

MINUTES—OHIO UNIVERSITY, Board of Trustees - August 11, 1969

These are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Athletic Club in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, August 11, 1969.

Chairman Fred H. Johnson called the meeting to order with the following members present: Edwin L. Kennedy; Duncan M. Baxter; Wayne E. Brown; William R. Morris; Russell P. Herrold; and the Chairman. Mr. Don M. Casto and Mr. Joseph B. Hall arrived later for the meeting. In addition to the Trustees, also present were President Claude R. Sowle, Provost Robert L. Savage, Treasurer John F. Milar, Eugene F. Rinta, President of the Alumni Association, and Secretary Paul R. O'Brien.

It was then moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees held on May 12, May 23, and June 8, 1969, be approved as distributed by the Secretary.

The Secretary then called to the Board's attention a letter received from the State Auditor, Roger Cloud, dated June 20, 1969. The Chairman directed that the letter be filed with official Board correspondence in the Secretary's office.

The President then reported that the senior administrative staff in Athens have been working over the weekend on the University's operating budget for the next year. This was necessary because the Legislature did not approve the appropriations for operations until Friday of last week, and there has not been time for the preparation of a detailed operating budget at this time. Preliminary figures, however, indicate that the total income for 1969-1970 will be \$34,591,000. The minimum expense projections for this period total \$36,036,000, leaving a deficit of \$1,445,000, unless some action is taken by the Board of Trustees to increase instructional fees or provide other income.

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There was a discussion of this report, and it was pointed out that an increase of \$10 in the instruction fee would bring in an estimated income for 1969-1970 of \$520,000, and that an increase in the non-resident surcharge of \$100 per quarter would produce \$925,000 for the coming year. The amounts realized from such increases would total \$1,445,000.

The President reported that he had discussed this budget analysis with the Senior Administrative Officers of the University and at a special meeting with representatives of the Faculty Senate and the academic deans. He further indicated that officers of Student Government had been invited to attend or send representatives to the special meeting but that no students had appeared. Those with whom the President discussed the budget indicated their approval of the proposal to raise fees.

There was further discussion of this report, and the following resolution was then moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried. This is Resolution No. 69-1.

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RESOLVED that the following quarterly schedule of fees for the Athens campus be adopted effective with the fall quarter, 1969-1970, subject to the appropriate ratification by the Ohio Board of Regents. Instructional fee - \$160; general fee - \$50; total resident fees \$210 and that the tuition surcharge for non-resident students be increased to \$300 per quarter for all non-residents including those students attending the branches.

President Sowle then asked Mr. Milar to present a summary analysis of the resident and dining hall operation budget for 1969-1970.

Mr. Milar presented figures showing indicated income for 1969-1970 in the resident and dining hall operations of \$10,065,000, with operating expenses of \$8,033,000 and debt service of \$2,276,000 for a total of \$10,309,000. The net excess of expenditures over income would be \$244,000. Mr. Milar also reported that effective for the 1970-1971 year this deficit would be increased from \$244,000 to \$1,338,000 due to the fact that our debt service charges would increase in 1970-1971 by \$1,756,000 due to the fact that the South Green Dormitory complex as well as the new married student housing complex would both be in operation and debt service for these projects would be added to our present debt service charges.

Mr. Milar also reported that an increase in dormitory charges of \$13 per quarter above our presently announced rates would provide \$340,000 for the year 1969-1970. This along with the increase previously approved by the Board of Trustees would permit our dormitory operations to show a slight gain for the coming year.

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The Trustees further indicated that some funds must be allocated for renovation and rehabilitation of older dormitories.

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There was a discussion of this report, and it was pointed out by Mr. Kennedy that the Legislature and the Board of Regents have no authority to restrict our charges for room and board, and that the Trustees have an obligation to charge for room and board whatever amount is necessary to cover our outstanding bonds. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Morris, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted. This is Resolution No. 69-2.

RESOLVED that effective with the fall quarter 1969-1970 charges for room and board shall reflect the following schedule per quarter:

Room	Greater Than	
	Standard Occupancy	Standard Occupancy
Board	\$158	\$178
	<u>180</u>	<u>180</u>
Total	\$338	\$358

Mr. Milar then reported that the interim financing on the Mill Street housing and the South Green dormitory complex amounting to \$18,400,000 would become due on September 15, 1969, and because the South Green dormitory project would not be completed at this time, the interim financing should be extended. Mr. Milar also pointed out that bids received on these projects exceeded the architect's estimate by \$2,827,000 and two projects had been added to the original plans; namely, a commissary building and a laundry building totaling \$2,415,000 and there are cost increases including financing and equipment items totaling \$358,000 on these projects. These increases added to the original \$18,400,000, will require a \$24,000,000 refinancing. After a discussion of these projects, the following resolution was moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Herrold and on roll call, the following votes were recorded: Herrold, aye; Morris, aye; Hall, aye; Casto, aye; Brown, aye; Baxter, aye; Kennedy, aye; and Johnson, aye. The following resolution is No. 69-3.

