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Proceedings, Trustees Bowling Green State University

October 21, 1976
November 15, 1976

Reports (continued)

Bowling Green State University - Official Statement relating to General Receipts Bonds, Series 1976, $6,600,000 (dated December 1, 1976) - (Source: Treasurer)
Bowling Green State University Police - Annual Report 1975-1976 (Source: Director, University Police)

In addition, for the record, the following was shared with each member of the Board:

Bowling Green State University Governance Documents - Including Academic Charter approved by the Board of Trustees on September 9, 1976 (Source: Office of the Faculty Senate)

Executive Session

Chairman Shanklin announced that the regular session would be recessed so that members could meet in an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. and members moved to the University Suite, third floor, for a closed session.

The regular session was reconvened by the Chairman at 12:05 p.m.——with the announcement that the members had been in executive session to discuss personnel matters and that no action had been taken.

Next Board Meeting

Chairman Shanklin stated that the next meeting would be on Monday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m.

Letter of Appreciation - James Lessig

No. 27-77
Mr. Simmons moved, Mr. Shanklin seconded, that the Board of Trustees forward a letter to James Lessig, Director of Alumni Affairs, in appreciation of the fine job he had done in the completion of the Alumni Center—not only in getting the funds but also in the planning, construction, and dedication of this unique structure on the Bowling Green campus. All members present concurring, the motion was approved.

Commemorative Plaque

No. 28-77
Mr. Rood moved, Mr. Spiegel seconded, that the University arrange for a plaque to be sent to the officials at the universities visited in the Far East by President and Mrs. Moore in commemoration of their recent trip and in acknowledgment of the gifts presented to them. All members present concurring, the motion was approved.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Dyckes, seconded by Mr. Spiegel. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
November 15, 1976

As specified in the official meeting notice, the Board of Trustees met in the Alumni Room, University Union, with the following members present: Charles Shanklin, Chairman; Albert Dyckes; M. Shad Hanna; Frazier Reams, Jr.; Donald Simmons; and Arthur Spiegel. John Lipaj, Norman Rood, and Robert Savage were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts.

Also attending were President Hollis Moore; Richard Edwards, Vice President and Secretary to the Board; Joseph Perry, Faculty Representative; Mark Kerns, Undergraduate Student Representative; Peter Villari, Assistant Undergraduate Student Representative; Michael Coffman, Graduate Student Representative; Richard Eakin, Vice Provost for Student Affairs; Michael Ferrari, Vice President of Resource Planning; Paul Nusser, Treasurer; George Postich, Vice President for Operations; Kenneth Rothe, Provost; Janet Vay, representing Ober Simon, Resident State Examiner of Ohio; representatives of the press; and a number of observers.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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No. 29-77
It was moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Dyckes, that the minutes of the October 21, 1976, meeting be approved as written. The motion was approved.

Report of the Finance Committee

Chairman Shanklin called on Mr. Reams to report in the absence of Mr. Rood.

By way of background, Mr. Reams stated that the University community is well aware of the problems created by a projected deficit in the 1976-77 Educational Budget of approximately $410,000, resulting from loss of income because of (1) a one per cent agency cut in State appropriations, which is in addition to the two per cent cut built into the approved budget, and (2) a decline in subsidy-eligible enrollments. He said that the Finance Committee had met in October to examine alternatives to offset this decrease in earnings— including the possibility of increasing student fees and of reducing the expenditure base for 1976-77.

Further, Mr. Reams reported that the Committee had consulted with representatives to the Board to obtain student opinions and suggestions and that preliminary feedback indicates student preference for continuation of high quality of educational programs even if it means an increase in student fees.

Mr. Reams said that the Committee met just prior to this session to review again the budget condition and the proposed courses of action to eliminate the projected deficit and agreed to recommend to the Board the
following course of action:

(1) Reduction in the expenditure base for 1976-77 in selective areas and programs, while at the same time preserving most academic instructional and operating funds, to offset the decline in subsidy earnings of approximately $160,000; and

(2) establishment of a $9.00 per quarter instructional fee surcharge for the winter and spring quarters of 1977 to offset the agency cut of approximately $250,000.

During the discussion which followed, President Moore said that it is anticipated that some contingency funds will be applied toward eliminating the deficit and further that it is the intent of the administration that no further reductions be made in the following areas:

(1) academic departments,
(2) University Library,
(3) essential equipment replacement for instructional purposes,
(4) contractual commitments with faculty and staff,
(5) contractual commitments with vendors, and
(6) existing commitments to students for grants, assistantships, fellowships, and scholarships.

Concerning the effect of the proposed increase in student fees on the percentage of total educational costs paid by the student, President Moore explained that the student still would not be paying a disproportionate amount—approximately 32 per cent of the total, as contrasted to the 40 per cent of total cost paid by the student in 1972-73. He called the attention of the Board to the fact that student fees have generally been less than the inflationary rate of the economy as reflected in the Consumer Price Index. In terms of providing financial aid to students to meet rising costs, student aid has increased since 1971-72 from $1.3 million to $4.2 million, he added.

Chairman Shanklin asked if there was further discussion. Mark Kerns reported that during the past few weeks both he and Michael Coffman had spent a number of hours talking with students concerning the surcharge proposed. He stated that the feelings of the students are as anticipated—they favor maintaining the quality of education. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to report to the Board the general reaction concerning a proposed fee increase.

Michael Coffman informed the Board that the graduate students also were appreciative of the opportunity to provide input to the Board concerning the budget condition and the proposed fee increases. He stated that the general consensus was that, while there may be areas where budget reductions could be made, the proposals of the students are more long-term in nature and the only alternative is to raise the student fees so that the quality of education can be maintained.

