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The President and the Board discussed at length the recent visit of the army survey committee from Maxwell Field, Alabama, during which time they expressed a definite interest in the location at this University of a unit of 500 to 750 boys. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that if possible the group should be held to 500.

Dr. Johnston introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the judgment of this Board of Trustees that the President of this University should offer our facilities to the Army or Navy for the establishment of an aviation unit.

FURTHER, that the President express to the representatives of the armed forces that we wish to preserve the integrity of this institution and accordingly express the wish that the unit be limited to approximately 500 men.

Mr. Coriell moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Kershner seconded.

Voting yes: Urschel, Coriell, Johnston, Kershner. Motion carried.

The President was directed to make an application to the Board of Control for such funds as would be needed to provide equipment and supplies incidental to the location of such a unit if and when it is placed here.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

Attest:

President
Secretary
Bowling Green, Ohio
March 13, 1943

The Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green State University met on the above date. The members present were Mr. J. J. Urschel, President; Dr. II. J. Johnston, Secretary; Mr. Minor Kershner, Treasurer. Commander Dudley White was absent because of service with the United States Naval Forces. Mr. E. E. Coriell, Vice President, was absent because of illness. President Prout was also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following resignations were presented:

Marie Decker Esterly, Secretary in Office of Deans Overman and Harshman, effective February 20th.

Upton Palmer, Head of Speech Department, to enter armed forces, effective February 17th.

Orville Fahle, Supt. of Buildings, effective February 26th.

Moved by Johnston that the resignations be accepted. Kershner seconded.

Voting yes: Urschel, Johnston, Kershner. Motion carried.

The President presented a request from Upton Palmer that he be granted a leave of absence to accept a commission in the United States Army. Considerable discussion followed the request. Finally Dr. Johnston moved that the President, without further action by this Board, be authorized to grant leave of absence for the duration of the war and to any and all members of the university staff who are on permanent tenure and engage in government work or enter the armed services of this country or organizations allied to the armed services. Mr. Kershner seconded. On roll call, all members voting yes.

The President recommended the following appointments:

Ruth Loudenslagel, Secretary in Office of Deans Overman and Harshman, $75.00 per month, effective February 25th.

Frank O. Smith, Plumber, $1600 per year, effective March 3th.

Helen Fashbaugh, Circulation Manager and Reference Librarian, $1400 per year, effective June 15.

Gertrude Brod, Bookkeeper, was placed on half-time, effective March 1, $750.00.

Moved by Kershner and seconded by Johnston that the appointments be approved. Voting yes: Urschel, Johnston, Kershner. Motion carried.
The President recommended that the salary of Dorothy Secor, Secretary in Registrar's Office, be increased to $1350 per year effective March 1, 1943. This increase is made necessary in order to overcome the advantages of a very much better salary opportunity offered Miss Secor. The President reported that he had the assurance of Miss Secor that this salary increase would retain her services here. Mr. Kershner moved that the increase be granted. Dr. Johnston seconded. Voting yes: Urschel, Johnston, Kershner. Motion carried.

Dr. Johnston moved that the bond resolution for $272,000 to cover the cost of building and equipping four dormitories for men east of Kohl Hall be approved. (See files) Mr. Kershner seconded. Voting yes: Urschel, Johnston, Kershner. Motion carried.

The Board discussed at length the problem of additional hangar, shop and office space for an increased number of War Training Service students. The President presented an estimate from the Business Office indicating that for approximately $25,000 the above mentioned additions could be made and 100 boys accommodated instead of 40 boys. Dr. Johnston moved that the Board of Control be asked to approve these buildings temporarily from whatever funds are available and eventually from surplus revenues received from the Government for aviation training and approval by the Board of Control for the building of these additions by Force Account (labor and material without competitive bids). Mr. Kershner seconded. Voting yes: Urschel, Johnston, Kershner. Motion carried.

The President discussed at length the present status of the National Fraternity and Sorority movement on the campus and the probability of a naval unit, V-12, being installed in this institution about July 1st.

The President read Statements of Profit and Loss to the Board covering the periods to October 31, 1942 and November 30, 1942. They were ordered filed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.