

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
NEW FOUR YEAR STATE COLLEGE

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Majority Caucus Room, House Chamber
Olympia, Washington--Sept. 13, 1967

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmidt at 2:00 p.m. The roll was called and all Board members were present.

Members of the Press present included: Dale Nelson, Associated Press; Leroy Hittle, The Lacey Leader; Mike Layton, The Daily Olympian; and Robert Cummings, Capitol News Bureau.

Others present were: Robert Tjossem, Assistant Attorney General; Buel B. Brodin, Central Budget Agency; Harold E. Wolf, State Representative; and Harry B. Lewis, State Senator.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected by changing the word "President" to "Chairman."

67-8 Mr. Camp nominated Mrs. Tourtellotte for the office of Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Halvorson. Mrs. Tourtellotte was unanimously elected.

67-10 Mr. Halvorson nominated Mr. Saunders for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Tourtellotte. Mr. Saunders was unanimously elected.

Mr. Robert Tjossem, Assistant Attorney General, was introduced as the legal counsel to the Board of Trustees.

67-11 On motion of Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Halvorson, Mrs. Tourtellotte was named chairman of the By-Laws Committee to work with Mr. Tjossem in formulating a set of By-Laws for the conduct of the business of the Board.

Mr. Buel B. Brodin, a representative of the Central Budget Agency, was introduced and he recommended that the Board adopt a tentative budget based on the Governor's recommendation to the Legislature so that it would be possible for the Board to operate and incur immediate obligations. Mr. Brodin stated that allotted funds not used at the end of the year would go into a reserve and be available for allotment for other purposes.

7-12 Mr. Camp moved that the Board adopt an operating budget based on the Governor's budget, but with the amount for salaries and wages to be reduced from \$192,800 to \$140,600 to make the total of \$500,000 subject to revision at a later date if circumstances indicated. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Halvorson, Chairman of the Site Selection Committee, reported that they had been unable to confer with consulting firms todate, but that his committee would do so before the next meeting.

Mr. Halvorson inquired if the Board could take time beyond the December 1st deadline for site selection should it seem to be in the best interest of the college. Mr. Tjossem pointed out that there was no penalty clause in the law if the Board did not meet the deadline and that the choice would be valid at whatever time it was made.

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Senator Harry B. Lewis commented that the legislative intent in establishing deadlines was based on studies made by the Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education. He added that the Legislature recognized the difficulties involved but did deliberately and intentionally set the deadlines.

Mr. Camp reporting for the committee to select an administrative director told the Board that his committee convened at Olympia on September 8, 1967 and six candidates were interviewed. The committee was generally impressed with the sincerity and interest of the candidates but felt that there was a lack of broad concept of the requirements of the position.

The committee concluded that there had not been adequate dissemination of information about the position and too short a time frame to reach a broad spectrum of candidates.

The committee recommended that the Board consider the creation of two positions instead of one; an academic director and an administrative director.

The committee also recommended that the Board consider the employment of an interim director while further interviews are being conducted.

67-12 It was moved and seconded that the chairman of the committee to select an administrative director be authorized to employ a temporary director at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Saunders stated that the Board had been offered assistance from the Budget and Finance Administration office of the University of Washington as well as by the three existing state colleges.

It was the consensus of the Board that the choice of a name be postponed.

Senator Lewis informed the Board that he was asked by the Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education to attend Board meetings regularly and to offer assistance, particularly on the matter of choosing a President.

67-18 Mr. Saunders moved that the Board go on record as having formally requested Senator Lewis to assist the Board in getting help along this line from the Advisory Council.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Camp as chairman of a permanent Personnel Committee, with Mr. Saunders and himself as the other members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved:


TRUMAN L. SCHMIDT, Chairman


MRS. NEAL TOURTELLOTTE, Secretary