

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE YOUNGSTOWN UNIVERSITY

January 31, 1966

Pursuant to due notice a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Youngstown University was held at the Youngstown Club at noon on Monday, January 31, 1966.

The following persons were present:

Walter Bender	J. Ross Philips, Jr.
William E. Bliss	William J. Sampson
William J. Brown	Clarence J. Strouss
Jay Brownlee	Carl W. Ullman
Oscar F. Gayton	Charles G. Watson
Arthur L. Jones	Howard W. Jones
John N. McCann	Hugh W. Manchester
John Newman	

Charles G. Watson, Chairman, presided.

I. WARD BEECHER SCIENCE HALL.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held November 23, 1965 were reviewed and the action of the Executive Committee with reference to award of a contract for construction of the Ward Beecher Hall was fully reviewed.

Upon motion by John McCann, seconded by Arthur L. Jones and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED that the action of the Executive Committee taken at its meeting of November 23, 1965, which approved the award of a contract for the construction of the Ward Beecher Science Hall to Joseph Buckeit & Sons Company, at a base bid price of \$1,608,900, be and it hereby is ratified and approved."

II. HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING, and MUSIC and FINE ARTS BUILDING.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on January 28, 1966 were fully reviewed and the action of the Executive Committee with reference to applying for grants under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 for assistance in connection with construction of a health and physical education building, and also of a music and fine arts building were fully reviewed.

Following discussion and upon motion by John N. McCann, seconded by William E. Bliss and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the action of the Executive Committee taken at its meeting held January 28, 1966, authorizing an application to the United States Commissioner of Education for a grant of funds under the higher education facilities act of 1963 for the construction of a health and physical education building, be and it hereby is ratified and approved.

After further discussion and upon motion by John N. McCann, seconded by Clarence J. Strouss and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the action of the Executive Committee taken at its meeting held January 28, 1966, authorizing an application to the United States Commissioner of Education for a grant of funds under the higher education facilities act of 1963 for the construction of a music and fine arts building, be and it hereby is ratified and approved.

III. RECEIPT FROM HOWARD W. JONES of WRITTEN NOTICE OF HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE AT A FUTURE DATE.

The Secretary presented to the Board of Trustees and read a communication from Howard W. Jones, its President, addressed to The Youngstown University to the attention of the Board of Trustees, under date of January 31, 1966; the original copy of which is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Carl Ullman commented upon Doctor Jones' great dedication and many years of devoted service rendered in the best interests of the University. Mr. Ullman pointed out that under the terms of Doctor Jones' pension agreement, the giving of at least six months written notice of his intention to retire is a requirement, and that some permanent record of the receipt of such written notice of his intention to retire should be made for the protection of Doctor and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Ullman stated that the receipt of such written notice of intention to retire was in no way a resignation by Doctor Jones, as President, and that he hoped that at such time as Doctor Jones may retire he will continue after his resignation to serve the University in some capacity. Mr. Ullman further suggested that for the best interests of all concerned, no public announcement whatsoever should be made until such time as a successor to Doctor Jones may be found and the President and Chairman of the Board deem it advisable to announce Doctor Jones' intention to retire.

Mr. Ullman thereupon moved for adoption of the following

**resolution:**

RESOLVED that a record be made of the receipt on January 31, 1966 at this meeting of written notice from Howard W. Jones of his intention to retire as President of the University not less than six months after this date; that such notice be accepted as full compliance by Howard W. Jones with the notice requirements contained in Paragraph 1 of the Pension Agreement with him dated June 23, 1960; that the original copy of such written notice be attached by the Secretary to the minutes of this meeting as a permanent record and that the Chairman of the Board, in cooperation with the other officers and with Doctor Jones be authorized and directed to take such steps as they may deem proper to the end that a successor to Doctor Jones may be found and duly elected to serve as President of the University upon the retirement of Doctor Jones at some future date.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Oscar Gayton, was carried by unanimous vote of all Trustees present, and the Chairman declared that such motion was duly adopted and commented further concerning the great value of Doctor Jones' services to the University and the fact that he was approaching the time when he was entitled to be relieved of some of his many responsibilities, and emphasized the remarks made by Mr. Ullman that in the best interests of all concerned no public announcements whatsoever should be made until such time as a successor to Doctor Jones can be located and it appears proper to make a public announcement.

**IV. ENROLLMENT**

Doctor Jones reported that the current figure of the spring enrollment is 10,879 students, and that probably 11,000 students would be enrolled before registration is completed. He further noted that over 1,300 students were being helped to the extent of one-third of a million dollars in current grants and scholarships awarded to needy students.

**V. REPORT RE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Doctor Jones reported fully concerning the history of the creation of a community college under the statutes of Ohio; that such a community college had been incorporated and its Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioners of Mahoning County; that such Board of Trustees would be making a report and recommendation to the Ohio Board of Regents as to the feasibility of operating a community college in the vicinity of Youngstown, and had employed a group from the University of Michigan to make a study which was expected to be published on or about February 2.

Doctor Jones pointed out the advantages to be gained by the community at large if such community college can furnish a building and enter into a contract with the University for the conduct of a teaching program covering technical subjects by the University under a plan and contract to be approved by the University and the Ohio Board of Regents; and he also pointed out some of the disadvantages which might arise to the community at large through the need for additional tax levies, the possible disadvantage to the students because a new community college could not become accredited for some years, and to the University because there is no need for duplicating the opportunities for courses now or hereafter offered by Youngstown University, should such community college attempt to conduct its own teaching program in the fields of technical subjects and liberal arts.

Doctor McCann expressed the view that the need for an additional tax levy would be very expensive to the community at large; that the most important consideration was to maintain proper teaching standards with reference to any courses offered to students, and expressed the view that Youngstown University should cooperate with the Trustees of the community college with a view to working out a program which would be for the benefit of the community college, the community at large, and the students who might be hereafter matriculated at such community college.

Mr. Watson welcomed Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Newman as new members of the Board, this being their first meeting after their election to the Board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was duly adjourned.

  
Secretary

THE YOUNGSTOWN UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 31, 1966

The Youngstown University  
Youngstown, Ohio

Attn.: Board of Trustees

Gentlemen:

Since prior to its incorporation in 1937, I have been serving as President of your University and have enjoyed working with its students, faculty and Trustees.

On June 23, 1960 the Trustees, acting through its Finance Committee, entered into a contract with me to provide for pensions to me after my retirement and to my wife after my death. By the terms of such contract I could have retired when I reached the age of 65.

I am now 70 years of age and feel that I should soon retire, and permit you to find a younger man to carry on as President of the University. I do not wish to retire immediately, but will appreciate it if you will try to locate someone who can carry on in my place.

In order to comply with the terms of my agreement of June 23, 1960, I am giving this written notice of my intention to retire, not sooner than six months after this date. If a successor can be found I would suggest that my retirement become effective on October 1, 1966.

It is my hope that my health will continue to be good, and that I can continue to serve the University throughout my lifetime, and that I can be of assistance, whenever called upon, to whomsoever may be chosen as my successor.

Yours very truly,

*Howard W. Jones*