

MINUTES—OHIO UNIVERSITY, Board of Trustees- Meeting November 26, 1963

The following members were present: Joseph B. Hall, C. Paul Stocker, John W. Galbreath, Fred H. Johnson, Wayne E. Brown, Russell P. Herrold, Don Casto, Jr., and C. Don McVay. In addition to the members of the Board present were: President Vernon R. Alden, L. F. Lausche, Business Manager, and Paul R. O'Brien, Secretary of the Board.

Chairman Galbreath called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. and welcomed Don Casto, Jr. and Russell P. Herrold as new members of the Board of Trustees of Ohio University.

Mr. Hall then moved, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 23, 1963, be approved as distributed by the Secretary with three minor corrections which had been called to the attention of the Secretary by Russell Herrold.

The following communications from Governor Rhodes were read by the Secretary:

STATE OF OHIO  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Columbus

I, James A. Rhodes, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Don M. Casto, Jr., Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, as Member, Board of Trustees of The Ohio University, for a term beginning September 21, 1963, and ending at the close of business May 14, 1972, with appointee taking office September 27, 1963.

( S E A L )

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

(Signed) James A. Rhodes  
Governor

STATE OF OHIO  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Columbus

I, James A. Rhodes, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Russell P. Herrold (Republican), Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, as Alumnus Member, Board of Trustees of The Ohio University, for a term beginning September 21, 1963, and ending at the close of business May 14, 1971, with appointee taking office September 27, 1963.

( S E A L )

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

(Signed) James A. Rhodes  
Governor

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President Alden was then called on for his report. The President called the attention of the Board of Trustees to his annual report which had been previously distributed by mail to all members. He then reported that a memorial service for former President John F. Kennedy had been held in Memorial Auditorium the previous afternoon and the auditorium was completely filled. The overflow students were sent to the John C. Baker Student Center and the services were then piped to Baker Center.

The President reported that Jerry Reese, the new Director of Admissions, was doing an outstanding job in his position. He will visit 600 high schools this year interviewing the top students in the schools and attempting to interest them in Ohio University. He also reported that the Admissions Office had a 51% increase in applications over this same period a year ago, in spite of the fact that we have added a \$15 application fee this year that was not applicable last year. The President further reported that 200 of the semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarships accepted invitations to visit the campus last weekend.

The President then called the Board of Trustees attention to the research developments at Ohio University. He reported that we had constructed by force account a research building on land leased from the Athens State Hospital which is the highest point in Athens County and that we are cooperating with Ohio State in a NASSA Contract to determine the depth of the atmosphere on the moon. The President also referred to a letter, of which the trustees all received a copy, that he had sent Congressman Harsha outlining the research capabilities of Ohio University and indicating our interest in federal funds for research.

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The President then reported that the visiting committees established for the College of Engineering and Technology and the College of Business Administration had been very helpful to these colleges and Ohio University was able through this means to obtain the advice and counsel of the top engineers and business men in the country. This advice could not be purchased for any amount of money. He further reported that the visiting committee for the College of Fine Arts under John Galbreath had had their first meeting last week, and he was hopeful that this committee would be as helpful to the College of Fine Arts as the other visiting committees had been to their respective colleges.

Mr. Galbreath then reported that he was impressed with the faculty and staff of the College of Fine Arts and that their presentations to the visiting committee had been outstanding.

The President then reported that a visiting committee for the College of Education is now proposed and that Mr. Ed Kennedy will be the chairman, and we are very hopeful of having an outstanding committee in this area.

Mr. Johnson then reported that he was very happy with the caliber of the business men that were on the visiting committee for the College of Business Administration. They have had two meetings and these meetings have been spent primarily in developing plans and agendas for future meetings. He is hopeful that specific proposals will now be forthcoming from the next meeting of this visiting committee.

Mr. Stocker reported that the visiting committee in the College of Engineering and Technology has been operating over three years. They have made several recommendations that have been carried out by the university, and in his opinion, they have improved the quality of our College of Engineering and Technology.

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The President then reported that the State Board of Regents were holding a meeting at 1:30 p.m. today to make recommendations on the allocation of capital improvement funds for the various universities.

President Alden asked the advice of the Board on what his position should be, whether he should accept these appropriations, or should make a fight to have our allocation increased. Before the Board of Trustees determined its position on this matter, Mr. Johnson was asked to give a report on the operations of the Inter-University Council.

Mr. Johnson then reported that the Inter-University Council was composed of the presidents of the six state universities, plus one member of the Board of Trustees of each of the state universities. They all had an equal vote in this council. In the past, this council has agreed on the distribution of appropriations, both capital and operating appropriations. Mr. Johnson reported that this council was organized in 1939, and has been operating continuously since then. It has not been a perfect organization, however it has accomplished a unified front for all state universities in presenting their problems to the legislature. Mr. Johnson further reported that the Board of Regents is composed of outstanding men from the business world. It was his feeling that the Inter-University Council should continue to function and aid the Board of Regents in every way possible.

