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MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
December 1, 1995

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 1, 1995: John A. Laskey, Chair; G. Ray Medlin, Jr., Vice Chair; Jason Bristol; C. Ellen Connally; Delbert L. Latta; John C. Mahaney, Jr.; Michael J. Marsh; Valerie L. Newell; Kermit Stroh. David A. Bryan and Alvin Heard were not present.

Also present were President Sidney A. Ribeau; Lester E. Barber, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board; Fiona MacKinnon-Slaney, 1995-96 Faculty Representative to the Board; Jeff Stefanic, 1995-96 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Vilma Matos-Ortiz, 1995-96 Graduate Student Representative to the Board; Bryan Benner, 1995-96 Administrative Staff Representative to the Board; Nancy Lee, 1995-96 Classified Staff Representative to the Board; J. Christopher Dalton, Vice President for Planning and Budgeting; Robert L. Martin, Vice President for Operations; Philip R. Mason, Vice President for University Relations; Edward Whipple, Vice President for Student Affairs; Gaylyn J. Finn, Treasurer; media representatives; and a number of observers.

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Mahaney and seconded by Mr. Stroh that the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 1995, be approved as written. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Trustee Member

It is a privilege this morning to welcome the newest member of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Michael J. Marsh. Mr. Marsh was appointed by Governor Voinovich to the University Board of Trustees for a term ending on May 16, 2000. He replaces Tom Noe, who resigned from the Board in September to take a seat on the Board of the Ohio Board of Regents. Mike is a BGSU alumnus and a Bowling Green attorney. He was very instrumental in the development of the University's Research/Enterprise Park.

Active in the community, Mike has served on the boards of trustees of The Link and the Wood County Public Library. He is chair of the Wood County Board of Elections, past president of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and past president and co-founder of the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation. He is also involved in the Falcon Club, St. Aloysius Church, Bobcat Boosters, Noon Kiwanis Club, Bowling Green Downtown Business Association, BGSU President's Club, Wood County Republican Central and Executive Committees, and the Wood County Historical Society. He was presented with the Spirit of Wood County Award in 1993 for economic and industrial development and the DARE Outstanding Commitment Award in 1992.
He received his bachelor's degree in 1976, with honors. He received a law degree, with honors, from The Ohio State University in 1978.

Mike is no stranger to this campus and on behalf of the entire University community, we extend to him a hearty welcome. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

**Update on Fall Semester 1996 Admissions Data**

We have received 2,605 applications from freshmen seeking admission to the main campus for the 1996 Fall Semester. This represents a decrease of 547 or -17.35%. Transfer applications number 37, a decrease of 3 or -7.5%.

Reliable trends concerning applications and inquiries have been non-existent in the nineties. For 1996, inquiries are up; attendance at the first Preview Day matched last year's but applications are down. This decrease in receipt of freshmen applications is also being experienced by Kent State and Ohio State. Ohio University and Miami are matching last year's numbers. Phone calls to high schools around the state have revealed that counselors in Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton said that seniors are currently overwhelmed with high school activities and they predict that most students will complete applications over the holiday break. The Admissions Office is doing follow-up mailings and phone calls to students' inquiries to encourage them to apply.

**Registration for Spring Semester 1996**

Registration activity for Spring Semester 1996 began with the beginning of the "priority registration" phase of the student registration on November 7, 1995. Priority registration is the phase of registration when students who have registered in advance for courses for the next semester register for specific sections of the same courses. More than 1,000 students are registering each day primarily by using the touch-tone telephone registration system.

**Department Name Change**

Following approval by the Council of Deans and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, I have approved changing the name of the School of Mass Communication to the School of Communication Studies. The School is now comprised of the departments of Interpersonal Communication, Journalism, and Telecommunication.

On October 24, faculty retirees and nearly 90 members of the faculty with 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service were honored at the Faculty Recognition Dinner. Also on that occasion, three special awards were announced. Professor Vincent Kantorski, Music Education, was named as the Under-graduate Alumni Association's Master Teacher. Professor Veronica Gold received the Faculty Senate's Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to Faculty Senate and to her department and college. Professor Thomas Muir, School of Art, received the 1995 Olscamp Research Award for his extra-ordinary creative accomplishments in the past three years.

At the 1995 International Conference of the American Production and Inventory Control Society, Richard Penlesky, faculty member in Management, was honored as the first recipient of the Student Chapter Mentor Award, and BGSU's student chapter received the Gold Circle Award.
(for the fourth consecutive year) in recognition of his outstanding achievements in chapter administration and activities.