RESOLUTION to authorize the Treasurer of the University to negotiate the sale of Ohio University Housing and Dining Revenue Notes of 1967, Series I and J to be renewed in an increased principal amount of \$24,000,000.

WHEREAS, the President and Trustees of the Ohio University herein called the "University" and its Board of Trustees, herein called the "Board," has heretofore authorized and issued \$18,400,000 Housing and Dining Revenue Notes of 1967, Series I and J, dated October 1, 1967, and maturing September 15, 1969, for the purpose of constructing dormitory facilities pursuant to Section 3345.07, Revised Code of Ohio, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to renew said notes for an additional term not to exceed two years in an increased principal amount of \$24,000,000 to refund said outstanding notes in the amount of \$18,400,000 and to provide funds in the amount of \$5,600,000 to complete existing portions of the projects and add thereto a laundry and a commissary facility; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to authorize and direct the Treasurer of the University to negotiate the sale of said notes in the amount of \$24,000,000 upon the best available terms and conditions and submit such terms and conditions to this Board for further consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the President and Trustees of the Ohio University:

Section 1. That it is hereby determined to be necessary to increase the principal amount of the unissued The Ohio University and Its Board of Trustees Housing and Dining Revenue Bonds, Series I and J, authorized by resolution of this Board passed August 25, 1967, from \$18,400,000 to \$24,000,000, said principal of Series I Bonds to be increased from \$14,875,000 to \$19,800,000 and said Series J Bonds to be increased from \$3,525,000 to \$4,200,000. Said bonds shall be issued for the purpose of constructing and equipping fifteen new student dormitories housing 1734 students, a dining hall in the South Green Dormitory Development and thirteen married student apartment buildings housing 193 families and a utility building in the East Mill Street area, a laundry and a commissary facility as addition parity bonds pursuant to a bond resolution adopted October 17, 1962, and a Trust Agreement dated as of January 1, 1962, as amended by a Fourth Supplemental Trust Agreement dated as of June 6, 1968.

Section 2. That for the purpose of providing funds for the projects described in Section 1 hereto and to renew the University's Housing and Dining Revenue Notes of 1967, Series I and J maturing September 15, 1969, it is necessary to issue \$19,800,000 Housing and Dining Revenue Notes of 1967, Series I and \$4,200,000 Housing and Dining Revenue Notes of 1967, Series J, aggregating \$24,000,000.

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Section 3. That the Treasurer of the University be and he is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the private sale of the above described notes upon such terms and conditions most favorable to the University provided, however, that the maturity thereof shall not exceed two years and the said terms and conditions shall be subject to the approval of this Board. The said Treasurer is further directed to report the terms and conditions of said sale to this Board for further consideration on or before September 15, 1969.

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Mr. Brown reported that on some of our new buildings, the finish and permanent equipment are much more elaborate and expensive than would be required. There was a discussion of this problem and it was then moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and unaminously carried that before any permanent furnishing and equipment for any new buildings are approved that the plans for the furnishing and decor of the new building should be brought to the Architectural Committee of the Board of Trustees for their approval before any purchases are made.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees on July 11 adopted an interim appropriation ordinance which was required before expenditures for the current fiscal year could be legally made. It was then moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and unanimously carried that the previous action of the Executive Committee be approved by adopting the following ordinance:

Interim Appropriation Resolution No. 69-4:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to officially appropriate expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the final state appropriations are not known; and

WHEREAS, the final budget of Ohio University is not completed,

NOW, THEREFORE, the 1968-1969 annual budget amounting to \$49,029,225 shall be continued on a month to month basis until such time as a formal budget is established and an appropriation ordinance adopted.

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Provost Savage then presented a recommendation of the Dean of the College of Communication, John R. Wilhelm, recommending Professor A. C. LaFollette who is retiring on July 22, be elected Professor Emeritus of Hearing and Speech Sciences. It was then moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and unanimously carried that Dr. A. C. LaFollette be elected Professor Emeritus of Hearing and Speech Sciences.

