

Shawnee State University

Digital Commons @ Shawnee State University

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings

Board of Trustees

5-13-1996

May 13, 1996 Executive Committee Meeting

Shawnee State University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.shawnee.edu/botmeetings>

Recommended Citation

Shawnee State University, "May 13, 1996 Executive Committee Meeting" (1996). *Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings*. 397.

<https://digitalcommons.shawnee.edu/botmeetings/397>

This Executive Committee Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Board of Trustees at Digital Commons @ Shawnee State University. It has been accepted for inclusion in Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Shawnee State University. For more information, please contact svarney@shawnee.edu.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 13, 1996

Days Inn, Chillicothe, Ohio

Members present:

Mr. Tom Reynolds Chairman
Mr. Frank Waller Member
Mrs. Pat Richards Member

Dr. Clive Veri Ex-Officio (non-voting)
Mr. Steve Donohue Secretary (non-voting)

Members absent:

Mr. Jeff Kaplan Member

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:15 p.m.

1.0 Personnel Appointments

Action

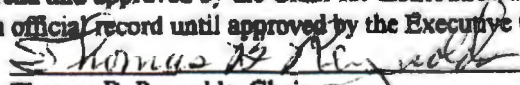
The Executive Committee of the Board is authorized to approve appointments on behalf of the Board at a public meeting of the committee. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve Resolution 21-96. (Atch 1)

2.0 Professor Emeritus - Betty Hodgden

Action

Shawnee State University may grant Emeritus Status for outstanding services and contributions of selected faculty and administrators. The Interim Dean, Dean Elect, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President all recommended the title of Associate Professor Emeritus for Betty Hodgden. The Chairman of the Board noted the impressive academic accomplishments of Betty Hodgden and how her service to students, and the University were an example for all of us to emulate in our personal and professional lives. The Executive Committee of the Board unanimously passed Resolution 22-96 and approved the posthumous award of Associate Professor Emeritus. (Atch 2)

First draft of Executive Committee minutes read and approved by the Chair for distribution and comment by the Board of Trustees only. This is not an official record until approved by the Executive Committee.


Thomas B. Reynolds, Chair

3.0 Faculty Promotions and Continuing Contracts

Discussion

The President briefed the members on the criteria for faculty promotions and continuing contract and the process involved in reviewing the applications and the recommendations by the Provost and the President. The President agreed with the Provost on all but two of the recommendations and in both cases the President supported the recommendations of the faculty committee. The recommendations of the President for both promotion and continuing contract will be forwarded to the Board through the Academic Affairs Committee at the June 7 meeting.

4.0 Administrative Performance Evaluation

Discussion

The University Administrative Senate, represented by Ms. Barbara Bradbury, presented the Committee with its concerns in regard to the administrative merit pay system. A copy of the survey taken of the administrators and a summary of the results was also submitted to the Committee. Ms. Bradbury advised the committee that the results were mostly negative although a few positive comments had been submitted. The administrators felt the new policy had not been completely followed in the first year of implementation; it had the effect of breaking up the team effort; the administrators felt they were asked to do more and received less than the faculty in raises. The Committee also requested the candid comments of Dr. Mangus and Mr. Donohue. The Chairman noted that a 53% response rate to the survey seemed low if the merit pay system was perceived as broadly negative by the administrators. The Committee was receptive to the UAS's and the President's recommendation of 4% across the board raise and 1% for merit pay, but deferred action until the Board's Finance and Facilities Committee meeting on June 7, 1996.

5.0 Status of University Senate

Discussion

The President briefed the committee on current debate among the faculty as to whether the University Senate should be extended, modified, abolished, or reconstituted in a new form. On May 30 the UFA will vote on continuing the Senate. If approval is not forthcoming, the Senate continues for one year to provide time for an ad hoc committee of the UFA to draft a new constitution. The Chairman asked what the alternative would be to a University-wide Senate. The President noted that the University would revert back to the former system of governance with three separate advising bodies. The President was particularly concerned about the NCA accreditation visit in November 1997, because in their last evaluation in 1993 the governance structure was identified as cumbersome and poorly defined and burdened with overlapping committees and poor lines of communication.