The President then reported that the Governor had called a meeting of university presidents for last Friday to discuss the allocation of Additions and Betterment monies. However, the assassination of President Kennedy caused the postponement of this meeting, and as a result, the Additions and Betterment recommendation to the Department of Finance will go to the Board of Regents without any group discussion of the university presidents. 69

Mr. Brown inquired if Ohio University had been faring better than the other state universities in proportion to enrollment and need. President Alden reported that we had used student fees for the rehabilitation of Ellis Hall. We have obtained some private funds and the rest of our building has been done with funds borrowed for the construction of dormitories. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Herrold, and unanimously passed that inasmuch as Ohio University did not receive the \$1,600,000 appropriated by the last legislature for the Heating Plant, that every effort be made to obtain our proportionate share of the funds from the bond issue, exclusive of the amount appropriated for the Heating Plant. This position seems reasonable since the legislature at the last session recognized Ohio University's immediate need for a Heating Plant.

The Secretary then presented a report showing the room rates charged at the state universities in Ohio that indicated Ohio University charged the lowest room rates, exclusive of Kent State. The Secretary pointed out that the only reason that we were able to finance our present dormitories was the fact that we are using our dormitories at 130% capacity instead of 100%, and it is the desire of the administration to operate our dormitories at normal capacity. In other words, we should cut our triple rooms back to two in a room, as they were designed to be operated. After a thorough discussion of this problem, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stocker and unanimously passed that the room rates in our dormitory system be increased \$1.00 per week effective for the summer session, 1964. 68

Mr. Stocker was then called on for a report of a sub-committee appointed at the last meeting to recommend to the Board of Trustees a firm to prepare a long-range campus plan for Ohio University. Mr. Stocker reported that he, Mr. Kennedy, President Alden, and Paul O'Brien had met in New York last week and considered seven firms for the preparation of a campus plan. Of the firms, all but two were eliminated at that meeting. This sub-committee is still considering A. M. Kinney Associates of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott of Houston, Texas. After a further study, this sub-committee was recommending the firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott of Houston, Texas to prepare the long-range campus plan for Ohio University at a fee of between \$40,000 and \$50,000. After a further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hall and unanimously carried that the report of the committee be accepted and that the Director of Public Works be requested to employ the firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott of Houston, Texas to prepare a long-range campus plan for Ohio University at a fee of between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Mr. Johnson was then called on for a report of a sub-committee he headed to make recommendations for the development of the West Green area.

1. Mr. Johnson reported that his sub-committee had met in Athens last week and is recommending that the Engineering-Science Research Center be located south of the West Green dormitory area and west of Richland Avenue, using part of the land recently acquired from the Athens State Hospital and part of the land acquired by the Ohio University Fund.

2. This committee also analyzed the needs for additional dormitory spaces in the next two years. Our present dormitory construction program, which include Dormitories #5 and #6 to house 750 students to be available in September, 1964, and 500 additional spaces to be made available in September, 1964, by the new Runac Apartments located adjacent to the East Green, plus the possibility of another private operator who may construct a dormitory to house 200 women students by September 1965. Also, private apartments recently built south of Athens are being converted to provide housing for single students. This, along with the program of opening Dormitories #7, 8, and 9 in September, 1965, should provide for the anticipated enrollment increase for the next two years. Consequently, it was concluded that there is no immediate need for additional dormitory spaces until September, 1966, and by 1966, the South Green should be available for dormitory construction from the Urban Renewal Project. 67

3. This sub-committee concluded that with the growing university, a convocation center that will seat between twelve and sixteen thousand people to be used as an area for graduation ceremonies, a meeting place for large convocations, for scientific exhibitions, and for basketball contests will be needed within the next two or three years. It is recommended that this convocation hall be located immediately south of the Peden Stadium on lands owned by Ohio University. It was further recommended that administrative officials study the possibility of financing such a convocation center and present it to the Board at their next meeting. After a general discussion of this, it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McVay and unanimously carried that the sub-committee and administrative authorities be instructed to prepare preliminary plans as well as a plan of financing a convocation center to be located south of Peden Stadium and present it to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting for their consideration. 66

Mr. Johnson then reported for the committee on naming buildings as follows:

He suggested the name of Herman Gerlach James for Dormitory #2. Mr. James was born January 2, 1887 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died November 26, 1959, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He received his A.B. and A.M. Degrees from the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He was Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Nebraska and later President of the University of South Dakota and President of Ohio University from 1935 to 1943. He was the author of numerous books and articles, and he planned and executed the re-organization of Ohio University to include the University College and the six degree-granting colleges. This is still the basic organization used at Ohio University.