The BGSU Popular Culture Library has been chosen to be the permanent repository of the archives of the Romance Writers of America. Founded only 15 years ago, the Romance Writers of America has a membership of 7,800 professional and amateur romance writers, and is the largest organization devoted to a single literary genre in the world. The Popular Culture Library has agreed to offer a home to the personal and professional papers of the organization's published members.

Mr. Terence Lavin, a graduate student in the School of Art, is one of three students nationally to receive an award from the Society of North American Goldsmiths Educational Endowment. Mr. Lavin's work in metalsmithing was selected for recognition from 39 entries.

Congratulations to Mr. Russell Peterson, who recently earned a master's degree from BGSU, for winning top honors in the 51st International Geneva Concours Competition in Switzerland for his expertise on the saxophone. He was the only American to get into the second round of competition and won the competition over 130 other saxophonists from all over the world. Mr. Peterson was a student of John Sampen of our College of Musical Arts.

Ms. Paula Lambert-Neidigh, a creative writing graduate student, won the 1995 Phoebe Fiction Prize for her story "With All Respect to Harry." She also placed second in the 1995 Zone 3 Rainmaker Awards for her poem, "The Model T."

Mr. Robert Yonker, a senior, has been named the first recipient of the Industrial and Organizational Psychology Undergraduate Scholar Award. Mr. Yonker will receive a stipend to continue research on his senior honors thesis on customer service and the motivational qualities of gratuities given to service providers. He was selected by the faculty in recognition of the quality of his work.

Dr. Milton Hakel, Psychology, received the 1995 Distinguished Service Contribution Award from the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

Dr. Alberto Gonzalez, Interpersonal Communication, received the 1995 Distinguished Research Award from the International and Intercultural Communication Division of the Speech Communication Association for his work as co-editor of a recently published anthology.

Dr. Jack Santino, Popular Culture, has just been appointed to serve a five-year term as the editor of the Journal of American Folklore. The journal, which is in its 107th year, is distributed to scholars in the fields of folklore, American culture studies and ethnic studies.

Dr. John Scott, Ethnic Studies, was elected vice-president of the National Conference on African-American Theatre. He was also appointed as co-editor of the National Conference on African-American Theatre's journal, Review of Annual Recognition and Research for 1995-96.

Dr. John Tisak, Psychology, received the 1995 Chapter Service Recognition Award from the American Statistical Association Council.
Dr. Lundeana Thomas, Theatre, and president of Black Theatre Network, received the 1995 National Achievement Adelco Award on behalf of the Black Theatre Network. The Black Theatre Network was recognized for its promotion of minorities in the arts.

Development

The fall telefund continues through December 6. By November 9, 20,000 alumni had been contacted and 8,000 have made a pledge. Nearly $400,000 has been pledged. In the final weeks of the fall session, calls will be made to alumni who have never given and to parents of current students.

The Bowling Green State University Foundation, Inc., met on October 19. The following individuals were elected as officers for the 1995-96 year:

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<td>Philip Mason</td>
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Public Relations

The Office of Public Relations has won two awards for its work in communicating University events/programs to selected audiences. The Monitor editor, Sheila Reiser, has won a Crystal Award from Women in Communications, Inc. for excellence in public relations communications. The Monitor is a weekly publication that is targeted to University faculty and staff. Also, Fred Connor won a third-place award in a competition sponsored by the Press Club of Toledo for a television commercial about faculty research entitled "This is Bowling Green."

Bowling Green faculty and staff are now being used exclusively on WSPD's radio series called On The Issue with host Art Edgerton. Thus far this semester, 16 faculty have made appearances to talk about their perspective on programs and issues dealing with their areas of expertise. In addition, six of those guests have also appeared on Channel 24's public affairs program.

Television Services

As part of the PBS two-year outreach initiative, "Act Against Violence," WBGU has aired a series of programs and focus reports dealing with issues surrounding curtailing violence, especially among young people. In February WBGU will air a national telethon in which it will recruit for area agencies volunteers to assist with various programs designed to encourage positive activities by young people. The station is working with United Way directors throughout the region to highlight programs and services during the program; United Way representatives will take the calls that come into the station during the broadcast and ensure the appropriate agency is notified of volunteer's pledge of support.

On December 5, Bowling Green will be receiving a piece of baseball history when American League umpire Larry Barnett donates the official lineup card from the game in September in
which Cal Ripken, Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive game streak. Mr. Barnett, whom the University awarded an honorary doctor of public service degree last May, was the plate umpire for that game. Eventually, the lineup card will be sold and the proceeds used to establish a scholarship at the University.

