

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, September 27, 1929, at ten o'clock, in the office of the President of the University, at Norman, Oklahoma.

The following members of the Board were present: Chairman Buttram presiding, Rogers, Carlock, Looney and Hayes.

The meeting was called for the purpose of investigating the initiation of the two pep organizations - the Ruf-Neks and Jazz Hounds - reported to have been contrary to a regulation of the Board prohibiting hazing. The University Discipline Committee of which Dean S. W. Reaves is Chairman, and the other members are Dean Meacham, Professor Hadsell, and Professor Cheadle, and Professor Loyd Harris, were invited to make a report on the investigation conducted on Thursday during which the membership of the two organizations were required to fill out and sign questionnaires setting forth the part that each member had taken in said initiation. After some discussion, the following members of the organizations appeared before the council for further questioning: Clarence Warren, leader of the Jazz Hounds; James Blanton, Leader of the Ruf-Neks; Henry Griffing, Ruf-Nek; Clarence McElroy, Ruf-Nek; Merton Munson, Ruf-Nek; Jim Robinson, Ruf-Nek; F. C. Love, Jazz Hound; Wm. High, Ruf-Nek - each being questioned concerning the details of the joint meeting held previous to the initiation and also the separate meetings of the respective organizations, just prior to the initiation on Wednesday.

At the close of the questioning the Board went into executive session for further discussion. The following resolution was adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the organizations known as Jazz Hounds and Ruf-Neks be and are hereby abolished from the University of Oklahoma; and that any effort to participate in either organization as such by any student in the University of Oklahoma, is hereby prohibited."

It was moved by Rogers, seconded by Carlock, that a committee be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents to consist of five members, two to be members of the Board of Regents, the Chairman being one, and three from the Faculty Discipline Committee, to investigate and report to the Board of Regents, the names of all hold-over members of the two organizations - Ruf-Neks and Jazz Hounds - who participated in the initiation of said orders in disobedience of the regulations of the Board of Regents and make recommendations as to the character and extent of punishment to be administered by the Board of Regents to each participant therein. That pending such investigation and report by said committee, all of said hold-over members of the said two organizations be and are hereby suspended from participation in classes of the university and from all student activities.

A vote was taken on the motion, the following voting "Aye": Buttram, Carlock, Rogers, Hayes. Voting "No" - Looney. Regent Looney objecting to that part of the motion providing for suspension from class work.

The Chairman appointed for a special investigating committee, the following: Regent Carlock from the Board to serve with the Chairman; Dean Reaves and Meacham, and Professor Cheadle, from the Discipline Committee. The committee was instructed to proceed at once with the investigations.

On motion adjourned.

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