6.0 UIS

Discussion

Mr. Donohue briefed the Committee on the recent departures of key personnel in UIS which could impact the maintenance of internal and external computer networks. Operational changes and personnel additions to UIS were discussed in order to maintain computer services until the vacancies could be filled.

5.0 Executive Session

Discussion

The Committee voted to go into executive session as permitted under RC 121.22 (G)(3) to consider potential litigation with the Department of Education with regard to the 1989 Financial Aid Audit of the University. Members voting on executive session:

Mr. Waller - yes
Mrs. Richards - yes
Mr. Reynolds - yes

Committee entered executive session at 5:30 p.m. The Committee invited the President, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Secretary into the executive session. The Committee closed the executive session at 6:15 p.m. and returned to an open meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION 21-96

PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the University-wide Board policy 5.16 "Approval of Personnel Appointments" establishes the procedure for the approval of those personnel changes requiring action by the Board of Trustees and for the reporting of other personnel actions to the Board; and

WHEREAS, this policy establishes a procedure for the consolidation of personnel resolutions; and

WHEREAS, all actions in this resolution are in compliance with this policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University, acting on behalf of the Board as permitted in Policy 5.16, authorizes the following appointments, position changes, resignations, and acknowledgment items reported herein:

APPOINTMENTS:

None

RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, AND OTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Faculty


Robert A. Lawson, Associate Professor, Economics
Resignation Effective: June 30, 1996

Administrative

Rick Vournazos, Assistant Director, Admission
Resignation Effective: June 3, 1996

Michael Bankey, Director, Student Support Services
Change in Resignation Effective Date: May 31, 1996 vice April 29

(MAY 13, 1996)

Certified as True and Correct

Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees
10/3/86
Date

RESOLUTION 22-96

Betty Hodgden - Professor Emeritus

WHEREAS, Shawnee State University may grant Emeritus Status for outstanding services and contributions of selected faculty and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Betty Hodgden, Associate Professor of English, was employed by Shawnee State University and its predecessor institutions since 1965; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodgden was a beloved and outstanding teacher as evidenced by consistently exemplary student evaluations, by superior supervisory evaluations, by numerous letters of support and appreciation from former students and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodgden presented papers regularly at scholarly meetings as well as numerous published articles and papers in professional journals; and

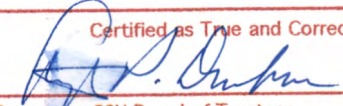
WHEREAS, Ms. Hodgden served on numerous University committees and devoted countless hours in providing workshops and seminars in public schools and the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodgden was so committed to Shawnee State University that she left her entire estate to the Humanities Department; and

WHEREAS, the Provost and the President recommend the title of Associate Professor Emeritus for Ms. Betty Hodgden;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees confirms and bestows, posthumously, the title Associate Professor Emeritus on Ms. Betty Hodgden.

(May 13, 1996)

Certified as True and Correct

Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees 10/3/96 Date

A RECOMMENDATION FOR
PROFESSOR EMERITUS FOR

BETTY HODGDEN

Shawnee State University

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
(614) 354-3205

BETTY HODGDEN: PROFESSOR EMERITUS PETITION

The Department of Arts and Humanities is very proud to file this petition in support of the designation of Professor Emeritus for our beloved colleague, the late Betty Hodgden.

Betty easily satisfies all criteria required for Emeritus status. During her more than two decades with Shawnee State, she proved herself to be one of the three or four most respected professors on the campus. Students flocked to her classes. She loved the material she taught and her lectures were exemplary--but even more than this she loved opening the doors of the literary world to her students. She had that ability to make each student feel that she was personally interested in his or her progress. There were no strangers in Betty Hodgden's classes, as evidenced by the fact that her retention rate was near one hundred percent.

Betty's world beyond the classroom was vast. She held a state office in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of women educators, and served as the Ohio liaison to the National Forum of that distinguished society. She was President of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English, and she earlier served that group as Executive Secretary. She was Program Vice President of the South Central Ohio CC chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international society of educators, and in 1989 was named Educator of the Year by that group.

Along with her public service, Betty was a working scholar. She presented papers regularly at scholarly meetings, never failing to bring respect to the name of Shawnee State. Outstanding among these presentations would have been the Jesse Stuart paper she gave at the 1988 national conference of the College English association in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the presentation on Core education she did with her dear friend Bob Wilson at St. Andrews University in Scotland in 1989. There were, however, many others, as indicated in her attached resume.

