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MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
December 9, 1993

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Assembly Room of McFall Center, Bowling Green Campus on December 9, 1993: John C. Mahaney, Jr., Chair; C. Ellen Connally, Vice Chair; David A. Bryan, Jodi Chappell, Alvin Heard, John A. Laskey; Delbert L. Latta; G. Ray Medlin, Jr.; Valerie L. Newell, Thomas W. Noe; Kermit Stroh.

Also present were President Paul J. Olscamp; Lester E. Barber, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board; Benjamin Muego, Chair, Faculty Senate, and 1993-94 Faculty Representative to the Board; Jason Jackson, 1993-94 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Anupam Trivedi, 1993-94 Graduate Student Representative to the Board; Daniel Keller, 1993-94 Firelands College Representative to the Board; Greg Jordan, 1993-94 Administrative Staff Representative to the Board; Robert Kreienkamp, 1993-94 Classified Staff Representative to the Board; Eloise E. Clark, Vice President for Academic Affairs; J. Christopher Dalton, Vice President for Planning and Budgeting; Robert L. Martin, Vice President for Operations; Philip R. Mason, Vice President for University Relations; Ron Zwierlein, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs; Gaylyn J. Finn, Treasurer; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chair Mahaney called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.; the Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (nine Trustees).

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Latta and seconded by Judge Connally that the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1993, be approved as written. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search

Pending your approval at this meeting, Dr. Charles "Joe" Cranny has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Joe has been chair of the Psychology Department and follows Dr. Reginald Noble, who has been interim dean since the beginning of the fall semester.

Ohio Student Trustee Association

Student Trustees Jodi Chappell and Alvin Heard have taken a leadership role in organizing an Ohio Student Trustee Association. Jodi and Al, along with three other Ohio student trustees, have arranged a separate student trustee session at next week's OBOR Trustee Conference to begin networking with other student trustees and to establish a steering committee for the new organization.

Preliminary Spring 1994 Enrollment

Preliminary Spring 1994 data from December 5, 1993 shows 14,154 students registered on the main campus and 643 students registered for Firelands. The main campus total includes 12,793 undergraduate students, 1,215 graduate students and 146 guest students. Compared to Spring 1993 main campus registrations as of December 9, 1992, undergraduate registrations are lower by 404 or 3.4%, graduate student registrations are lower by 215 or 15% and guest student registrations are lower by 68 or 31.8%. Firelands registration for Spring 1994 is 64 or 9.1% lower than Spring 1993 registration as of December 9, 1992. The drop in undergraduate registrations from Spring 1993 to Spring 1994 is in line with our 1993-94 budget which assumed 400 fewer full-time undergraduate students for 1993-94. We anticipate considerable numbers of additional students registering for Spring 1994, particularly graduate and guest students.

Fall Semester 1994 Admissions Update

To date, we have received 3,946 applications from freshmen seeking admission to the 1994 Fall Semester. This represents an increase of 309 or 8.5%. Transfer applications number 95, an increase of 33 or 50%. All comparisons are made with application statistics from the previous year for the same general time period.
Grants and Contracts Awarded

The comparative numbers for grants and contracts for July 1 through October 30, 1993 are as follows:

Total of all Grants and Contracts for 1992-93 = $9,867,475.83; for 1993-94 = $8,700,154.47.

Non-restricted Rotary Accounts, fiscal year to date = $238,327.58.
Academic Research Centers for September fiscal year to date = $118,155.00; for October fiscal year to date = $153,942.50.

Dr. Park Leathers Receives Statewide Honor

Congratulations to Professor Park Leathers for being named the 1993 Outstanding Ohio Accounting Educator by the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Region of the American Accounting Association. Dr. Leathers is the Ernst & Young Professor of Accounting and Chair of the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems. He was cited for his outstanding contributions to the education of accountants and to the field of accountancy. In addition to receiving $1,000, he now is eligible for the Outstanding American Educator Award given by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has been a member of Bowling Green's faculty since 1975.

George Hammond Receives an Honorary Degree

Dr. George Hammond, a Distinguished Visiting Professor in photochemistry, received an honorary degree from the Weizmann Institute of Scientific Research in Rehovt, Israel on November 8. Dr. Hammond has been on the board of governors and a member of the scientific advisory committee at Weizmann for 21 years. During that time he has helped the institute struggle with changing the academic focus from pure science to applied science and technology. On behalf of the entire University community, we congratulate Dr. Hammond on this most prestigious honor.