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The committee then recommended the name of Winthrop Sargent for Dormitory #3. Mr. Sargent was born May 1, 1753 and died in 1820. He was a graduate of Harvard, was a Major in the Revolution, and a surveyor of the "seven ranges". He was one of the organizers of the Ohio Company and aided Manasseh Cutler in the land purchase. He was clerk or secretary of the meeting of the Ohio Company held in the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, when Ohio University was first proposed and the plans for its establishment were worked out. He was later secretary of the Northwest Territory and Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Mr. Johnson's committee then recommended the name of Thomas Cook McCracken for the Education Building. Mr. McCracken was born January 5, 1876 and died in 1961. He received his A.B. Degree from Monmouth College and his A.M. and Ph.D. Degrees from Harvard University. He was Dean of the Graduate School at Colorado State Teachers College and later Dean of the College of Education at Ohio University from 1922 to 1936. He was then Provost and Dean of the College of Education at Ohio University from 1936 to 1946. He was National President of Kappa Delta Pi, the honorary education fraternity, from 1924 to 1948. He was also the author of many books and articles.

After a general discussion, it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hall and unanimously carried that the dormitory now known as Dormitory #2 be named Herman Gerlach James Hall, and that the dormitory now known as Dormitory #3 be named Winthrop Sargent Hall, and that the present Education Building be named Thomas Cook McCracken Hall.

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There then followed a discussion of the need for the employment of an architect for the preparation of plans for the proposed new library building, as well as the Scientific-Research Center for which we hope to obtain funds from the next legislature.

Mr. Lausche presented a report listing ten architectural firms in Ohio that the State Architect had recommended for our consideration for these projects. There was a general discussion of the need for the finest architect available for these projects and the fact that the Board as a group had not had time to investigate the various firms recommended.

It was then moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees to study this problem, and that the full Board of Trustees delegate authority to this sub-committee to recommend to the Director of Public Works the employment of an architectural firm to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed new library building and for the proposed Scientific-Research Center. The Chairman appointed Mr. Casto and Mr. Herrold to serve with the Chairman on this committee.

President Alden then invited Mr. Walter Darling into the Board meeting to present a progress report on the study that his firm had been making of the Ohio University physical and academic qualifications for a fund drive. President Alden asked specifically:

1. Are we ready to conduct a capital gifts fund drive?
2. What is the potential for this capital fund drive?

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Mr. Darling reported that his complete report would be available by December 15, and he was not ready at this time to give definite answers to the two questions. However, he did report that Ohio University is not ready at this time for a major fund drive and that it would take probably six months for us to get organized and prepare for the kick-off of such a fund drive. Mr. Darling feels that there is a large potential of funds that can be obtained by such a drive. The Chairman thanked him for this progress report and suggested that the Secretary distribute copies of the final report to the Board members before the next meeting in order to give them an opportunity to study this report before the next meeting of the Board.

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The Secretary then presented a memorandum of agreement between prospective authors and the Ohio University Press for the approval of the Board of Trustees. This agreement is one used by the University of Michigan Press between authors and the University Press. There was a discussion of the need of such an agreement and it was then moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried that this memorandum of agreement between the Ohio University Press and prospective authors be approved subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Ohio and the administrative authorities of Ohio University.

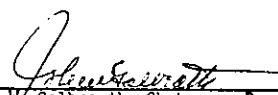
President Alden then presented a request from the Sheltering Arms Foundation Board for a six to ten acre site on the hill south of Peden Stadium for the construction of the proposed community-university hospital. There was a general discussion of this request, and in view of the previous action authorizing the employment of a campus planner, it was suggested that no definite site be authorized. However, in order to indicate the university's interest in this project, that a definite commitment should be made to the Sheltering Arms Hospital Foundation. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Herrold, and unanimously carried that Ohio University lease to the Sheltering Arms Hospital Foundation Board from six to ten acres of land outside of the flood area for their use in the construction of a university-community hospital.


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The Secretary then presented a letter from the City of Athens requesting permission to construct two production water wells together with easements for pipe lines, power lines, and access roads to service the wells in the area near the present city water well fields that have been acquired by Ohio University from the Athens State Hospital. There was a general discussion of the need for additional city water wells and the benefits that Ohio University would obtain from this proposal. It was then moved by Mr. McVay, seconded by Mr. Hall, and unanimously carried that the administrative authorities be authorized to grant a license or permission to the city of Athens for the construction of two production water wells on land recently acquired from the Athens State Hospital.

Then followed a discussion of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees which should be held sometime in January. The Secretary was instructed to check with the members of the Board and determine the most suitable date for this Board meeting in January.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Herrold, seconded by Mr. McVay, and unanimously carried that the Board adjourn.

  
John W. Galbreath, Chairman, Board of Trustees

  
Paul R. O'Brien, Secretary, Board of Trustees