A personal note: I was Betty's chair for six years. During that time I came to know her as the most reliable individual in a department of highly reliable people--no small distinction. I never asked her to perform any task that she did not do willingly and industriously. I sought her counsel repeatedly. Of particular joy to me was the teamwork we did during the five-year span of our grant from the Ohio Board of Regents for Early Assessment of Writing Skills. Through Betty's work in the high schools on that project, we made dozens of new friends and, incidentally, recruited dozens of students to SSU: I see them in the halls today.

The gift of Betty Hodgden's life continues even in death. So committed was she to this university that Betty left her entire estate to the Humanities department. Typically, she specified that the money be used to allow professors and students to travel together to the places they are studying. In its initial use, that gift is going to allow an entire Shakespeare class to travel to the Stratford Festival in Canada this summer. The journey was a favorite yearly activity for Betty, and we can think of no better

way to begin to honor her legacy to us.

In sum, Betty Hodgden's life touched hundreds of other lives and made them better. Everyone who loved Betty remembers her as one of Shawnee State's finest representatives, and that is why this honor is so appropriate for her. We urge you to accept our petition.



Jerry G. Holt, Ph.D.

Chair, Arts and Humanities

Shawnee State University

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
(614) 354-3205

April 22, 1996

Dr. James Bruning, Dr. Clive Veri, and the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of granting Betty Hodgden posthumous emeritus status. The attached list of her accomplishments is evidence that she exceeds the criteria for this honor.

Betty taught full-time at Shawnee State University and its predecessors (Shawnee State Community College and Ohio University, Portsmouth Branch) since 1967. In the summer of 1995, she reluctantly retired because of poor health, and she passed away in November of that same year.

During her tenure at Shawnee State, Betty demonstrated an exemplary record of professional growth and development by belonging to numerous professional organizations, by holding local and state offices in those organizations, by speaking to many local, state, and national groups, by regularly attending professional conferences and workshops, and by serving as editor of a scholarly journal.


Betty contributed to the University by enthusiastically working on many committees, by developing the curriculum for her department's baccalaureate degree, and by serving as a liaison with area high schools on a number of projects such as the Dickens Workshop for teachers and the annual Scioto County Writing Contest.

Most importantly, Betty was a highly-competent, caring, compassionate teacher. She was loved and respected by the many students who enrolled in her literature and writing classes each quarter because they knew how deeply she cared for them and for the subject matter she taught. In 1989 she was named Educator of the Year by the International Society of

Educators, and in 1993 she received the James and Hazel Davis Award for her years of outstanding teaching. Because she realized that learning occurs both in and out of the classroom, Betty provided opportunities for students to attend conferences and travel to literary events such as the annual Shakespeare Festival in Canada. She was such an unselfish person that shortly before her death, she made provisions that her estate be used by faculty and students in the Humanities Division to travel to the literary landmarks of the writers studied in their classes.

I taught with Betty for twenty-four years and will always remember her intelligence, her humility, and, most of all, her graciousness. She made those of us who worked with her better people; she made Shawnee State a better university. Therefore, I can think of no one more deserving of the title Professor Emeritus than Betty Hodgden.

Sincerely,


Kathleen Simon, Ph.D.
Professor of English
Shawnee State University

Can
P.O. Box 1482
Cabot, AR 72023
4-10-96

Dr. Jerry Holt
Chair, Arts & Humanities
Shawnee State University
940 Second Street
Portsmouth, OH 45662

Dear Jerry:

It pleases me greatly to know that my former colleague, the late Betty Hodgden, will be considered for Professor Emeritus status by Shawnee State University. Betty's life was her teaching, both the subject matter she loved and the students she challenged and believed in.

Betty was a model teacher. In professional ranks at every level, she earned the respect of her colleagues. At conventions I attended with Betty--SOCTE, OCTELA, NCTE, and The National Conference on Excellence in Teaching--many of the other participants were eager to seek out Betty for a conversation.