Dr. Ronald Partin Honored by Ohio Counseling Association

Dr. Ronald L. Partin, professor of education and coordinator of the University's graduate program in guidance and counseling, received the Charles Weaver Award for long and distinguished service in the counseling profession. The award is given by the Ohio Counseling Association, and is named for the late Charles Weaver, a pioneer in the counseling field in Ohio who was influential in establishing school counseling programs.

BGSU Safety Director Elected 1994 President

The Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy Associates selected BGSU Public Safety Director Roger J. Dennerll as its 1994 State President. Members of the Ohio Chapter also unanimously endorsed Director Dennerll for the position of Sectional IV Representative which includes Ohio, 12 northeastern states, Eastern Canada and Europe.

Music Grad Student Wins Competition

Hugh Smith, a graduate vocal performance major from Lebanon, Ohio, was the winner of the Metropolitan Opera District auditions held at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music earlier this fall. Mr. Smith, who studies voice with Virginia Starr and has appeared in numerous campus opera productions, will next sing in the regional competitions this weekend.

Breakfast in BG

The final fall session of "Breakfast in BG" was held on November 19. The topic was, "Why We Believe in Northwest Ohio Philanthropy." A panel of area donors gave the presentation which was scheduled during National Philanthropy Week. Panelists included Ashel and Dorothy Bryan, Harold and Helen McMaster and Robert King. Mr. King is the Fifth Third Bank, Northwest Ohio. They discussed the many institutions and organizations they support, ranging from health care agencies to the arts to higher education. They also explained their reasons for viewing charitable giving as an "investment" in northwest Ohio and highlighted the
areas in which increased support could positively affect the region. Our special thanks to these individuals who gave so freely of their time and special support to help our efforts in this endeavor.

**BGSU Has Record Number of International Students**

The record enrollment of 497 foreign students this fall at Bowling Green is just one indication of the University's successful efforts to "go international." The international students represent 67 countries. Of the total, 173 are undergraduates and 324 are graduate students.

We have neared our goal more quickly than expected. The contributing factors to the good growth pattern seem to be the committed budget for international study opportunities and the stepped-up recruiting efforts of Mr. Jeff Grilliot which have made a marked difference in introducing the University to students around the world and sparking their interest to come here.

Bowling Green is certainly not alone in its push for internationalizing its campus. Approximately 500,000 international students now study at U.S. institutions, and a growing number of American faculty and students are choosing to research and study abroad.

In addition to recruiting foreign students, Bowling Green has been concentrating on broadening the campus' global view in several other ways. One goal is to promote study abroad or foreign research opportunities to current students, faculty and staff. This year, 42 University students received International Education Awards that are allowing them to study in other countries at approximately the same cost as attending classes on the Bowling Green campus. Other important goals in internationalizing our campus will be to encourage faculty and staff exchanges abroad and to internationalize the curriculum.

Our thanks to Jeff Grilliot and Dean Suzanne Crawford for their fine efforts in furthering BGSU's international education program.

**Career Planning and Placement**

The Career Planning and Placement Office is currently planning some major programs for Spring Semester. In addition to the usual Career Search Seminar and Professional Development offerings, which begin January 13, the office will sponsor some major career days and fairs. On January 14-15, the Minority Career Institute will be held. It is an event designed to assist minority students in the development of the skills necessary for a successful transition into the work place. On February 22, the Mid-American Conference MBA Career Convention will take place on campus. This is a day long interview program for graduate business students with regional employers.

**Recreational Sports**

To date, there are 12 intramural sports underway or completed, with most of the participation coming from softball and flag football. The office recorded more than 1600 participants on more than 100 softball teams and another 1600 participants on 100 flag football teams. Other recent intramural offerings included golf, tennis, ultimate Frisbee, ice hockey, bowling, men's and coed racquetball, cross country, wallyball, and four-player volleyball.

The addition of the Field House allowed some football games to be moved indoors during inclement weather. The extra court space in the track room also allowed increased participation opportunities in the volleyball program. And for the first time in BGSU intramural history, an indoor track and field meet will be held in the building in December.

The sport club program has expanded from 13 to 17 teams for the 1993-94 school year. Student membership is expected to top 300. The clubs include the Falconettes precision ice-skating; flying; lacrosse; men's and women's soccer, rugby, volleyball and water polo; snow ski racing; water skiing; sailing; crew; racquetball; and ice hockey. While receiving some funds from the sport club office, these clubs are largely self-supporting.

**December 18 Commencement Speaker**

The University's newest Distinguished Teaching Professor, Dr. Lee Meserve, will deliver the address during winter commencement exercises December 18. The ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Arena, when approximately 1,200 students are expected to graduate. As you know, in October, Professor Meserve,
biological sciences, was named the fifth Distinguished Teaching Professor by the Board of Trustees. The honor is one of the most prestigious given at the University and recognizes outstanding performance in the classroom. He also received the Master Teacher Award in 1992, which is given annually by the Undergraduate Alumni Association. Dr. Meserve has been a member of the Bowling Green faculty since 1973.

