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Proceedings, Trustees Bowling Green State University  

February 3, 1956

The Board of Trustees met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 1956. The following persons were present: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schoyen, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer; Frazier Reams.

The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1956, were approved.

It was announced that the official certificate and executed oath of office covering the reappointment of Mr. Frazier Reams as a member of the Board of Trustees for a five-year term ending May 17, 1961, had been received from Governor Frank J. Lausche and filed in the vault of the President's Office.

The following were elected as officers of the Board of Trustees to serve for the year 1956-57 and thereafter until their successors are elected: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schoyen, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer.

The President reported that registration for the first session of the 1956 Summer School is approximately 12% above the registration for the first session last year.

The following properties were reported to have been acquired by the Bowling Green University Housing Commission since the last meeting of the Board:

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<th>Seller</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Purchase Price</th>
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<tr>
<td>Anna E. Smith et al.</td>
<td>Lots 3506 and 3505 (619 and 621 Ridge Street)</td>
<td>Amount paid for interests already purchased by University, $16,598.15</td>
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<td>Note: A part interest in this property, held by an incompetent daughter of Mrs. Smith, has not yet been acquired by the University.</td>
<td>Amount set aside for purchase of interest of incompetent daughter, $3,601.85</td>
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It was moved by Mr. Schoyen and seconded by Mr. Donnell that the President of the University be authorized to grant to the Ohio Fuel Gas Company permission to install lines and provide for the maintenance thereof on the campus of Bowling Green State University, as follows:

1. The Company shall have permission to construct lines from Pike Street to the Central Heating Plant, the specific site of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the officials of said Gas Company and Bowling Green State University.

2. The Company shall have access to and use of an area approximately 15' x 20' at a point between Pike Street and the Central Heating Plant, which site is to be mutually agreed upon by the officials of the Gas Company and Bowling Green State University.

3. The University agrees to construct or cause to be constructed, at no expense to said Gas Company, the structure to house regulator valves and other equipment as referenced in paragraph two above.

4. Said Gas Company shall have the right to enter upon the property of said University in the proximity of its lines and equipment for servicing same.

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schoyen.

The President reported that, pursuant to the request of the Board of Trustees, the State Director of Public Works and the Attorney General of Ohio instituted condemnation proceedings to acquire the property at the northeast corner of Ridge Street and College Drive for the University—being the south half of Outlot 70, 701 Ridge Street, in the City of Bowling Green. Attorneys John Hallock for Leon D. Smith and Bowman, Hannah, and Middleton for Pearl A. and Clifton T. Falls have agreed with Mr. Bachman and the President of the University to accept $8500.00 in full payment for warranty deed with abstract showing clear title to this property. Staff attorneys in the State Department of Public Works who have been handling this case are proceeding to make arrangements with the Attorney General for the settlement of the case on this basis.

It was moved by Mr. Schoyen and seconded by Mr. Donnell that (1) the Board of Trustees approve the compromise settlement of the condemnation suit for the Smith-Falls property as reported by the President; (2) the Business Manager of the University be authorized and directed to make payment of $8500.00 for the property, and also make payment of costs, not to exceed $500.00, incurred by the State Department of Public Works in connection with this case, the payments to be made at such time and in such manner as may be requested by the staff attorneys of the State Department of Public Works. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schoyen.
President McDonald presented a summary of the progress on capital improvements—both buildings now under construction and future projects previously authorized by the Board of Trustees.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Bachman that the Board of Trustees (1) condemn Falcon Hall, East Hall, and West Hall for student occupancy, and (2) direct the President of the University to take whatever steps are necessary to effect their abandonment and removal. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald presented a report on provisions being made for married students' housing in other colleges and universities, along with the findings of a recent survey of married students attending Bowling Green State University.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Donnell (1) that family units for married students be constructed by the University and (2) that the President of the University be authorized and directed to take the steps necessary for the planning and construction of such family units for married students attending the University, with the understanding that, before actual construction is commenced or contracts are let, a set of basic requirements for access to such housing be prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald recommended that the Board of Trustees establish a basic policy for determining the order of priority of recognized fraternities that desire to occupy residence units provided by the University.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell and seconded by Mr. Bachman

(1) That the following policy, as proposed by the Interfraternity Council, be adopted:

The order of priority for occupancy of University residence units made available for fraternities shall be based on the order of the dates of formal fraternity founding as recognized by the University. If a fraternity within the eligibility group at the time such units are made available for occupancy can not fill the house with the required number of inactive members, that fraternity shall retain its priority standing in the eligible list when any such residence units become available later. Once a new unit (constructed after this date) has been accepted by a fraternity, that fraternity shall lose its right of priority on further newly constructed units.