The Secretary then presented four proposed contracts with the State Department of Education; three in Vocational Home Economics amounting to \$15,498.91, \$12,328.68, and \$9,185.05; and one contract in Distributive Education amounting to \$15,498.91. It was reported that these contracts had been approved by the Dean of the College of Education and were similar to contracts approved in previous years by the Board of Trustees.

It was then moved by Mr. Herrold, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried that the following contracts with the State Department of Education be approved: Vocational Home Economics, \$15,498.91; Vocational Home Economics, \$12,328.68; Distributive Education, \$15,498.91; and Vocational Home Economics, \$9,184.05.

Mr. Milar was then asked to report on the progress made by the committee on tax sheltered annuities for faculty and administrative personnel.

Mr. Milar reported that this question had been considered by the faculty and administration for some time and reported the progress made by the committees of the Faculty Senate and representatives of the administration.

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There was a discussion of the advantages of this type of annuity and the proposals considered. The recommendation of the consultants, Carlin-Black Company was presented to the Board and after further discussion it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hall, and unanimously carried that the following resolution No. 69-5 be adopted:

RESOLVED that the administrative officers of Ohio University be empowered to do those things necessary to implement a voluntary tax deferred annuity program for faculty and contract staff effective with the fall quarter of 1969-1970.

Provost Savage was then asked to present the faculty salary ranges recommended for the 1969-1970 academic year. He recommended the following minimums and maximums by rank.

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	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Professor	\$13,400	\$30,000
Associate Professor	10,800	16,950
Assistant Professor	8,000	14,200
Instructor	6,000	12,300
Lecturer	8,700	16,000

There was a discussion of this recommendation and it was then moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hall, and unanimously carried that the following resolution, no. 69-6, be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the full-time faculty salary range for the 1969-1970 academic year be approved as recommended by the Provost with the understanding that in any exceptional cases, the maximum ceiling can be broken, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, but that the minimum salary range shall be adhered to in all cases.

The Secretary then reported that Senate Bill 406 passed both the House and Senate and would be effective ninety days after it is signed by the Governor. This is the bill which was introduced to implement the land trade between the City of Athens and Ohio University in which Ohio University obtained what was the old high school athletic field plus cash of \$266,000 to be used to replace the airport facilities and the City of Athens obtained land in the East State Street airport area when it is no longer needed by our flight program. This trade was previously approved by the Board of Trustees, and no action is necessary. The following is an analysis of the bill adopted by the Ohio Legislature.

This bill authorizes the City of Athens to trade to Ohio University 4+ acres of land, which is surrounded on three sides by Ohio University campus, plus \$266,000 for land located on East State Street now being used as the Ohio University airport. The University will not deliver all of the airport land until our airport operations have been moved to a new airport now being constructed west of the City of Athens.

S.B. 406 is a result of many months of negotiation between the City of Athens officials and the Ohio University administration. Primary factors recognized when these negotiations were started were the fact that the Mayor and the City Council were responsible to the Athens City taxpayers and must obtain an equitable exchange of land before they could conscientiously consider a trade, also the trustees of Ohio University being responsible to the taxpayers of Ohio must also obtain an equitable trade before they could consider making any exchange with the City of Athens. We believe this bill is equitable to all parties.

The City's primary interest in obtaining the East State Street property was for the construction of a recreation area including a swimming pool, and one of the present hangers could be used for a future fire station.

The University's primary interest in obtaining the land the City now owns is the fact that it is located immediately adjacent to our present campus and is surrounded on three sides by University property. This area is the last large plot of land close to the University that could be obtained at a "reasonable" price and will be required for future buildings as the University continues to grow.

This exchange of land has been based upon appraisals prepared by Cecil L. Neff of Columbus, Ohio, and International Appraisal Company, Columbus, Ohio, and in the opinion of city officials and the University administration and Board of Trustees, this proposed exchange of property and cash is equitable to all parties concerned, and both parties will benefit by the exchange of land.

