Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 1987-05-08

Bowling Green State University
Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Assembly Room, McFall Center, Bowling Green Campus: Robert C. Ludwig, Chairman; J. Warren Hall, Vice Chairman; Nick J. Milet; G. D. Harold; Herbert Moorehead, Jr.; Melvin L. Murray; Richard A. Newlove; Anne B. Saporito; Ann L. Russell; William F. Spengler, Jr.

Also present were President Paul J. Olscamp; Philip R. Mason, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board; Richard Haben, Faculty Representative to the Board; David J. Robinson, Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Larry Jones, Graduate Student Representative to the Board; Mary Mohamed, Firelands College Board Representative; Dwight Burlingame, Vice President for University Relations; Elisto E. Clark, Vice President for Academic Affairs; J. Christopher Dalton, Acting Vice President for Planning and Budgeting; Mary M. Edmonds, Vice President for Student Affairs; Karl E. Vogt, Vice President for Operations; Gaylyn J. Finn, Treasurer; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chairman Ludwig called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.; the Board Secretary called the roll and announced that nine Trustees were present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 1987-88

Chairman Ludwig called for nominations for the position of Board President for next year.

Mr. Newlove nominated William Spengler for president; seconded by Mr. Milet. Mr. Milet moved that nominations be closed and that the Board Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Spengler. The motion carried.

Mr. Milet nominated Mr. Murray for Vice President; seconded by Mr. Moorehead. Mr. Milet moved that nominations be closed and that the Board Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Murray. The motion carried.

Mr. Hall nominated Mr. Mason for Secretary to the Board; seconded by Mr. Spengler. Dr. Platt moved that nominations be closed and that unanimous ballot be cast. The motion carried.

The elected officers for 1987-88 are:

President - William F. Spengler, Jr.
Vice President - Melvin L. Murray
Secretary to the Board - Philip R. Mason

No. 75-87

Dr. Olscamp reported as follows:

Faculty and Student Officers

This morning I’d like to congratulate the newly-elected officers of the graduate and undergraduate student governments. Larry Jones, a graduate student in public administration, is the new Graduate Student Senate President. David Robinson, a sophomore political science major, will head the Undergraduate Student Government (USG). The USG vice president is James Perry, a senior Interpersonal and Public Communications major. We extend our best wishes and look forward to working with them in the coming months.

I also want to take this opportunity to offer special thanks to the outgoing officers of the Faculty Senate and the student governments. Dr. Richard Haben has done an excellent job this year as chair of the Faculty Senate as have Dr. Ralph Wolfe and Dr. Genevive Stang in their roles of vice chair and secretary, respectively.

Special thanks to Sheila Harrington, president of the Graduate Student Senate, and to Kelly McCoy, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and their staffs for their fine work during the past year. We extend best wishes for every success in the future.

Budget

I have mailed a letter to all deans, chairs, directors and selected alumni of Bowling Green State University soliciting their help in contacting Senators and other legislators to encourage support for higher education in the 1987-88 House budget allocations.

I continue to be very worried about the present version of the 1988-89 biennial budget for higher education in Ohio. Stability in state funding is critical to maintain and improve public education programs in the state. During the years 1984 through 1987 many of the cuts that were mandated in the 1981-85 period of fiscal difficulty were restored. In addition, the Governor and Leadership of the General Assembly recognized the value of selective investments in higher education that offer promise of helping a resurgent state economy. These improved budgets focused on two principal issues: reducing the students’ share of the cost of higher education and the beginning of the Selective Excellence Program. The investment in these programs has been widely hailed across the state and the nation as a prudent expenditure.

A "flat" budget for higher education would reverse these gains.

However, the proposed budget is not really even "flat" because annual debt service has increased and would be paid from academic operating funds, thereby leaving fewer dollars for all operating purposes. All normal operating cost increases, such as inflation and any salary increases, would have to be funded solely by student tuition and fees. The students’ share of cost could easily return to 44 percent (FY87 stood at 38%) as a result.

We have been and we shall continue to work with other universities to increase funding for higher education. If the budget were to pass in its present version, BGSU would receive $800,000 to $1,000,000 less for 87-88 than we had this year.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

1987 Fall Semester Admissions Update

We have received 9,187 applications from freshmen seeking admission to the 1987 Fall Semester. This represents an increase of 759 or 8.03%. Transfer applications number 1,006, which reflects an increase of 81 or 8.49%. All comparisons are made with application statistics from the previous year for the same general time period.

