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CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
President's Office, CWSC Campus  
October 26, 1962

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held October 26, 1962, at eight o'clock p. m. in the President's Office on the Central Washington State College campus. The Board's chairman, Victor J. Bouillon, having been excused, Dr. Roy P. Wahle, vice-chairman, presided; others present were board members Mrs. Frederick W. Davis, Mrs. Frank Therriault, and Dr. Archie Wilson; also Dr. James E. Brooks, President; Mr. Kenneth Courson, Business Manager; Mr. Ed K. Erickson, Director of Educational Services; Dr. Donald Baepfer, Faculty Council representative; and Dr. Edward A. Hungerford, Assistant to the President (Secretary).

#### ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Roy P. Wahle called the meeting to order at 8 p. m.

MOTION NO. 786: Dr. Wilson moved and Mrs. Davis seconded that Mr. Bouillon be excused from attending the meeting. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION NO. 787: Mrs. Therriault moved that the minutes of August 30 be approved. Mrs. Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Brooks distributed copies of a revised agenda.

MOTION NO. 788: Mrs. Davis moved, and Mrs. Therriault seconded, the addition of the following items to the agenda: Reports: F. Carrillons for the campus; G. naming of new buildings. Communications: C. board members invited to all Homecoming activities. Unfinished Business: A. name plates for library and music buildings; B. the Board constitution; C. policy concerning speakers on campus; D. naming of new library building. New Business: D. emeritus status for Mabel T. Anderson; E. discussion of foundations; F. leave for Alan Bergstrom; G. American Council on Education; H. commendation of President's Report to the Faculty, September 21, 1962. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Courson presented the Reports on Civil Service activity for August and September. Dr. Wilson inquired whether plans are proceeding to employ a civil service director. Mr. Courson replied that the 1963-65 budget request includes a salary for such a director.

Dr. Brooks reported on the continuation of the contract between the Washington State Board of Vocational Education and the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College. The provisions of the contract have not been changed, and have proved satisfactory to both of the parties to the contract.

A report of the fall enrollment was given by Dr. Brooks. The total number of students is 2603 for the fall quarter, 53 above the median projection by

Schmid for fall, 1962. Dr. Brooks said that the significant increases have come in the freshman class, and that the upper classes (junior and senior) are down in percentage from last year. Only 15 students were admitted with grades slightly below 2.0. Tests and interviews showed these students had the ability to do college work. There are 2510 full-time students and 93 part-time.

Mr. Courson explained the report, given as information to the Board, that the Pacific National Bank of Seattle has purchased \$115,000 of U.S. Treasury Bonds, the purchase to be made from housing funds on deposit with the Pacific National Bank Trustee.

Dr. Brooks gave an oral review of the meeting in Olympia, October 19, between members of the Central Washington State College and the Central Budget Agency. Dr. Brooks's remarks were roughly as follows: The budget request was arrived at by taking not the 'desirable' or 'ideal' figures from the various departments involved, but only the necessary items. With these figures totaled, the budget comes to 56.8 per cent higher than the 1961-62 budget. Expansion of the operational budget has not kept up with the expansion of enrollment and of the rapid growth of the college in other sectors.

The instructional program and library will make about 72 per cent of the total 1963-65 figures. (These items totaled about 66.5 per cent for the previous biennium.) The main expenditure is for employment at the college, which becomes clear when the budget is broken down by object. Salaries, wages, retirement, and pensions accounted for 82 per cent of the budget in the previous biennium and for about 81 per cent in the 1963-65 budget request. The equipment budgeted for the previous biennium was low both as a percentage figure and as a total sum, and this item has increased in the present budget request.

Dr. Brooks continued his report by going into the question of faculty salaries requested. He referred to such matters as the need to increase the Central Washington salaries to be on a competitive scale with other state colleges; the background of increases given over the past few years and resulting problems of falling behind other colleges in the assistant and associate professor brackets, and problems of attempting to compare the staffs of the three state colleges.

Dr. Brooks also answered questions from Board members concerning the capital improvements budget, which was presented in a hearing last spring.

