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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Grupe Conference Center, Central Washington State College
Ellensburg, Washington
February 24, 1962

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman V. J. Bouillon at 9:00 a. m. in the Grupe Conference Center, Central Washington State College, Ellensburg. Present were: Mr. Bouillon, Mrs. Selma Therriault, Dr. Roy P. Wahle, and Dr. Archie S. Wilson. Also present were: Dr. James E. Brooks, President; Kenneth Courson, Business Manager; Mr. Bruce A. Robinson, Faculty Council Representative; Dr. Edward A. Hungerford, acting secretary, and various faculty members.

MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 1962, was deferred until such time as Mr. Perry Mitchell can be with the Board in order to explain his point of view as expressed in a letter to Dr. Brooks. This concerned the interpretation of merit increases awarded to divisional chairmen during the past academic year.

It was suggested by Dr. Wilson that the last paragraph on page 5 (continuing on page 6) be removed from the Minutes, and that the statement refer to the policy as simply a policy under discussion. The matter was deferred to the March 23 meeting.

REPORTS

Dr. Brooks reported, as stated on the Agenda (III, Reports), that the Administration considers letters sent out in summer, 1962, to all faculty and administrators announcing salaries for 1961-62 and 1962-63 as not binding on the college for 1962-63 with reference to those on year-to-year appointment and those serving in administrative posts.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board took note of a communication from Bassetti and Morse, architects, concerning the establishment of separate offices.

OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, the Board reconsidered the application of Miss Mary Mathewson, Associate Professor of English, for sabbatical leave. Dr. Brooks presented copies of letters from Dean of Instruction Crum and from L. E. Reynold Chairman of the Sabbatical Leave committee. The committee fees that the primary objective of Miss Mathewson's proposal is to enrich her teaching. There was further discussion, during which the discussion of the previous evening (Friday, February 23, an open meeting with members of the faculty engaging freely in discussion) was recalled. Dr. Brooks also referred to his letter raising more broadly the whole purpose of sabbatical leaves, as outlined to the faculty committee. No decision was made as to the general policy at this time. As to

Miss Mathewson's leave, Board members concurred in the Administrative decision to go ahead as outlined in the motion (Minutes of January 26, 1962, MOTION NO. 681). Under these conditions Miss Mathewson will be granted a sabbatical leave.

Dr. Wilson restated his feeling that the sabbatical leave should not be used in lieu of a fellowship program leading to advanced degrees; but he doubted that present conditions would lead to this use of the sabbatical very frequently.

NEW BUSINESS

Turning to New Business (Agenda, VI), the Board heard the explanations of Dr. Brooks for seven faculty resignations. Most of these were for faculty who have decided to do advanced study or for those resigning to take positions at other institutions.

MOTION NO. 685 - Dr. Wahle moved that the Board accept the resignations of David Watts, Assistant Professor of Geography; Raymond Bauer, Assistant Professor of Music; Thirza Smith, Assistant Professor of Education (Wenatchee); Catharine Bullard, Professor of English; Harold Fieldman, Instructor of Physical Education; Wilbur V. Johnson, Assistant Professor of Physics, and Burke Zane, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Brooks reminded the Board of their desire to provide the President with an Administrative Assistant, and recommended the appointment of Dr. Edward A. Hungerford, Assistant Professor of English, who has been assisting Dr. Brooks in an unofficial capacity for several weeks.

MOTION NO. 686 - Dr. Wahle moved that Dr. Edward A. Hungerford be appointed as Administrative Assistant to the President as of March 16, 1962; appointment until July 1, 1963; salary to be adjusted to 12 months basis as of March 15, 1962. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Brooks presented the qualifications and recommended the appointment of Dr. Irene Rinehart to a temporary assignment replacing Dr. Hungerford in the English Department.

MOTION NO. 687 - Mrs. Therriault moved the appointment of Dr. Irene Rinehart to a temporary assignment to teach 8 credit hours for the spring quarter, 1962, at a salary of \$1,213.54. Dr. Wahle seconded. Motion carried.

President Brooks presented the qualifications for and recommended Dr. Don Warner as Chairman of the Social Science Division. He is now on special appointment in the U.S. Office of Education and has experience in several colleges and universities as well as an impressive research and publication record. He was the unanimous choice of the Division. The decision and its surrounding details were a model of close cooperation between Faculty and Administration, Dr. Brooks reported.

MOTION NO. 688 - Dr. Wahle moved that Dr. Don Warner be appointed Chairman of the Social Science Division beginning fall quarter 1962, at a regular academic year salary of \$10,100. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 689 - Dr. Wilson moved the appointment of Mr. Ron Carraher as Assistant Professor of Art beginning fall quarter 1962, at a salary of \$5,850. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 690 - Dr. Wahle moved the granting of Emeritus status for Annette H. Hitchcock, Associate Professor of English, and Donald H. Thompson, Professor of Education. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Courson next explained the proceedings for acquisition of the Von Barga property, as previously discussed. He recommended the adoption of a resolution concerning said property. Mr. Courson reported that a settlement was reached with Mrs. Von Barga on the property located just west of the Physical Education Building, where the Married Student Housing will be constructed. The college is now able to proceed with construction and needed to request that certain portions of this area, now held by the County, be transferred to the College.

