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MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
August 21, 1994

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 August 21, 1994: C. Ellen Connally, Chair; John A. Laskey, Vice Chair; David A. Bryan; Jodi Chappell; Delbert L. Latta; John C. Mahaney, Jr.; G. Ray Medlin, Jr.; Valerie L. Newell; Thomas W. Noe; and Kermit F. Stroh.

Also present were President Paul J. Olscamp; Lester E. Barber, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board; Dorothy Behling, Chair, Faculty Senate, and 1994-95 Faculty Representative to the Board; David Vaillancourt, 1994-95 Graduate Student Representative to the Board; Jennifer Mathe, 1994-95 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Pat Green, 1994-95 Administrative Staff Representative to the Board; Kathy Eninger, 1994-95 Classified Staff Representative to the Board; Eloise E. Clark, Vice President for Academic Affairs; J. Christopher Dalton, Vice President for Planning and Budgeting; Philip R. Mason, Vice President for University Relations; Robert L. Martin, Vice President for Operations; Edward Whipple, Vice President for Student Affairs; Gaylyn J. Finn, Treasurer; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chair Connally called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; the Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (nine Trustees).

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Noe and seconded by Mr. Medlin that the minutes of the meetings of May 6 and June 10, 1994, be approved as written. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Olscamp introduced Dr. Ed Whipple, new Vice President for Student Affairs, and Dr. Les Stemberg, new Dean of Education and Allied Professions.

He also announced the resignation of Dr. Rush Miller as Dean of Libraries and Learning Resources. Dr. Miller has accepted the deanship of the University of Pittsburgh Library and will be leaving the University effective August 31. Dr. Miller has been Dean of the Bowling Green State University Libraries since 1986. He has done a marvelous job of taking BGSU libraries from the non-computer, non-electronic age into the electronic age. He has moved us through BGLink into OHIOLink and into Internet. He has taken our volume collection from 750,000 to 1.8 million. Dr. Miller will be sorely missed and we wish him and his wife Johnneye well at the University of Pittsburgh.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Tenure and Promotion Recommendation

President Olscamp recommended to the Board the tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Dr. Bonnie TuSmith. The Personnel/Facilities Committee also endorsed the recommendation. Dr. Clark briefly summarized Dr. TuSmith's credentials.

No. 1-95 Mr. Medlin moved and Mr. Noe seconded that approval be given to the promotion and tenure recommendation for Dr. Bonnie TuSmith. The motion was approved with no negative votes.
Proposed Appointment - Distinguished Research Professor

President Olscamp read the following citation recommending Dr. Ronny Woodruff for the appointment of Distinguished Research Professor:

The Department of Biological Sciences, representatives of the faculty, the academic deans, and the administration enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Dr. Ronny C. Woodruff, Professor and Chair of Biological Sciences for the appointment of Distinguished Research Professor.

Dr. Woodruff has been a member of the BGSU faculty and Director of the Mid-American Drosophila Stock Center since 1977. He has become a highly respected expert in all facets of mutagenesis, collaborating with colleagues in laboratories around the world. He is the author of five books, and over 60 refereed publications in journals of the highest reputation. Dr. Woodruff has presented his research at professional meetings in Canada, Japan, Sweden, Australia, and Spain, as well as the United States. His work has been supported by over three million dollars in federally-funded grants. In 1988 Dr. Woodruff was awarded a Fulbright Research Award in Kenya.

Dr. Woodruff’s departmental colleagues praise the high quality of his work with undergraduate and graduate students, leading many of them to significant graduate and postgraduate experiences. Several of his students have gone on to postdoctoral work and some have become university faculty members. His supervision of undergraduate students on research projects is cited as of particular importance.

It is a pleasure today to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Professor Ronny Woodruff be appointed Distinguished Research Professor.

No. 2-95 Mr. Noe moved and Mr. Bryan seconded that approval be given to naming Dr. Ronny Woodruff as a Distinguished Research Professor. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

Proposed Additional Uses of Interest from the Internal Endowment Fund

President Olscamp described the history and structure of the University’s endowments, one of which is the Internal Endowment Fund. He explained how some of the interest has been spent and presented two proposals for additional expenditure of interest on $3 million of internal endowment principal.

No. 3-95 Mr. Medlin moved and Mr. Noe seconded that approval be given to the proposed additional uses of interest from the Internal Endowment Fund, as outlined below. The President of the University will determine the particular uses of the income, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

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After a great deal of discussion, 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.
Proposed Deans’ Contingency Funds

President Olscamp explained that although the proposed Deans’ Contingency Funds for the two-year trial period would come from the Educational Budget Reserve, he hoped that if funding is continued, it could be absorbed into the regular Educational Budget in the future.

Mr. Bryan moved and Mr. Noe seconded that approval be given to the proposed Deans’ Contingency Funds for a two-year trial period, as outlined below.

Proposed Deans’ Contingency Funds

Deans would have available a pool of money which could be used for a variety of purposes such as rewarding exceptionally meritorious performance by faculty and/or departments or helping to provide funding for some particular outstanding faculty projects. The existence of such funds could provide a significant incentive for increased faculty productivity, as noted by the BGSU Managing for the Future Task Force.

This proposal calls for establishment on a trial basis of a very modest Deans’ Contingency Fund of $150,000 for each of the 1994-95 and 1995-96 fiscal years. The necessary $300,000 to provide funding for the two-year trial period would come from the Educational Budget Reserve.

Given the very modest level of funding for the two-year trial period, rewards for exceptional performance would be provided as one-time bonuses, purchase of release time for special projects or operational support for faculty scholarship. Any funds awarded as bonuses would not be included in continuing base salaries. Allocation of the contingency funds among the several Deans would be determined by the President in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Hopefully, assuming the trial is successful, it will be possible during the next two years to find ways to absorb continuing funding for a Deans’ Contingency Fund, at or above the proposed level of funding, as part of the Educational Budget.

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.

Proposed Authorization Re Salary Levels for University Employee "Special Cases"

President Olscamp explained that occasionally after the Board of Trustees has approved the Personnel Budget and Salary Book, situations occur where other universities may try to hire university employees whom we want to keep. He asked the Board to reaffirm the authority of the administration subject to subsequent approval by the Board of Trustees, to make such offers or changes in salary as may be necessary and in the administration’s best judgment to maintain university personnel.

Mr. Laskey moved and Mr. Noe seconded that approval be given to the following "Proposed Authorization re Salary Levels for University Employee ‘Special Cases’":

Upon prior notice to and with subsequent ratification by the Board of Trustees, the President or his designee(s) may negotiate salaries for University employee "special cases" above the percent increase mandated for a particular year if in the best judgment of the administration an individual has done extraordinary work and is of sufficient importance to this University to warrant such a salary increase.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Connally announced that in keeping with the provisions of the state's "sunshine law" and Amended Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, she is proposing that members meet in an executive session for the purposes of conferring with an attorney about disputes/pending court action. She requested that members meet in executive session in the Chart Room with the session expected to last approximately 60 minutes; the regular meeting to be reconvened at that time to take action if necessary and for the purposes of adjournment.

Mr. Noe moved and Mr. Latta seconded that members of the Board of Trustees meet in an executive session to confer with an attorney about disputes and pending court action.

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.

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. and the members moved into the executive session in the Chart Room.

Chair Connally reconvened the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. with the announcement that members had met in executive session for 45 minutes for the purpose of conferring with an attorney about disputes and pending court action. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.