

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A special meeting of the Board of Regents was called by President Brandt on Thursday, July 29, 1943, at 9:00 A. M., to discuss the situation with reference to Professors Shockley and Walcutt. Professor J. H. Marshburn, Chairman of the Department of English, and E. D. Meacham, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, had recommended that the services of these two men be terminated and the matter had been referred to the Committee on Tenure and Grievances for investigation.

The following members were present: Regent McBride, President of the Board, presiding; Regents Wallace, Emery, Wimberly, and Deacon. Dr. Chambers arrived at 12:30 P. M.

Pending the arrival of other members of the Board, President Brandt reviewed the circumstances in connection with this case. Copies of the recommendation of the Chairman of the English Department and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and other correspondence had previously been sent to members of the Board. President Brandt reviewed also the newspaper reports on the meetings of the Committee on Tenure and Grievances, which had been held on Monday and Tuesday nights, July 19 and 20. President Brandt stated: "I felt that we should have a meeting of the Board on account of the very one-sided report that has been given in this case. You remember I called attention to the recommendation by the Chairman of the Department and the Dean on June 30 when the University budget was discussed, and that the matter had been referred to the Committee on Tenure and Grievances in accordance with the policies of the A. A. U. P." President Brandt stated that he had reports, which had not been definitely substantiated, that the two men had done some things that might result in political pressure.. President Brandt called attention to the possibly grave consequences that might ensue to the University should there be political interference in the internal faculty affairs of the University. "Nothing," he said, "could damage the national reputation of the institution more than such a misfortune." He stated that owing to the circumstances that had developed, the Committee had discontinued its hearings pending further instructions from the President and the Board of Regents. There was a full discussion of the matter.

The recommendation of President Brandt and the Committee that this matter be referred to the Board was fully considered. On motion by Regent Emery it was voted that the Board of Regents approve the recommendation of the President of the University and the Chairman of the Faculty Committee.

Regent Emery moved: "that the President of the Board of Regents be authorized to issue the following statement:

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma met this day to consider the issue involved in connection with the application made to the Faculty Committee on Tenure and Grievances by E. D. Meacham, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and J. H. Marshburn, Chairman, Department of English, recommending that the connection of Messrs. Shockley and Walcutt with the University be severed.

In view of the circumstances developed in this particular case, and acting upon the recommendation of the President of the University and the Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Tenure and Grievances, the Board of Regents will hear, at its regular meeting in September, the case made under the application and bill of particulars and the response thereto. The hearing will be public; all parties will be accorded the right of counsel and a full and complete transcript of the proceedings will be taken."

Regent Emery's motion was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion on the date for the September meeting of the Board, President Brandt stating that it would be impossible for him to attend the meeting on the regular date, September 15, but that he would be in Norman on September 14, and that date was fixed for the September meeting.

The Board recessed for luncheon at the Union Building at 1:10 P. M., and reconvened in the President's office at 2:00 P. M.

The Chair called attention to the minutes of the meeting held on July 14, copies of which had previously been sent to each member. On the motion by Regent Emery, the minutes were approved.

Regent Emery stated that he had had a conversation with Mr. John Kane, Chairman of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, concerning the University budget. He suggested that a copy of this budget be presented for approval in the aggregate by the State Regents for Higher Education.

President Brandt extended an invitation on behalf of Dewey Luster, Head Coach, to the Board of Regents to attend the final football practice at 5:00 P. M.

President Brandt distributed copies of recommendations covering routine items which have developed since the meeting of the Board on July 14. The action on the recommendations was as indicated in each case:

APPOINTMENTS:

Joyce E. Bowerman. Secretary to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Salary \$ 133.33 a month. Replacing Mrs. Wall who is on Leave of Absence. August 1, 1943.

Elizabeth Comfort. Secretary in Employment Bureau for Women. Salary \$ 83.33 a month beginning July 13, 1943. Replacing June Cleveland who resigned July 1, 1943.

Hester Hughes Sickie. Secretary in the Office of the State Service Director. Salary \$ 100.00 a month beginning July 15, 1943.

