

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 18, 1959

It is recommended that the Board approve the following recommendations that have been worked out in cooperation with Chancellor Varner with reference to a house for the Chancellor at Michigan State University-Oakland. It is proposed to remodel the poultry farm house with the following provisions:

- a. That the University retain title to both house and grounds and that no lease arrangement be involved.
- b. That Mr. Varner proceed with such remodeling and addition needed to make the house suitable for his purposes, but the cost is not to exceed \$15,000.
- c. That Mr. Varner assume the responsibility for paying for this or arrange the financing on a personal basis by whatever means he can devise so that the University assumes no obligation for the cost of the remodeling. The basic notion is that he will allocate \$2,000 per year from his housing allowance to the purpose of covering the costs involved. This would mean that at the end of 7½ years the annual \$2,000 contribution would have covered the costs involved. He is agreeable to ignoring the interest costs.
- d. That if for any reason Mr. Varner should not occupy the house for a minimum of 7½ years, then the University will reimburse him at the rate of \$2,000 for each of the years less than 7½. For example, if he should move out of the place after 5 years, the University would be expected to reimburse him at the rate of \$2,000 per year for the next 2½ years or in a lump sum of \$5,000.

The advantages of this plan are that it retains full control of the property and the house for the University; it would provide the Varners an adequate place to live until Sunset Terrace becomes available; it involves no financial involvement on the part of the University; and it would provide for the University a very useful building for visiting professors or other purposes after the Varners are provided for elsewhere.

It is understood that the use of the small office building is a part of this plan since it is proposed to use it either as a guest cottage for visiting dignitaries or for possible use of domestic help. The Varners would assume whatever costs are involved in getting this ready for domestic use also.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Harlan, it was voted to approve the above item.

Chancellor Varner presented a request that the Board formally authorize the agreement as worked out by Attorney Carr and Treasurer May covering the arrangements authorizing the construction of faculty houses on Michigan State University-Oakland property. This program will ultimately provide home sites for approximately 150 homes for faculty. However, initially the program covers development of only about 50 lots. In connection with this development, the Board has already authorized agreements and contracts which provide for:

1. Development of site for 50 homes at a cost of approximately \$70,000. This work was financed by an advance from the M.S.U. Dormitory Housing Reserve which is to be repaid out of annual rent of \$120 which will be charged for each home site.
2. Authorization for signing a contract with the Avon Township for sewers and water services - the cost of these services will be liquidated over a period of years at an annual cost of between \$10,000 and \$11,000. Funds for annual payments will come from a \$2,000 hookup charge to each home owner.
3. Individual leases will be signed with each prospective home owner containing the following terms of conditions:
 - a. Leases will run for a period of 75 years.
 - b. Annual lease-hold rent \$120.
 - c. In order to insure continued faculty ownership of all home sites, the University will agree to take over owner's equity if eligible buyer is not found within six months after separation from MSU-O.
 - d. Employees will be permitted to continue residence under the lease-hold arrangement as long as employed by MSU-O or during periods of retirement. Widows of deceased faculty members may continue to occupy their homes as long as it is their principal place of residence or until they remarry.

Approval of
financing
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for Chancellor's
home

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lease arrange-
ment for
faculty housing
project

4. Although this property will not be on the tax rolls, the faculty plat will be recorded and the home owners will pay the equivalent of taxes to the local units of government and school systems.

A copy of the lease agreement as approved by Attorney Carr will be on file with these minutes.

On motion of Mr. Brody, seconded by Mr. Vanderploeg, it was voted to approve the above agreement relative to faculty housing at MSU-O.

Approval for naming Oakland Student Center

Chancellor Varner recommends that the Student Center Building at Michigan State University-Oakland be officially named "The Oakland Student Center."

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Vanderploeg, it was voted to approve the above recommendation.

Appointment of A. North

Audrey North, Assistant Librarian, at MSU-O at a salary of \$7000 per year on a 12-month basis effective August 15, 1959.

Appointment of O. Taulbee

Orrin E. Taulbee, Associate Professor of Mathematics at MSU-O at a salary of \$8600 per year on a 10-month basis effective August 15, 1959.

Appointment of D. Wilder

David T. Wilder, University Librarian at MSU-O at a salary of \$10,500 per year on a 12-month basis effective January 1, 1960.

Appointment of M. Cusack

Mary Ann Cusack, Instructor in English at MSU-O at a salary of \$5800 per year on a 12-month basis effective September 1, 1959.

Appointment of T. Fitzsimmons

Thomas Fitzsimmons, Assistant Professor of English at MSU-O at a salary of \$7500 per year on a 10-month basis effective September 1, 1959.

Appointment of H. Kovach

Helen Kovach, Instructor in Foreign Languages at MSU-O at a salary of \$5000 per year on a 10-month basis effective September 1, 1959.

Transfer of J. Gherity

James A. Gherity, Jr., from Assistant Professor of Economics at M.S.U. at a salary of \$6200 per year to Assistant Professor of Economics at MSU-O at a salary of \$6700 per year from September 15, 1959 to August 31, 1960. He will return to the campus at his present salary of \$6200 per year on September 1, 1960.

Increase for Swanson

Robert W. Swanson Director of Business Affairs at MSU-O from \$8500 to \$9000 per year effective January 1, 1960.

Personnel Action

Establishment of a Curator III position at Michigan State University-Oakland
Establishment of a Nurse IIA position at Michigan State University-Oakland

NDEA loan funds for 1959-60

Communication from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare advising us that the allocation of National Student Defense Loan funds available to Michigan State University for the 1959-60 college year will be in the amount of \$250,000 for Michigan State University and \$20,000 for Michigan State University-Oakland. Two-thirds of these funds will be available in September 1959 and one-third will be available in January 1960.