Mr. Kerns read a letter received from the Commuter Organization and indicated that he believes this represents the opinion of most of the groups contacted—that it is unwise to jeopardize the quality of education at the University by further budget reductions in essential academic areas.

Dr. Perry stated that the faculty generally approve the assessing of an instructional fee surcharge and expressed his agreement with President Moore as to the designation of areas in which reductions will not be made. He reported that Provost Rothe had already established a committee of faculty and students to consider those areas in which budget reductions could be made and that the Faculty Welfare Committee will have suggestions also. Announcement was made by Dr. Perry of the Forum on Contingency Planning on November 16, sponsored by the Faculty Senate, at which time a report will be made to the faculty concerning the budget condition and the action of the Board of Trustees.

No. 30-77 It was moved by Mr. Reams and seconded by Mr. Dyckes that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as a result of the additional one per cent agency cut in State appropriations, and a decline in expected subsidy-eligible enrollments; and WHEREAS, the expenditure base of the 1976-77 Educational Budget exceeds the estimated income by approximately $410,000; and WHEREAS, it is essential to maintain the quality of academic and support programs while minimizing the cost to students;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT selective reductions to the approved budget be made immediately in an amount to offset the loss of income related chiefly to enrollment decline ($158,264); and FURTHER, THAT the remaining loss of income from the one per cent agency cut (approximately $250,000) be funded by a $9 per quarter Instructional Fee Surcharge to all full-time undergraduate and graduate students (and a $1 per credit hour for part-time students not to exceed a maximum of $91), for the Main Campus, Firelands Campus and Off-Campus Centers, effective for the winter and spring quarters of 1977, and, further that should the agency cut be restored, the Surcharge will not be assessed for the following quarter; and WHEREAS, continued reports suggest only modest increase in State appropriations are anticipated for the 1977-79 biennium, the administration is hereby directed to re-examine the rationale and outputs of programs and services to enhance increased efficiency and effectiveness; and to prepare appropriate studies and specific recommendations to the trustees for future budget considerations.

The Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following members voting "yes"—Mr. Dyckes, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Reams, Mr. Shanklin, Mr. Simons, Mr. Spiegel. The motion was declared approved by six affirmative votes.

Report of the Ad Hoc Student Services Committee

Mr. Dyckes reported that the trustee committee of Mr. Rood, Mr. Lipaj, Mr. Reams, and himself had met a number of times and discussed the role of the Student Health Center in the ongoing operation of the University. He said that as a result of this review, the following recommendation is submitted to the Board:

FURTHER, THAT the remaining loss of income from the one per cent agency cut (approximately $250,000) be funded by a $9 per quarter Instructional Fee Surcharge to all full-time undergraduate and graduate students (and a $1 per credit hour for part-time students not to exceed a maximum of $91), for the Main Campus, Firelands Campus and Off-Campus Centers, effective for the winter and spring quarters of 1977, and, further that should the agency cut be restored, the Surcharge will not be assessed for the following quarter; and

WHEREAS, continued reports suggest only modest increase in State appropriations are anticipated for the 1977-79 biennium, the administration is hereby directed to re-examine the rationale and outputs of programs and services to enhance increased efficiency and effectiveness; and to prepare appropriate studies and specific recommendations to the trustees for future budget considerations.

The Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following members voting "yes"—Mr. Dyckes, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Reams, Mr. Shanklin, Mr. Simons, Mr. Spiegel. The motion was declared approved by six affirmative votes.
The Ad Hoc Committee, charged with reviewing the University Health Center, recommends to the Board of Trustees that the University administration develop and implement a plan to provide students quality medical care at the first contact phase in the health care delivery system. Appropriate transfer and referral capability to secondary and tertiary health care facilities should be arranged to augment such campus services for those students who require such medical care.

Mr. Dyckes stated that the Committee identified the role of the campus health center as that area where students requiring health care would make the initial contact, with those requiring extended care being referred to appropriate facilities in the communities of Bowling Green or Toledo.

No. 31-77 It was moved by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Reams, that the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Services be accepted. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

President Moore said that the Ad Hoc Committee had worked with the administration in securing data concerning the operation of the health center and that it is the intent of the report that the University provide the best possible clinic on campus for students. He explained that as the University concentrates on the principal purpose of the center as identified in the report, there may be some modification of the services offered which would result in a reduction of operating costs. Further, as it is the hope of the administration that all fees and charges reflect the given costs at a given time, the President said he feels that the reduced operating costs would justify a reduced general fee to be assessed students for the winter quarter of 1977.

No. 32-77 It was moved by Mr. Dyckes, seconded by Mr. Hanna, that, effective with the start of the winter quarter of 1977, the general fee be reduced from $39.00 per quarter to $36.00 per quarter and that the part-time student fees be reduced accordingly.

The Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following members voting "yes"—Mr. Dyckes, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Reams, Mr. Shanklin, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Spiegel. The motion was declared approved by six affirmative votes.

Executive Session
At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Shanklin announced that the meeting would be recessed for the purpose of an executive session of the Board to discuss personnel matters. The members adjourned to the University Suite, third floor, Union, for a closed session.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m., announced that the Board had been in executive session to discuss personnel matters, and indicated that no action had been taken.

Additional Report
The following was shared with the Board of Trustees but not discussed:

Bowling Green State University College of Health and Community Services — Annual Report 1975-76 (Source: Office of the Dean)

Next Meeting of the Board
Chairman Shanklin said that the date of the next meeting is Thursday, February 10, 1977.

Adjournment
The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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