Safety

BGSU has purchased 500 electronic "Personal Warning Devices" and they are available to campus students through a checkout program in residence halls and the Graduate Student Senate Office. This program, operating as a test, will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness as perceived by students.

An agreement has been reached with the City of Bowling Green to provide vehicle patrol assistance to the University. This use of our "Mutual Aid Agreement" will cover main thoroughfares on campus such as Ridge Street, Merry Street, Mercer Road, Poe Road, Thurston Avenue, and Wooster Street.

The City of Bowling Green has also initiated a Street Lighting Improvement Plan for city-owned streets on the perimeter of the campus. They are replacing existing mercury vapor lamps with high pressure sodium lamps, greatly increasing the lighting levels from existing fixtures.

The existing Campus Student Service Officers program which locks buildings nightly and provides radio carrying patrols on campus has added four additional students who will be patrolling residence halls and the immediate vicinity.

The student operated Campus Escort Service has extended its operating hours from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. and has additional paid and volunteer students participating.

In addition to the $260,000 currently available for the master lighting project, $200,000 will be available from the next capital budget in July 1996. Construction should take place beginning next spring and continue through the summer.

The University Budget Committees have jointly agreed that two additional police officers be funded in the coming year as highest priority. Recruiting efforts will begin immediately.

A new patrol car has been ordered and delivery is expected within the next four weeks.

Commencement

The Fall Commencement ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 23, in Anderson Arena. Dr. Ralph Haven Wolfe, '51 and '56, a BGSU Distinguished Teaching Professor and Gish Professor of Film Studies, will give the commencement address. Dr. Arnold Rampersad, '67 and '68, Woodrow Wilson Professor of English and Director of the Program in American Studies at Princeton University, will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.
Ms. Newell, in Mr. Bryan's absence, presented the Human Resources/University Programming Committee report. She announced that the Human Resources/University Programming Committee met on Thursday morning and reviewed two action items and seven discussion items.

**Administrative Staff Personnel Changes Since October 20, 1995, Meeting**

No. 14-96 Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Latta seconded that the Board of Trustees has reviewed and ratified the Administrative Staff Personnel Changes since the October 20, 1995, meeting. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

#### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Changes in Assignment, Title and/or Salary**

Theresa Clickner, Part-time Box Office Manager, College of Musical Arts, from $8,994 to $10,614, effective 8-23-95/5-22-96, salary increase due to extra 5 hours per week for Creative Arts Program.

Cynthia Crowe from Part-time Project Coordinator, Philosophy $20,862, 7-1-95/6-30-96 to Full-time Project Coordinator, Philosophy, $27,916 retroactive to 7-1-95 and through 6-30-96.

#### OPERATIONS

**New Appointments Full-time**

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<td>Donna Wittwer</td>
<td>Manager, Group Insurance Benefits, Personnel</td>
<td>10-9-95</td>
<td>6-30-96</td>
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#### PRESIDENT’S AREA

**New Appointments Full-time**

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<td>Kimberly Glandorff</td>
<td>Assistant Women’s Gymnastics Coach, Intercollegiate Athletics</td>
<td>9-25-95</td>
<td>6-15-96</td>
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#### STUDENT AFFAIRS

**Resignations**

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<td>David Vaillancourt</td>
<td>Coordinator of Special Projects, Student Housing and Residence Programs</td>
<td>11-10-95</td>
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Changes in Assignment, Title and/or Salary

Zhanna Brant, Staff Physician, Student Health Services, employed extra hours on 9/6, 27/95 (6 hours); $303.96.

Teresita Domini, Staff Physician, Student Health Services, employed extra hours on 9-20-95 (3 hours); $154.41.

Kathryn Ellis, Part-time Pharmacist, Student Health Services, employed extra hours on 9/6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27/95 (one hour each day); $150.71.

Proposed Emeritus Appointment

No. 15-96 Ms. Newell moved and Mr. Latta seconded that approval be given to the appointment to emeritus status of Drs. Park Leathers and Edward Morgan, who recently retired, as recommended by the appropriate departments and college deans, 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.