MOTION NO. 691 - Dr. Wahle moved and Dr. Wilson seconded the adoption of the following resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: The Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College request that the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas County authorize the vacation of Colorado Street between Blocks 3 and 4 of Michels First Addition to the City of Ellensburg, and that portion of E Street which is the east twenty feet north of Sixteenth Street and south of the north line of St. Louis Street.

The last item under New Business on the Agenda, though not the final business of the meeting, was Item 7, consideration of requests from Dr. Paul Ellis, Legislative Auditor, for certain items of information. Dr. Brooks read to the Board from recent letters of Dr. Ellis requesting information about many matters having to do with fee structure, the financial operation of the College, optimum enrollments, and so forth. Dr. Brooks advised the Board that these reports were being entertained, and the other State College presidents are informed that similar information is requested from their campuses. The five presidents of the state colleges and universities will have a meeting in March to discuss these problems.

A further consideration arises from a February 3 report of the Subcommittee on Higher Education of the Legislative Interim Committee. Dr. Brooks will have copies of this sent out to Board members as soon as they are available. The report suggests the need for coordination of budget recommendations, accounting procedures, and future plans of the five state institutions of higher learning and recommends that the five presidents work together on these and other problems.

Dr. Brooks pointed out that many of the questions being asked in these reports deal with very basic policies of the institutions. He feels that the questions are valid and proper matters for the legislative committees to discuss, in most instances, and he indicated that the statistical data would be assembled to answer many of the questions.

Drs. Wahle and Wilson expressed the sentiment that it would be good for the five presidents to work together and to present to the respective governing boards their recommendations. Dr. Brooks noted that a complete review is now quite likely, and that the five presidents have been getting together to work out problems. He said that this group may need an executive secretary to assist in the projects to be undertaken.

No motion was considered necessary on the relationships with legislative committees.

Mr. Bouillon commented on the need to review budget appropriations in order to determine the best way of handling out-of-state travel for C. W. S. C. Board members. There may be a need to transfer some funds during the current year in order to cover expenses of increased long distance travel by Board members. (See MOTION NO. 694, below, concerning this subject.)

Dr. Brooks next turned to a discussion of the proposed guest list of invitations for the Inauguration of the President of Central Washington State College. This list is being completed now and it will be circulated to Board members for their approval and recommendations. Offers have already been made in order to secure important guest speakers for this occasion, which is designed as a symposium on American Values.

The Library dedication ceremony, Dr. Brooks said, will be left until the opening of the Autumn quarter.

A committee on the naming of buildings has been meeting weekly and wishes to meet informally with the Board at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Wahle circulated copies of a proposed resolution on the subject of student government, as requested of him by the Board members at their last meeting. The Board members were asked to give this resolution their careful consideration. Dr. Wahle believes that the Administration should again review the matter in the light of the recent student resolutions and proceed to action upon the student government situation as seems best according to recent developments. He requested that his resolution be considered at the next Board meeting.

In order to take up further business, it was next proposed to add an item of business to the official agenda.

MOTION NO. 692 - Dr. Wahle moved that the agenda be revised to include the review of Board policy with reference to speakers on the campus. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Wahle presented a draft of a resolution reaffirming previous Board policy of placing no restrictions on outside speakers coming to the campus. All of the Board members spoke individually, at length, on the current situation in the light of recent occurrences in connection with the cancellation of the speech by Gus Hall, a Communist leader. Dr. Wahle presented copies of appropriate statements on the subject of academic freedom, excerpted from the A. A. U. P. Bulletin. Mr. Bouillon read excerpts from an opinion of Mr. A. S. Schweppe, a Seattle attorney and former Dean of the University of Washington School of Law. Dr. Weissberg, Assistant Professor of Radio and Television, was recognized by Mr. Bouillon and spoke at some length.

A short Discussion was held concerning a coming regional meeting of the Association of Governing Boards.

MOTION NO. 694 - Mrs. Therriault moved that Dr. Wahle be sent to the Regional Meeting in San Francisco of the Association of Governing Boards, provided that travel payment be limited to one round trip automobile fare for all Board members who may be authorized to go. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on March 23 in Ellensburg.

MOTION NO. 695 - Mrs. Therriault moved that the Board of Trustees express its sincere thanks to the President, the administration, the faculty, and the student body for the many courtesies that had been extended to them during the weekend and for honoring them by establishing Board Day on campus.

MOTION NO. 696 - Dr. Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned its regular meeting at approximately 12 o'clock noon.