The report considered as Item F had to do with installation of a carillon with war memorial funds. Some \$1,700 has been lying unused in a fund designated specifically for a war memorial. The Student Government Association has taken an interest in a project to raise a sufficient amount to provide a carillon and may be able to contribute to this fund; and the Memorials, Gifts, and Building Names Committee has given support to a carillon as a suitable project for the war memorial money. No action was taken by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Brooks reported that a lack of names for the new dormitories has been of some inconvenience; he asked permission to read a letter from T. Dean Stinson discussing this matter.

MOTION NO. 789: Mrs. Davis moved that the Board consider names for new dormitories and the new Commons Building at its next meeting. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Brooks reminded Board members that the Memorials, Gifts, and Building Names Committee has given a report with recommendations of names and said that he would have a duplicate of the report sent to board members to expedite the decision for next month's meeting.

MOTION NO. 790: Mrs. Therriault moved and Dr. Wilson seconded that the Board of Trustees accept the reports of the Administration. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Homecoming Committee asked Dr. Brooks to extend a personal invitation to all board members to attend all Homecoming events. The students are anxious to have the names of the members of the Board of Trustees who would be riding in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 27.

The Federal Communications Commission has advised the Board and the College by telegrams that its proposed FM radio station has been granted a "non-commercial educational construction permit" and can go on the air as soon as final approval is forthcoming. The official approval is expected on October 29.

Central Washington State College has been selected as the site of the 1963 State "A" Track Meet by the Board of Control of Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. Dr. Brooks and Mr. Courson indicated that the track must be reconstructed somewhat to fit a regulation field for track events. The contract has been awarded and work will begin soon. Dr. Brooks and Mr. Erickson noted that the Chamber of Commerce has been helpful in securing this event for Ellensburg, and that the Chamber had agreed to underwrite any financial losses if they occurred.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Because of a change of name of the institution and for other reasons, a new name plate will be needed for mounting in the Library building. After some discussion, it was decided that trustees' names on both the Library and Music building now under construction would appear as follows: Mr. Victor J. Bouillon, Chairman, Dr. Roy Patrick Wahle, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Frederick W. Davis, Mrs. Frank Therriault, and Dr. Archie S. Wilson. The bronze plaque for the Library building, then, would read as follows:

LIBRARY  
CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE  
1961

Board of Trustees  
Mr. Victor J. Bouillon, Chairman  
Dr. Roy Patrick Wahle, Vice Chairman

Dr. Archie S. Wilson  
Mrs. Frank Therriault  
Mrs. Frederick W. Davis

Mr. Perry H. Mitchell  
Acting President  
Bassetti & Morse, Architects  
Newland Construction Co.  
General Contractors  
Lent's Inc.  
Mechanical Contractor  
Electric Smith, Inc.  
Electrical Contractor

MOTION NO. 791: Dr. Wilson moved that the above plan for the Library plaque be accepted. Mrs. Davis seconded. Motion carried.

The Constitution for the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College which was prepared in rough draft during the spring months by Mrs. Davis and discussed at that time by Board members was introduced for final approval. The Board reviewed this document carefully and made certain minor amendments.

MOTION NO. 792: Dr. Wilson moved to amend Article IX, Sec. 1, "Classification of Board Legislation," by adding the following sentence after the word "Regulations": "Such legislation shall be classified by the Secretary of the Board with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees previous to or at the time of the adoption of the legislation." Mrs. Davis seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 793: Mrs. Davis moved the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College as amended, subject to the approval of the Board Chairman, Mr. Bouillon. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

Item C, Unfinished Business, had to do with the policy, which is still under review by the Administration and Faculty, as to inviting outside speakers to talk on the Central Washington State College campus. Dr. Brooks reported that the Faculty at a regular meeting and the President's Council have both taken up this topic. At present the six academic divisions have been asked for their reactions, and further reports are expected within the next few weeks. It is hoped that the President's Council can bring its recommendation together with the Faculty's to the Board of Trustees at its November meeting. In the meantime, the Administration is operating on the policy as stated in the Faculty Handbook.

MOTION NO. 794: Dr. Wilson moved that the Board defer discussion of Speaker policy until the November meeting. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 795: Mrs. Davis moved that the chairman set aside his gavel in order that he might be allowed to make an important motion from the floor. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Wahle turned his gavel over to Dr. Archie Wilson, Board member from Richland.