Enrollment Update

As of April 28, 1987, there have been 9,644 registration requests processed for the main campus for the Summer Term 1987. This figure is 478 more than a year ago at this time.

As of April 11, 1987, there have been 11,506 registration requests processed for the main campus for the Fall Semester 1987. This is an increase of 322 from the same date last year.

Graduate Admissions Update

For the reporting period July 1, 1986, through April 30, 1987, the number of new applications received by the Graduate College totaled 2,978. This total represents an increase of 683 applications or 23% from the same reporting period in 1986.

Within the two major application categories, a total of 2,275 applications were received for degree programs. This indicates an increase of 515 or 10% for the reporting period, while applications to Special Standing (nondegree) status decreased by 126 or 13%.

An analysis of the decrease in Special Standing graduate applications reveals that although the 1986-87 Special Standing application flow is 16% lower than last year, we have the second highest number of Special Standing applications since 1981-82. We will continue efforts to increase the number of special standing graduate student applications.

On-Line Registration

I have received the final report from the On-Line Registration Committee. The work of the Committee is indeed admirable. The next step in developing the On-Line Registration process will be to review the report with the Deans, and Chairs and Directors. The estimated project cost will be $243,000 and the expected operational date is April, 1989.

Black Enrollments Conference

On April 13, 1987, the Inter-University Council of Presidents held an Invitational Conference on campus to study how to increase black enrollments. The Presidents have been concerned about the decrease in the number of black students attending Ohio colleges at a time when the number of black high school graduates has increased. Last summer Dr. Mary Edmonds and Dr. Deborah McGurdy from Bowling Green State University interviewed black junior and senior high school students in Toledo and Dayton to determine reasons why black students were not going to college. This research was presented at the conference. The main speaker was Dr. Israel Tribble, Executive Director of the McKnight Programs in Florida, who discussed that state's program for ensuring that black students matriculate and graduate from college. All of the IUC institutions were represented, including four presidents and several provosts, vice presidents for student affairs, minority affairs officers and admissions officers. I was privileged to welcome the participants and outlined Bowling Green State University's minority recruitment and retention programs. This conference represented the first phase of a program to encourage more black students in Ohio to attend college.

Grants and Contracts Awarded

The comparative numbers for the grants and contracts for April 30, 1987, month ending as opposed to the same reporting period in 1986, are as follows:

1986-87 - Total special projects grants and contracts = $4,274,958.18.
1986-87 - Total special projects grants and contracts = $6,472,456.33. The total of all grants and contracts for 1986-87 = $10,183,007.18 and for 1986-87 = $9,246,078.33. These totals include the student aid grants for the respective years.

Dr. Thomas B. Cobb, Center for Environmental Programs, has received an $18,669.00 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Office of Litter Control. The grant will be used to establish an office on the BGSU campus for the coordination of recycling activities. In cooperation with the Bowling Green Jaycees and the City of Bowling Green, existing efforts for the recycling of aluminum cans at BGSU will be coordinated, expanded, and monitored by this office.

Dr. Douglas C. Neckers, Chemistry Department, has received an $81,718.00 grant from the National Cancer Institute for continued research involving Targeted Photodynamic Action in tumor phototherapy. Central to this research is the further development of the chemistry of the xanthene dye, rose bengal. This dye will be the prototypical dye system on which future dyes can be based. The significance of this research lies in the development of near infrared absorbing dyes for use in the photodynamic treatment of cancer.

Olympics of the Mind

During Spring Break, two groups of Technology students represented the University well in the Olympics of the Mind World Finals, creative problem-solving competition, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. One team placed first in the construction of a spring-powered car, which had to be driven through a given course in the shortest time. The other team placed third in a competition to design a balsa wood structure that could support as much weight as possible.