PERSONNEL/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Medlin announced that the Personnel/Facilities Committee met on Thursday morning and reviewed four action items.

Proposed 1994-95 Auxiliary Repair/Maintenance/Improvement Projects

Mr. Medlin reported that the Personnel/Facilities Committee recommended the approval of the proposed 1994-95 Auxiliary Repair/Maintenance/Improvement Projects to the Finance Committee.

Proposed Emeritus Appointment

No. 8-94 Mr. Medlin moved and Mr. Stroh seconded that approval be given to the appointment to emeritus status of Dr. Clifford Brooks, who retired September 1, 1993, as recommended by the Department of Educational Curriculum and Instruction, the Dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions, the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the University President. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

Proposed Revisions to the Academic Charter: Articles II.C and II.D

No. 9-94 Mr. Medlin moved and Mr. Noe seconded that approval be given to the proposed revisions to the definitions of Faculty and Administrators in Articles II.C and II.D of the Academic Charter as outlined in the attached and passed by Faculty Senate at its September 14, 1993, meeting, except that the following changes shall be made in the language of the Charter revisions:

1. In II.D.1, line 6, cancel "administrator devotes" and substitute the phrase "administrator's contract states."

2. In II.D.2, line 1, cancel "All persons" and substitute the word "Faculty."

The motion was approved with no negative votes.

Property Donation to the University: Hotel Millikin

No. 10-94 Mr. Medlin moved and Mr. Noe seconded that approval be given to the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Virginia U. Nader, Fred W. Uhlman, Jr. and Robert M. Uhlman, all of Bowling Green, Ohio, have generously offered to donate to Bowling Green State University, a certain parcel of real property known as the "Hotel Millikin" located at 105 South Main Street, Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the three (3) story Hotel Millikin, although not presently in operation, continues to be a valuable asset of historical significance that, since 1897, has played an important part in the history, growth, development and beautification of downtown Bowling Green, and

WHEREAS, the Hotel Millikin, was, when constructed, the most expensive building in Wood County, Ohio, formerly serving as an elegant hotel, restaurant, and subsequently, site of retail shops, and
WHEREAS, in 1977, the Hotel Millikin was placed on the National Register of Historic Places under the auspices of the Secretary of Interior under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and

WHEREAS, the prime location, being the southeast intersection of Wooster and Main Streets in downtown Bowling Green, Ohio, presents a valuable site for the uses and purposes of Bowling Green State University,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, subject to the completion of a due diligence review of the site, including, without limitation, an environmental site assessment, hereby accepts the generous donation of the real property known as the Hotel Millikin along with such increments and personal property included therein, from the 105 South Main Partners, being Virginia U. Nader, Fred W. Uhlman, Jr. and Robert M. Uhlman, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges and recognizes the generosity of the gift of the Hotel Millikin and hereby gives special thanks and appreciation to the donors, Virginia U. Nader, Fred W. Uhlman, Jr. and Robert M. Uhlman, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will, by and through its duly authorized agents, complete the acceptance of the gift of the Hotel Millikin upon confirmation that all matters relating thereto are deemed satisfied and undertake such acts and requirements as are necessary under the laws of the State of Ohio.

The motion was approved with no negative votes.

Mr. Medlin stated that the Personnel/Facilities Committee also reviewed the status of the state-funded capital improvements, the 1994-95 educational budget personnel recommendations, a summary of personnel changes since the October 1 meeting, and an additional option to the University health care benefit plan, and discussed the site for relocation of South Hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Noe reported that the Finance Committee met on Thursday morning and reviewed three action items.

Proposed 1994-95 Auxiliary Repair/Maintenance/Improvement Projects

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**Total: $2,296,364**
The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes"--Mr. Bryan, Judge Connally, Mr. Laskey, Mr. Latta, Mr. Mahaney, Mr. Medlin, Ms. Newell, Mr. Noe, Mr. Stroh. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

Educational Budget Personnel Recommendations 1994-95

No. 12-94 Mr. Noe moved and Mr. Stroh seconded that approval be given to the following Educational Budget Personnel Recommendations for 1994-95.

(1) Approval of the current personnel base of $91,480,336 for the main campus and $3,404,430 for Firelands. This represents no increase over the 1993-94 base, but will allow reallocation within each vice-presidential area.