MOTION NO. 796: Dr. Wahle moved that the new Library building be named in honor of Mr. Victor J. Bouillon in recognition of his many years of service and dedication as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College, that the library be hereafter known as the Victor J. Bouillon Library, and that appropriate dedication ceremonies be arranged, with the affixing of a name plate and unveiling thereof as part of the dedication ceremony. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Therriault, and Dr. Wilson. Motion carried.

The Board of Trustees decided to release this information early the following week to the press. The chair then reverted to Dr. Wahle, the vice chairman of the Board. Dr. Wilson noted that the Board had departed from precedent to name the building after a living member, but that in the present circumstances the course of action was quite justified.

He also noted that the name chosen was in accord with the unanimous recommendation of the Memorials, Gifts, and Building Names Committee and the chief administrative officer of the College.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Brooks stated that the five state college and university presidents had all decided to request permission from their boards to distribute the statement "PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE LOW-TUITION PRINCIPLE," prepared by Eugene B. Power, Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, and Chairman of the Committee on Tuition of the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions, Reprinted from Michigan Quarterly Review, I (April, 1962).

It is proposed that the reprints be mailed from the University of Washington on behalf of the regents and trustees of the five educational institutions.

MOTION NO. 797: Mrs. Davis moved that the statement by Eugene B. Power, "Public Higher Education and the Low-Tuition Principle," be distributed to all legislators surviving the November 6 election in the State of Washington, with the provision that the Central Washington State College Board of Trustees would sign this document upon securing the agreement of the other institutions involved. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Courson, Business Manager, presented for the Board's consideration the written statement of a resolution to sell \$3,224,000 of bonds. He explained that it had been hoped to have the bonds sold by January 1, 1963.

MOTION NO. 798: It was moved by Mrs. Therriault, seconded by Dr. Wilson, that A RESOLUTION of the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College authorizing the issuance and sale of \$3,324,000.00 of revenue bonds of the College for the purpose of providing funds to construct (Unit A) a dormitory for approximately 240 men students and one house director; (Unit B) a dormitory for approximately 120 women students and one housemother; (Unit C) 25 duplex houses to provide 50 two-bedroom units for married students; (Unit D) a dining hall to seat approximately 500 students; (Unit E) a dormitory for approximately 120 women students and one housemother; and necessary appurtenant facilities for all units, be adopted and that Mr. V. J. Bouillon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, be authorized to sign said resolution on behalf of the College. Motion carried.

Item C under New Business was delayed until the end of the meeting. Dr. Brooks next read a letter from Professor Mabel Anderson concerning her resignation and retirement. Dr. Crum, Dean of Instruction, and Dr. Howard, Chairman of the Division of Education, have commended her service and have recommended that she be granted the title Associate Professor of Education, Emerita. Mrs. Davis said that she hoped to learn more details of whether Professor Anderson would continue to teach at the College after her retirement.

MOTION NO. 799: Dr. Wilson moved that the Board of Trustees accept Miss Anderson's letter of resignation from the Faculty, that an appropriate letter of gratitude for her many years of service be sent, and that she be granted the title of Associate Professor Emerita. Mrs. Therriault seconded. The motion was lost, with two affirmative and two negative votes.

Dr. Brooks will secure more information about Miss Anderson's plans for further teaching and report again to the Board at its next meeting.

Dr. Brooks asked Board members to consider the establishment of a foundation for the college. Such a foundation could possibly supersede the Friends of Central Washington College of Education Trust Fund, since the new foundation, if it were desired, would be broader in purposes and intent. While the older trust fund is chiefly, or only, for the benefit of students, there is a need for a foundation which could (as one of its several purposes) seek and accept funds for research and development, Dr. Brooks said. Among its purposes, for example, could be the attempt to correct an imbalance in research funds now being granted; while these grants now go mainly to the natural sciences, and perhaps next to behavioral sciences, a local foundation could help in providing funds for research in the Humanities and certain other neglected areas of support.

