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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 reinstituting 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 were 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 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. Donnell, 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 $300 per semester or $600 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.

Resolved, That we, the members of the faculty of Bowling Green State University, extend our sincere condolence to the bereaved members of his family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and be it further

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

The motion carried, the following persons 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 decreased from $583.79 per student in 1953-54 to $520.41 per student in 1957-58. In an effort to maintain the level of educational income during this period, the Board of Trustees has increased student fees steadily, from $138.55 per student in 1953-54 to $184.33 in 1957-58. (Additional student fee proceeds used for the purpose of supporting the student health service and a broad program of student activities averaged $61.08 per student in 1953-54 and $60.21 per student in 1957-58.) Combining State appropriations and student fees, the total amount available for the educational program of the University during the current year is $707.74 per full-time student, as compared with $722.34 per student available in 1953-54. The decrease in the value of the dollar since 1953 makes the decline in income even more serious.

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 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.
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 progress of the last half century; 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 Donovits, 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 Herring, 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.

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Attest:  

President  

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio  
August 20, 1958