(2) The summer instructional budget must be approved at this time in order to allow adequate time for planning the course offerings. We, therefore, recommend approval of an increase of $168,900. This request maintains the programs at approximately the same level, but allows for the necessary increase in salaries to accommodate the raises of July 1993, i.e., 4.05%.

(3) Graduate stipends are recommended to increase by $380,000 to permit approximately 50 additional half-time stipends, in accordance with the goals of the Role and Mission Statement. It is anticipated that the enrollments represented by these additional stipends will generate sufficient additional state instructional subsidy to offset the cost of these additional stipends.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes"--Mr. Bryan, Judge Connally, Mr. Laskey, Mr. Latta, Mr. Mahaney, Mr. Medlin, Ms. Newell, Mr. Noe, Mr. Stroh. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

Additional Option to University Health Care Benefit Plan

No. 13-94 Mr. Noe moved and Mr. Medlin seconded that the University's current health care plan, but with an appropriate rate increase, be added as a temporary fourth option under the restructured University Health Care Plan which takes effect January 1, 1994. This fourth option will only be available through the end of the health care plan year on August 31, 1994.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes"--Mr. Bryan, Judge Connally, Mr. Laskey, Mr. Latta, Mr. Mahaney, Mr. Medlin, Ms. Newell, Mr. Noe, Mr. Stroh. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

OTHER ITEMS

Proposed Appointment to Firelands College Advisory Board

No. 14-94 Mr. Noe moved and Judge Connally seconded that the Board of Trustees confirm the appointment of Richard Smith, nominated to fill the unexpired term of John Keleher for membership to the Firelands College Advisory Board in accordance with action taken at the September 23 meeting of the Firelands Board. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

Sponsored Grants and Contracts Awarded: September and October 1993

No. 15-94 Mr. Noe moved and Mr. Bryan seconded that grants and/or contracts in the amount of $3,532,805.81, for the months of September and October, 1993, be accepted and expenditures applicable thereto in that amount be authorized. The motion was approved with no negative votes.
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED

July 1 through Sept. 30
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I. Research
   A. Federally Sponsored
   B. Privately and State Sponsored
   TOTAL RESEARCH GRANTS

II. Institutes and Workshops
III. Public Service Grants and Contracts
IV. Program Development and Innovation Grants
V. Equipment Grants
   TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

VI. Student Aid Grants
   TOTAL ALL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Correction to June 25, 1993, Motion on FPCC Charter Revisions

WHEREAS, the June 25, 1993 motion on proposed revisions to the Faculty Personnel and Conciliation Committee Grievance System in the Academic Charter contained language which was later discovered to be somewhat ambiguous (June Board of Trustees Agenda, C53-86), in that the final phrase appeared to limit the effect of the motion to only those hearings held before the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to be clear as to its intention in this and every matter,
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board reaffirms its original intention via the corrected motion given below:

Mr. Noe moved and Judge Connally seconded that approval be given to the proposed revision of the Faculty Personnel and Conciliation Committee (FPCC) Grievance System in the Academic Charter, as follows, except for provisions B.I.E.11.c.3 and B.I.E.12.e that give legal counsel the right to conduct hearings in revocation of tenure cases. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

(3) APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


(3e) Legal Counsel:

Both the appellant and respondent may have legal counsel in attendance at the hearing to advise, but such counsel shall not conduct the case or otherwise participate in the proceedings unless the legal counsel acts as the appellant's GRIEVANT'S OR RESPONDENT'S ACADEMIC advisor in a grievance involving termination of appointment for cause. IN ALL GRIEVANCES INVOLVING TERMINATION OF TENURE, THE GRIEVANT AND RESPONDENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL CONDUCT THE HEARING OR ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING.

REPORT - GENERAL

Dr. Thomas Erekson, Chair, Non-Academic Functions Committee

Dr. Erekson updated the Board of Trustees on deliberations, to date, by the Non-Academic Functions (NAF) Committee. This committee's work has become a model for similar reviews at other campuses. The committee was established last spring and was charged to "examine all non-academic areas and operations of the institution" and to develop a blueprint for the future delivery and organization of these functions. Dr. Erekson referred the Board to a handout which details the committee's charge. The charge includes four tasks for the committee to address:

1. Identify which non-academic functions should grow, be strengthened, or maintained, those which should be downsized, those which should be eliminated, those that might be more efficient through computerization, and those might be outsourced.

2. Review organization of university and determine if it can be improved to facilitate the delivery of support services and functions.