As a convention goer, Betty presented papers with regularity. She traveled extensively, especially frequently to her beloved British Isles, where she could visit the literary landmarks of those writers whose works she taught. These travels enabled her to make literature come alive in the classroom.

My fondest recollection of Betty is how unselfish she was, always glad to share with a colleague something of interest she had learned. I had the privilege of sharing several stages with Betty during my tenure at Shawnee State and traveled with Betty and her husband in the summer of 1989 to Scotland, where we represented SSU at an international conference.

For the many ways that Betty distinguished herself as a professional, she is certainly deserving of being named one of Shawnee State's distinguished. I offer my unqualified support in this endeavor.

Most sincerely,

Robert L. Wilson

Robert L. Wilson
Professor Emeritus
Shawnee State University

BETTY HODGDEN

EDUCATION

Post Masters Graduate Work in English at *Marshall University*
M.A. in English, *Marshall University*
B.A. English and Spanish majors, *Otterbein College* (magna cum laude)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1978 to the present Associate Professor of English, Shawnee State
1975-78 Assistant Professor of English, Shawnee State
1965-75 Instructor, then Assistant Professor of English, Ohio University, Portsmouth

Before 1965 I taught Freshman Composition and American and English literature survey courses at the *Portsmouth Branch of Ohio University*. I taught two late afternoon or evening courses per week in the 1950's in addition to teaching Spanish at *Portsmouth High School* and during the years when I was a Caseworker in the Scioto County Welfare Office. Whether coming from a Spanish class or from a home visit in the rural area, I experienced a vocabulary shift when I came in at four o'clock to teach a literature survey course.

When *Ohio University* began hiring full-time faculty for the Portsmouth campus, I was the first full-time English faculty member hired. For several years I handled all the correspondence for the English faculty members, arranged meetings of part-time faculty, administered psychological and placement tests for freshmen in addition to teaching a full load. After five years at *Ohio University, Portsmouth*, I was awarded early tenure and promoted to Assistant Professor.

When I saw that the Portsmouth students needed additional classes in English, I returned to *Marshall University* and took additional graduate work so that I could better teach these courses. I have continued to teach one course per quarter at the *Ohio University Residence Center* since the formation of *Shawnee State*.

I am cleared by *Ohio University* to teach the following University courses; I have taught each of these several times within the past ten years:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| English 307 | The Structure of American English |
| English 308J | Advanced Composition |
| English 312 | Medieval and Renaissance Literature |
| English 313 | Restoration and Neoclassical English Literature |
| English 314 | Romantic and Victorian Literature |
| English 315 | American Literature (This is a course organized around a theme which which is chosen by the instructor; I like to use utopias.) |
| English 316 | English and Continental Literature (This is also a thematic course; I like to use justice from <u>The Orestia</u> to Camus's <u>The Stranger</u> .) |
| English 321 | American Literature to the Civil War |
| English 322 | American Literature since the Civil War |
| English 351 | The History of the English Language |
| English 352 | The Development of American English |
| Humanities 307, 308, 309 | Great Books from ancient to modern times |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

September '90 through May '92, I serve as a member of the Early English Assessment Program with Marc Leeds, Jerry Holt and three secondary teachers. A panel presentation from this group will be on the program for the CCCC National Conference in Cincinnati in March, 1992.

On March 2, 1991, I spoke to the Scioto County Historical Society on the life and writings of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

March 15, 1991, I chaired a panel of speakers from the Southeast Ohio Teachers of English who discussed censorship at the Spring Conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in Indianapolis.

May 14, 1991, at the invitation of Steve Jones, I spoke to English students at Northwest High School on Emerson and Thoreau.

On May 15, I spoke to the Alpha Delta Gamma group of women educators on the life of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

In June, 1991, I accepted a state office in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of women educators. I am the liaison from Ohio to the national U.S. Forum. On July 27, acting in this capacity, I was a facilitator at the regional OKG Conference in Pittsburgh. I led a discussion in which twenty-nine women educators arrived at a consensus concerning some of the most important issues in education today. I will continue to serve in this capacity, and next July I will facilitate a group at the national conference in arriving at consensus.

Also in June, I began my responsibilities as the Executive Secretary of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English. I also will continue as the SOCTE Liaison to the state board (OCTELA). At present I am also charged with encouraging and arranging links between southeast Ohio schools and college classes and teachers and students of English in East Germany.