An analysis of the money involved in the trade based upon the appraisals referred to above:

City of Athens to Ohio University	
4+ acres adjoining McCracken Hall	\$397,000
R/W across East State property	13,000
Cash	<u>266,000</u>
Total value to Ohio University	\$676,000

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Ohio University to City of Athens		
47 acres west of runway	\$400,000	
Less 12 acres adjoining Home Street	<u>81,900</u>	
35 acres net land		\$318,100
800' frontage on East State St. containing 13.88 acres	\$246,500	
Improvements - runway	35,500	
6 buildings \$161,000		
Less 1 hanger retained	<u>102,500</u>	
Net buildings	<u>58,500</u>	
Total land and buildings		\$340,500
53' additional frontage at same valuation		<u>15,500</u>
.58 acre		\$674,100
Total value to City of Athens		\$674,100

The Secretary then presented a proposed easement to be granted the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company to relocate part of its facilities. This relocation is necessary because the Hocking River is being moved. The proposed easement has been prepared by the Department of Public Works and Mr. L. F. Lausche has recommended its approval. It was then moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hall, and unanimously approved that the following easement be recommended to the Department of Public Works.

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EASEMENT

THIS EASEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1969, pursuant to the provisions of Section 123.01 (A) (9), Revised Code, by and between THE STATE OF OHIO, through the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Governor of Ohio, duly approved by the Attorney General of Ohio, acting for and on behalf of said State, Party of the First Part, and Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, Party of the Second Part, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Party of the Second Part applied to Ohio University for an easement over the hereinafter described State land for the following improvement, Relocate Facilities for Hocking River - Athens, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, said Ohio University by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_ approved the granting of said easement; and

WHEREAS, the Party of the First Part, having considered such application of said Second Party, duly resolves to grant said easement for a period of 15 fifteen years, upon the terms and conditions and under the restrictions as hereinafter set forth.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and the payment of \$135.00 by the Party of the Second Part, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Party of the First Part hereby grants to the Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, the easement hereinafter described together with the right and privilege to said Second Party, its successors and assigns, to occupy and use said easement for the constructions, operations, maintenance, repair and replacement of the improvement described herein for a term of fifteen (15) years, effective this date, and under the conditions and restrictions hereinafter provided, to wit:

DESCRIPTION:

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Athens, City of Athens and further described as follows:

Beginning at Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company pole no. 47-16 RP 40/45-3 which pole is located approximately 125 feet east of the center line of Richland Avenue; thence northerly 549 feet to pole 47-12 RP 45/50-3; there being placed at pole 47-16 one anchor and at pole no. 47-12 two anchors.

THIS EASEMENT IS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

1. This right-of-way easement is granted with the understanding that said improvement shall be constructed, operated, maintained, repaired, reconstructed or replaced in accordance with good engineering practice, and the Party of the Second Part agrees, for itself, its successors and assigns, to indemnify and save harmless

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the Party of the First Part from all damages and claims thereof arising out of any act, omission or neglect by the Party of the Second Part of any of its agents during the period of construction, operation and maintenance as herein authorized.

2. This easement is granted on the condition that no special assessment to pay the direct cost of constructing said improvement, shall be made against the Party of the First Part, its successors or assigns, of the within named property and no cost of any kind shall accrue to said Party of the First Part, its successors or assigns except such usage charges as are contracted for by the Party of the First Part.

3. The improvement shall be constructed on the line and to the grade and within the easement limits as shown on Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company drawing no. AS 1454, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. The Party of the Second Part shall, for a period of one year from completion of construction, provide necessary fill and make such repairs and replacements as may be needed by reason of settlement or similar causes in areas which have been disturbed by said construction.

5. It is understood and agreed that in any portion of the right-of-way easement that is now grassed lawn, the sod for the width of the trench and the temporary construction area shall be removed, stored and replaced, providing it is of sufficient depth to assure regrowth when replaced, or in lieu thereof, the top soil shall be replaced and the area seeded.

6. All field tile, sewers or other public utility underground installations or property of the State of Ohio encountered in the construction of said improvements shall be replaced if disturbed, and the Party of the Second Part shall notify Ohio University when drainage lines or any other unusual conditions are encountered in the field.

7. The Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, agrees to replace in kind, rather than money, the loss of or damage to all trees, shrubs, fences or any other structures, the amount of such loss or damage to be determined through mutual agreement between the Party of the First Part and Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company.

8. In the event that it should become necessary, in order to operate, enlarge, repair, reconstruct or maintain said improvement, to disturb the surface of the ground, the Party of the Second Part shall restore the same to its former condition or pay for all damage done thereto.

9. The rights granted herein shall not be construed to interfere with or restrict the Party of the First Part, its successors or assigns, in the use of the premises with respect to the construction and maintenance of property improvements along and over the premises herein described so long as the same are so constructed as not to impair the strength or interfere with the use and maintenance of said improvement. Provided, however, that in the event the State of Ohio or Ohio University decides to construct a building or buildings in such location as to interfere with said improvement, its operation and maintenance, then said Party of the Second Part shall relocate and reconstruct said improvement, or part thereof, without expense to the State of Ohio.