3. Determine if opportunities exist for interinstitutional collaboration.

4. Determine opportunities exist for obtaining increased revenues from outside sources.

The NAF Committee met several times last spring to organize the study. After reviewing a variety of documents and conducting literature searches, it was discovered that no other higher education institution has undergone as comprehensive a study as this. The committee decided to divide the study into two phases -- a vertical review followed by a horizontal review. In the vertical review, the committee familiarized itself with the non-academic functions of the university by breaking up into six subcommittees, one for each of the five vice-presidential areas and the presidential area.
During phase two, the horizontal review, the committee is looking at the non-academic functions across traditional administrative lines and will conduct a more in-depth review of specific functions and an analysis from a process perspective. Six new subcommittees have been formed and have begun their work: university organization, interinstitutional collaboration, student process, employee process, external services, and employee survey. During spring semester, they will be collecting and analyzing data and comparing or “benchmarking” functions and processes against the best practices in higher education. A final report is planned for completion in June.

REPORTS - CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIVES

Faculty Representative - Benjamin Muego

Dr. Muego reported on his visit to Vietnam as part of a citizen ambassador delegation of international affairs educators.

He thanked the Board of Trustees for approving the amendments to II.C and II.D of the Academic Charter. He also thanked President Olscamp for supporting the establishment of a campus child care facility, and for transmitting the ad hoc committee’s findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees. This is an initiative on which all the constituent groups fully and wholeheartedly agree and hope to see become a reality at BGSU.

President Olscamp noted that although he supports the concept of a day care center and would like to discover sources of funding for it which he is pursuing with Vice President Mason and the Ohio Board of Regents, he does not support increases in general fee for that purpose. He also stated that the child care center would have to be self-supporting after it is constructed.

Undergraduate Student Representative - Jason Jackson

Mr. Jackson updated the Board of Trustees on USG business. The Ohio Student Association is working with Representative Stinziano to introduce legislation that gives full voting rights to student trustees and allows them to attend executive sessions. The OSA also is working with the Ohio Board of Regents to establish a student advisory board to the chancellor. USG established a student survey system called Phone Power to keep in touch with student issues. The Students for Students Coalition, a coalition of student organizations which talk about USG issues from their perspectives, have been discussing parking, safety, and general fee distribution this fall. Rodney Fleming has been named Managing Attorney for Student Legal Services. Firelands College is working with USG to get a Firelands student representative back on the USG Assembly; since 1981, there has not been one. The General Fee Allocation Reconstruction Task Force has presented a proposed plan to President Olscamp requesting that ACGFA recommend distribution of the entire general fee budget.

Graduate Student Senate - Anupam Trivedi

Mr. Trivedi reported that Graduate Student Senate has passed a bill asking the Career Planning and Placement Office to discontinue the requirement that resumes must be developed on Resume Expert software. Graduate students have compiled their own personalized resumes over the years and would like to maintain them in their original format. Graduate Student Senate is working with Off-campus Housing to compile some qualitative information on the quality of housing in Bowling Green, and is planning to conduct a student survey which would add information to that which already exists in the office. A committee has been set up in Graduate Council to evaluate the supplemental employment issue.

Firelands College Board Representative - Daniel Keller

Mr. Keller reported on Firelands' concern with a comprehensive self-study being required by the Ohio Board of Regents as part of a plan for assessing the performance of all two-year colleges. The self-study contains nine service expectations which Firelands can demonstrate its effectiveness in meeting but is unsure about how it will be measured on these expectations.

When the Ohio Board of Regents sent out the self-study guidelines this fall, it indicated some of the criteria that would be used. A particularly troublesome one is the Regents' expectation that regional campuses must adopt tuition and fees for students that "compare to the average for state two-year community colleges," or they may
lose up to 10% state subsidy. This is the Regents’ interpretation of the service expectation of “tuition and fees as low as possible.”

Recent changes in funding allocations already have hurt regional branch campuses. The new subsidy formulas were based on average costs in Ohio, without regard to the type of institution, and branch campuses are already feeling the squeeze. Threats to further reduce state subsidies for branch campuses and regulate tuition levels fail to take into account the diversity of missions and broader scope of activities and opportunities that comprehensive university-based colleges like Firelands seek to provide.

Firelands College considers itself much more than a two-year college. The faculty is well credentialed and of university quality. Students are able to take junior and senior classes so they can finish more of their programs in the area. Firelands offers many more cultural activities and continuing education opportunities than do most community colleges. The Ohio Board of Regents’ efforts to regulate Firelands College and force it to give up its identity as part of BGSU will result in a major loss for Firelands and its service area.

President Olscamp stated that he is doing his best to demonstrate to the Ohio Board of Regents that Firelands College is not a community college, never has been one, does not want to be one, and does not perform the mission of a community college.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mahaney announced that Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 18 and the next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be Friday, February 11.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.