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CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
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Central Washington State College
Ellensburg, Washington
December 14, 1962

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on December 14, 1962, at eight p. m. in the conference room of the Bouillon Library, Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington. Present were Mr. Victor J. Bouillon, Chairman; Dr. Roy P. Wahle, Vice Chairman; Dr. Archie Wilson, Mrs. Frank Therriault, and Mrs. Frederick W. Davis. Also present were Dr. James E. Brooks, President; Mr. Kenneth Courson, Business Manager; Mr. Ed K. Erickson, Director of Educational Services; Dr. Donald Baepler, Faculty Council representative; Professors George Behrendt, Bonnie Wiley and David Burt from the faculty, and Dr. Edward A. Hungerford, Assistant to the President (Secretary).

MOTION NO. 816: Mrs. Therriault moved, Dr. Wilson seconded, that the minutes of the November 16, 1962 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 817: Dr. Wilson moved, Mrs. Therriault seconded, that items be added to the agenda as follows: Reports F (Civil Service Report, November, 1962) and G (13th District Legislators to meet with college representatives on December 18); Communications G (Memoranda, items presented to the Legislative Budget Committee on December 11); and New Business, F (Motions for consideration relative to Project CH-Wash-48-DS, Unit A). Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Seven reports were submitted by the Administration. These were taken up in the following order, with brief discussions:

- A. Symposium planned for April 24-26; new library dedication to be included.
- B. Approval of \$3,324,000 bond sale scheduled for January 28 meeting of Board of Trustees.
- C. Background of student resolution relating to humanities course, outlined by Dr. Hungerford.
- D. Research proposals approved:
 1. Assistant Professors Crawford and Sturges, Education Division, receive \$5,178.33 for research to be completed before June 30, 1963, on the relative effectiveness of immediate and delayed reinforcement of learning; grant made by Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.
 2. Professor Pettit and Assistant Professor Crawford receive \$1,800 from Washington Grade Prediction Committee for studies during 1962-63 to determine implications from grading all college freshmen in 100 and 200 courses with a more refined scale than the usual ABCDF.
- E. Building signs for the campus (delayed; see Motion 821 below)
- F. Civil Service Report for November.
- G. 13th District legislators to meet with college representatives on December 18.

With respect to Report B above, Mr. Courson said that a meeting had been scheduled in Olympia on January 28, 1963, with representatives of the law firm Roberts, Shefelman, Lawrence, Gay, and Moch of Seattle. Final plans for the financial arrangements on the \$3,324,000 bond sale will be made at that time, with members of the Board of Trustees to be present and to affix their signatures.

With respect to Report C, Dr. Brooks reviewed the history of humanities courses on the campus and said that various curriculum committees are at work and are considering the offerings in the humanities areas. He expects humanities courses to be developed through proper faculty channels.

With respect to Report D, research proposals approved, Dr. Brooks indicated that he would discuss at the next Board meeting the policy concerning research which the President's Council has worked out. Board members concurred in their desire to discuss this policy.

MOTION NO. 818: Mrs. Therriault moved, and Dr. Wahle seconded, that the Reports, A, B, C, D, F, and G, be accepted. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

The Board received the following communications; they were accompanied in each case by a brief explanation from the President. (A) Federal Communications Commission grants application for KCWS-FM to change its frequency to 91.5 megacycles. (B) Mr. Logan Wilson, President of the American Council on Education, compliments the Board of Trustees on their action commending the American Council on Education on its stand on the recent troubles at the University of Mississippi, in his letter of November 20, 1962. (C) Chancellor J. W. Williams of the University of Mississippi, answers President Brooks' letter of November 13, 1962, regarding the University of Mississippi and sends a copy of his recent speech regarding that university's problems of recent months. (D) Student Government Association's resolution opposing compulsory R. O. T. C., received by the President December 4, 1962; (E) Letter from Presidents French and Odegaard regarding approval of sending of article on low tuition principle and publication of booklet on needs of higher education in the United States; (F) Letter from Presidents French and Odegaard, dated November 27, 1962, on behalf of the regents of the University of Washington and of Washington State University, inviting the Boards of Trustees of the three state colleges to a meeting in April or May, 1963; (G) Copies of memoranda which were presented to the Legislative Interim Committee on Education on December 11.

In commenting on Item D, Reports, regarding the S. G. A. resolution on R. O. T. C. Dr. Brooks pointed out that Board members had received copies of Dean J. Wesley Crum's letter to the S. G. A. President, explaining and discussing the related matters on the R. O. T. C. question in some detail.

Item E above, consideration of the mailing of the "Low Tuition Principle" reprints, caused some discussion. Dr. Brooks said that the state universities' Boards of Regents apparently believe that such mailings may be done upon the decision of the five presidents. Dr. Brooks said that he would continue to bring to the Board of Trustees for Central all matters that appeared to publish or

circulate any statement regarding policies, of the state colleges and universities, but that other matters might occasionally be decided when no question of policy was involved. Central's Board referred to its continued desire for inter-institutional cooperation in causes of common concern.

MOTION NO. 819: Dr. Wilson moved that the Board of Trustees accept the invitation of the Boards of Regents of the state universities to hold a joint meeting in April or May, 1963, at a time which they will specify. Dr. Wahle seconded; motion carried.

MOTION NO. 820: Dr. Wahle moved that the Board of Trustees receive the communications listed above. Mrs. Therriault seconded; motion carried.

Returning to Report E, the chairman recognized Mr. Ed Erickson to comment on the lettering of signs to be placed near the Library and other buildings, to direct visitors on the campus. These would be made of redwood, with prominently painted white letters to achieve good outdoor visibility.

