

Northwest College History: Hurst Years

Board Minutes

1966
1949
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1966-67

Tuition \$600/yr.

\$200 raise for faculty. Dean raised to \$3,000, Pres. to \$10,000

Projected income \$465,909.18

Report from Campus Commission, Donald H. Gee, chair:

Recommends limiting enrollment ^{to 600} because (1) lack of financial resources to enable the college to expand, (2) the desire to maintain a certain type of educational institution - one which would provide quality education (less Biblical and theological education for clerical and lay ministries) and avoid becoming an impersonal institution. 400 students currently are accommodated, and it is felt 500 could be with the new library facilities in the chapel basement. Beyond 500, would require \$50,000 outlay for additions to cafeteria and kitchen equipment.
Also recommends women's residence be built in 1966, and men's residence addition in 1967.

President Butterfield's report to the Board of Directors looks forward to his final year and coming of a new president:

"Since this college has garnered its success from the leadership of the Holy Spirit rather than any outstanding personality, I am sure no change in personality in the leadership will affect the continued fruitfulness of the program adversely. We will look forward ~~to~~ with confidence in the guidance of the Lord to bring into the office of president the man who is God's choice, and who will under God carry on an effective and spiritual leadership among our young people." - p.1

In the Jan. 1964 Board mtg, Dr. Butterfield suggested they begin to think about a successor to take over in June 1966. (Board Minutes, p. 7)

(1964-65)

President's Annual Report to the Board of Directors 1966-67 (Hurst's first)

Shows great satisfaction with the Northwest and with the college family.

Recommends salary structure be sharply improved and that a faculty development plan be adopted to produce "a faculty with Masters degree as minimum and a fair share of doctoral degrees". (p. 2)

Shock at John Lackey's resignation, particularly in view of the accreditation activities. (p. 2)

NASC visit set for Nov. 6-7, 1967 (p. 7)

Enrollment 462 in fall, up 11.5% over prev. yr. (Summary of Enrollments 1966-67)
A. D. Millard. (p. 17)

Jack Regell of Cut Bank, MT replaced Dan Pecota as Dean of Students.

Frank Rice replaced John Lackey as Academic Dean.

(Memo to Personnel and Curriculum Comm. from DVH, June 1, 1967)

DVH worked hard at manualization of existing positions and policies, and creating new ones. Faculty salaries, requirements, ^{rank} promotions etc - Formation of a Lay Council.

Campus Planning Comm. recommends Classroom Bldg. (Millard Hall) (Jan. 1968 Report, p. 1)

Accreditation Report: Found dichotomy of thought re: lib-arts, so rec. study of purposes, & help of a consultant. Other recommendations:

1. Raise fac. salaries "to minimum professional standards."
2. Increase library holdings as rapidly as possible.
3. Bring students a keener awareness of the great issues of our day!"
4. Raise academic qualifications of the faculty.
5. Do long-range study of future developments (anticipating 1500 students).

- p. 17 of Committee Report

Property Acquisition:

DVH Memo to Board, Jan 3, 1968:

1. Possible availability of Adventist property.
2. 3 pieces S of NE 59th + one N of men's dorm.
3. 1.3 acres E of maintenance sheds.

Growth Projections for N.C. 1968-1985 submitted by FBR Jan. 1969

Projected 1276 enrolment in 1985^(p. 1). Indicated space & personnel needs in keeping with the math. projections.

Masters Plan Partners program rec. by DVH to Board Jan. 1969. To raise \$35,000 - 50,000 a yr. for continued development.

Pope, Shee, and Recota assisted toward doctorates. - Proc. Report Jan 1969, p. 5-

Progress Report to NASHS May 26, 1969 Northwest Assn. of Secondary and Higher Schools

Responsive to the Accreditation Committee's recommendations.

1. Studied purposes, rewritten philos. & objectives 2-div. org. (p. 1)
2. C. J. Simpson, Dean of Whitworth, as consultant. (p. 1)
3. Increased fac. salaries: Ass't. Prof. by 50%. (p. 1)
4. Library holdings: great rec'd, 4000+ vols. catalogued this yr. (p. 2)
5. Student awareness: Cultural film-lecture series, (p. 2)
6. Academic qualifications: lists several working toward doctorates - Pope, Shee, Recota, Farino, Tornfelt, Swaffield. Others MA &c. (p. 2-3)
7. Long-range study: committee appointed, 5% growth profile adopted. (p. 3)

New programs in 1969-70 catalog:

Majors in CE, Missions and International Studies, Relig. & Philosophy (Bible attached)

Minors in Philosophy and Apologetics, and Business Ed.

AP in Lib arts with choice of emphasis in hum., mus. ed., lava. ed., pre-ed., soc. sci., sci. & math, and pre-nursing. (p. 3 of Progress Report)

Learning Center completed, ^(approx. 650 sq ft.) almost doubling classroom space. (p. 4)

Campus Planning Commission created.

Ewing Property offered for \$6,000, not pursued. (Long-Range Goals Summary Report May 30, 1969)

Campus P.C. Report 1969

Rec. 2nd men's residence adjoining Bellamy to built by Jim Vaux Const. Co. to be ready Jan. 1, 1970. (- p. 2-3)

NASC Evaluation Report Nov. 3-4, 1969

Salt NC had moved too far in stating their programs liberally (because of the previous team's criticisms), and should alter the language to fit "what is really happening". More remedial programs and further upgrading of faculty needed. More controversial guest speakers. (p. 18)

Mountain placed by campus personnel. — Campus PC Report to Bd., Jan. 1970

Tenure provided 1971. — Tenure Study Comm. Report to Bd., Jan. 9, 1971

College Seal developed. (Comm. Report to Bd. June 1972)

Slade removed (Campus PC Report, June 1972)

Policies for Evening Classes & Extension Classes developed.

"10 acres" east of NC added at cost of \$50,000. (Orig. offer of \$90,000 in 1968)

Campus PC Report, p. 3
(Jan. 11 1973)

Pres. Hurst & FBR before Higher Commission (30 members) at Hilton Hotel in Portland, Dec 2, 1973. Unanimous vote for full accreditation status — some 9 years in progress. (President's Report, Jan. 1974, p. 9)

Conversion to Semester System

Creating problems for Registrar's Office (May 1988 Pres. Report, p. 8)

Dr. Hurst's Final Report May 1990

"When I joined Northwest College over 14 years ago — as I accepted the presidency January 1966 — I had what I felt was a clear understanding of the direction the brethren of the Board wanted me to take. I do believe we have gone in that direction unwaveringly. . . . I am confident that the Lord Who has promised to finish His work at every point will continue His work here at Northwest College working through

(over)

the new administration, the Board of Directors, the faculty,
the staff and the entire constituency." (p.28)