

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents was held, Monday, July 9, 1923, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City. Called for 11:00 o'clock, but was postponed to 2:00 o'clock.

Present: Regents Wrightsman, Schwoerke, Arnold, Buttram, Scanlan, Clifton.

At the request of the Governor, Aldrich Blake, Private Secretary to the Governor, was also present at this meeting.

The minutes of the meeting on June 16th were approved as printed.

The following recommendations by Acting-president Buchanan were presented and the action taken was as indicated:

E. G. Bullard, Dispensing Clerk, Pharmacy Department, \$95.00 per month, to date from July 1, 1923 to July 1, 1924, to be paid from Revolving Fund.

Ernest L. Floyd, Dispensing Clerk, Chemistry Department, \$95.00 per month, to date from July 1, 1923 to July 1, 1924, to be paid from Revolving Fund.

Henry W. Barton, Dispensing Clerk, Chemistry Department, \$85.00 per month, to date from July 1, 1923 to July 1, 1924, to be paid from Revolving Fund.

APPROVED

Recommended that Homer L. Dodge, Professor of Physics, be paid a salary of \$200.00 during the month of August for his services as Chairman of the Program Committee.

APPROVED

Reported the resignations of the following, effective September 1, 1923:

- H. E. Cunningham, Professor of Philosophy
- G. E. Meador, Assistant Professor of Educational Administration,

ORDERED FILED

Moved by Regent Scanlan, Seconded by Regent Clifton, that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment of a permanent president of the University of Oklahoma.

Regents Wrightsman and Buttram voted "no" on this motion  
Regents Scanlan, Clifton, and Arnold voted "yes" on this motion,  
Regent Schwoerke, not voting,

the vote standing three to two in favor of executive session.

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In executive session it was unanimously resolved as follows, to wit:

"That the presidency of the University of Oklahoma be, and the same is hereby tendered to William Kiekhofer for his immediate acceptance, temre to begin August 1st, this year.

"Be it further resolved that upon his acceptance to said office that no person shall be selected or employed at the University of Oklahoma who has not been recommended for such position by said president of the University. Be it further resolved that the Board of Regents will give its fullest support to his educational and business policies relating to the University, and will fully support a millage basis for taxation, or other plans for additional revenue that he may recommend.

"Be it further resolved that the Board unanimously and loyally aid him to develop the University of Oklahoma to the highest possible attainment as an educational institution of outstanding character.

"Be it further resolved that he be given the right to select a business manager, a vice president, and that he may delegate to his subordinate all duties that do not require his personal attention to the end that his time and energy may be free for assuming leadership in educational and productive scholarship.

"Be it further resolved that Dr. William Henry Kiekhofer be paid a salary of \$12,000 per annum, in addition thereto, the use of, rent free, what is commonly known as the official residence of the President of the University.

"Be it further resolved that out of the just regard for our interests respectfully involved for an early determination of this matter, Dr. William H. Kiekhofer is respectfully urged to wire how soon he may be able to give a definite decision.

Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma

By C. J. Wrightsman, President  
Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary."

Motion was made and duly seconded, that in the event Dr. W. H. Keikhofer declined the appointment, similar terms and propositions be submitted through the President of the Board to Dr. Otis Caldwell, of Columbia University. The vote stood as follows:

Those voting "yes": Regents Wrightsman, Schwoerke, Arnold, Buttram, Scanlan, Clifton.

Motion made and unanimously carried that the State Board of Public Affairs be, and the same is hereby respectfully requested to accept the bid of William Frazee for the repair and redecorating of the President's home at the State University of Norman, in accordance with specifications attached to bid, the

amount of said bid being \$1,450.00, this being the lowest responsible bid submitted.

It was voted to give to the Press the following report on proceedings of the meeting:

"The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma met today pursuant to call by Regent Wrightsman, President of the Board. All members were present except George Bowman, of Kingfisher. No definite action was taken with regard to the employment of a president. The proceedings were harmonious in every respect.

"The Board adjourned subject to call by the President".

The following resolution was passed:

"The Board of Regents of the University, being in doubt as to the legality of the appropriation bill as passed by the Legislature and later approved for a less amount by the Governor:

"Therefore, be it resolved that President Buchanan confer with the Attorney General regarding these appropriations and the advisability of filing suit to determine the amount of funds available under the law as passed by the Legislature.

"Be it further resolved that the President of the University be and is hereby authorized to provide the necessary funds for the employment of counsel, payment of court costs, and other expenses that may be necessary in said suit."

Motion was made and carried that the Board of Regents hereby express their sincere thanks to Raymond A. Tolbert and Paul A. Walker for their offer to act as attorneys without cost in representing the University in the suit to determine the legality of the Governor's reduction of the appropriations for maintenance and salaries of the State University governing the years 1923-24 and 1924-25, and that their tender of said services is hereby most gratefully accepted.

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of said attorneys, that a copy be forwarded to the President of the University of Oklahoma Association; and that the resolution be inserted in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents of this date.

Adjourned.  
*Emil R. Kraettli*  
Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.