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Bowling Green, Ohio  
February 13, 1946

The Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green State University assembled on the above date.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Members present were: Mr. Bachman, Mr. Kerchner and Mr. Schwyn. In the absence of both Mr. Coriell and Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kerchner acted as chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Bachman acted as secretary.

The President discussed at some length the housing situation. He reported that forty family trailers are now in place and ready for occupancy. The prefabricated houses are partially completed with fair prospects for completion of a good percent of them by the 25th of this month. Temporary accommodations are available for any students that cannot be accommodated in these prefabricated houses on that date. The President also reported the assignment by the Federal housing authority of two barrack units 100' x 119' housing fifty students each and ten additional trailers. The time of arrival of these is uncertain and they cannot be counted upon to relieve the housing shortage for next semester. He further reported that Governor Lausche had made available two rooms in the Armory building, which will house possible thirty students, and the former drafting room at the Highway Garage, housing approximately sixty students. He asked authority from this Board of Trustees to contract with the Adjutant General for the rental of the armory quarters. Mr. Bachman moved that President Prout be authorised to enter into negotiations with the office of the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio for the use of any part of the Armory which may be made available for the accommodations of returning veterans. Mr. Schwyn seconded. On roll call: Mr. Kerchner, yes; Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes.

The Board then proceeded to discuss the acquisition of the Yanta and Lance lots, Nos. 2542, 2543, and 2544. The President reported that these lots are desirable and necessary for the installation of the additional housing units to come from the federal government (the two units mentioned above). Mr. Schwyn moved that the President be authorised to acquire these lots by negotiation, if possible; by condemnation, if necessary. Mr. Bachman seconded. On roll call: Mr. Kerchner, yes; Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes.

The bids on the pump house dormitory were then submitted. The estimate had been $12,000 but the low bid was from the Knowlton Construction Company, $14,350.00. The W. J. Gillespie Co. was the low bidder for plumbing which was $1590.00. This bid was also over the estimate. In view of the emergency nature of this structure Mr. Bachman moved that we follow the advice of the State Architect and ask the Board of Control to declare an emergency, increase the amount from the dormitory appropriation from $12,000 to $17,000 and accept the above mentioned bids as submitted on this date in the State Architect's office. Mr. Schwyn seconded. On roll call: Mr. Kerchner, yes; Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes.

The President reported that the very large pre-enrollment of students for the coming semester had made it necessary to call back from leaves of absence all instructors excepting those in the armed services. He reported that two former instructors on leave of absence had decided that they could not return and accept duties as instructors for this semester which begins the 25th of this month. These men are Mr. Schalk and Dr. Shafer. The President reported that permanent replacements for these two men had already been secured. Mr. Bachman moved that in view of the refusal of Mr. Schalk and Dr. Shafer to accept the proffered appointments that the Board of Trustees declare their leaves of absence ended as of this date. Mr. Schwyn seconded. On roll call: Mr. Kerchner, yes; Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes.

The attached list of termination of leaves of absences and increased salaries were presented. Mr. Schwyn moved that they be accepted. Mr. Bachman seconded. On roll call: Mr. Kerchner, yes; Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes.

The attached list of new appointments and resignations were presented. Mr. Bachman moved they be accepted. Mr. Schwyn seconded. On roll call: Mr. Bachman, yes; Mr. Schwyn, yes; Mr. Kerchner, yes.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

Attest:

President

Secretary

February 20, 1946

The Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University met on the above date. Members present were Mr. Bachman, Mr. Schwyn and Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Coriell and Mr. Kerchner were unable to be present. Mr. Bachman served as secretary.

The President discussed at considerable length the problem of housing. The enrollment figures indicated a second semester enrollment of approximately 2000 and a September enrollment in excess of 2500. Only on the condition that housing and classroom accommodations are made available can any such numbers be properly and satisfactorily enrolled. Mr. Bachman raised the question as to how soon we might be permitted to build dormitories. The President replied that the Board of Control had definitely taken a stand against any state building until labor and material conditions had greatly improved.

The President then submitted to the Board of Trustees the plans of the dormitory being drafted by Mr. Parker. After a careful study the Board went on record as approving the design of this building and the work to date done by Mr. Parker. The Board then adjourned to the site of the steel huts to investigate the progress and problems in these buildings.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

President

Secretary