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Central Washington College of Education  
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Minutes of the Meeting  
Board of Trustees

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the President's office on September 27, 1957 at 7:30 p.m. Present V.J. Bouillon, Chairman, Mrs. Bernardine K. Frick, Herbert Legg, Dr. Roy Wahle, Dr. Clarence Nurmi, President Robert S. McConnell, Kenneth Courson, Secretary. Others present were Dr. Floyd Rodine, Clifford Wolfsehr and Dr. E.L. Muzzall. It was moved by Mrs. Frick, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 1957 be approved with the exception, paragraph six on page one be corrected to read that "the Administrative Council and Business Manager make recommendation to the Board on First Washington Corporation proposal." The motion carried.

Dr. Wahle questioned whether or not the Walker collection had been formally accepted. President McConnell stated that a letter had been sent to the Walkers in appreciation of the gift, also that an article had been sent to the press.

It was moved by Mrs. Frick, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 1957 be corrected to include the following motion: "It was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Dr. Nurmi, that the Faculty Retirement Plan be approved as presented, incorporating such changes as are ruled necessary by the Attorney General." The motion carried.

Question was raised by Mr. Legg regarding notice of meetings of the Board of Trustees. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that the Secretary be instructed to send notice of meetings to press and radio at least three days in advance to comply with the statutes, and that the Faculty Council and others so designated also be notified of Board meetings. The motion carried.

President McConnell announced that the Marsh tract had been purchased for \$2,067.00 and that the Herbst and Shelton properties were still being held up because the owners' price exceeded the appraised valuation. Mr. Legg suggested that a normal policy in purchasing land is that the price paid should not exceed ten per cent of the appraised value. These properties are far in excess of that amount. President McConnell suggested that the four appraisers might meet with the property owners and College officials regarding the purchase of their property. It was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Dr. Nurmi, that the report of President McConnell on the land purchases be accepted. The motion carried.

President McConnell presented a letter from First Washington Corporation, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting. He also reported on the recommendation of the Administrative Council and the Deans, which is as follows: (a) That a trip be made to Washington, D.C. to the office of the Housing and Home Finance Agency for the purpose of laying our request before this office. Date suggested is October 10, 1957. (b) Should Federal funds not be available, it is recommended that both Pacific National Bank and the First Washington Corporation be asked to make definite offers at the current rate of interest, which appears to be 5 to 5 1/2 per cent.

President McConnell stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Helstrom, Comptroller of the University of Washington, who is an advisor to the Housing and Home Finance Agency. This letter introduces him to the Director of the agency requesting his support in the bond program at Central. He felt that one more attempt should be made to secure federal funds and, if not possible, then proceed to work with the First Washington Corporation or the Pacific National Bank in order to obtain other funds.

Mr. Legg raised a question regarding the Student-Faculty Planning Committee which was to study and work on the planning for the housing program. President McConnell stated that there was no need for this committee to function at the present time.

It was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Mr. Wahle, that Mr. Bouillon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, be authorized to write to Senators Magnuson, Jackson and Representative Holmes, setting forth the problems of Central Washington College in securing funds for the purpose of providing housing for College students. The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Wahle, seconded by Mr. Legg, that President McConnell's trip to Washington, D.C. be approved for the purpose of discussing the securing of funds for College housing. The motion carried.

Mr. Bates of the First Washington Corporation was called in to discuss the proposal of the First Washington Corporation. Mr. Legg questioned whether or not commitments could be made on financing without employing and making payments to an architect. Mr. Bates stated that it could not be done. Mr. Bouillon asked regarding the calling for bids of the cost of construction, and the reply by Mr. Bates was that estimates only are required. Mr. Bates stated that the letter of First Washington Corporation could be a firm commitment for \$1,500,000. based on the figures already submitted. Dr. Wahle raised a question regarding the acceptance by the bonding company of plans and specifications which are already available on campus for housing of men and that plans and estimates were available for the housing of married students similar to the housing provided at Choney. Mr. Bates stated that he would get an answer to the above question. He also proposed that the resolution authorizing the First Washington Corporation to proceed on the two units be passed in order that a prospectus might be drawn up for presentation to the bond buyers.

It was moved by Mr. Legg, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that the First Washington Corporation report be referred back to the Administrative Council for the further recommendations on the financing of housing, either from Federal or from private funds, and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting. The motion carried.