(2) That the listing of dates as certified by a special committee composed of F. J. Prout, A. B. Conklin, and Ralph G. Harshman, and set forth below be officially declared the order of priority for occupying such residence units on the part of the fraternities which are now recognized by the University:

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<th>Fraternity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Alpha Tau Omega (Dedhi)</td>
<td>1915</td>
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<td>Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Five Brothers)</td>
<td>1928</td>
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<td>Pi Kappa Alpha (Commoners)</td>
<td>1928</td>
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<td>Sigma Ru (Beta Gamma Usilton)</td>
<td>1940</td>
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<td>Sigma Chi (Chi Sigma)</td>
<td>1945 (Nov. 20)</td>
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<td>Kappa Sigma (Kappa Sigma Delta)</td>
<td>1946 (Aug. 19)</td>
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<td>Phi Delta Theta (Phi Delta)</td>
<td>1946 (Sept. 26)</td>
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<td>Phi Kappa Psi (Beta Sigma)</td>
<td>1947 (Feb. 12)</td>
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<td>Delta Tau Delta (Kappa Tau)</td>
<td>1947 (Feb. 13)</td>
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<td>Theta Chi (Chi Theta)</td>
<td>1947 (Feb. 17)</td>
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<td>Delta Upsilon (Pi Theta)</td>
<td>1947 (Oct. 19)</td>
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<td>Zeta Beta Tau (Phi Beta Mu)</td>
<td>1947 (June 9)</td>
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<td>Phi Kappa Tau (Delta Phi Beta)</td>
<td>1948 (Nov. 1)</td>
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<td>Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sigma Phi Omega)</td>
<td>1949 (Jan. 10)</td>
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<td>Alpha Kappa Omega</td>
<td>1955</td>
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The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Reams that the Board of Trustees authorize and direct the President of the University to request the Attorney General of Ohio to retain on behalf of the University the firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey for legal services in connection with the financing of the 1957 dormitories, to wit: the first unit of the residence center north of Ridge Street; the first unit of the residence center east of Fraternity Row; completion of the Kohl Quadrangle; family units for married students attending the University. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald reported that, despite the fact that recent entering freshman classes in the University have been above the average of entering freshman classes in the accredited colleges and universities of the country, it is necessary every year to dismiss a considerable number of freshmen at the end of their first academic year for scholastic reasons. He outlined the actions being taken at the present time to insure that the students served have the necessary academic aptitude and capability. It was agreed that the decision as to whether further steps should be taken toward a more selective admissions policy should be deferred until a later meeting.

President McDonald reported that on April 20, 1956, the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc. was approved and the Articles of Incorporation were recorded by the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio establishing the Foundation as a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 1702 of the Revised Code.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Donnell that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc. has been established as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio as a successor to the Bowling Green State University Research and Development Committee; and

WHEREAS the steps resulting in the establishment of the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation were taken by authorization and direction of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University, in order to provide the University with a nonprofit organization to receive and administer gifts and trust funds in perpetuity for the exclusive benefit of the educational program and activities of Bowling Green State University;
BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That the full and legal ownership of all assets and liabilities, rights, benefits, and obligations held by or accruing to the Bowling Green State University Research and Development Committee by action of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University be transferred to the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc.;

