

MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 23, 1963

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Edinboro State College was held in the Board Room of Normal Hall, Meadville Street, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, on November 23, 1963, beginning at 10:30 a.m. It was called to order by the President, Mr. Wesley Reitze.

The following members were present: Mr. Wesley Reitze, Mrs. Jane Conaway, Mr. Max Gabreski, Mr. Forest Hopkins, Mrs. Susan McComb, and Dr. Hugh O'Hare.

It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Conaway, seconded by Dr. O'Hare, that the minutes of the meeting held September 21, 1963, be approved as submitted by the secretary to each member of the Board.

On motion of Dr. O'Hare, seconded by Mrs. Conaway, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the following policy regarding fraternity and sorority housing.

The Board of Trustees of Edinboro State College took under advisement the request of the Inter-Fraternity Council Housing Committee dated May 1963, and has seriously studied the request through the action of a committee chaired by Mr. Reitze and composed of Mr. Gabreski, Mrs. Conaway, Dr. O'Hare, and Mr. Roseman.

While the immediate problem as far as the fraternities and sororities are concerned is that of fraternity housing, the concern of the Board of Trustees is the overall long term objectives of the College.

In reviewing the history of fraternities generally, the initial purpose and function of the collective association of young men and women was to promote high ideals, a spirit of friendship and self-improvement through intellectual development. Since the origin of these units, the literary and intellectual emphasis may have been somewhat subdued with a greater emphasis placed upon social development.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the fraternity and sorority institutions as such are worthwhile adjuncts of and perform an integral part of our college educational system. They also recognize the existence of four fraternities and four sororities on the College campus at the present time.

Without question, housing for all students is a problem at this College at this time and fraternity or sorority housing in small or large numbers could alleviate some present housing problems.

However, two dormitories are presently in the process of erection and an additional dormitory is close to being bid. These three dormitories will house an additional 1,000 students. In addition, other dormitories and housing facilities are in the process of being planned for college student use.

It is the direct responsibility of the Board of Trustees to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to set up a housing policy which keeps all State dormitory housing occupied to the fullest possible percentage so that all self-liquidating projects are supported and paid for without loss to the State.

Hence, with these factors in mind, the Board will advisedly establish a policy whereby it will not close the door to fraternity housing. Yet the Board in its policy must be extremely careful to point out the risk of any private housing project, including any fraternity housing project, which will require the Board at some subsequent date to require not only freshmen to live on campus but perhaps sophomores and juniors as well, in order that the State may meet its obligation in liquidating the cost of its dormitory investment.

In light of this policy, the Board will be very happy to consider any concrete proposals of any fraternity or sorority plans for erecting housing facilities. Such a proposal should spell out in detail the nature of the housing facility, the specific means of financial same, the sources of revenue, the financial endorsement of the proposal by a reputable banking institution, and in addition thereto a fraternity program for proper supervision of the members encompassed in the housing program, as well as for provision of strict discipline when necessary. It goes without saying there must be responsible sponsorship of the fraternity or sorority housing group through the Student Service Personnel Office of the College.

Any such fraternity or sorority housing program should be geared to the needs of the college, having in mind that the institution we are dealing with is a public one based upon availability of a means of education to all.

Edinboro, being a State institution, is governed by other factors that have a deep bearing upon the whole matter of fraternities and sororities and housing concerning same. Students enrolled at State Colleges as a whole come from economic groups in which the additional cost of fraternities become a difficult financial burden and fraternities existing in a public institution must prove themselves by their quality of leadership for the individual and the College, as well as for the fraternity. Adequate safeguards are necessary to insure democratic action on the part of fraternities and their members.

The continued existence of fraternities and sororities will be under close scrutiny of the Board and their existence will depend upon the quality of their program, the attitude of their members, their responsible leadership on campus to promote non-fraternity members in such activities and finally upon the results achieved by the fraternity movement as such.

It would appear that the continued existence of fraternities on the campus can be assured by their leadership for intellectual achievement of their individual members, as well as the development of the social aspect in its proper relationship to the overall objective of a good and well rounded college education and the wholesome development of the individual student who intends to take his place in the community as a responsible citizen and leader.

The Board suggests that an area in the close proximity to the present campus be established as a fraternity and sorority area in which such housing may be erected. Any proposed housing will be expected to meet a minimum standard of appearance and usefulness so as to fit in nicely with the overall expansion plan of the College. All plans for construction and financing of such housing must be cleared and approved by the Board of Trustees before any action is taken.

Mr. Robert Carothers, Chairman of the Interfraternity Council Housing Committee, and Mr. Jerry Dilly, President of the Interfraternity Council were invited to meet briefly with the Board of Trustees to hear Mr. Max Gabreski, spokesman of the Board of Trustees Fraternity Policy Committee, give a brief report concerning the fraternity housing policy which the Board of Trustees adopted.

Mr. Reitze thanked the Board Fraternity Housing Committee for their fine work and expressed special appreciation to Mr. Gabreski for his help.