Also in June, 1991, I again served as a judge for the National Council of Teachers of English Contest for high school juniors who submit essays and other creative writing samples.

On August 9, I gave a public lecture on Anderson's Winesburg, Ohio at the Portsmouth Public Library. This was one in a series funded by the Ohio Humanities Council.

I am currently program vice president of the Southeast Ohio Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international society of educators.

I am currently President-Elect of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English. I have served as secretary of this group for the past two years. In September, 1989, I will as President of this group have the responsibility of hosting the fall meeting of SOCTE on the Shawnee State Campus.

As a representative of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English, I served as a judge in the national essay contest for high school seniors in June, 1987. This contest was sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Also as a representative of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English, I assessed applications for university scholarships to Ohio institutions in April, 1987.

In April, 1987, I chaired a session at the spring meeting of the College English Association of Ohio at the Fawcett Center in Columbus.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)

In October, 1987, I was a recorder at the fall meeting of the College English Association of Ohio in Athens, Ohio.

On April 15, 1988, I presented a paper on "Jesse Stuart, Educator" at the national conference of the College English Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On May 20, 1988, Dr. Robert Wilson and I presented the program, "The Land Beyond the River" at Ohio University-Chillicothe. Dr. Wilson discussed the poetry of Jesse Stuart which referred to the land, and I discussed his prose writings which dealt with W-Hollow.

As a representative of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English, I again served as a judge in the national essay contest for high school seniors in June, 1988, and I have agreed to do again in June, 1989. This contest is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Also as a representative of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English, I again assessed applications for university scholarships to Ohio institutions in May, June, and August, 1988.

In October, 1988, I assumed the presidency of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English. In this capacity, I attended the national conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in November, 1988 at St. Louis. I also attended a regional workshop for Affiliate Leaders held in Pittsburgh in October, 1988, and the Ohio Council of Teachers of English retreat held at Mohican Lodge in October, 1988.

As president of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English, I have conducted four meetings of the executive board, three at Athens, and one at Columbus. The latter was held at the state meeting of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English in March, 1989.

I coordinated the planning for the Fall Conference of the Southeast Ohio Council held at Shawnee State in September, 1989.

May, 1989, Named Educator of the Year by South Central Ohio Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (International Society of Educators)

July, 1989, With Dr. Robert Wilson made a presentation at St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland, on the English 111-s, English 112-s, and English 115-s communications core courses which we had designed and coordinated. This conference was an international conference on The First Year Experience.

In August, 1989, attended the OCTELA Executive Board quarterly meeting as the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English (SOCTE) Liaison.

September 30, 1989 chaired the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English which met at Shawnee State. Became immediate past-president of SOCTE on completion of my term of office in October, 1989.

October 13, 1989, attended a conference on Twentieth Century Literature at West Virginia University at Morgantown. Delivered a paper on Jesse Stuart, Ecologist.

November, 1989, attended the national conference of the National Council of Teachers of English at Baltimore, Md. Official delegate from SOCTE.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)

January, 1990, attended OCTELA Executive Board meeting and assumed responsibility for planning the Friday night reception honoring Dr. James Davis of Ohio University, newly--elected president-elect of NCTE. This reception is a part of the OCTELA annual conference.

February, 1990 notified by the Portsmouth Branch of the American Association of University Women that I was their nominee for Ohio Division Woman of the Year.

March, 1990 Spoke on Jesse Stuart, Educator to the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

March, 1990 agreed to serve on planning committee for a Humanities Project for 1990-91 headed by Dr. Hagop Pambookian.

March, 1990 Notified by the Portsmouth Branch of the American Association of University Women that my name was to be added to the Roster of Women Qualified for Public Office by the Ohio Division of the American Association of University Women. These names are kept on file by the Division so that qualified women can be recommended for state boards in their fields of expertise.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

College English Association, National Conference in Charleston, South Carolina in April, 1987.

College English Association, National Conference in Asheville, North Carolina in 1983.

National Council of Teachers of English in Detroit, Michigan, 1984.

National Council of Teachers of English in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1981.

English in the Two-Year College in Chicago in 1980; here I presented a paper on Appalachian Literature.

