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attained permanent tenure. Other administrative officers who are members of the University Faculty may be made members by action of the Senate on recommendation of the Faculty Council. When such action is taken, it shall apply to the individual while holding the office and shall not necessarily extend to his successor.

Section 2.

Organization. The University Senate shall be organized to serve as a deliberative body under its elected officers and executive committee. It shall elect annually from its membership a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary. These three officers and the nine elected members of the Faculty Council shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Senate. The Executive Committee shall schedule regular and special meetings of the Senate, determine and make advance announcement of agenda for such meetings, appoint committees in furtherance of the functions and internal operations of the Senate, and submit to the President of the University recommendations approved by majority vote of Senate members on matters of Senate interest related to the operation and development of the University.

The three officers of the Senate shall be elected by vote of the Senate membership in accordance with Article VII of the Charter, and shall take office on September 1 following their election.

Note: For 1961-62 the officers shall be elected early in the first semester of the academic year, and shall take office immediately following their election.

Section 3.

Functions. Broadly defined, it shall be the function of the University Senate to increase the effectiveness of the University Faculty by providing a smaller body composed of those members who, because of the amount and quality of their preparation and service, as evidenced by appointment to higher academic ranks, are best qualified to act for the Faculty and to exercise certain functions and responsibilities. These shall include:

a. Representing the members of the University Faculty who are not members of the Senate;

b. Serving on the Faculty Council;

c. Electing six of the members of the Faculty Council;  
   (Amended January 6, 1956)

d. Electing three members of the Academic Council;  
   (Amended January 6, 1956)

e. Electing certain faculty members to all standing committees of the University Faculty under the provisions of Article VI, Section 1;

f. Voting on all recommendations growing out of University Faculty and Senate deliberations;

g. Voting on all matters referred by the President or one of the policy-forming councils of the Faculty, for recommendations decision by the Senate;  
   (Amended November 10, 1954 and January 6, 1956)

h. Maintaining special vigilance to detect problems that should be studied in order to improve the effectiveness of the University, and cooperating with other agencies in organizing and carrying out studies of such problems.

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Attest:

President

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio

June 24, 1961

The members of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University met in Bowling Green, Ohio, at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 25, 1961, the date, time, and place duly established for such meeting. The following members of the Board were present: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II; John F. Ernsthausen.

President McDonald announced that Dr. Elden T. Smith, who has rendered outstanding service to the University as Dean of Students, had asked to be released from his responsibilities effective June 30, 1961, in order to accept the position of Provost at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he is badly needed. Dr. McDonald reported that he had held discussions with administrative officers in the various areas of student personnel and that their unanimous choice for the position of Dean of Students was Dr. Donnal V. Smith, a choice in which he concurred. He indicated that he had appointed Dr. Smith to the post of Dean of Students, subject to confirmation by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn, seconded by Mr. Bachman, that the appointment of Dr. Donnal V. Smith as Dean of Students, effective immediately, be confirmed. The motion carried, the following members voting "aye": Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald called attention to the desirability of relieving Dr. McFall of his academic responsibilities as Vice President. He announced that accordingly he had appointed Dr. Paul F. Leedy to the position of Provost, effective September 1, 1961, subject to confirmation by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Schwyn, that the appointment of Dr. Paul F. Leedy as Provost, effective September 1, 1961, be confirmed. The motion carried, the following members voting "aye": Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

President McDonald reported that he had conferred individually with members of the Board during the two
days prior to the meeting and had placed in the hands of each member a copy of the following letter:

June 23, 1961

Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
Mr. E. T. Rodgers, Chairman

Dear Friends:

The job the Board entrusted to me ten years ago has largely been accomplished. You desired a top-quality university with high scholastic standards, a well-qualified faculty with adequate salaries, an efficient administrative organization, a sound financial program with substantial reserves, dormitories of high quality, a superior university union, a good athletic program, a good fraternity system, encouragement of research, functional educational buildings of good construction, and a campus life of decency and sobriety. In all these respects, the University has been for the past three or four years one of the top-ranking institutions of higher learning in the United States, even though the Legislature is now providing smaller State tax appropriations per student than we received seven years ago.

These ten years have been for me and my wife the most strenuous and grueling in our experience, because the job has not been easy. In terms of a 40-hour work week, we have spent approximately 25 years on this job. We have had the continuous assistance of loyal and devoted faculty members, the constant help of an able administrative corps of administrative officers, and the continuing aid of an excellent staff in all areas of University service. Above all, we are grateful for the encouragement, guidance, support, hard work, and personal inspiration of the members of the Board of Trustees. Without men of your stature and ability on the Board, the achievements of the University during the past ten years would have been impossible.

The quality of our educational program is being consistently demonstrated by the outstanding records made by our graduates in all fields. In the law schools, medical schools, dental schools, and other graduate schools, as well as in science, business, education, and other fields of service, our graduates are now achieving records substantially above the average of graduates of accredited colleges and universities generally. These are the results that really count. These are the only rewards we seek.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Board of Trustees permit me to relinquish the responsibilities of the presidency effective September 1, 1961, in order that my wife and I may take a year’s leave for rest and study before returning to the University to take up the duties of my tenure appointment to the faculty as Professor of Higher Education. I shall plan to return to these duties in September, 1962, to carry forward studies related to the development of higher education in Ohio and the United States, with particular reference to Northwest Ohio. Through these studies and other faculty services, I hope to continue to have a part in the advancement of the University in full cooperation with whomever the Board may choose as the new President.

