

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 20, 1969

Communication from Attorney Carr:

Authorization to pick up option on Barnett property.

In 1957, Byron T. Barnett and his sister, Elizabeth Barnett, sold land in Section 18, Avon Township, Oakland County, Michigan, to the State Board of Agriculture for inclusion within the Oakland University Campus. The grantors retained a fraction over 36 acres for purposes of maintaining the family residence. At the time of closing, we secured an option to purchase this remainder at a price of \$2,000 per acre. The option is exercisable upon the death of the survivor of the two Barnetts unless earlier activated by notice in writing.

During the intervening period of time, Byron Barnett has died, and Elizabeth Barnett is the sole surviving owner. She has decided to sell the land, reserving a life interest in a parcel supporting the old family residence. In light of the skyrocketing value of this real estate which is currently assessed at three and a half times the option figure and possesses a market value of twice the assessment, we notified her attorney of the desire of the Board of Trustees to effectuate its option rights.

It is requested that this matter is included in the agenda for the meeting scheduled February 21, 1969, and that the officers be authorized to work out the details of the transfer, paying the indicated per acre cost following receipt of a survey by Harold Keith, R.L.S.

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Huff, it was voted to authorize the purchase of the Barnett property under the terms outlined in item 8.

Authorization to sell stock without authority of Bd. of Trustees

Mr. Varner suggested that the Trustees authorize the officers of the University to sell stock from donors when it is offered for gift purposes without specific authority of the Trustees. This is occasioned by the fact that the resulting delay recently resulted in a depreciation of about \$2,200 from the original value of gifts to Oakland University. This delay and loss of funds affects the tax advantage to donors, irritates them, and may affect adversely their future generosity.

The Trustees recognize the need for the immediate sale of stocks and bonds given to Michigan State University and Oakland University, and on motion by Mr. Nisbet, seconded by Mr. Huff, it was unanimously voted to authorize the officers of the universities to sell immediately such stocks and bonds and report these actions to the Board at its next meeting.

Suggestion for use of added appropriations from legislature

Mr. Huff moved, seconded by Mr. White, that any increase in appropriations from the legislature this year be used to support up to an additional 1000 MSU and 100 Oakland disadvantaged first-year students. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Stevens moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, that this matter be referred to the Academic Council for study with the hope that the Council will submit recommendations for action at the April Board meeting.

Voting for Mr. Stevens' motion: Messrs. Stevens, Hartman, Martin, Merriman, Nisbet, and Thompson.

Voting against the motion: Messrs. Huff and White.

Carried.

Health Center renamed

Recommendation that the Student Health Center be named the Graham Health Center.

Approval of easement to Consumers Pwr.

It was recommended that the Trustees approve authorizing the University Attorney and Secretary Breslin to act for the Trustees in completing the arrangements for granting an easement to the Consumers Power Company for the installation of a major gas line running the full north and south length of Oakland University property. The route of this line has been worked out between representatives of the University and the Company in accordance with instructions and guidelines previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Auth. for Metropolitan Fund to be tenants-OU

Mr. Varner reported on the arrangements under which the Metropolitan Fund will become tenants at Oakland University in accordance with previous authorization by the Trustees.

John Broome

Termination of John L. Broome, Asst. Dir. ADA, effective February 7, 1969.

John G. Blair

Sabbatical leaves: John G. Blair, Assoc. Prof. in English at half pay from 9/4/69 to 4/21/70 to study in France.

Wm. Schwab

William Schwab, Prof. in English at full pay from 1/7/70 to 4/21/70 to study in the Philippines.

D. Lowy

David G. Lowy, Assoc. Prof. Psychology at full pay from 1/7/70 to 4/21/70 to study at home.

D. Burcick

Leave-Health: Dolores Burdick, Assoc. Prof. Mod. Lang & Lit at no pay from 8/15/69 to 8/14/70

M.J. Beznos

Leave-Other: Maurice J. Beznos, Instr. Mod. Lang. & Lit. at no pay from 8/15/69 to 8/14/70 to study at Chicago University