Elaine Larecy. Stenographer in the Graduate Placement and Records Bureau. Salary \$ 125.00 a month beginning August 1, 1943.

Approved.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

Naomi Howard Wall. Secretary to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. August 1, 1943, to join her husband, Lt. T. T. Wall in the U. S. Army.

Howard W. Larsh, Associate Professor of Plant Sciences. August 1, 1943 to September 1, 1944, for services on a government research project. There will be no replacement for Professor Larsh unless an enlarged pre-medical training program is assigned to the University.

Approved.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS:

Myrtle H. Lancey. Bookkeeper, University Press. Salary increased from \$ 135.00 to \$ 150.00 a month beginning July 1, 1943.

R. R. Sommerville. Tool checker in engineering shops. Salary increased from \$ 100.00 to \$ 110.00 beginning August 1, 1943.

Mrs. Hertha Jeffers. Housekeeper in the Department of Home Economics appears on the budget on an eleven months' basis at \$ 75.00 a month. Normally, she is not employed in August. This year she should be carried through the month of August at her usual salary.

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Rosalie Long. On part-time basis as graduate assistant in Mathematics at \$ 56.00 a month, placed on full-time basis at \$ 112.00 for August.

Approved.

RESIGNATIONS:

A. A. Weber. Greenkeeper of the golf course. Effective July 1, 1943.

Brunette Shanklin. Secretary. Office of the Counselor of Men. Effective September 1, 1943.

Resignations Accepted.

MEDICAL SCHOOL: RESIGNATIONS:

Dr. Ruth A. McKinney. Instructor in Clinical Pathology. Effective September 1, 1943.

Dorothy G. Armstrong. Assistant Librarian. Effective August 5, 1943.

Resignations Accepted.

PROMOTION:

Dr. C. B. Taylor, Associate Professor of Urology to be promoted to Professor of Urology, and Acting Chairman of the Department of Urology, Clinical Staff, effective July 1, 1943.

Approved.

President Brandt stated that Dr. Fowler, Director of the Student Health Service, had discussed his salary situation, stating that he had received an offer from the University of Arkansas carrying the same salary he is now receiving, plus the privilege of doing private practice. He stated also that Dr. Fowler brought up the question of permanent tenure. President Brandt stated that while Dr. Fowler holds the position of Professor of Hygiene and Public Health, he did not feel that the Director of Student Health Service should be on permanent tenure, but on an annual appointment.

President Brandt recommended that the salary for Dr. Fowler be fixed at the rate of \$ 5,200.00, effective July 1, 1943. Following a discussion of the matter, it was the sense of the Board that no change

in Dr. Fowler's salary be made, and that the appointment as the Director of Student Health Service be on an annual basis.

President Brandt also called attention to the difficulty in retaining janitors, nurses, and other employees in the Infirmary. He recommended that the salary for the janitor be fixed at \$ 100.00 a month, effective August 1, 1943; that the salaries of the nurses be fixed at \$ 100.00 a month, with maintenance; and that the salary of Elsie Fisher Vick, cook, be fixed at \$ 110.00 a month, all effective August 1, 1943.

The recommendation was approved.

President Brandt called attention to the Poliomyelitis situation, particularly in so far as it relates to the admissions to the Hospital for Crippled Children. He read a letter from Acting Dean Shoemaker on this situation. It was the sense of the Board that the Hospital be congratulated on the efficient service being rendered in this emergency.

President Brandt stated that Captain John F. Donelson of the Naval R. O. T. C. had asked to appear before the Board for a discussion on the possible effect of the stories that have appeared in the OKLAHOMA DAILY on the Naval Training Program at the University. Captain Donelson was invited, and he reviewed the circumstances leading up to the approval for the Naval Training Program at the University and the approval by the Federal Housing Agency of the 900 dormitory spaces for trainees. He stated that he did not know what effect the OKLAHOMA DAILY stories would have, but that he would continue as in the past to assist the University in all of its programs.

The members of the Board of Regents expressed appreciation of Captain Donelson's assistance at all times.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P. M.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.