Conference on College Composition and Communications in Los Angeles in 1975; here I acted as a recorder for one session. I have attended spring and fall meetings of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English for the past ten years with only an occasional absence. I have frequently acted as a recorder or a chairman. Also, I have attended the annual meetings of the College English Association of Ohio and those of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English consistently.

In February, 1989, I chaired a session on Creative Writing at the conference on Twentieth Century Literature sponsored by the University of Louisville at Louisville.

On April 7, I was a respondent to a paper on "The Teaching of Literature in the High Schools" at the spring conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in Charleston, South Carolina.

On April 15, 1989 I spoke on Jesse Stuart's Beliefs on Education at the state conference of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Toledo, Ohio.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Cultural Affairs Committee - I have been a member of this committee since 1975. I have attended almost all cultural events sponsored by this committee and have encouraged students to attend. I helped to originate and have continued to assist in the planning of the annual Shawnee State Writers Conference which is held early in the Fall Quarter. I secure the speakers for the panel and help to prepare the program for distribution.

Honors Committee - I am currently a member of the newly-formed Honors Committee which is planning various ways to honor students for significant services and academic achievements.

Phi Theta Kappa - I am one of the advisors and original faculty members who helped to establish the Alpha Theta Sigma Chapter of the national Phi Theta Kappa Society for honor students. On October 31, 1987, another advisor and I, along with the local president and vice-president of the chapter, attended the first Ohio convention of the Phi Theta Kappa Society.

Educational Policies and Curriculum Committee - I have been appointed to a two-year term on this committee of seven members who review all proposals for curriculum changes and for new courses. I serve as the secretary of this group which meets weekly.

Liberal Arts Subcommittee - In 1984-86, I was the chairman of the Liberal Arts Subcommittee which heard proposals and initiated suggestions for a core curriculum and degree proposals for Shawnee State University. This committee met seven times each quarter and during the summer months also.

In the *Phase I Feasibility Study*, I was a member of this committee, and one of the writer/proofreaders of the Phase I Feasibility Study.

Externship Committee - I served as a member of this committee which reviewed and acted upon requests for faculty members to receive externship experiences in work similar to the fields in which they taught. I served on this committee as long as the externships were awarded over a two-year period from 1985-87.

Business Task Force - I received a Presidential appointment to serve as the Humanities Division representative to a special committee of primarily business faculty who met with a consultant weekly during Winter Quarter, 1987.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

The December issue of FOCUS, the magazine of Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English, will carry an article that I wrote about Portsmouth's first Dickens Festival which was held last year. The article cites the Festival as an example of cooperative efforts among various schools and age levels and community organizations. The writing traces the Festival from its beginning at Shawnee State and shows how community support was gained early in the planning.

I have just completed writing a paper on Jesse Stuart as a teacher. My abstract for this paper has been approved for inclusion on the April, 1988 program of the national convention of the College English Association which will meet in New Orleans. The theme for the convention is "And Gladly Would He Learn and Gladly Teach."

Dr. Robert Wilson and I have submitted a program proposal for the March, 1988 OCTELA Conference which has received tentative approval. Our topic is Jesse Stuart: Dr. Wilson will present a discussion of some of Stuart's most meaningful poems, and I will discuss his prose descriptions of his environment.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

In April, 1985, I coordinated a Dickens Workshop for Teachers. People who attended this workshop and wrote an acceptable paper received one hour of graduate credit through Ohio University's Education Department. I secured the two Dickens scholars who conducted concurrent workshop sessions: Dr. James Davis of Ohio University and Dr. Bill Gracie of Miami University. I wrote the brochures announcing the workshop. Previously, I had secured the funding of the workshop by applying for and receiving a Pixley Grant of \$1750 for this purpose.

For three weeks in the summer of 1987, I participated in the Denison University pilot program of a literary tour of England especially for teachers of English. This tour was planned at the request of the Executive Committee of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English. After one week in London where we went on tube and walking tours throughout the day and attended a theatrical performance every evening, we spent two weeks in the English countryside. At each stop, we were met by a local expert- a dean at Oxford, a vicar at Canterbury, a Hardy historian at Dorchester, an archaeologist at Winchester, and so on. This was the third time that I had visited England, but it was by far the most meaningful.