We now have in the University an excellent group of administrative officers and staff members who are fully capable of administering University affairs competently during the interim period necessary for selecting a President of high calibre. By designating a well-qualified man to serve as Acting President with the aid of our outstandingly capable Vice President, you will be able to assure the continued progress of the University during the period of securing your new President.

I shall give up my duties as President with a feeling of good will toward everyone. My wife and I shall look forward with pleasure to returning to the midst of our friends on the campus after we have had an opportunity to overcome the sheer physical exhaustion of ten arduous years. Our purpose then as now will be to help Bowling Green State University be more and more a place where excellence is a way of life and where nothing less than the best is considered good enough in the education of a student.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. McDonald

After reading his letter to the Board, Dr. McDonald left the meeting. Mr. Bachman introduced the following motion:

I move that, in accordance with Dr. McDonald’s request, he be released from his administrative position as president of Bowling Green State University effective September 1, 1961, that he be given a leave of absence for rest and for study of higher education throughout the United States for one year from September 1, 1961 to September 1, 1962; that his present compensation continue until September 1, 1962; that upon his return in September, 1962, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald continue in his tenure appointment as professor of higher education in the university faculty to engage in full time higher education and institutional research.

That this motion is made with utmost regret on the part of the Board; that the Board deeply deplores the circumstances that have decided him to resign.

That, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, the faculty and staff and the thousands of students and their families who have benefited and will continue to benefit greatly from the outstanding services of Dr. McDonald as president of the University during the past ten years, we express to Dr. McDonald our sincere thanks for his selfless and tireless devotion to the work of this University, for his dedication to its welfare and his brilliant performance as an administrator which has greatly benefited the cause of education in Ohio; and that we extend best wishes to him and Mrs. McDonald for a much needed rest and assure them of a friendly welcome upon their return to the University when Dr. McDonald comes back to continue his valuable services to the University as a member of its faculty.

Mr. Bachman’s motion was seconded by Mr. Donnell and unanimously carried, the following members voting “aye”: Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schoyen.

It was moved by Mr. Schoyen, the motion seconded by Mr. Ernsthausen, that Dr. Ralph G. Harshman be named Acting President of Bowling Green State University, his appointment to become effective beginning September 1, 1961, and continuing until the Board of Trustees shall elect a President and he shall have taken office. The motion carried, the following members voting “aye”: Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schoyen.
The following motion was introduced by Mr. Donnell:

The Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University resolves that:

A special advisory committee, consisting of three persons, is hereby created by the Board of Trustees. The committee is directed to make a study in depth of the student, faculty, and administration inter-relationships at Bowling Green State University. The study should include, but not be limited to, a review and recommendation concerning the creation of an appropriate faculty senate.

The committee is delegated full authority from the Board of Trustees to gather all information it deems relevant, with all University records made available and with the complete cooperation of all University personnel.

A final report by the committee is to be made to the Board of Trustees, to which it is solely responsible.

Mr. Donnell's motion was seconded by Mr. Bachman and unanimously carried, the following members voting "aye": Bachman; Donnell; Ernsthausen; Rodgers; Schwyn.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Schwyn, the Board voted unanimously that the meeting be adjourned.

Attest:

E. T. Rodgers
President

July 22, 1961

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President E. Tappan Rodgers after due notice had been given in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board. Present were E. Tappan Rodgers, Carl H. Schwyn, John F. Ernsthausen, and Alva W. Bachman. J. C. Donnell II was reported by his office as out of the country.

President Rodgers stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider changes in the University tenure policy and other pressing matters. A discussion followed as to the changes needed, and after full deliberation Mr. Schwyn offered the following Resolution and moved that it be adopted, effective immediately:

WHEREAS, the government of Bowling Green State University is vested by law in the Board of Trustees of the University; and

WHEREAS, it is the legal responsibility of said Board of Trustees to "hire and remove" faculty members "as deemed necessary by said Board," and "do all things necessary for the continuous and successful operation" of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it necessary to employ and retain qualified faculty members who are in full accord with and support fully the policies, rules, and regulations of the University as determined by the Board of Trustees and by authorized officials of the University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the "University Policy on Faculty Appointment and Tenure" as adopted by the Board of Trustees on November 28, 1953, be and the same is hereby rescinded, repealed, and all its provisions declared null and void with the completion of faculty services during the fiscal year 1960-61;

2. That the University Policy on Faculty Appointment and Tenure as stated below be and the same is hereby adopted and established, effective beginning with the employment of all faculty members and other academic employees for the academic year 1961-62, and continuing thereafter until amended or rescinded by the Board of Trustees:

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON FACULTY APPOINTMENT AND TENURE

I. General Policy. Bowling Green State University seeks to maintain high standards in all areas of University activity and service. To this end, its aim is to employ faculty members of superior qualifications whose personal interests, purposes, and actions are in full accord with the distinctive philosophy and policies of the University. Faculty salaries and related benefits are provided at a level commensurate with the University standards of excellence. For faculty members who meet fully the requirements of the University, stable employment is assured.

II. Employees of Faculty Rank. Policies and provisions set forth herein shall apply to employees employed for full-time service in teaching and/or research, in full-time professional service in the University administration, or in full-time professional service in the University Library, to whom faculty rank has been extended by the President of the University and confirmed by the Board of Trustees, and to persons employed for any of such services on a part-time basis.

III. Kinds of Appointment. Appointments to the faculty of the University shall be of three kinds:

1. A term appointment of a faculty member shall be for a specified period of time and shall not lead to permanent tenure;

2. Part-time appointees to the faculty shall be governed by all the provisions set forth herein, except that such employment shall not lead to tenure;