MOTION NO. 800: Mrs. Therriault moved that the President proceed with his investigation of the establishment of a foundation for Central Washington State College and that consideration of such a foundation be placed on the agenda of the November meeting. Mrs. Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Brooks presented a letter from Alan Bergstrom, Assistant Professor of Education in the College Elementary School, requesting a leave of absence for the year 1963-64 in order to work toward the doctorate in Education at

Washington State University. The administration so recommended.

MOTION NO. 801: Mrs. Therriault moved that a leave of absence for 1963-64 be granted to Mr. Alan Bergstrom, Assistant Professor of Education. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Wahle turned the gavel over to Dr. Wilson in order to speak concerning a matter that had come to his attention. Dr. Wahle pointed out that Higher Education and National Affairs has published the text of a resolution adopted unanimously at the October 5 Business Session of the American Council on Education concerning the "Shocking Invasion of Political Power" at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Brooks remarked that he had been present at the business meeting, and had voted in favor of the resolution, and had included the resolution in the October 12 Weekly Bulletin.

MOTION NO. 802: Dr. Wahle moved that the following resolution be adopted by the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College and that copies of it be forwarded to the American Council on Education and the University of Mississippi. Mrs. Davis seconded; Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: The Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College commends the American Council of Education for its stand with regard to the shocking invasion of political power at the University of Mississippi and desires to place on record its agreement with the principles of the resolution adopted at the October 5 business session of the Council, namely:

The American Council on Education has viewed with deep concern the events of recent weeks involving the University of Mississippi. The intolerance, the unruly violence, the need for military action by the Federal Government, the deaths which have occurred, and the harsh antagonisms created, all are cause for anguish.

As a council in which meet several scores of educational associations and nearly a thousand public and private colleges and universities, spread across all regions of the country, we feel impelled to utter protest at the way the University of Mississippi (one of our member institutions) was set against the law. In this we join with the Executive Council of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

State Universities in America, no less than private ones, have normally and for a great many years been accorded Boards of Trustees or Regents to shoulder responsibility for the institutions' policies and to serve as buffers against the passions -- or whims -- of powerful individuals and special interest groups. The direct intervention of the Governor of the State, under the pressure of which the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi apparently yielded its traditional and constitutional authority, is a particularly shocking invasion of political power into an institution properly devoted to higher learning and the public interest broadly conceived. No university and no college can perform its proper function with assurance and fidelity if its policies and basic sense of mission are subject to such direct and arbitrary interference.



Independent and self-determining authority for colleges and universities, we judge to be a basic and time-tested requirement. Only when they possess it and are assured of it, can institutions of higher education develop the intellectual strength and vigor, the honesty of thought and response, that a free society properly demands of them.

The chair reverted to Dr. Wahle.

MOTION NO. 803: Mrs. Davis moved that the Board of Trustees make a resolution commending Dr. James E. Brooks for his fine report to the faculty of September 21, 1962, and that at his discretion, portions of the report be included in the board's minutes to restate the philosophy of the Board of Trustees as ably represented to the faculty by him. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

Returning to Item C, which had been deferred, the Board considered times for its November meeting.

MOTION NO. 804: Mrs. Davis moved that the Board of Trustees meet at 8 p. m. on Friday, November 16, in the New Washington Hotel, Seattle, and that they participate in the joint boards meeting at 9 a. m. Saturday, November 17 in the same location. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 p. m.

Two reports were submitted. The question was raised concerning the Civil Service Report for October, 1962. The second report reflected enrollment for July, 1962, at the five state colleges and universities. Dr. Brooks pointed out that the fall class student total, of 24,174, is 40 below the highest enrollment for 1962. Board members noted the relationship of seniors and upper-level students to freshmen, showing a drop in the percentage of upperclassmen. Dr. Brooks noted that this is due partially to a 21% increase in freshmen, and that actual numbers of sophomores and juniors had increased although the number class is 25 less than 1961. Mr. Woodruff, the Director of Institutional Research, is revisiting the class distribution pattern and will be submitting a report later in the year after he has completed certain studies. Dr. Brooks also pointed out the effect of delayed admissions and the removal of remedial courses from the on-campus curriculum.

MOTION NO. 805: Mrs. Therriault moved, and Dr. Wilson seconded, that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board except as noted below in the paragraph following Motion No. 810.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The first item, the leasing of college buildings, was deferred until Dr. Wahle arrived. None to the meeting.