MOTION NO. 821: Dr. Wahle moved, Mrs. Davis seconded, that the Board accept the report of Mr. Erickson concerning outdoor signs. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board gave its consent to the arrangement of names on a construction plaque to be mounted inside the new Music Building when completed.

After discussion, the Board decided not to appeal further the decision on a price for the Jump property. Because the motion for a retrial was denied, the College must act either to acquire the property or to delay and then appeal at a much later date.

MOTION NO. 822: Mrs. Davis moved, Mrs. Therriault seconded, that the Board agree to purchase the Jump property at \$49,950. Motion carried.

Mr. Bouillon wished to specifically record his protest at what he considered the inflated price of this property, which had been appraised at approximately \$31,000. Other board members concurred that it was most unreasonable that the state must pay \$18,000 over the appraised price. The college has little choice in the purchase for the property is in direct line of campus expansion. Further, it cannot be by-passed due to its conflict in use with adjacent college property.

The next item of unfinished business concerned the change in method of financing the proposed new Administration Building. Since the joint boards of trustees of the state colleges have disapproved of bonding against tuition receipts, Central Washington State College now proposes to build a smaller building and to ask that the money be appropriated directly from annual receipts rather than by bonding.

MOTION NO. 823: Dr. Wilson moved that the tuition receipts for the next four years be used as follows: \$160,000 for capital improvements and betterments, and \$310,000 for an administration building, and that no bonding be involved. Mrs. Therriault seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 824: Mrs. Therriault moved that Central Washington State College proceed with negotiations to purchase the J. L. Martin property at 309 E. Tenth Avenue, next to the new Music Building. Mrs. Davis seconded; motion carried.

President Brooks asked to delay consideration on Item E, establishment of a foundation for Central, until after he returned from a President's workshop on this subject which he will attend in Detroit in January. He also asked for delay on Item F, outside speaker policy, until he had time to review the faculty actions that had been taken to date. The last faculty action, taken as late as December 10, had approved an interim administrative policy of college clearance of outside speakers. However, the vote was close, with 47 for, 37 against, and 15 abstentions. This policy of "reasonable clearance" is printed in the faculty handbook, pages 28-29, and has been used while the administration and the faculty reviewed the situation in order to make recommendations to the board. The President's Council, representing the administration, had approved the handbook policy by a 10 to 2 vote.

Mrs. Davis pointed out that the Board policy passed on May 19, 1960 (Motion No. 329) has not been changed. It reads as follows:

"Room facilities at Central Washington State College shall be made available for political groups and meetings when such are sponsored by student organizations or faculty organizations and when the meetings are primarily for the student body or the faculty."

Dr. Donald Baepler, Faculty Council Chairman, spoke on the issue. The Board also heard comments from Mr. Ed Erickson, Director of Educational Services; Mr. Courson, Business Manager; Mr. David Burt, Assistant Professor of English; Miss Bonnie Wiley, Publications Director, and George Behrendt, Lecturer in Physics. Much discussion followed during which both Dr. Brooks and Dr. Baepler indicated that they felt that further faculty discussion was not warranted at this time.

MOTION NO. 825: Dr. Wilson moved, and Mrs. Davis seconded, the following resolution:

"This college functions under the philosophy that the student must understand himself, other people, and the physical and biological universe. This college not only deals with the factual and evolutionary aspects of these areas but, more important, tries to develop an understanding of their various inter-relationships. For this college to achieve these worthy objectives it must be a place of free inquiry. Without freedom to seek information in the library, in the classroom, in the laboratory, in the many fields of study, and in the words of campus speakers, the objectives of this college cannot be achieved.

January 28 (Monday) CWSC Board meeting. January 29 (Tuesday) Joint Boards, meeting in Olympia

February (no meeting)

March 1 (Friday) CWSC Board meeting. March 2 (Saturday) official "Board Day" on campus. Board meeting

March 22 (Friday) regular meeting

April 26 (Friday) Symposium, conclusion; April 27 (a. m.) Joint Board meeting in Ellensburg; (p. m.) CWSC Board meeting

May 24 (Friday) CWSC Board, possibly in Seattle

June 7 (Friday) regular meeting; June 8 - Commencement

July 26 (Friday) regular meeting; July 27 (Saturday) Joint Boards at Bellingham

Mr. Courson spoke briefly concerning the completion of various kinds of work in connection with the Men's Residence Hall, Project CH-Wash-48-DS-Unit A.

MOTION NO. 831: It was moved by Dr. Wahle and seconded by Mrs. Therriault that the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College accept the recommendation of Culler, Gale, Martell, Norrie & Davis, Architects, for the final acceptance of the work performed by Gilbert H. Moen, General Contractor for construction of Housing for Men Students, Project CH-Wash-48-DS-Unit A. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 832: It was moved by Mrs. Therriault and seconded by Dr. Wilson that the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College accept the recommendations of Culler, Gale, Martell, Norrie & Davis, Architects, for the final acceptance of the work performed by Central Mechanical Contractors, Mechanical Contractor for the mechanical work on the Housing for Men Students, Project CH-Wash-48-DS-Unit A. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 833: It was moved by Dr. Wahle and seconded by Dr. Wilson that the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College accept the recommendation of Culler, Gale, Martell, Norrie & Davis, Architects, for the final acceptance of the work performed by Electric Smith, Inc., Electrical Contractor for the electrical work on the Housing for Men Students, Project CH-Wash-48-DS-Unit A. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 834: It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Therriault that the Board of Trustees of Central Washington State College accept the recommendation of Culler, Gale, Martell, Norrie & Davis,

Architects, for the completion of the Men's Residence Hall, Project CH-Wash-48-DS-Unit A as of December 12, 1962. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 835: Dr. Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Therriault seconded; motion carried.