In June, 1984, and in June, 1983, Emily Gulker, theater professor, and I conducted special summer sessions for students who received credit for attended the Shakespearian Festival at Stratford, Ontario and for the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. These tours provided wonderful learning experiences for the students; for many, it was the first time they had ever been out of the United States. The Shaw and Shakespeare Festivals are both highly rated by the drama critics of the New York Times as excellent theatrical experiences.

Attachment for Betty Hodgden.

6. **C. South Central Ohio Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa** - I am currently President. I have served as Program Vice-President, Membership Vice-President, Secretary, and Publicity Chair and Newsletter Editor. I was named Educator of the Year in 1989.

7. **Ohio Council of Teachers of English** - I have been a member of the state board since 1986. I am SOCTE Liaison to OCTELA.
National Council of Teachers of English - I am the director from SOCTE.
Literacy Educators and Advocates Forum (LEAF) - I helped to plan the first Literacy Summit in April, 1992, and am currently on the planning committee for the second Summit in 1993.
College English Association - I have made presentations on J Jesse Stuart at national conferences.

8. **Chapter:** President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Communications Chair. I am currently co-chair of Communications, Membership Committee chairman, Personal Growth and Services chairman, and Necrology Chairman.

State: I am currently Ohio Liaison to the U.S. Forum. I have served on the Alpha Delta State Nominating Committee.

9. **Community Organizations and offices held:** Portsmouth Branch of the American Association of University Women. I am currently Membership Vice-President. I have served as President, First Vice-President, secretary and chairman of several committees.
Women's Literary Club - I am a past president and member of the Board of Directors.

Portsmouth Area Arts Council member; Portsmouth Little Theatre member, and member of Wesley Methodist Church where I serve as the Higher Education Representative and an Administrative Board member.

The Portsmouth Branch of the American Association of University Women nominate Betty Hodgden to the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. Since Betty has been a teacher of English for many years and has initiated the Dickens Festival which has culturally enriched hundreds of area people, we consider her nomination appropriate in both arts and letters and in education. In a recent interview with Betty about her experiences, the nominating committee learned the following information.

Betty has been an English teacher for more than forty-five years. When she began teaching in a rural high school in southern Ohio, she soon learned that few seniors planned to attend college. The young women presumed that they would marry shortly after graduation and probably never work outside the home. The young men planned to work in a near-by steel mill or in one of the local refractories or shoe factories.

One significant reason for college not being in the plans of the young people was that the Portsmouth area was one hundred miles from the nearest state universities; Ohio State and Ohio University were each a two hours' drive away. Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, was the closest institution of higher education, but Ohio students had to pay out-of-state tuition which made the cost very high.

Once Betty became aware of the problem, she became a part of the solution. Ohio University had just begun offering some classes for resident credit which were taught at Portsmouth High School in the late afternoon and evenings. Betty became a part-time English instructor, usually teaching two classes a week. She did this in addition to her regular job; she was a welfare worker for seven years and then taught at Portsmouth High School.

In 1965 when Ohio University-Portsmouth came into being, Betty was the first English faculty member hired. She continued to teach English as the institution itself changed from Ohio University to Shawnee State University. She has seen the educational opportunities for area people broaden widely during her career. The steel mill, the refractories and the shoe factories are long gone, but now career plans of area people are much more ambitious and frequently involve graduate school. Betty, at the invitation of other teachers, often former students, frequently speaks at secondary schools and encourages students to consider attending college.

When asked what changes she had noticed in college students, Betty said that when students introduce themselves on the first day of class and tell where they are coming from, students of the past were mostly within a twenty-five mile drive of the college. Today many university students are commuting more than sixty miles one way, and more are living in the area in order to attend the university.

She noted also how women have changed their career plans through the years. In the 1950's most women students planned to become either teachers or nurses. Today's women state their plans include law or medical school or professions that once were considered for men only.

One community achievement for which Betty is noted is that she had the idea that Portsmouth could celebrate a Dickens Festival at Christmas time since the writer Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. The Portsmouth Area Arts Council began this project six years ago; it has become an annual event involving hundreds of local citizens. The Little Theatre Group, area musical organizations, clubs and churches have all participated in this celebration which seems to grow bigger every year. Besides having the idea of the festival, Betty knew that the schools would have to be involved from the start to make the event a success. So she obtained a grant and brought in two Dickens experts who conducted a one-hour university credit workshop for the area teachers on ways to make Dickens come alive in the classroom.