Ms. Newell stated that the Human Resources/University Programming Committee also reviewed the faculty personnel changes since the October 20 meeting, the 1996-97 educational budget personnel recommendations, and the proposed 1996-97 auxiliary improvement projects. Mr. Waddle updated the committee on the capital budget request, and the committee discussed the technology improvements included in that request. Mr. Moore provided an update on the Mercer Study. The committee also received a status report on the Ohio Board of Regents doctoral program review and talked about some discussion topics for future committee meetings.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Latta reported that the Financial Affairs/Facilities Committee met on Thursday morning and reviewed four action items.

Educational Budget Personnel Recommendations 1996-97

No. 16-96 Mr. Latta moved and Mr. Stroh seconded that approval be given to the following Educational Budget Personnel Recommendations for 1996-97.

(1) Approval of the current personnel base of $105,085,436 for the main campus and $3,547,422 for Firelands. This represents an increase of $128,670 over the base for main campus. It includes two additional campus safety officers; an art technician who will supervise the complex mixed technologies used in the instructional program; a faculty member for Musical Arts to replace the retired tuba instructor and a faculty member for the Master of Public Health program -- an interinstitutional program involving the University of Toledo and the Medical College of Ohio. The Firelands budget represents no change from the 1995-96 budget based on projected stable enrollment. A
modest decrease in projected personnel expenditures provides the necessary flexibility for this campus.

(2) The summer instructional budget must be approved at this time to allow adequate time for planning the course offerings. We, therefore, recommend approval of a budget of $4,020,486 or approximately 5% over actual 1995 expenditures. This request will maintain the programs at approximately the same level, allow for the necessary increase in salaries to accommodate the raises of July 1995, and provide a modest amount ($28,000) for stimulating enhancement of the summer programs. These programs should be revenue-producing.

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

Proposed 1996-97 Room and Board Rates

Mr. Latta stated that the proposed room and board rates reflect an increase of approximately 8.06% over the 1996-97 rates. The increase is needed primarily for improvements to the residence halls.

No. 17-96 Mr. Latta moved and Ms. Newell seconded that approval be given to the proposed room and meal plan rates, effective beginning with the Fall Semester, 1996.

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

Proposed 1996-97 Auxiliary Improvement Projects

No. 18-96 Mr. Latta moved and Mr. Medlin seconded that approval be given to the following allocation of funds for 1996-97 Auxiliary Improvement Projects totaling $1,965,631:

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<td>Student Rec Center</td>
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Shuttle Service 95,000  
Field House 26,700  
Memorial Hall 25,000  

$1,965,631  

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

Emergency Auxiliary Improvement Project

No. 19-96 Mr. Latta moved and Judge Connally seconded that the Board of Trustees has reviewed and ratified the allocation of $20,000 for an emergency Auxiliary Improvement Project, as described below.

Residence Halls

HARSHMAN RESIDENCE HALL  
1) Harshman-Bromfield Elevator Repair $20,000  
(Due to the safety/service implications of this project, emergency funding was approved.)

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

OTHER ITEMS

Sponsored Grants and Contracts Awarded: October 1995

No. 20-96 Mr. Medlin moved and Mr. Marsh seconded that grants and/or contracts in the amount of $1,479,357.00, for the month of October, 1995, be accepted and expenditures applicable thereto in that amount be authorized. The motion was approved with no negative votes.

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Proposed Appointment to Firelands College Advisory Board

No. 21-96 Mr. Medlin moved and Ms Newell seconded that the Board of Trustees confirm the appointment of Cliff Siehl, nominated to fill the expired term of Arnold Milefchik, for membership to the Firelands College Advisory Board in accordance with action taken at the October 26 meeting of the Firelands Board. The motion was approved with no negative votes.
Dr. Fred Miller, Executive Director, Social Philosophy & Policy Center

Dr. Miller presented an overview of the Social Philosophy and Policy Center's history, mission, and major projects. He directed the Trustees to two brochures that he distributed prior to the meeting describing the Social Philosophy and Policy Center and the Center's journal.

The Social Philosophy and Policy Center was established in 1981 in response to a need for an institution dedicated to the study of public policy issues from a philosophical perspective. Public policy research up to that time was largely addressed only by empirical investigation. While there is a need for accurate, objective, empirical research of public policy issues, factual research is limited. A need, therefore, was identified for a research center which would promote an interdisciplinary methodology in which ethical analysis is informed by the results of economics, jurisprudence, political science, history and other disciplines. At the same time, there was an increase in interest within the field of philosophy concerning the study of social and political philosophies of policy implications. There was a clear opportunity for Bowling Green State University to establish itself as a national and international leader of this new development by establishing a center for the advanced study of social philosophy and public policy. In addition to enhancing the University's reputation, such a center would also be an invaluable asset to the university community, because it could benefit by the presence of a host of scholars of international repute on our campus.