"The following requests for refunds as shown by the records of the Bursar were recommended by the President and Business Manager for review and action by the Board of Trustees:

Melvin Andrews	\$143.64
Cynthia Aul	143.64
Candice Lee Birney	271.04
Sue C. Bissell	224.50
Bruce Carpenter	64.40
Peter Chulack	303.96
Christine Dodds	167.58
Helen B. Donaldson	31.05
Judith Hindman	24.00
Jean M. Jayme	215.50
Patricia Gail Jenkins	119.66
Nancy Kerchin	383.04
Karen Mackrell	127.52
Patricia Magee	143.64
Anita McCallister	41.64
Jo Ann Musarra	270.60
Rita C. Pollack	280.00
Gertrude Ryan	28.98
Charles B. Schenck	151.98
Janis Schmerheim	220.22
John T. Skerczak, II	76.34
David R. Yocca	49.95

"It was voted, on motion of Mrs. McComb, seconded by Dr. O'Hare, that the refunds as listed above be granted in accordance with the regulations for repayment."

It was voted, on motion of Dr. O'Hare, seconded by Mrs. Conaway, that the bills for the months of September and October 1963 be approved as certified by the Business Manager to be correct to the best of his knowledge.

It was voted, on motion of Dr. O'Hare, seconded by Mrs. McComb, upon the recommendation of Dr. Miller, that the Board approve the appointment of the following faculty member to begin work January 20, 1964:

Mr. David P. Swanzy - Music - Instructor - \$2,980 for 2nd semester

It was voted, on motion of Dr. O'Hare, seconded by Mrs. McComb, that Dr. Miller be instructed to make additions to the faculty as is necessary for the needs of the college for the second semester 1963-64 and for the 1964-65 college year.

It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Conaway, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, that Mr. Roy P. Stonesifer, Jr. be granted a leave-of-absence without pay for the period September 1964 through May 1965, to try to complete his doctorate degree.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Gabreski, that the President of the Edinboro State College Alumni Association be invited to sit in at Board meetings as a non-voting participant.

Mr. Reitze appointed the following members of the Board to propose names for new buildings:

Dr. O'Hare - chairman
Mr. Hopkins
Mrs. McComb

On motion of Mrs. Conaway, seconded by Mr. Gabreski, it was voted that the resolution as read by Dr. Miller and as required by the Department of the Auditor General be approved:

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edinboro State College held this twenty-third day of November 1963, the following members were present:

Mr. Wesley Reitze
Mrs. Jane Conaway
Mr. Max Gabreski
Mr. Forest Hopkins
Mrs. Susan McComb
Dr. Hugh O'Hare

At which time the report of the Department of the Auditor General was read in detail, and the following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Trustees be authorized to appoint a committee to study the report of the Department of the Auditor General, and submit a reply in detail, in writing, page by page, as to their findings, in the following form:

<u>Page Number</u>	<u>Subject of Criticism</u>	<u>Answer to Criticism</u>
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Attaching thereto the written report of the President of Edinboro State College to this committee in like form and any other reports the committee deems necessary.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall make its report as soon as possible in order that the committee's report, together with the report of the Executive Officer may be forwarded in quintuplicate to the Department of Public Instruction on or before December 15, 1963, for presentation to the Governor.

The following members were appointed as the committee:

Mr. Reitze
Mrs. Conaway
Mr. Gabreski
Mr. Hopkins
Mrs. McComb
Dr. O'Hare

We, the members of the Board of Trustees of Edinboro State College, do hereby certify that the above is an exact copy of the resolution adopted on the twenty-third day of November 1963.

/s/ Forest Hopkins
/s/ Jane Conaway
/s/ Wesley Reitze
/s/ Susan McComb
/s/ Max P. Gabreski
/s/ Hugh O'Hare

The Board then recessed to become a committee of the whole to study the report of the Department of the Auditor General and the written report of the President of the College concerning the comments on fiscal operations.

The report of the President of the College and the report of the above committee of the Board of Trustees are attached to these minutes.

The Board then reconvened, accepted the report of the Committee, and authorized the President to transmit the President's Report and the Board of Trustees' findings to Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Charles H. Boehm.

Vice-President Reitze declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Marjorie Koon
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EDINBORO STATE COLLEGE AT
EDINBORO ON THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE EDINBORO STATE
COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1963

I submit the following statement concerning the Comments on Fiscal Operations contained on page two of the Audit Report of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963.

Paragraphs one, two, and three, page two, represent statements of fact and contain no recommendation or criticism and, therefore, no comment is being made on the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ T. R. Miller
Thomas R. Miller
President

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EDINBORO STATE COLLEGE AT EDINBORO ON THE AUDITOR'S
REPORT FOR THE EDINBORO STATE COLLEGE AT
EDINBORO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1963

We, the members of the Audit Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees at their November 23, 1963 meeting, have examined the Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963.

We submit the following report:

Paragraphs one, two, and three, page two, represent statements to fact and contain no recommendation or criticism and, therefore, no comment is being made on the audit.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jane Conaway /s/ Max Gabreski
/s/ Forest Hopkins /s/ Wesley Reitze
/s/ Hugh O'Hare /s/ Susan McComb