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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works of the State of Ohio, through the Office of the Attorney General, be requested to withdraw the appropriation proceedings for the acquisition of property referred to as "the Sterling Farm" filed with the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Wood, State of Ohio, being Case No. 34703.

The motion carried, the following members voting "aye": Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Donnell, that if the Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc. is unsuccessful in acquiring title to the Sterling farm under sheriff's sale as a result of the partition suit now pending in the Court of Common Pleas, County of Wood, State of Ohio, the Director of Public Works, through the Office of the Attorney General, be requested to proceed with the acquisition of said property by reinitiating condemnation proceedings. The motion carried, the following members voting "aye": Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Schwyn.

President McDonald indicated that Mr. Rodgers had stated in a telephone conversation with him that if it was possible for him to be present at the Board meeting, he would vote in favor of the procedure set forth in the above resolutions.

The President reported the following personnel changes:

Faculty

Irving Bonawitz, Assistant Professor of Accounting, has been granted a leave of absence without pay for the first semester 1957-58, upon the recommendation of his physician

Ernest Burgi, Assistant Professor of Speech, has resigned effective June 8, 1958, to accept a position at the University of Nebraska

Administration

James E. Hof has been appointed Admissions Officer with faculty rank of Instructor, effective December 1, 1957.

The Board of Trustees met at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 14, 1958, the following members being present: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; J. C. Donnell II; John F. Ernsthausen. (Mr. Bachman was present for a luncheon of Board members immediately preceding the Board meeting and participated in a preliminary discussion of the financial matters to be acted upon by the Board, as set forth in subsequent paragraphs of the minutes.)

The minutes of the meeting of December 21, 1957, were approved.

President McDonald called attention of members of the Board of Trustees to a resolution adopted by the University faculty in memory of Professor Merrill C. McEwen, who passed away on November 2, 1957. It was moved by Mr. Ernsthausen, seconded by Mr. Schwyn, that the Board of Trustees endorse fully the sentiment of the resolution and direct that the resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board:

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased as a token of our respect and veneration.

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The motion carried, the following persons voting "aye": Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell, seconded by Mr. Schwyn, that the charge for room and board, effective beginning in September, 1958, be $360 per semester or $660 per year, of which $330 shall be for residence and $350 for food service. The motion carried, the following members voting "aye": Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald reported that despite substantial increases in appropriations from tax revenues by the General Assemblies of 1955 and 1957, the amount of State-appropriated funds per full-time on-campus student has declined from $583.79 per student in 1955-56 to $520.41 per student in 1957-58. In an effort to maintain the level of educational quality that can be maintained until the General Assembly of 1959 has an opportunity to evaluate the needs of the State universities and make such adjustment as may be considered proper and feasible.

The President expressed the belief that with an increase of $25 per year in the Incidental Fee, the present level of educational quality can be maintained.
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It was moved by Mr. Ernsthausen, seconded by Mr. Donnell, that the Incidental Fee, effective beginning in September 1958, be $62.50 per semester or $125 per year. The motion carried, the following persons voting "aye": Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn. The President of the Board of Trustees reported that Mr. Bachman had indicated he would be present at the meeting, he would have voted in favor of this motion.

The President stated that reports of the State Treasurer show substantial reduction in collections from sales taxes; that the continuation of this trend might reduce State revenues to the point where the Governor would be required to cut back State appropriations; and that such a cut back would require further adjustment to maintain the quality of the University's educational program. Mr. Donnell suggested that in the event of such a cut back in appropriations, the President at that time make further recommendations for other necessary adjustments.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell, seconded by Mr. Schwyn, that the President of the University be authorized to take the necessary steps for preparing, publishing, and distributing a publication for free distribution to alumni and friends of the University in connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary observance in 1959-60; that the publication be essentially descriptive, with historical background, for the purpose of depicting the University's program and potential; that the cost of the publication (estimated to be from $10,000 to $15,000) be covered from local funds of the University. The motion carried, the following persons voting "aye": Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald reported the following personnel changes since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- Seymour L. Benstock has been promoted from Instructor in Music to Assistant Professor of Music
- Irving Bonawitz, Assistant Professor of Accounting, is returning from a semester's leave of absence, effective with the beginning of the second semester 1957-58.
- William T. Pickel has been appointed Assistant Professor of Accounting, effective with the beginning of the second semester 1957-58.
- Mary Louise Spooner, Instructor in Health and Physical Education, is returning from a semester's leave of absence, effective with the beginning of the second semester 1957-58.
- James Herrling, Editor, University News Service, has resigned effective June 30, 1958, in order to work toward the doctor's degree at the University of Minnesota.

By unanimous approval of the members of the Board, the President of the University was authorized to establish a program of group insurance for members of the faculty, administrative officers, and unclassified employees on the administrative staff, whereby term life insurance and other benefits will be graduated approximately in accord with salary brackets. The President was further authorized and directed to provide salary increases in sufficient amount to cover the costs of such a program, actual payments for which will be made by voluntary salary deductions authorized by the individuals electing to participate in the program.

Attest:

President

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
August 20, 1958

The Board of Trustees met at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 1958, the following members being present: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II; John F. Ernsthausen.

The minutes of the meeting of February 14, 1958, were approved.

The reappointment of Mr. E. T. Rodgers as a member of the Board of Trustees was noted with pleasure. Official certification of Mr. Rodgers's appointment to the Board for a five-year term ending May 16, 1963, together with Mr. Rodgers's executed oath of office, have been received from Governor C. William O'Neil.

The Board of Trustees then proceeded with the election of officers to serve during the year 1958-59 and until their successors are elected and installed.

Mr. Bachman nominated Mr. E. T. Rodgers to be President of the Board of Trustees for the year 1958-59. By unanimous vote of Messrs. Bachman, Donnell, Ernsthausen, and Schwyn, Mr. Rodgers was re-elected President of the Board.

Mr. Donnell moved the Board of Trustees elect Mr. Schwyn as Vice President and Mr. Bachman as Secretary of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ernsthausen. By affirmative vote of Messrs. Rodgers, Donnell, and Ernsthausen, the motion was adopted. Messrs. Schwyn and Bachman refrained from voting on the motion, but each indicated his affirmative vote with respect to the election of the other to the office indicated.

President McDonald reported that the Attorney General of Ohio has ruled that the board of trustees of a State university has the authority to include sabbatical leaves in their policies for the employment of professional personnel when, in the judgment of the Board, the purpose and program of the University may be furthered by such action. Following a discussion of this matter, Board members expressed approval of the principle of sabbatical leaves on a limited basis; and the President of the University was instructed to present, at a later meeting of the Board, information regarding sabbatical leave policies in various institutions, along with suggestions as to a basic policy under which a limited number of such leaves might be made available to highly qualified faculty members.

A detailed financial report on the current operations of the University for the fiscal year July 1, 1957, through June 30, 1958, was presented to each member of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Schwyn, that the amount of the individual statutory bond required of the Treasurer of the University be set at $200,000. The motion carried, the following members voting "aye": Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Donnell, that the following resolution, which had been