(2) That the President of the University be authorized and directed to execute and effect such actions as may be necessary to complete and ratify such transfer of all assets and liabilities, rights, benefits, and obligations; and that the President of the University be authorized and directed to transfer the ownership of 500 shares of stock in the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company (400 shares held in the name of the Bowling Green State University Scholarship Fund and 100 shares held in the name of Bowling Green State University, the same being evidenced by stock certificate No. 1693 representing 400 shares of stock in the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company given by Mr. Sidney Frohman in November, 1954, and stock certificate No. 1955, representing 100 shares of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company stock given by Mr. Sidney Frohman in December, 1955) to the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc. to be used for providing scholarships to worthy students;

(3) That all gifts and grants of money or other property given after this date by donors to Bowling Green University, for research, scholarship aid, or other purposes, from sources other than those from which the University receives appropriations from the State of Ohio or from which the University derives other regular income for the maintenance and operation of the University, shall be transferred to the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc., and become the property of said Foundation to be used and administered by said Foundation for the exclusive benefit of programs, projects, and activities related to the purposes and functions of Bowling Green State University; provided that any such gift or grant received for specific or restricted purposes declared in writing by the donor at the time the gift or grant is received shall be used and administered only in accordance with the declared purpose of the donor.

The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Bachman that the President of the Board of Trustees accord to Dr. Charles H. Otis permanent honorary membership in the University faculty as Professor Emeritus. The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Reams that the full and legal ownership of all assets and liabilities, rights, benefits, and obligations held by or accruing to the Bowling Green State University Research and Development Committee by action of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University be transferred to the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc.; and that the full and legal ownership of all assets and liabilities, rights, benefits, and obligations held by or accruing to the Bowling Green State University Research and Development Committee by action of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University be transferred to the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc.; and that the President of the University be authorized and directed to effect such actions as may be necessary to complete and ratify such transfer of all assets and liabilities, rights, benefits, and obligations. The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

WHEREAS, there has never been any organization of our alumni officially recognized by the Board of Trustees as the alumni association of the University; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Board to have organized an association that will make available for the advancement of the University the full potential and good will of the large group of alumni from this University during the forty-four years of its existence and service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That the President of the University be authorized and directed to appoint a Committee on Alumni Organization and Relationships with a membership to include the President Emeritus of the University and ten other members, five from the University faculty and administration and five alumni invited to serve on this Committee to be from among the members of the alumni group headed by Mr. Robert Shelton;

(2) That the Committee on Alumni Organization and Relationships be requested to develop and present to the President of the University a plan of organization and a constitution for an association of all alumni of the University which will provide full and equal relationships, voice, and opportunity for participation on the part of all graduates of the University throughout the nation.

The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Reams that the President of the Board of Trustees be authorized to write to Mr. Robert F. Shelton as follows:

Dear Mr. Shelton:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 15, 1956, the matters mentioned in your letters to me under date of April 16, 1956, and April 23, 1956, were discussed, and it was the unanimous judgment of the members of the Board that these are matters which should be handled and settled by the University Administration. The Board of Trustees has therefore authorized me to advise you that these matters are in the hands of the President of the University and that you will receive the final answer from him.

The motion carried, the following persons voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Donnell that appointments, leaves, and promotions as reported by the President be confirmed; and that the following contract be confirmed and ratified:

**CONTRACT**

This agreement entered into between Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and Ralph W. McDonald, Witnesseth:
Whereas, it is the considered judgment and decision of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University that, for the proper maintenance and successful and continuous operation of said University, it is desirable and necessary to provide for stability and continuity in the University presidency during the period of University growth and development which lies ahead,

Said Bowling Green State University, by action and covenant of its Board of Trustees, agrees to employ said Ralph W. McDonald as President of Bowling Green State University, with full responsibility and authority to direct and manage University affairs under broad policies laid down by the Board of Trustees, from the date of this agreement until the date of the retirement of said Ralph W. McDonald under the provisions of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio; and thereafter during the remainder of his natural life as President Emeritus of the University.

The said Ralph W. McDonald agrees and covenants to serve as President of Bowling Green State University and to discharge faithfully the duties of the University presidency, in accordance with broad policies as determined by the Board of Trustees, until the date of his retirement under the provisions of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, and thereafter to discharge such advisory and consultative duties as the Board of Trustees may assign to him as President Emeritus.

