

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Tuesday, December 28, 1943, at 3:00 p. m. Members present were: Regent Joe McBride, President of the Board, residing; Regents Chambers, Deacon, Noble, Emery.

President Brandt presented the following Petition to the City Commission, Norman, Oklahoma, and recommended that the President of the Board of Regents be authorized to sign this petition on behalf of the University.

We, the undersigned, owners of the property embraced within the hereinafter specifically described tract and/or tracts of land, lying immediately adjacent to the City of Norman, Oklahoma, hereby petition the City Commission of said City to bring the same into the City Limits and incorporate as a part of said City of Norman. Said property being described as follows, towit:

1. Beginning at the intersection of Brooks Street and Jenkins Avenue; thence East along Brooks Street to the West line of the A. T. & S. F. Ry. Company right-of-way; thence Southeast along said West line of said right-of-way to the center line of Lindsay street; thence West along said Center line of Lindsay Street to George Street; thence South 2673 feet to the North property line of the Naval Air Training Technical Corps; thence West 1353 feet to the West line of Jenkins Avenue; thence North 3960 feet to the center line of Brooks Street; thence east 33 feet to the point of beginning; and all that part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Lot Three (3) in Section Five (5) in Township Eight (8) North of Range Two (2) West of the Indian Meridian, lying West of the A. T. & S. F. Ry. Company right-of-way.

2. Beginning at a point 33 feet West and 33 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 8, North, Range 2 West, I. M., Cleveland County, Oklahoma, thence South 0° 1' West along a line 33 feet West of and parallel to the East line of said Northeast quarter section, a distance of 2673 feet more or less thence North 89° 53' West, a distance of 847 feet more or less thence North 0° 1' East a distance of 2673 feet more or less thence South 89° 53' East, a distance of 847 feet more or less to the point of beginning containing the State property known as the ROTC and Drill Field area.

On motion by Regent Deacon, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

President Brandt submitted the following resolution authorizing "Final Release Under Contract NOP-134, Article I, Commissioning Expense" dated July 1, 1943, and recommended its adoption.

RESOLUTION

CONTRACT NOP-134
ARTICLE I - COMMISSIONING EXPENSE
CONTRACTOR'S RELEASE

WHEREAS, the United States of America, hereinafter called "the Government", and the University of Oklahoma, an institution established and existing under the laws of the State of Oklahoma and located at Norman, Oklahoma, hereinafter called "the Contractor", entered into a contract, NOP-134, dated July 1, 1943, under Article I of which the Contractor agreed to perform and furnish certain specialized equipment and temporary plant alterations requested by the Bureau of Naval Personnel as commissioning expense to be performed at the expense of the government, and;

WHEREAS, Article I (h) of said contract provides as follows: "When the Government makes final payment under paragraph (f) of this article, the Contractor shall promptly deliver to the Department a release or general waiver of lien satisfactory to the Department covering the items for which payment is made under this Article", and;

WHEREAS, all of the conditions, covenants and provisions of said contract have been performed and fulfilled by and on the part of the Contractor:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the sum of two thousand two hundred and one dollars and thirteen cents (\$2,201.13), lawful money of the United States, to which the Contractor is entitled in final settlement of all amounts due under Article I of said contract, to it in hand paid by the Government, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Contractor, represented by its President, does hereby, for itself, its successors and assigns, remise, release and forever discharge the Government of and from all manner of debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, claims and demands whatsoever, in law and in equity, under or by virtue of said contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed by its President, and its corporate seal hereto affixed, this 29th day of December, 1943.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
Contractor

BY: Joseph A. Brandt
Joseph A. Brandt, President.

On motion by Regent Emery, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following items were submitted by President Brandt and the action in each case was as indicated.

1. Appointments and salary adjustments in the Athletic Department:

Dewey Luster, Head Football Coach, present salary \$ 5,500.00 per annum, to \$ 6,000.00 per annum, effective January 1, 1944.

Dale Arbuckle, Acting Director of Athletics, present salary \$ 4,600.00, to \$ 5,000.00, effective January 1, 1944.

Ted Owen, Trainer, present salary \$ 2,000.00, to \$ 2,400.00, effective January 1, 1944.

