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EASTERN WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 24, 1949 - 2:00 P. M.

The Board of Trustees met at 2:00 p. m., May 24, 1949, in the office of the President on the campus of the College. This was a joint meeting of the members of the old Board with the newly appointed members of the Board. Those present were James E. McGovern, Dave Cohn, and Mrs. Leslie Barber of the old Board, J. Harold Anderson and Mrs. Hazel Laughbon, newly appointed members, and Walter W. Isle, President.

Preliminary to the business meeting of the Board, the newly appointed members, in company with Mrs. Barber and the President, spent some time in a tour of the campus inspecting the physical plant and becoming familiar with some of the problems pertaining thereto. At 4:00 p. m. the entire membership of both boards assembled in the office of the President for a joint meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of April 14, 1949, were read and approved.

ORGANIZATION

The organization of the new Board was perfected with the election of Mr. J. Harold Anderson as chairman.

NEW PERSONNEL

The appointment of the following personnel was confirmed for the summer session:

E. R. Jinnett, assistant superintendent of Spokane City Schools, as visiting instructor for two-thirds time for nine weeks at a total salary of \$600.00.

Mrs. Willa Caughlan, supervisor, Portland City Schools, visiting instructor in music education at a monthly salary of \$400 for the quarter

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The following leaves of absence were approved:

George Stahl, without pay, for the year 1949-50
Robert Rogers, without pay, for the year 1949-50
Miss Mary Swerer, without pay, for the fall quarter of 1949

OATH

The Board spent some time in considering the nature of the oath or statement to be required of employed persons during the 1949-51

biennium, in keeping with the requirement set forth in the preamble to the general appropriation bill passed by the 1949 legislature. The principal question considered was whether or not to include a statement pertaining to membership in the Communist Party. The Board decided not to require such a statement from members of the staff, but approved the suggestion of the President that such a statement might be made optional. It was the consensus of opinion of the members of the Board that this information should be secured primarily for the protection of the members of the faculty and of the institution against unjust criticism.

NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR WOMEN

Consideration was given to the project of constructing a new residence hall for women on the campus. The report was presented from the Am. William Morris Company, which had been employed to audit the records of the Halls of Residence and Dining Rooms for 1949. Since this report indicates that there would be funds for financing the construction project, the Board authorized a continuance of the planning for the project. The President was instructed to request the architect to prepare the advertising for bids and to designate the date for opening such bids as June 24, if no difficulties were encountered in so doing. The Board further authorized the President to proceed with the preparation of complete information on the project and to distribute this information to firms interested in financing the program.

PROBLEM OF THE BUDGET

The Board gave considerable time to the study of the problems of the budget as developing out of the appropriation of the 1949 legislature. The attached report was submitted by the President to indicate that with every possible economy, approximately \$100,000 would be needed to supplement state funds in order to complete the biennium without a deficit. The Board unanimously passed a resolution authorizing a continuance of the operation of the College as of the 1948-49 year and the use of sufficient funds from the veterans tuition money to enable a continuance of the present program throughout the year 1949-50. It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that the College could not afford to restrict its program under the existing conditions of rapidly expanding growth and service and popularity.

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The Board gave consideration to the request of the Building Service Employees Union for a hearing on a proposed contract with that Union. The President was instructed to write Mr. McPeak informing him that the Board would consider the feasibility of such a hearing at a future meeting.

PURCHASE OF LAND

The Board authorized the purchase of lots 9 and 10, Block 105, City of Cheney, and the residence thereon for the sum of \$4000, this purchase to be conditional upon securing an appraisal from a reputable authority of the property.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Board approved the scholarship program for the year 1949-50 as set up for the year 1948-49.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

June 24 was suggested as a possible date for the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

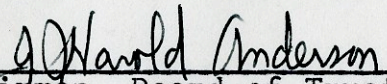
It was agreed that Mr. Anderson would present the diplomas to the 1949 graduating class at the spring Commencement.

LETTER FROM MISS JACK.

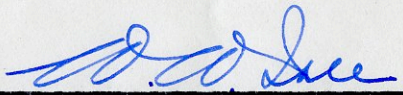
The letter from Miss Ethel Jack, supervisor of the Monroe Hall Dining Hall, was presented by Mrs. Laughbon for the consideration of the Board. Miss Jack had been notified by the President of the termination of her contract with the College, effective as of the close of the summer session. She was requesting a hearing from the Board. After due consideration of the matter, the Board voted unanimously that the action of the President should be upheld in the performance of this action as one of his duties in the interest of the College program.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

APPROVED:



Chairman, Board of Trustees



President, Eastern Washington
College of Education