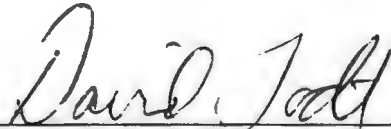
In 1989 Betty received the Educator of the Year Award from the South Central Ohio Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international group of educators. She has served on the state board of the Ohio Council of Teachers of English and is currently executive director of the Southeast Ohio Council of Teachers of English. She has just completed a term on the state board of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international group of women educators.

It was as a recent college graduate herself that Betty helped to organize the Portsmouth Branch of the American Association of University Women. She said that she did so because she knew of the many benefits AAUW members received from their association with an international organization and because she wanted to help fund college scholarships for women. Forty-five local women have begun their college careers with the help of AAUW funding.

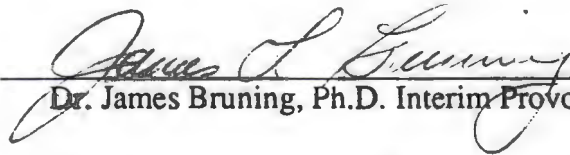
We know that Betty is an educator who has been a part of broadening educational and cultural opportunities for the southern Ohio area. She has helped southern Ohio people make a university education part of their life plans.



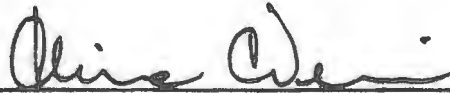
Dr. Jerry Holt, Ph.D. Chair Arts & Humanities



Dr. David Todt, Ph.D. Interim Dean Arts & Sciences



Dr. James Bruning, Ph.D. Interim Provost



Dr. Clive C. Veri, President, Shawnee State University

RESOLUTION -96

CONTINUING CONTRACTS :

WHEREAS, the following faculty have been certified by the President to have met the minimum qualifications for continuing contract; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends the faculty members listed below for continuing contract, according to the guidelines of Article XII of the University's Agreement with Shawnee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, both the applicable academic supervisor, the elected Continuing Contract Committee and the Provost have reviewed eligible faculty and made recommendations about their qualifications for continuing contract; and

WHEREAS, the President has reviewed the files of all those eligible for continuing contract, and with due deliberation the President recommends the individuals listed below for continuing contract; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Committee has reviewed the deliberations of the Continuing Contract Committee and concurs with the continuing contract recommendations of the President and recommends these individuals to the Board for continuing contract according to the specifications of the SSU-SEA Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State Board of Trustees appoints the following faculty members to a continuing contract with each effective at the start of the 1996-97 academic year:

Continuing Contract:

**Kaddour Boukaabar
Mary Ann Canter
James Day
Robert Deal
Roger Diamond
Carl Hilgarth
James Miller**

(May 13, 1996)

RESOLUTION -96

FULL-SERVICE FACULTY PROMOTIONS

WHEREAS, the following faculty have been certified by the President to have met the minimum qualifications for promotion or a stipend award; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends the faculty members listed below for promotion or a stipend, according to the guidelines of Article XIII of the University's Agreement with Shawnee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, both the applicable academic supervisor, the elected Promotion Committee and the Provost have reviewed eligible faculty and made recommendations about their qualifications for promotion or a stipend award; and

WHEREAS, the President has reviewed the files of all those eligible for promotion or the stipend award, and with due deliberation the President recommends the individual promotions or stipend awards listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Committee has reviewed the deliberations of the Promotion Committee and concurs with the promotion and stipend award recommendations of the President and recommends these individuals to the Board for promotion or a stipend according to the specifications of the SSU-SEA Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State Board of Trustees appoints the following faculty members to the academic rank or a stipend listed with each effective at the start of the 1996-97 academic year:

Stipend for rank of Professor:

Robbie Burke

Stipend for rank of Associate Professor:

Elizabeth Chrisman
Julia Coll

To the rank of Professor:

Jeff Bauer
James Day

To the rank of Associate Professor:

Xiaodan Huang
Gayle Massie

(May 13, 1996)