bids were approximately \$2,000,000 more than the architect's estimate last August on which interim financing has been

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arranged. He reported that if these bids are accepted, room and board charges will have to be increased in all the dormitories in order to provide sufficient coverage for the bonds required to finance these buildings.

Mr. Lausche then reported that following bids were received for the basic contracts:

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| General Contract                 | Mosser Construction Company<br>Fremont, Ohio | \$10,296,300 |
| Plumbing Contract                | Nova Company<br>Avon, Ohio                   | 1,179,558    |
| Heating and Ventilating Contract | Piping Contractors Company<br>Columbus, Ohio | 1,379,000    |
| Electric Contract                | Wente Construction Company<br>Belpre, Ohio   | 1,459,000    |

Mr. Lausche called the Board's attention to several alternates which were almost necessary such as elevators, fill dirt, drains and if these extras or alternates were accepted, the total basic bids with the necessary alternates would be \$14,616,449, and the architect's fee of \$840,000, making the total basic cost of the buildings \$15,456,449.

Mr. Lausche reported that all of the bids except the plumbing were below the cost estimate of the State Architect. The Plumbing bid exceeded the estimate of the State Architect and would have to be re-bid, and it is possible the next bid on plumbing would be higher than the present bid.

Mr. Lausche then called the Board's attention to other alternates which were bid which were not absolutely necessary; however, some of these would make the buildings much more acceptable to students.

After a discussion of these bids, it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Morris, and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 68-2 be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2

RESOLVED that the basic bids as indicated above on the South Green dormitory project be accepted subject to the final approval of the Planning, Building and Land Purchase Committee, after the administrative officers have carefully reviewed the bids as well as the alternates proposed.

The Chairman then announced that due to the increased enrollment and activity at Ohio University, he felt that the Board of Trustees should use the committee system more this year than in the past because under this system the meetings of the Board of Trustees would be more efficient and less time consuming. He indicated the committees established by the by-laws of the Board of Trustees for the coming year would be as follows with the first-named person to act as chairman of the committee:

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| I. <u>Athletics and Public Relations Committee</u><br>Morris<br>Casto<br>Herrold | V. <u>Inter-University Committee</u><br>Stocker<br>Morris<br>Baxter                                  |
| II. <u>Executive Committee</u><br>Hall<br>Brown<br>Herrold<br>Baxter             | VI. <u>Library Committee</u><br>Herrold<br>Kennedy<br>Stocker<br>Morris                              |
| III. <u>Faculty Relations Committee</u><br>Kennedy<br>Casto<br>Brown             | VII. <u>Planning, Building and Land Purchase (Architectural) Committee</u><br>Casto<br>Brown<br>Hall |
| IV. <u>Finance Committee</u><br>Kennedy<br>Casto<br>Baxter                       |  |

In addition to the above committees established by the By-Laws of the Ohio University Trustees the Chairman established the following ad hoc committees for the coming year and appointed the following members to the committees indicated with the first-named member to serve as chairman:

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| <u>Student Relations</u><br>Morris<br>Herrold<br>Kennedy | <u>Women's Hours</u><br>Baxter<br>Stocker<br>Hall | <u>Labor Relations</u><br>Stocker<br>Hall<br>Brown<br>Baxter |
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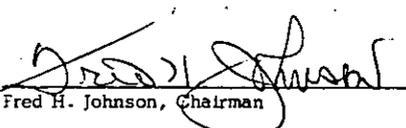
The Chairman then called the roll of members for comment. There were no comments from members of the Board. However, Abraham Clearfield reported that he and other representatives of the Faculty Senate had met with Mr. Kennedy at breakfast that morning and had discussed the course of action to be taken by the Faculty Relations Committee relative to the Faculty Senate.

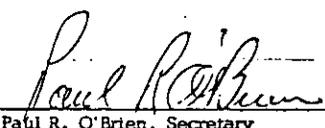
Vice President Savage reported that we are still receiving numerous research grants from the federal government and other sources.

Mr. Johnson then thanked John Felton for attending the meeting and indicated he hoped the attendance of the editor of the Post at trustee meetings would help to break down any communication barriers between the students and the Board of Trustees during the next year. The Chairman indicated that this would give the Ohio University Post an opportunity to obtain the correct and accurate actions of the Board of Trustees and he hoped the paper would publish these actions in order that the student body would receive the correct information in the future.

The Chairman then opened the meeting for discussion of the next meeting date, and it was determined that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees should be held in Athens, Ohio, on Thursday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Fred H. Johnson, Chairman

  
Paul R. O'Brien, Secretary