10. It is understood and agreed that the Party of the First Part shall have the right to use said improvement as provided in Section 2 of these conditions and such usage shall be restricted only by the accepted usage limitations of a property owner or such restrictions as are contained herein.

THE STATE OF OHIO

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Rhodes, Governor

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Alfred C. Gienow, Director  
Department of Public Works

Witness as to Signature of  
the Director of Public Works:

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PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

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Witnesses as to Signature of  
Party of the Second Part:

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BY \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 196\_\_

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Attorney General of Ohio

The Chairman then asked President Sowle for a report on the new administrative organization of the University he is proposing. President Sowle presented the following letter which he had sent to members of the faculty, students and administrators on August 1.

There was a discussion by members of the Trustees of this letter and it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Herrold and unanimously passed that the reorganization indicated in the letter be approved by the Trustees and that a copy of the President's letter be incorporated in the minutes.

August 1, 1969

To the Members of the Faculty, Students, and Administrators:

At the outset of the presidential transition period three months ago, it was my view that we should, on August 1, declare a moratorium on organizational changes and reassignments of key personnel pending a review of our administrative structure by a special study group.

I remain convinced of the need for such a study, and a task force will be appointed in the near future to undertake this important assignment. At the same time, recent developments have made it clear to me that some organizational modifications are necessary, and others desirable, as the new administration begins its work.

It is necessary, of course, to transfer to others the major administrative responsibilities formerly assigned to Provost Smith and Executive Vice President Whalen.

Moreover, my thinking on the subject of our administrative needs has been greatly influenced by the rewarding and perhaps unique opportunity I have had since May 1 to study and analyze the University and its operations. During this period, I have been able to define clearly the basic roles I believe should be mine in the years ahead. There are three:

I must serve as a catalyst for those essential, continuing deliberations in which members of the faculty, students, and administrators plan for the future of the University.

I must make certain that major policy decisions, and their implementation, are responsive to the needs of the University and consistent with its goals.

I must be the principal interpreter of the aspirations of the institution to the many groups, both within the University community and outside, to whom we must look for assistance if we are to achieve our goals.

My success in discharging these basic, non-delegable responsibilities will, of course, depend in large part upon the presence of an administrative structure that will permit me to share with others those burdens of University management that can be delegated.

These considerations have caused me, in recent weeks, to meet with many persons to discuss the organizational changes and personnel selections that would be needed in the opening days of the new administration. This counsel, drawn from all segments of the University community, has been most helpful in formulating the following changes, which are being made with the concurrence of the Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees.

The title of Provost will be retained, but the responsibilities of the position will be changed.

Since 1967 the Provost has served as the principal academic officer of the University. Under the new arrangement he will function, instead, as the chief deputy of the President, with general responsibility for coordinating and supervising the wide-ranging, day-to-day affairs of the University.

The new Provost is Dr. Robert L. Savage, formerly the University's Vice President for Research and Industrial Liaison. An established scholar with an outstanding record in both university and business administration, he is ideally qualified by temperament and experience for this important assignment.

Dr. Savage will continue to be responsible for the areas of research and industrial liaison, pending completion of the planned reorganization study. He will be assisted by Dr. Beaumont Davison, who will serve as Coordinator of Research and Industrial Liaison in addition to his existing assignment as Chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering.

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Under the revised structure, Dr. Taylor Culbert becomes the chief academic officer of the University with the title of Vice President and Dean of Faculties. The selection of Dean Culbert for this position reflects the respect and professional stature he has earned since coming to the University sixteen years ago as a member of the English Department.

In addition to performing his new duties Dr. Culbert will continue to serve as Graduate Dean and President of the University Press until such time as action is taken on the report of the reorganization task force.

Dr. Edward M. Penson, who has served with distinction as Dean of the University's Off-Campus Academic Programs and, more recently, as Assistant Provost, will become Associate Dean of Faculties.

Pending the appointment of a chief officer for Student Affairs, the areas of Student Activities, Student Services, and Dormitory Services will report directly to Provost Savage.

Mr. Martin L. Hecht, Vice President for University Development, Mr. John F. Milar, Treasurer, and Mr. R. James Henderson, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services, will continue in their present positions. The position of Executive Vice President will be discontinued.

Dr. William J. Holmes, for eleven years a member of the University's Department of English, will serve as Assistant to the President, with responsibility for a variety of special staff assignments. Dr. Holmes' administrative skill and knowledge of the University will enable him to be of great aid to me in the busy months ahead, as he was during the presidential transition period.