J. J. Dempsey, Equipment Man, present salary \$ 1,200.00 to \$ 1,500.00, effective January 1, 1944.

Harold Keith, Director of Sports Publicity, present salary \$ 3,200.00, to \$ 3,450.00, effective January 1, 1944.

Approved on motion by Regent Noble.

President Brandt recommended that Dewey Luster, Head Football Coach, be given a contract for a term of years, and following a discussion of the matter, it was voted, on motion by Regent Emery, that the action on this matter be deferred.

2. The establishment of the Graduate School of Public Health, on which President Brandt had made a recommendation at a previous meeting, was brought up, but at the suggestion of President Brandt this matter was passed for consideration at a future date.

3. He reported that Dr. Gastineau, Acting Director of the Student Health Service, does not have a recommendation with reference to additional staff in the Infirmary and that he will report as soon as he does find another doctor.

4. Resignations:

Nathalie Rayl, on a part-time basis as Secretary of the Bureau of Business Research, December 23.

Marian Spiegel, Stenographer in the Department of Utilities, December 15.

On motion by Regent Deacon, the resignations were accepted.

5. Appointments:

I recommend that Edwin C. McReynolds, who was appointed temporary instructor on September 13 in the Department of History on a part-time basis at \$ 75.00 a month to December 13, be appointed on a full-time basis at \$ 175.00 a month, effective December 13, and that this appointment be continued so long as his services may be necessary for the War College Training Program.

Harry Rohrer Roberts, Laboratory Instructor in Electrical Engineering, at \$ 150.00 a month, effective December 13, to continue so long as his services may be necessary for the War College Training Program.

Janet Berniece Werner, Assistant in Press Relations, effective January 1, 1944, at \$ 150.00 a month, replacing Mrs. Mary Bullard Gibson, who resigned September 14.

Freda Bollinger, Stenographer in the School of Social Work on 2/3 time basis at \$ 70.00 a month, beginning March 1, 1944. Miss Bollinger is now employed in this department on an hourly rate, but will have most of her work for the degree completed by March 1.

Don Cusenbery, at \$ 100.00 a month as Assistant in WNAD, from December 10, 1943, until he is called by his draft board. Mr. Cusenbery has been employed on a student rate by WNAD for the past several years and withdrew from the University on December 10. Miss Hawk asks that he be employed on a full-time basis in order to assist in training new students, as well as developing some of the programs on WNAD which are now under way.

Mrs. Lela Oxsheer Morgan, Graduate Assistant in Mathematics, at \$100.00 a month, effective December 20. She was dropped from the pay roll November 1, but it has become necessary to re-employ her.

On motion by Regent Chambers, the appointments were approved.

6. Adjustments in Salary:

Mrs. Dell Stephenson, Secretary in the Department of Physical Education for Men and Intramural Athletics, at \$ 100.00 a month, increased to \$ 125.00 a month, effective January 1, 1944.

W. J. Sharpe, Janitor, University Infirmary, at \$ 100.00 a month, salary increased to \$ 120.00 a month, January 1, 1944.

O. K. Wilcox, Assistant in Plant Sciences at \$ 125.00 a month, increased to \$ 150.00 a month. Mr. Wilcox is in charge of the greenhouse work in connection with Dr. Eigsti's research projects.

On motion by Regent Chambers, the salary adjustments as recommended were approved.

7. Promotions and salary adjustments:

Lyman Stanley, Associate Professor of Piano, on the nine-months' schedule at the present time at \$ 2,826.00, to be promoted to the rank of Professor and placed on the nine-months' schedule at \$ 3,276.00, effective January 1, 1944.

Pierre Delattre, Associate Professor of Romance Languages, on the nine-months' schedule at \$ 2,700.00, to be promoted to the rank of Professor and placed on the nine-months' schedule at \$ 3,600.00, effective January 1, 1944.

On motion by Regent Emery, the promotions and salary adjustments as recommended were approved.

8. Leave of absence:

Carl Ritzman, Associate Professor of Speech, leave of absence for military service, effective December 1, 1943. Mr. Ritzman has been commissioned a lieutenant (jg) in the United States Navy.

On motion by Regent Chambers, the leave of absence was approved.

