

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Board of Regents met on Wednesday, September 12, 1945, at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the President of the University. Present were Regent Hopper, presiding; Regents Emery, Deacon, Wallace, McBride, Wimberly. Regent Noble was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held on August 15 were approved, each member having been sent a copy by mail.

President Cross called attention to a communication from Dean Adams, College of Business Administration. The Secretary was instructed to record the reading and consideration of the communication of Dean Arthur B. Adams to President Cross on the policy of temporary terms for Deans, and the rotation of Chairmen of Departments.

President Cross called attention to the suggestion made some months ago that a Regents' Day for all past members of the Board be held on the campus annually. It was decided to fix the date as Saturday, October 20, the program to be worked out in the President's office.

President Cross reported that the Attorney General had ruled adversely on the question of investing "Agency Funds" for which the Comptroller's Office is the custodian.

The following resolution was recommended for adoption by President Cross:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma that the President of the University of Oklahoma be authorized to apply to the Bureau of Community Facilities, Federal Works Agency, for advances to pay cost of preparing plans for the following buildings which are contemplated at the present time and any other buildings that may be constructed on the University campus at Norman or the Medical Schools and Hospitals ground in Oklahoma City:

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1. Classroom building
2. Petroleum Engineering Addition
3. Girl's Dormitory Project

President, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents

President Cross recommended that scholarships be authorized for students coming from countries other than Canada and Latin-America which were previously authorized.

It was voted to establish a maximum of ten scholarships for Europeans and Asiatics under the same conditions as scholarships previously approved for students in the Western hemisphere.

There was a discussion concerning the "Suggested Regulations for the Operation of the Negro Division of the University Hospitals" included in the agenda. The Secretary read the proposed regulations.

On motion by Regent Emery it was voted "that the President of the University be instructed to recommend to the Regents appropriate rules and regulations for the operation of the negro division of the University Hospitals authorized and prescribed under House Bill No. 463 of the Twentieth Legislature."

Regent Emery moved and it was voted, to defer action on items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the proposed regulations until the President of the University submits a set of regulations prescribed under item No. 3.

The following resignations were submitted, and on motion by Regent Deacon, the resignations were accepted:

Paul Eldridge, Associate Professor of English, September 1, 1945. Mr. Eldridge was on Sabbatical Leave of Absence during the school year of 1940-41 and received half salary - \$1,080.00 during the year. He was on leave of absence, without pay, during the next school year - 1941-42. In September, 1942 he entered military service,

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and was on leave of absence. He has agreed to repay the \$1,080.00 received during the year he was on Sabbatical Leave, over the period of the next three years which is in accordance with the regulations. He has accepted an appointment at the University of Nevada at a salary of \$3,500.00; his salary here was approved at \$3,000.00.

Earl Turner, whose appointment was confirmed as job press-man University Press, previously, to become effective August 20, has declined to accept.

Kenneth Benson, floorman, University Press, September 15, 1945.

Marvin Kilman, Linotype Operator, University Press, September 1, 1945.

Mrs. Rebecca Miller, Assistant in the Office of the Counselor of Women, effective September 1, 1945.

Dixie Potter Chenault, Traffic Manager, WNAD, September 4, 1945.

Helen Kemp, Clerical Secretary, Office of Admissions, effective August 20, 1945.

Mabel N. Lord, Clerical Stenographer, Department of Animal Biology, August 17, 1945.

Mrs. Marjorie S. Bauman, Secretary, Placement Service, September 1, 1945.

Mrs. Reye E. Goedecken, Clerical Stenographer, School of Home Economics, August 31, 1945.

Gladys T. O'Connor, Clerical Stenographer, Institute of Community Development, September 16, 1945.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:

Stuart R. Tompkins, Professor of History, effective September 1, 1945, and until such time as his services are needed.

Vera Dixon, Assistant Professor of Library Science, September 1, 1945 to January 14, 1946, on account of illness.

Howard O. Eaton, Professor of Philosophy, for the school year 1945-46.

On motion by Regent Deacon the Leaves of Absence were approved.

