

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OHIO UNIVERSITY
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Sunday, May 19, 1974, 8:00 P.M.

The Presidential Room, Ohio University Inn, Athens, Ohio

1. Consideration of the Request of the Athens Citizens for the United Farm Workers that the Board Reverse the Decision Made by President Sowle in Respect to Serving of Non-United Farm Workers of America Lettuce and Table Grapes in University Cafeterias--Mrs. Patricia Horner and Jeff Kilroy.

Mrs. Horner, faculty wife and spokesman, and Mr. Kilroy, student and President of the campus UFWA, made statements emphasizing the lack of an alternative for students. In response to statements by members, they suggested an alternative salad bowl as a test. Mrs. Johns expressed the view that this was an individual personal thing, one to which the Board could not address itself. Dr. Holzer stated that, in respect to the question of committing the University to a moral cause, as an individual he could not impose his moral view on an institution. Chairman Morris stated that the Board would act on the matter at its morning meeting.

2. Report and Recommendation by Educational Policies Committee on Proposed Merger of Portsmouth Regional Campus and Scioto Technical College and Consideration of Resolution on the Proposed Merger--Johnson.

Chairman Morris stated that the report would be made at the morning meeting and action taken then.

3. Consideration of Award of Emeritus Status--Culbert.

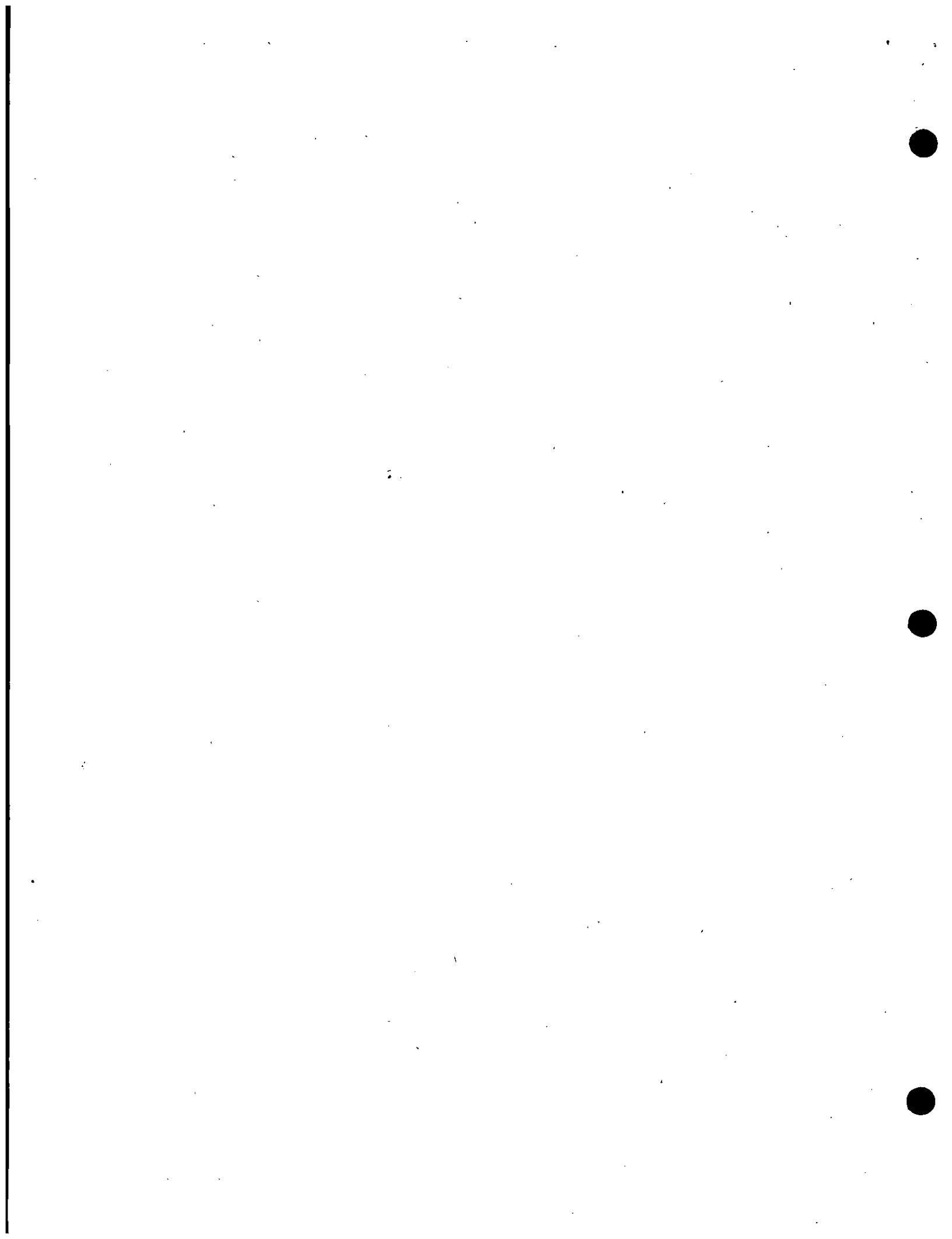
Chairman Morris stated that action would be taken at the morning meeting.