Truman Scholarship Winner

Ms. Kim Trowbridge, a junior biology/chemistry major, was recently awarded a prestigious Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship, given to a select number of outstanding students throughout the country, to prepare for a public service career. Kim is one of five students from Ohio to receive this award and the only recipient currently attending a state university in Ohio. Kim plans to pursue a career in environmental science.
Presidential Report (Continued)

Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Award

Donald Hilty, a senior biology major, recently received a Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship in the amount of $3,500 each year for two years at the University of Cincinnati Medical School. The Graduate/Professional Fellowship program was established by the Board of Regents this year to recognize and give financial assistance to outstanding college graduates in Ohio and to encourage them to pursue graduate study in Ohio's higher education institutions rather than leave the state to pursue graduate study.

1987 Master Teacher Award

Dr. Martha Rogers, Assistant Professor of Marketing, is the recipient of the 1987 Master Teacher Award, given annually by the Alumni Association Awards Committee and the Undergraduate Alumni Association to recognize a faculty member's outstanding teaching performance and concern for students. The four other finalists were Elizabeth Allgeler, Psychology; Cynthia Groat, Biological Sciences; John Pinder, Physical Education and Recreation; and Richard Weaver, Interpersonal and Public Communications. Congratulations to Dr. Rogers.

1987 Senior Challenge

The 1987 Senior Challenge has exceeded its goal. $63,408 has been pledged to the program by 737 members of the class. (The original goal was to raise $60,000 in pledges from 700 seniors.)

Falcons for Drug Free Youth Update

University athletes made twenty presentations to students in Wood County schools during this semester on alternatives to alcohol and drugs. Of special interest were three Perrysburg elementary school presentations, which were given at a breakfast in the schools with the youngsters and their parents. Attendance and interest were both excellent. In fact the year-long "Falcons for Drug Free Youth" program was well received in all the schools. The athletes involved did a tremendous job of presenting the program, answering questions and superlatively represented their sports, the athletic department and the University.

Also, on April 30, the Athletic Department sponsored a talk by Mike Baeb of the Cleveland Browns who told a campus-wide audience about drug use and abuse in professional athletics. He discussed the consequences of drug use, urged the students to become better informed and to avoid drugs. Baeb's appearance concluded the athletic department's drug education efforts for the year.

Spring Commencement

As you know, Commencement is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Doyt Perry Stadium. William F. Buckley, Jr., author, columnist, politician, television personality and lecturer will give the Commencement address and will receive an honorary degree (Doctor of Letters). Fred W. Rogers, television producer and host, author and clergyman, will receive an honorary degree (Doctor of Humanities), as Gordon A. Vehar, a Senior Scientist, Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Genentech, Inc., South San Francisco, California, and a 1970 graduate will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. BGSU will grant more then 2,000 degrees at these exercises including 24 doctoral degrees, 253 master's degrees and 1,800 baccalaureates.

Eminent Scholar Announcement

A little more than a year ago, the Ohio Board of Regents launched the Selective Excellence Program. In essence, its mission is to convert funds granted by the State into efforts that promise to make Ohio pre-eminent in some of the most vital fields of higher education... into world-class centers of leadership in research, teaching and service.

Bowling Green has been in the vanguard of this exciting activity and has received major funding in the Selective Excellence Program's Academic Challenge and Progress Excellence categories. Of themselves, these grants along would be, and are, an enormous credit to Bowling Green's academic reputation.

In addition, last year Bowling Green was awarded a $500,000 Ohio Eminent Scholar grant, one that was matched with $500,000 of our own funds to endow the Eminent Scholar Program. That grant was awarded to Bowling Green's Chemistry Department and in particular the Center for Photochemical Sciences... the only center of its kind in the nation.

Adding immeasurably to the revolutionary significance of this new center is the appointment I am so pleased to announce today... another momentous milestone in Bowling Green's progress... the naming of Dr. Michael A. Rogers as the Ohio Eminent Scholar in Photochemical Sciences. Dr. Rogers is an internationally renowned scientist who is also an authority in various aspects of phototherapy used in cancer research. He is the seventh outstanding scholar to join an Ohio university and we expect him to begin his work at Bowling Green in January.

A native of England, Dr. Rodgers earned his Ph.D. from the University of Manchester and is currently the director of the Center for Fast Kinetics Research at the University of Texas in Austin. He is a specialist in laser photochemistry... a pioneering field in which Bowling Green has a keen and growing interest.