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President Cross reported the following will return to their respective positions on the date and the salary indicated in each case:

Clark Long, Job Pressman, University Press, August 20, 1945, at a salary of \$2,700.00 for 12 months service.

Arthur T. Meyer, Assistant Professor of Music, September 1, 1945, at a salary of \$2,100.00 for 9 months service.

Wilfrid Dixon, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, September 1, 1945 at a salary of \$2,700.00 for 9 months service.

Balfour S. Whitney, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, September 1, 1945, at a salary of \$2,700.00 for 9 months service.

Approved on motion by Regent Deacon.

The following appointments were recommended:

Clifford M. Baumbach, Assistant Professor of Business Management, September 1, 1945 at a salary of \$2,600.00 for 9 months service. This is a one-year appointment.

Alexander M. Saunders, Assistant Professor of English, effective September 1, 1945, at a salary of \$2,600.00 for 9 months service.

Noel E. Vaughan, Assistant Director of Family Life Education, Extension Division, September 1, 1945 at an annual salary of \$2,400.00 for 10 months.

O. W. Rush, Assistant Counselor of Men, effective September 10, 1945 at an annual salary of \$3,200.00 for 12 months service.

Dr. Eleanora L. Schmidt, Physician for Women, Student Health Service, including part-time teaching, September 1, 1945 to January 15, 1946, at a salary of \$450.00 a month.

Mrs. Thelma Margaret Dyke, Clerical Stenographer, Office of the Counselor of Women, effective August 20, 1945, at a salary of \$110.00 a month.

Phyllis J. Atzenhoffer, Assistant Counselor of Women, the appointment to become effective September 15, 1945 at a salary of \$200.00 a month.

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Margaret Fisher, Assistant to the Counselor of Women, effective September 1, 1945 at a salary of \$125.00 a month.

Virginia Acher, Resident Counselor, Residence Halls, the appointment to become effective when she reports for duty, at a salary of \$150.00 a month plus maintenance in the Residence Halls.

William Ray Eldridge, Studio Engineer, WNAD, August 27, 1945, salary at the rate of \$200.00 a month. This appointment is on a six-months' basis, subject to automatic extension if first class license is secured in that time.

Jack Alexander Carver, announcer and editor, WNAD, September 4, 1945, salary at the rate of \$200.00 a month.

Buren C. Robbins, Production Manager, September 17, 1945, at a salary of \$250.00 a month.

Mrs. Elveta Minter Hughes, Clerical Secretary, Placement Service, September 1, 1945, at a salary of \$1,680.00 for 12 months service.

William Thomas Lester, Floorman, University Press, September 1, 1945, at a salary of \$250.00 a month.

Marjorie Givens Bradley, Roll Clerk, Registry Office, August 15, 1945, salary at \$150.00 a month.

Mrs. Linda Mae Walden, Secretary, Testing and Guidance Center, September 1, 1945, salary at \$125.00 a month.

A. W. Hanson, Caretaker, ROTC property, August 27, 1945, salary at the rate of \$150.00 a month. This is a temporary appointment.

On motion by Regent Emery, approved.

President Cross told the Board that he thought the integrity of his administration had been challenged by references to "feud with Dean Hervey" and "meddling" in the newspaper article appearing in the DAILY OKLAHOMAN under date of Wednesday, September 12, 1945. He requested that Dean Hervey be called for a conference on this matter.

Regent Emery moved, and it was unanimously voted that the President's request be granted, and it was decided to call Dean Hervey at 1:30 following luncheon.

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Regent Wimberly made the following announcement:
"I am grieved to tell you that this will be my last meeting as a member of the Board of Regents. I have been appointed by President Truman as a member of the Federal Power Commission in Washington and I have accepted the appointment."

The members of the Board expressed regrets in Regent Wimberly's leaving, and offered congratulations on his appointment to a very fine position which carries many responsibilities.

The Board recessed for luncheon at 12:30.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Dean Hervey present.