Mr. Bouillon reported on the gas conversion situation as follows: He had called the Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Bishop, requesting an audience with the Governor for the purpose of securing additional funds for gas conversion. Mr. Bishop discouraged such a conference, stating that consideration would not be given until a brief explaining the reason for the conversion was submitted to the Governor prior to the conference. No such report has been submitted, and therefore, no further action has been taken. Mr. Bouillon stated that Mr. Bishop referred to the TV funds which had been held up in order to cooperate with the Governor's program of saving 10% of the current biennial appropriation. He stated, further, that the matter of release may be held indefinitely. President McConnell presented

a committee study made on the TV situation in order to show necessity for release of funds. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Legg commented that Mr. Bishop had made a similar report to him, stating also that no extra money would be released for gas conversion. President McConnell then read a letter from Mr. Grabbrook, Director of Budgets, requesting that the TV request be reviewed by the Board. Dr. Wahle expressed special concern over the smoke situation as well as the TV question, and stated that perhaps it would be well to cooperate with the Governor's request for more definite information, and he further stated that it might assist the institution over the long range and suggested that we seek advice from Mr. Bishop on handling the situation.

It was moved by Dr. Nurni, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that Mr. Peterson, Engineer drawing up plans and specifications for the gas conversion, be requested to investigate the installation of gas boilers at Firlend Sanitarium, going into the cost, etc. and develop a report which may be sent to the Governor requesting a conference with the President and Board members present; and at the same conference to include the request for release of funds for the TV program. Motion carried.

The request of Joseph M. Tucker for a recommendation from the Board that he might sell beer through his grocery store was presented for discussion. Dr. Wahle stated that he would not, as a member of the Board, vote against the recommendations of the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women and the Administrative Council, even though students may secure the beverage three or four blocks away from the campus. It was moved by Mrs. Frick, seconded by Dr. Wahle, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Administrative Council and the Deans regarding the dispensing and the handling of beer by the Tucker Grocery and that the request of Joseph Tucker not be granted. The motion carried.

Mr. Legg pointed out that all Board meetings are open to the public and that persons invited to present problems to the Board be asked to wait in meeting if they so desire, rather than waiting outside.

President McConnell stated that Mr. Bouillon had signed contracts for the asphalt paving of parking lots on the College campus, and that the contracts for roofing certain buildings had been postponed for the present time and would be repaired by campus employees.

Mr. Leo Nicholson, Dr. Hamilton Howard and Ralph Burkhard, the Architect, were invited in to discuss the progress on the Health and Physical Education Plant. Mr. Nicholson stated that a desire to hurry planning has made the planning rather difficult. There had been many changes on the committee during the spring, summer and the fall. He stated that general planning on the building was good. The committee questions mainly were about the pool area. Dr. Howard commented that the feeling among the committee was that their ideas should be considered further, since they were away during the summer they had not had time to present their proposals. They should have an opportunity to discuss them with the architect. The committee is really interested in the building and felt that not enough time had been spent with the architect in order to get these ideas across. Dr. Wahle suggested that these people should have an opportunity to express their ideas and to work with the architect on the development of the plan. Mr. Burkhard stated that he was very happy with the work of the committee and would be glad to continue to work with them even to the point of redesigning the building. He felt, however, that the present design was

excellent, and that serious consideration should be given to the present plans before any changes are made. President McConnell stated that Mr. Nicholson was an expert on physical education plants and his recommendation should be accepted and that the committee and architect should continue to cooperate with him fully. Mr. Burkhard requested that test borings should now be made on the site, and recommended that some of the funds from the building project be set aside for this survey by a competent testing lab rather than using College employees. He estimated that the cost may be approximately \$250.00. He further stated that the location of the building should be delayed until some over all plan on campus development might be worked out and approved with the Planning Commission. He stated that at the present time there were not sufficient funds to build a complete building and that the proposal of the committee was that consideration should be given to securing as much space as possible and provide add alternates wherever possible in making the bid call. It was requested that full cost estimates be presented at the next meeting of the Board for their consideration and that further work be done with the building planning committee. Mr. Burkhard presented a preliminary sketch of a campus master plan for use of the campus planning commission. No action was taken.

President McConnell stated that the Legislative Budget Committee, headed by Mr. Paul Ellis, would visit the campus on October 4, 1957. He presented a list of capital outlay and other requests which would be presented to the Legislative Budget Committee for their consideration at that meeting. A copy of this proposal is attached to the minutes of the meeting, the only change being that the ROTC Building be moved up into No. 5 on the building list. The Committee will meet on the campus from two-fifteen to five-forty-five p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 1957. He stated that any Board members that would be able to attend should plan to do so.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Friday, October 25, 1957, at seven-thirty p.m. in the office of the President.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Burkhard were present to report on the progress of the Physical Education Building planning. Mr. Nicholson read a copy of his letter to Dr. McConnell regarding the progress, copies of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting. Revised cost estimates were presented by Mr. Burkhard, a copy of these estimates are attached to the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Burkhard stated that the building plans are required by approximately 14,000 sq. ft. since the last meeting with the Board, and that by working on details the present proposal of 99,000 sq. ft. may be accomplished within the funds available. Mr. Burkhard stated that he hoped to have plans and specifications ready for bid call by the middle of March 1958. President McConnell recommended that the Board approve the