The Center was founded by its current directors: Dr. Miller, executive director; Dr. Ellen Paul, Deputy Director and Editor in Chief of publications; and Dr. Jeffrey Paul, Associate Director and supervisor of the conference and visiting scholars programs. The Center also has an outstanding staff: Kory Swanson, Executive Manager; Harold Dolan, Managing Editor, and a superb secretarial staff. In addition, six Philosophy Department faculty members serve as senior Research Fellows. The Center also provides funding for graduate and undergraduate students who work at the Center and have the opportunity to interact with many distinguished visitors.

In pursuit of its objectives, the Center has involved hundreds of eminent scholars from throughout the world representing a wide variety of disciplines and viewpoints. The ideas developed by the scholars are disseminated to a wide audience of academicians, policy makers, and media representatives through the three major programs of the Center: publications, a series of conferences, and a residential scholars program. The Journal is published by Cambridge University Press, the oldest English language press and one of the most distinguished academic publishing companies in the world. A number of scholars throughout the world have said that Social Philosophy and Policy is the leading journal of political philosophy and public policy. Each issue of the journal focuses on a specific issue of social philosophy and policy. Over the years, these topics have included human rights, liberty and equality, capitalism and socialism, crime and punishment, etc. Cambridge University also publishes each of these issues as a separate book which can be used as a textbook for students of philosophy and public policy. The Center has many other publications including two book series.

The Center also has a very exciting conference program. Its first conference, held in October 1982, was on the subject of human rights and supported with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. As of this fall, the Center has held a total of 42 conferences, which have been
devoted to future issues of social philosophy and policy and legal, historical and economic subjects for other publications such as law reviews or special collections. These conferences are exciting intellectual events which involve prominent academicians from throughout the world. For example, the Center received a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to offer three conferences in conjunction with the national celebration of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The papers then were published in three volumes by the State University of New York Press in a series on the Constitution and economics rights.

The third program area of the Center is the Visiting Scholars Program which provides residential research fellowships to political and moral philosophers, scientists, economists, and intellectual economic and social historians so they can pursue major research projects. This program has brought to Bowling Green over 50 outstanding scholars from the U.S. and other countries such as Canada, England, Scotland, Poland and Australia. Scholars are typically in residence at Bowling Green for one or two academic semesters during which they write books, offer colloquia, participate in reading groups, and meet with faculty and students, thus enriching the life of the university community as well as making original contributions to scholarship. The Center sponsors a colloquium series for the entire University community in which the visiting scholars present the results of their research. The graduate students, in particular, have benefited from the visiting scholars who, over the years, have met with them, offered tutorials and served on dissertation committees. The Visiting Scholars Program has also been of great value to the University, because the Philosophy Department has been able to recruit outstanding new faculty members who were previously visiting scholars.

The Center has also worked closely with the Philosophy Department and the University Administration in assisting the department to become a nationally prominent department in political philosophy and public policy. It assisted the department throughout the process of securing its doctoral program in applied philosophy which is recognized as one of the foremost programs in the U.S. The Center has coordinated the efforts of Eminent Scholar Edward McClennen and others to establish a new program in philosophy and public policy for graduate students from eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and to secure external grant funding for some of these students. Also, in recent years, the Center has secured external funding including full tuition and stipend for two graduate philosophy students each year from the Earhart Foundation. In fact all of the Center's programs are fully funded by grants.

In conclusion, the Social Philosophy and Policy Center has established itself over the past 15 years as the largest and most influential institution of its kind in the world. The only two comparable institutes in the U.S. are the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Maryland and the Center for the Study of Human Values at Princeton University. Although these institutes host visiting scholars, neither of them has an academic journal or sponsors a comparable conference program. In the future, directors and staff of the Center intend to continue recruiting outstanding resident scholars and help shape the direction of political philosophy and public policy through its conferences and publications.

REPORTS - CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIVES

Faculty Representative - Fiona MacKinnon-Slaney

Dr. MacKinnon-Slaney reported that the Building Community Project was formally launched by President Ribeau on November 17 with approximately 1200 people in attendance. Dr. Kay
Moore from Michigan State University provided follow-up support in developing an appropriate approach for discussion groups.

Over the last few weeks, SEC has met and discussed insurance coverage and utilization, the campus as a safe community and a proactive approach to safety and alcohol usage, blood-borne pathogens and other environmental concerns, and the importance of and concern with the tenure and promotion template that guides the tenure process for each college.