Mrs. Marie P. White, I am pleased to report, will continue as Administrative Assistant to the President.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of people who have taken the time to greet me and to assist me in preparing for my new duties. I am delighted to join you today as a colleague and a neighbor, confident that the years ahead will be exciting and rewarding for all of us.

Cordially yours,

(signed)

Claude R. Sowle  
President

In his August 1 letter, the President indicated that a chief officer for student affairs would be appointed later. In this connection, President Sowle recommended and the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Richard Dorf to this position.

The Secretary then presented a copy of a letter of resignation sent by Vernon R. Alden to Chairman Johnson of the Board of Trustees. It was then moved by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Morris, and unanimously carried that the resignation of Vernon R. Alden as stated in the following letter be accepted.

July 11, 1969

Mr. Fred H. Johnson, Chairman  
Ohio University Board of Trustees  
2078 Yorkshire Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43221

Dear Fred:

Although I indicated to you and the other Board members last September that I would be leaving the University to accept the position with The Boston Company, I am at this time - for purposes of the record - submitting a formal letter of resignation, effective July 31, 1969. As you know, I had planned to stay through the end of the academic year which ended on June 30, but when Claude Sowle indicated he wished to assume the presidency on August 1st, I agreed to stay on until that date. I am pleased that the Board of Directors of The Boston Company was agreeable to this arrangement.

I want you to know again how much I have appreciated your support and your friendship. As I am sure you know, my interest in Ohio University will not diminish in the years ahead, and I stand ready to help the Trustees and Claude Sowle whenever you feel I can.

I plan to stay in close touch with you because of the special regard and affection that Marlon and I have for you. Again, thank you ever so much for the many, many thoughtful and generous things you have done for us.

Sincerely,

John F. Milar  
cc: Paul R. O'Brien

(signed)  
Vernon R. Alden, President

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The Chairman then reported that on August 1, he had gone to Athens and administered the following oath to Claude R. Sowle:

"Do you, Claude Raymond Sowle, solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and to administer, to the best of your understanding and ability, all the duties pertaining to the office of President of Ohio University?"

Dr. Sowle responded with "I do, so help me God."

Chairman Johnson continued:

"Mr. President, I now have the pleasure of presenting to you this which symbolizes the open door of knowledge which shall be accessible to all the young people who shall come to Ohio University.

I should also like to present to you this charter which is the basic law of the oldest institution of higher learning in the Northwest Territory."

Chairman requested be inserted in the official minutes of the Trustees:

STATEMENT OF CLAUDE R. SOWLE

At the time of my appointment last spring, I said that I was confident that Ohio University in the years ahead, not only would consolidate the great gains achieved during the administrations of Presidents Baker and Alden but also would move to new heights of strength and effectiveness. Three months of intensive study of the University have convinced me that this confidence was not misplaced.

My formal acceptance this morning of the duties of my office is symbolic, for it marks, in a tangible way, the beginning of a new chapter in the long history of Ohio University. It serves to place before all members of the University community a fresh agenda which is both long and full of challenge. And yet nothing on this agenda is beyond our grasp if each of us approaches his responsibilities with reason, dedication, trust, openness, candor and civility. Let us resolve to insist upon these qualities -- in ourselves and in others. If we do, this new chapter in our history will be a bright and happy one, full of institutional accomplishment and individual satisfaction.

Athens, Ohio  
August 1, 1969

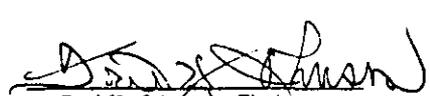
The Chairman then called the roll of members for comment and there were no comments from the members of the Board. The Chairman then remarked that it was the consensus of the Board that they were very happy to have Claude R. Sowle accept appointment as the 16th President of Ohio University and pledged the full support of the Board to President Sowle.

President Sowle reported he had talked to Paul Stocker in the hospital within the last few days and that Paul was very cheerful and seemed to be improving and hoped to be up and about again before too long.

It was then moved by Mr. Herrold and unanimously seconded that the Board of Trustees express to Mr. Stocker that his counsel on the many questions that have arisen has been sorely missed and they sincerely hope for his early recovery.

A discussion of the next meeting date was then held and it was the consensus of the Board that a quorum could be present at a meeting on Friday, September 5, 1969. The meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Fred H. Johnson, Chairman

  
Paul R. O'Brien, Secretary

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