In consideration of such service, Bowling Green State University, by its Board of Trustees, agrees to pay to said Ralph W. McDonald from state appropriated or local University funds, or from both, an annual salary of Twenty-four Thousand dollars beginning with the fiscal year 1956-57; to provide residence and such other perquisites as the Board of Trustees may deem appropriate for the President of the University; provided that, after the date of the retirement of said Ralph W. McDonald under the provisions of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, the annual compensation to him as President Emeritus shall be one-half the amount of his annual salary during the last year of his service as President of the University.

Executed at Bowling Green, Ohio, this 15th day of June, 1956.

Bowling Green State University
By  E. T. Rodgers (signed)
President, Board of Trustees
Alva W. Bachman (signed)
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Ralph W. McDonald (signed)

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Begus; Rodgers; Schwyms.

Resignations
Catherine Bowersox, Lecturer, Sandusky Branch, effective June 10, 1956
Warren J. Pelton, Assistant Professor of Education, effective July 22, 1956
Karl Richards, Assistant Professor of Art, effective March 28, 1956
Richard L. Williamson, Assistant Professor of Accounting, effective June 10, 1956

New appointment to the faculty, effective February 1, 1956:
Robert E. Gibson, Assistant Instructor in Health and Physical Education and Assistant Football Coach

New appointments to the faculty for 1956-57:
Lawrence C. Bliss, Instructor in Biology
Robert Chamberlain, Instructor in English
Margaret Foucard, Part-Time Instructor in Education
E. P. Ferrell, Instructor in Chemistry
Alphoretta Fish, Instructor in Education at Sandusky Branch
Ralph Williams Frank, Assistant Professor of Geography
Dale Edward Fulkey, Instructor in Business Administration
Bernard E. Gundlach, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Peggy Hurst, Instructor in Chemistry
Elmer Morgan, Intern Instructor in Psychology
Paul Running, Assistant Professor of Art
William Scott, Intern Instructor in English
George B. Slinger, Assistant Professor of Education
William G. Spohn, Jr., Instructor in Mathematics
Ralph W. Wolfe, Intern Instructor in English

New appointments to the administrative staff for 1956-57:
Magdalena Baker, Assistant to the Registrar
Philip P. Byers, Admissions Officer
Sally Coolcomb, member Food Service management staff
Rusell L. Fairburn, Supervisor of Custodial Services
Carol K. Borge, Office Assistant, Office of the Dean of the College of Education
Mary Jane Koenig, member of Food Service management staff
James Rachel, Freshman Football Coach, with faculty rank of Instructor
Raymond C. Whitaker, Director of Residence Services, with faculty rank of Assistant Professor

Promotions in faculty rank, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1956-57:
Richard Ecker, from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Music
James Lemon Mill, from Associate Professor to Professor of Industrial Arts
Maurice L. Mandell, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Business Administration
Willard F. Winkelmann, from Associate Professor to Professor of Art
Leaves of absence for the academic year 1956-57:

John W. Darry, Assistant Professor of Business Administration
Natalie E. Gould, Administrative Assistant to the President
Harold T. Hamre, Assistant Professor of Biology
Helen Lakofsky, Instructor in Music
Maurice I. Mandell, Associate Professor of Business Administration
Harold B. Obee, Assistant Professor of Speech
Beryl M. Parrish, Assistant Professor of English
Robert A. Steffes, Assistant Professor of Journalism

Attest:

Chairman

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
July 24, 1956

At the request of the Board, Mr. Schwyn agreed to confer with Governor Lausche in an effort to secure architects acceptable to the Board of Trustees for planning and supervising the construction of Memorial Hall.

Attest:

Chairman

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
November 23, 1956

An Ordinance Providing For The Vacation of Certain Streets Hereinafter Designated, To-Wit. Court Street East from Thurstin Avenue To The Termination THEREOF, Wayne Street And Middle Street From Wooster Street To Ridge Street, Case Avenue From Court Street To Ridge Street.

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of May, 1917, a petition was given by the Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green Normal College, presented to the Council, praying that Court Street east from Thurstin Avenue to