4. Consideration of Resolution to Authorize Educational Policies Committee of the Board to Discharge Trustees' Responsibilities to Approve the Professional Leaves for the 1974-75 Academic Year--Culbert.

Dr. Culbert reported that a formal opinion had been requested from the Attorney General. He expressed considerable confidence that the opinion would be favorable.

Chairman Morris stated that the vote on the matter would be taken at the morning meeting.

5. Consideration of Resolution to Authorize Segregation of Funds to Cover Faculty Leaves Which Carry Over into 1974-75--Culbert.



Dr. Culbert reported that three leaves carried over into 1974-75. He expressed the view that segregation of funds would not be questioned.

Chairman Morris stated that the vote would be taken at the morning meeting.

6. Consideration of Proposed Fee Reduction for Extra Hours--Milar.

Chairman Morris, determining that there was no controversy on this, stated that the vote would be taken on this in the morning.

7. Consideration of Granting Easement to City of Athens for Bicycle Path--Culp.

Chairman Morris, determining that there was no controversy about this, stated that the resolution would be voted on at the morning meeting.

8. Consideration of Granting Easement to Commissioners of Ross County to Complete Adena Area Drainage Project--Culp and Geiger.

Mr. Kennedy asked whether the proposal had gone through legal scrutiny. Mr. Geiger answered in the affirmative. Chairman Morris stated that the vote would be taken in the morning.

9. Consideration of Granting Permanent Easement to City of Athens for Shafer Street Extension--Culp.

Mr. Culp explained that construction should occur this summer. The extension will not interfere with long-range University development plans, and will not affect athletic fields. Sidewalks, as needed, will be paid for by the University over a five-year period.

Chairman Morris stated that the vote on the resolution would be taken at the morning meeting.

10. Consideration of Approval of Six-Year Capital Improvement Plans for Athens and Regional Campuses to be Submitted to the Regents, Including Demolition of Church Street Cottage--Culp and Geiger.

In response to questions, it was explained that the plan is used by the Regents, along with the plans of the other universities, as a basis for long-range planning. Unless a line-item insertion were to be made in funding legislation, negotiation would be possible. There was agreement with Mr. Kircher's suggestion that this represented little more than a wish list. Chairman Morris suggested that an effort be made to provide more lead time in respect to submission of plans. Mr. Geiger stated that the deadline dates had been set by the Governor's new Administrative Services Office.

Chairman Morris stated that the vote on the issue would be taken at the morning meeting.

11. Consideration of Acceptance of Bentley Hall Air Conditioning Bids--Culp.

Chairman Morris, determining that there were no questions about this, stated that the vote would be taken at the morning meeting.

12. Consideration of Appeal to Board by Faculty Senate Chairman Regarding President Sowle's Disapproval of Faculty Senate Resolution--Sanford.

Dr. Sanford cited communications on the subject. All but one of the Senate's executive group, he stated, were present. The executive group, he said, had reconsidered the Senate resolution and came to the Board with great reluctance, not wishing to be in conflict with the Administration. Time, he stated, had not permitted consultation with the full Senate.

Two requests, Dr. Sanford stated, would be made, requests which did not involve a question of propriety. Request number one was that for future rebudgetings or budgetings a different priority be assigned the academic area. The 1975-76 plan, in the view of the executive group, was too historically based, and did not properly reflect the academic priority, the academic area being the basic operation.