The Chair inquired of Dean Hervey if he had seen the article which appeared on the front page of the DAILY OKLAHOMAN with the head "CROSS MEDDLES IN LAW SCHOOL, LAWYERS CLAIM". Dean Hervey stated he had seen the article, but that he had no previous knowledge of events which lead to the writing of the same. He stated he had no knowledge of any feud between himself and President Cross, nor was he conscious of any meddling by President Cross in the affairs of the Law School. He stated also, that he had not discussed the matter with Professor Wright.

The matter was discussed at length following which Dean Hervey retired from the meeting.

President Cross called attention to letters from Dean Hervey, first: on the question of a temporary-term appointment as dean; and second: requesting a reconsideration of the Board's action in fixing his salary for the current school year.

These matters were discussed and Regent Emery requested that the minutes show that the President of the University submitted the information to the Board without recommendation.

Regent Hopper made a statement on the work that Dean Hervey has been doing throughout the State, not only with the Oklahoma Bar, but with other groups, and mentioned the favorable reports that had come to him.

Regent Hopper moved that Dean Hervey's salary be fixed at the rate of \$7,000.00 for the current fiscal year, and asked that Regent Wallace put the motion.

A majority of the members present voted "No", and the motion was declared lost.

Regent Hopper requested that he be recorded as voting, "Aye."

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President Cross reported concerning William R. Wehrend, Professor of Music and Director of the University Band, and Miss Maurine Starns, Recorder in the Registrar's Office. He presented resignations from each, and recommended that the resignations be accepted. There was a discussion concerning the payment of salaries beyond the date of resignation.

Regent Wallace moved, and it was voted, to accept the resignations of Professor Wehrend and Miss Starns effective September 12, 1945, without payment of salaries beyond that date.

President Cross called attention to the fact that the term of Joe Hamilton, as a member of the Board of Control of the Will Rogers Memorial Fund had expired and recommended that he be reappointed for a five-year term to expire June 5, 1950.

The recommendation was approved.

President Cross read a letter from Dale Arbuckle concerning the use of the new Field House floor which has been installed at a cost of approximately \$17,000.00. Mr. Arbuckle stated in the past several organizations have used the Field House for dances and other purposes and that the cost of reconditioning the floor following the dances is about \$300.00. He suggested that a charge of \$300.00 be made to any organization for the use of the floor and that this amount be paid in advance.

Regent Emery moved, and it was unanimously voted, "That a determination as to when and under what circumstances the Field House be used for dances be made by the President of the University, providing that it may only be so used in exceptional circumstances, and then only upon the payment in advance of a fee of \$300.00".

Regent Emery proposed the following statement for release by the President of the Board of Regents; the statement was unanimously approved:

"The University Board of Regents has taken cognizance of the news story in the DAILY OKLAHOMAN of Wednesday, morning, September 12, stating that a feud existed between Dr. George Lynn Cross, and Dr. John Hervey, Dean of the School of Law, and stating further that Dr. Cross had interfered with the internal affairs of the law school.

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"The Board of Regents has tested the validity of these statements and find them to be without foundation. Both President Cross and Dean Hervey declare them to be without foundation. The Board of Regents and the President of the University are in entire accord as to salary policy."

President Cross made a report on his search for a Director of the Student Health Service. He stated he had interviewed several doctors and had reached the decision to recommend Dr. John Y. Battenfield, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (B.A. '34, M.D. '37) as Director of the Student Health Service and Professor of Public Health. Dr. Battenfield also holds a masters degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. Born at Pryor, Oklahoma, age 37, married. He is a Captain in the medical service, paratroop group. Prior to entering the service he was on the staff of the Oklahoma State Department of Public Health. President Cross emphasized the importance of professional training in public health in view of the contemplated curriculum leading to a degree in Public Health. He recommended a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum.

Regent Emery moved approval of the President's recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Battenfield.

Regent Hopper stated requests had come to him to delay action on this appointment until the next meeting of the Board, and since it was not on the agenda he knew nothing of a recommendation to be presented.

The Board considered the request from a representative of the State Medical Association to the President of the Board to delay the matter until the next meeting, but it was the sense of the Board that in the interests of the University, and under the circumstances the matter could not be delayed.

Regent Emery's motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Battenfield, was voted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.