These kind of developments don't simply just happen. Behind each step are countless ingredients, including exceptional expertise, an awesome amount of perseverance and, to be sure, the challenge of converting idealistic dreams and realities that offer the hope of contributing to the betterment of mankind, the economic resurgence of our state and the credit of Bowling Green State University.

It is noteworthy that Governor Richard Celeste was involved in recruiting Dr. Rogers and that involvement is appreciated. Dr. Rodgers stated - "The fact that the highest elected official in the state took the time to call me was quite impressive. That shows that Ohio has more than just a verbal commitment to educational excellence."
President's Report (Continued)

So, as we celebrate and celebration is the proper word... I commend Dr. Douglas Neckers, director of the Center for Photochemical Sciences and a pre-eminent chemist in his own right... for the boundless energy and enthusiasm he and his colleagues have invested in making today's announcement possible.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

Personnel/Facilities Committee

Mr. Newlove reported that the Committee met to discuss a number of agenda items and to report and recommend for action the following.

Committee to Review Program Approval Procedures

Mr. Newlove called on Dr. Platt, member of the Committee to Review Program Approval Procedures, to give the status report concerning the progress of the Committee's study. Dr. Platt said that the Committee appointed by the President, also including Dr. Leigh Chiarello and Dr. Genevieve Stang, presented the written report to the Personnel/Facilities Committee and to the full Board. As a result of the Committee interviews with the Academic Deans, she noted, seven recommendations have been submitted concerning program approval or program discontinuance and how the processes can be simplified, streamlined and improved. She called attention to the Committee's request that a step-by-step process be established for program discontinuation rather than merely ceasing to schedule certain courses without a thorough study. Dr. Platt stated that the Committee also suggested that the University establish a university curriculum committee to replace the overlapping functions of the committees now in existence on the basis of the Charter. She added that the Personnel/Facilities Committee of the Board has asked the Committee members to set up a conference with President Olscamp and after that to ask the Faculty Senate to consider the seven recommendations in connection with possible changes in procedures that would involve Charter amendments. She encouraged the inclusion of representatives from Firelands in curriculum discussions.

President Olscamp commented that he had read over the Committee's recommendations and believes there are fruitful avenues of suggestions to be followed. He remarked that the comment about the discontinuation of programs is a very important point. Mr. Spongier complimented Dr. Platt and other Committee members on the report and said that he was pleased also with the emphasis placed on the process for discontinuing courses.

Dr. Platt thanked Dr. Chiarello and Dr. Stang for their work on the committee.

Proposed Improvement Projects to be Funded and Report of Improvement Projects Funded for the Period: October 1, 1986, to May 31, 1987

Mr. Newlove reported that the committee reviewed both projects which had been funded in accordance with prior authorization given by the Board and the project for which authorization is requested at this time. The Committee voted to recommend to the Finance Committee the funding of the emergency replacement of a dehumidifier for the University Ice Arena.

Personnel Changes - since April 10, 1987, meeting

Dr. Platt reported that the members reviewed the personnel changes, including changes in job assignment, salary, etc., since April 10 and voted to recommend approval by the full Board.

No. 74-87 Dr. Platt moved and Mr. Spengler seconded that approval be given to the Personnel Changes since the April 10, 1987, meeting. The motion was approved.

Personnel Changes

Administrative Staff

Name Title Effective Date Salary

New Appointments - Full-time

Henry L. Robinson Acting Academic Advisor/Counselor for the 4-1-87/6-30-87 $17,101 fyr
Student Special Services Program, Academic Enhancement

Margaret Hawkins Academic Advisor/Counselor for the 3-31-87 Personal illness
Student Special Services Program, Academic Enhancement

Changes in Assignment, Rank and Salary

Stephen Charter, Reference Archivist, Center for Archival Collections, Contract extended 4-6-87/5-8-87; $1,137.50.

Operations

Name Title Effective Date Salary

David Mohlar Manager, Group Insurance Benefits, 5-4-87/6-30-87 $85,000 fyr
Personnel Support Services

Changes in Assignment, Rank and Salary

David Crooks from Assistant Production and Catering Manager, $17,885 fyr to Director, University Union, $35,000 fyr, effective 4-1-87 through 8-30-87, promotion resulting from job recruitment process.