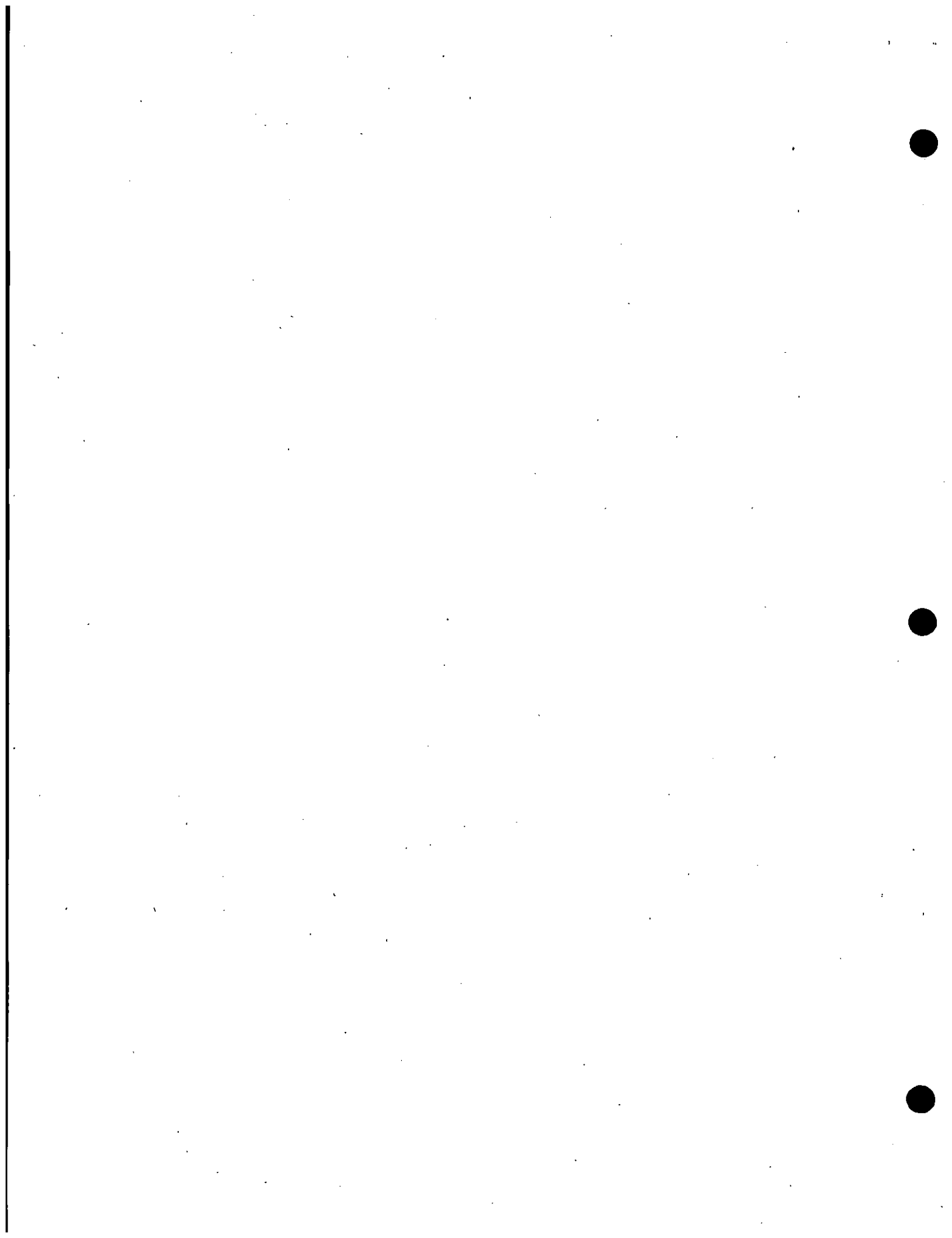
Request number two was for a modification of the original request. It was to request that the action authorizing the Administration to proceed with a reduction of tenured faculty be rescinded. The amount involved at present, he stated, was much less than the \$600,000 initially projected. Rejected, therefore, was the idea that financial exigency existed to the degree that it was necessary to eliminate a small number of tenured faculty. The number, he said was down to half of the 20 to 35 originally projected, which brought the amount necessary to protect tenured faculty to \$150,000 to \$200,000. The request then was to commit that portion of the reserve necessary to protect tenured faculty, an action not considered fiscally irresponsible.