9. President Brandt called attention to the appointment of Harrell E. Garrison as Assistant in the Family Life Institute Program, effective June 1, 1944, approved at the meeting of the Board on November 12, stating that there was a possibility that he might be available before June 1 and recommended that the appointment become effective as soon as he can be released from his position as principal of the junior high school at Durant.

He recommended also that Mr. Garrison be given the academic rank of assistant professor. Action on this matter was deferred with the suggestion that it be again presented to the Board when more definite information is available.

10. President Brandt reported that Dr. Tom Lowry, Dean of the School of Medicine, had recommended the appointment of Dr. Walter Andrew Lewis Thompson as Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery in the Crippled Children's Hospital

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effective January 1, 1944. This appointment was approved at the meeting on December 10, pending a definite recommendation by Dean Lowry.

11. President Brandt stated that he had had a communication from Dean Hervey requesting compensation for his teaching for the summer semester, June 1 to September 1, in the Department of History. The enrolment in the Department of History was larger than could be taken care of by the regular staff and Dean Hervey volunteered to teach a nine-hour schedule in addition to carrying on the law courses, which were given by the law school faculty without additional compensation. He stated further that so far as he could find out, there was no agreement to pay Dean Hervey for the work in the History Department. Dean Hervey's salary is \$ 6,000.00, which is paid in twelve installments for nine-months' service. Other teachers in the summer school were paid their regular monthly salaries in the summer school which, in Dean Hervey's case, would amount to \$ 500.00 a month.

This matter was discussed by the Board and on motion by Regent Emery, action was deferred until a later date.

President Brandt called attention to another letter from Dean Hervey concerning adjustments in salaries for members of the law school faculty, a copy of this communication having been sent to each member of the Board.

Following a discussion, it was voted to defer action until a later date.

12. President Brandt recommended that J. Willis Stovall, appointed Director of The Museum of the University of Oklahoma at the meeting on December 10, be placed on the salary schedule at \$ 4,000.00 per annum, effective January 1, 1944. He stated this would provide for the same monthly salary he is now receiving on a nine-months' basis.

On motion by Regent Emery, the recommendation was approved.

13. President Brandt reported that when the contract for the Kappa Sigma house was made, it was with the understanding that this house would be used for civilian students and under that agreement a monthly rental of \$ 275.00 was agreed upon. He stated that for several months the house has been used by Army trainees and recommended that a rental of \$ 300.00 be paid, which is the amount authorized for other similar houses used by Army and Navy trainees.

On motion by Regent Chambers, it was voted to pay a monthly rental of \$ 300.00 during the period of occupancy by Army or Navy trainees.

At 4:10 p. m. the Board met in executive session for consideration of the election of a successor to Joseph A. Brandt as President of the University, effective January 1, 1944.

Following the executive session, the Secretary was directed to include the following statement and resolution in the minutes of the Board of Regents.

Regent Emery: "Preliminary to making a motion to select an Acting President of the University, I desire to present to the Board a statement of Joe W. McBride, President of the Board of Regents, presented to the Board on December 14, 1943, as follows:

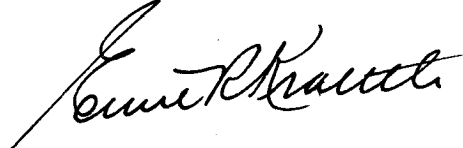
Regent McBride: "When the Regents by their unanimous vote chose me to serve as Acting President of the University of Oklahoma, I accepted because I then believed (and I still believe) that under certain circumstances the President of the Board of Regents may appropriately and effectively serve in that capacity. Were I able to devote my entire time as Acting President, I should willingly assume the task. However, it now appears, due to unforeseen developments, that other responsibilities having a prior claim upon my time make it necessary that I withdraw my acceptance of the Board's appointment. While I deeply appreciate the Board's insistence that I make the effort to serve, I respectfully request that the Board make a different choice."

Regent Emery: "Mr. President and Regents of the University, in view of the statement of the President of the Board, I propose the following resolution and move its adoption.

"RESOLVED: that for the reasons stated by the President of the Board of Regents, he, Joe W. McBride, be relieved from serving as Acting President of the University and that George L. Cross be elected to serve as Acting President of the University, effective January 1, 1944, at a salary of \$ 7,500.00 per annum until a permanent President of the University is chosen and is ready to assume the duties of his office."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.