A Special Meeting of the Executive Board of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania was held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 1969 in the Board Room of the First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company.

Present were: Mr. William L. Day (Chairman), Mr. Henry M. Chance, II, Mr. Paul J. Cupp, Robert Dechert, Esq., Ernest Scott, Esq., Robert L. Trescher, Esq., Dr. David R. Goddard, Mr. John C. Hetherston, Mr. Harold E. Manley, Mr. E. Craig Sweeten, Mr. John A. Russell, Jr., Mr. Francis M. Betts, III, Mr. Donald T. Sheehan and Mr. William G. Owen (Secretary). John Ames Ballard, Esq., attended as Counsel.

Messages of absence were received from Mr. Howard Butcher III, Mr. Robert G. Dunlop, Mr. John W. Eckman, Bernard G. Segal, Esq., and Mr. James M. Skinner, Jr.

Upon presentation by Mr. Manley, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the appropriate University officers be authorized to borrow from The First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company at the prime rate and as a temporary accommodation the sum of four million dollars ($4,000,000) for seasonal operating cash requirements, such temporary accommodation to be in addition to but not in modification of the existing lines in Philadelphia aggregating $16,300,000.

Upon presentation by Provost Goddard, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Robin M. Hochstrasser be appointed Blanchard Professor of Chemistry, effective July 1, 1969.
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It was recalled by the Provost that at the June meeting of the Executive Board attention was given to discussions between the administration and representatives of the Philadelphia Board of Education and the community concerning the problem of over-crowding in West Philadelphia High School and the possibility of developing a cooperative plan with educational, health, research, cultural, civic, business, industrial and community organizations in University City which would represent a coordinated response to the pressing needs of the school. It was understood then that the administration would consult further with the Executive Board before a final plan of participation was agreed upon.

Continuing conversations have been held with the Board of Education and certain assurances have been made by them relating to the possible development of a Parkway-type high school in West Philadelphia. Additionally, a subcommittee of the Senate, which was appointed to examine the problems of secondary education in the Philadelphia community, has prepared a report which essentially recommends acceptance of the invitation of the Board of Education that the University become a participant in "Parkway West" to the following extent:

1. Laboratories, classrooms and seminar spaces could be scheduled for use by the University faculty and members of this administration having volunteered to participate in the new school program. Due to the nature of the needs of the University, such space allocation is to be for one year at a time.

2. Provision could be made for access by students and faculty of Parkway West during Parkway West school hours to certain library materials.

3. Certain special facilities such as those for recreation and physical education could be scheduled for use in this program for formal instruction subject to scheduling for one year at a time.

4. Facilities of the administrative divisions of the University and its colleges, such as the Office of Planning and Design, the Personnel Office, the Comptroller, the Printing Office and Data Processing could be made available for instructional purposes subject to the approval of the division head. Space allocation is to be for one year at a time.

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5. Participation by the University will be subject to annual review and subject to curtailment if privileges are abused or internal needs for the facilities require it.

Finally, the report suggests that, for the program to be successful, the Board of Education should ensure that the parents and students at West Philadelphia High School are adequately involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the innovation; and the University should assign the necessary personnel to coordinate the effort within the University and to act as a liaison with the Board of Education and the community.

The general reaction of the Senate Advisory Committee at a meeting earlier in the afternoon was that while informal planning can proceed, any agreement with the Board of Education should not be entered into before the proposal has been duly considered by the faculty and student body in the fall.

In the ensuing discussion, the following points of view were expressed:

1. There is no question that, up to this time, the Board of Education has waited for an affirmative response from the University before inviting the participation of other elements in the community.

2. To enter into such a program on a one-year basis would not eliminate the problem of how to terminate the program should the University reach such a decision after one year.

3. The possible establishment of an urban university by the Young Great Society could serve to alleviate some of the need for a Parkway-type school in West Philadelphia.

4. The University is presented with a particular dilemma in that it is difficult to continue with informal planning without making implied commitments. The type of
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A program envisioned in the Senate subcommittee report will very likely be approved by the faculty-at-large if a decision is not forced upon them as a result of administrative action.

5. Any formal proposal should be exposed to University students for their reaction before a decision is made.

There was a general consensus that the administration should be encouraged to continue with informal planning for such a program with the Board of Education and with other elements in the community on the basis that the University might become a participant in such an undertaking, assuming that the faculty and student body at-large and the Trustees, give their approval to such a program, and with the clear understanding that at least five other institutions and organizations in the community will join with the University; that such a program would not impinge upon the orderly operation of the University; that the headquarters for the school will not be at the University; and that the initiative for the whole project must clearly rest with the Board of Education.

Upon presentation by Messrs. Ballard and Manley, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the appropriate University officers be authorized to withdraw $1,000,000 of the Ford Foundation Faculty Salaries Fund from the Associated Investments Fund as of July 1, 1969; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this sum be available to supplement the University's student loan program subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Trustees' Finance Committee.

Adjourned,

William G. Owen
Secretary