In response to questions, Dr. Sanford stressed that he wasn't arguing that anyone's budget was too high in isolation, that he was arguing for priorities.

Dr. Culbert stated that on a normalized salary base, the 12 or 13 tenured faculty, 7 or 8 of whom were on the Athens campus, represented \$200,000. The projected reserve was stated to be \$500,000.

Mr. Morris commented that the reserve could be less with a lower enrollment. Dr. Culbert responded with the statement that if enrollment fell 250 below the projection there would be no reserve--that \$500,000 was indeed a minimal amount.

Dr. Sanford, in response to a question of what would happen in 1975-76 if we reached a point of no return by calling on the reserve now, stated that if the worst fears materialized, the loss in numbers would be great. Having the small additional number on board then, a \$200,000 factor as compared to



millions of dollars, would not present a real problem, a further indication that financial exigency did not exist now.

Mr. Johnson asked whether it was the intent not to present the original Senate resolution. Dr. Sanford stated that he felt that the Senate could be convinced of the wisdom of not doing this, but rather to ask that the authorization granted by the Board to the President to rescind contracts of tenured faculty members be rescinded. He emphasized that saving programs was not the controlling factor in the request.

Dr. Culbert reminded the Board that first and second year probationers had already been notified, and that 47 other probationers would receive notice that their contracts would not be renewed for 1975-76. He stated that Dr. Sanford was talking about 7 or 8 tenured faculty on this campus and a balance on the regional campuses to bring the total to 12 or 13. This is exclusive of those affected by programmatic changes--the 13 in Architecture. The figures, relating to tenured faculty, he emphasized, spoke solely to discontinuances for financial reasons.

Chairman Morris stated that a vote would be taken at the morning meeting.

13. Consideration of Resolution to Phase Out School of Architecture--Culbert, Lin and Wilson.

Dr. Culbert stated that curriculum and budget problems came together in this instance, a situation that would have to be resolved in the future. He stated that his experiences in Columbus led him to believe that any additional funding that might be generated would be for special programs--categorical grants, such as those for developmental education.

On the campus, he said, he could see no movement of monies. If movement were possible, it should be to the reserve to protect the 1975-76 fiscal plan. A shortfall in 1975-76 would, he said, result in abrogation of contracts. His recommendation, therefore, was adoption of the alternative proposal, that if no additional funding was available, Architecture be phased out. His hope, he said, was that in 1974-75 the Regents would use their discretion and provide funds beyond the earned subsidy. In 1975-76 Ohio University will be expected to be on its own.

Dean Lin stated that in his judgment and that of his committee, the Architecture phaseout would be the least harmful of plans considered.

In response to questions, he said that the period of phaseout would be three to four years. Accreditation was not anticipated with the 1974-75 reduction in funds. Accreditation would depend on additional funding of \$230,000.

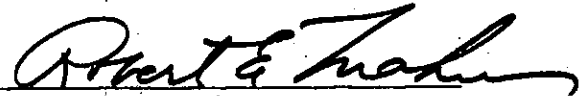
Director Wilson, in response to questions, stated that outside knowledge of possible phaseout had affected enrollment adversely, that indeed phaseout had occurred without faculty or Board consent. He asked that faculty be provided for the students who could not get transferred.

Mr. Wilson accused the Administration of unfair, unequal and discouraging treatment of Architecture over a period of three years. Dr. Culbert responded that if budget cuts brought discouragement, he could not deny there had been discouragement. He stated that there were other areas that had suffered greater cuts than Architecture, that every program could not be supported.

Mr. Wilson stated that whatever steps were taken to save Architecture, a move from Fine Arts would be necessary. Mr. Hugin, president of the student chapter of AIA, stated that students would remain if funding was reinstated. He referred to Mr. Wilson's estimate of \$260,000 less the normal cut.

Dean Peterson commented that Mr. Wilson had left the implication that when cuts became necessary, they should come from all areas. Many programs, he said, were bleeding. Mr. Wilson stated, finally, that he was not asking for funds to come out of others' hides, but just not to let happen again what happened to Architecture. Mr. Morris concluded the discussion by stating that hard decisions needed to be made.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.



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