The Senate and administration are now jointly sponsoring a number of different committees to address various issues and problems on campus. The Technology Planning Committee and the Technology, Teaching and Learning Task Force have begun meeting. A task force to study the early retirement and supplemental retirement plans is in the process of being formed, and this week discussion was held on establishing an ad hoc committee to look at the student learning environment--what happens within the classroom as well as outside the classroom.

Undergraduate Student Representative - Jeff Stefancic

Mr. Stefancic welcomed Mr. Marsh to the Board of Trustees and commended the administration on the additional steps taken to enhance campus safety. Over the past few weeks, USG has been focusing its attention on campus service to students. Two proposals being developed are one to extend the library hours and another to increase hours in the Student Health Center.

Graduate Student Representative - Vilma Matos-Ortiz

Ms. Matos-Ortiz welcomed Mr. Marsh to the Board and thanked the administration for its efforts to improve safety on campus. She expressed concern about the Ohio Board of Regents' decision to eliminate subsidy for the history Ph.D. program and offered assistance in making arguments for retaining all doctoral programs at the university.

At recent meetings, Graduate Student Senate has passed a Building Community bill to establish a GSS Building Community Committee and heard a presentation from Dr. Boccanfuso, Director, Sponsored Programs and Research, on ways to improve funding given to graduate students for their professional development and thesis/dissertation work. A committee has been formed to find ways to improve the access, availability and amount of funding given to students.

Some graduate student senators had dinner on Tuesday evening with President Ribeau, Vice President Whipple and Student Life personnel to discuss issues of mutual interest, and a reception for President Ribeau will be held prior to next Friday's GSS meeting. In the future, Graduate Student Senate will be considering co-sponsorships and bills on academic honesty, civil rights, and interdisciplinary programs.

Classified Staff Representative - Nancy Lee

At its November meeting, Classified Staff Council had an excellent session in the Hayes Hall Computer Lab. Council members are now encouraging other classified staff to visit the computer labs and become familiar with the Internet.
The CSC Personnel Welfare Committee with the help of Dr. Balzer and a psychology graduate student have finished analyzing the classified staff survey. The top ten concerns of classified staff who responded are vacation policy issues, benefits for part-timers, health insurance coverage, pay changes, increased amount of paid sick leave at retirement, retirement buyout, fee waiver changes, job skill training, equalization of benefits, catastrophic leave and disability insurance. The top priority is vacation changes. Classified Staff Council is currently working out a policy revision that will hopefully be in effect in 1996. The Personnel Welfare Committee has begun working on the issue of catastrophic leave and disability insurance by gathering information from other colleges and universities.

To promote her theme of "doing something new and different this year," Ms. Lee has invited Classified Staff Council to attend The Christmas Carol theatre production followed by a buffet meal at her home.

Administrative Staff Representative - Bryan Benner

The first phase of implementing the Mercer Study position analysis continues and efforts are underway to build trust in this study. The Administrative Staff Council Executive Committee met with the Vice Presidents to discuss its concerns with the study, and the dialogue that ensued on disclosure of data helped to build confidence in the process.

The Building Community kickoff meeting was well-received. At the next Council meeting, Sandra MacNevin will make a presentation on Building Community, after which members will break into focus groups as a starting point for their involvement in this project.

Administrative Staff Council has approved a goals statement, which includes developing a performance evaluation process, establishing a monitoring program, and identifying areas that all constituent groups can work on collectively.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Laskey announced that in keeping with the provisions of the state's "sunshine law" and Amended Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, he is proposing that members meet in an executive session for the purposes of conferring with an attorney concerning disputes and pending court action. He requested that members meet in executive session in the Chart Room with the session expected to last approximately 30 minutes; the regular meeting to be reconvened at that time to take action if necessary and for purposes of adjournment.

No. 22-96  Judge Connally moved and Ms. Newell seconded that members of the Board of Trustees meet in an executive session to confer with an attorney concerning disputes and pending court action.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes"--Judge Connally, Mr. Laskey, Mr. Latta, Mr. Mahaney, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Medlin, Ms. Newell, Mr. Stroh. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes.
The regular meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m., and Board members moved into executive session in the Chart Room.

Chair Laskey reconvened the regular meeting at 12:20 p.m. with the announcement that members had met in executive session for 50 minutes for the purpose of conferring with an attorney concerning disputes/pending court action, and no formal action was taken during that time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.