

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents was held at the State Capitol at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the tenth day of May, 1923, under and by virtue of a call from the office of the Governor, J. C. Walton, and the following members of the Board of Regents were present; C. J. Wrightsman, of Tulsa; Mrs. J. N. Schwoerke, of Oklahoma City; Frank Buttram, of Oklahoma City; G. M. Clifton, of Norman; D. F. Scanlan, of Osage; H. N. Arnold, of Buffalo, and George L. Bowman, of Kingfisher.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 12, were approved as printed.

The Board of Regents all being present and George L. Bowman being the oldest member of the Board, called the meeting to order and placed the name of J. C. Wrightsman in nomination for President of the Board of Regents and nominated at that time, and also called for other nominations for the President of the Board and no other nominations were made; a vote was thereupon taken for the election of Mr. Wrightsman as President of the Board of Regents and he was unanimously elected.

The President of the Board of Regents made a few remarks and called for the nomination of Vice-president, and Mrs. J. N. Schwoerke was placed in nomination as Vice-president of the Board of Regents. The President called for any other nominations and there were none, and the motion being put before the Board for election, Mrs. Schwoerke was unanimously elected Vice-president of the Board of Regents.

The President called for the nomination of Secretary of the Board, and Mr. E. R. Kraettli, of Norman, was placed in nomination; a vote was had and he was unanimously elected to the place.

At this time George L. Bowman presented the resignation of Dr. Stratton D. Brooks in written form, which is as follows:

May 9, 1923.

"Mr. Geo. Bowman,

Dear Sir: Will you please request the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma to accept my resignation as President effective July 1, 1923, and that I be relieved from active duty June 7, 1923.

Sincerely yours,

STRATTON D. BROOKS."

and moved that his resignation be accepted as specified by Dr. Brooks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scanlan, and said motion was placed before the Board of Regents and same was unanimously carried.

Mr. George L. Bowman moved that the election of a president of the University be deferred and proceed to the election of the acting President pending such time as the Board of Regents may think wise in selecting a permanent President of the University, and that the term of the acting President to commence at the expiration of the term of Dr. Brooks; seconded by Mr. Frank Buttram, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Buttram that Dr. J. S. Buchanan be elected acting President of the State University during the discretion of the Board, and that his time of service commence at the expiration of the term of Dr. Brooks; seconded by Mr. Arnold, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Bowman that the Chairman, Mr. Wrightsman, be authorized to be the representative of the Board to take up the question of selecting the President of the University and carry on all correspondence and report his findings and his efforts along these lines to the Board of Regents; seconded by Mr. Buttram, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Bowman that the following letter be signed by each member of the Board of Regents and sent to Dr. Brooks; seconded by Mr. Scanlan, and the motion was unanimously carried:

May 10, 1923.

"President Stratton D. Brooks,
The University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

My dear Doctor Brooks:-

The undersigned members of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, wish to convey to you in this way, their appreciation of your many professional and administrative acts by which our State University has been developed from an institution of comparative unimportance to the proud position it occupies today among the great institutions of learning in this country.

We wish to assure you, in taking your departure from our State and in severing your connection with the University of Oklahoma, you carry the esteem and respect of those who are now entrusted with the government of the institution, and it is the hope and desire that in your new field of activity, you will be able to hold aloft the same standards of scholarly integrity and fitness which has shown forth so conspicuously in your administration here.

We do not accept your resignation without a feeling of the loss our State sustains, but nevertheless we trust that we may be so guided by the hand of Providence as to carry upward and onward the great work of enlightenment for which the University of Oklahoma has come to stand.

With assurances of our highest esteem, and with best wishes for your success in your chosen field, we are,

Yours sincerely,

C. J. WRIGHTSMAN
MRS. J. N. SCHWOERKE
GEORGE L. BOWMAN
FRANK BUTTRAM
H. N. ARNOLD
D. F. SCANLAN
G. M. CLIFTON "

Moved by George L. Bowman to adjourn to meet on commencement day on the 5th day of June, 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M. at Norman, and that the Secretary of the Board of Regents send out notices to each member of the Board, seconded by Mr. Buttram, and the motion was unanimously carried.

(Miss) Phyllis Hancock
Acting Recording Secretary.