

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma met in regular session in the Office of the President of the University on November 7, 1945, at 10:00 a.m. Present were: Regent Hopper, President, presiding; Regents Noble, Deacon, McBride, Emery, Wallace and Shepler.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 10, 1945 were approved each member having been sent a copy previously.

The Chair presented a copy of the credentials of the appointment of Ned Shepler, Lawton, Oklahoma, as a member of the Board of Regents to fill out the unexpired term of Harrington Wimberly, resigned - the date of Mr. Shepler's appointment being October 9, 1945. Mr. Shepler stated that he had taken the oath of office.

On motion by Regent McBride it was unanimously voted that the credentials be accepted and that Mr. Shepler be recognized as a member of the Board of Regents.

President Cross submitted a report from Dean Cheadle on the title to the Logan Apartments indicating that all conditions as specified by the Attorney General had been met, and the report was ordered filed.

President Cross called attention to the proposal for the construction of a music practice building for the College of Fine Arts on a self-liquidating basis by issuing bonds. The proposal presented an estimate of cost and a debt-retirement plan.

Following a discussion it was voted to approve this project as recommended. President Cross was authorized to proceed according to the proposal, on motion by Regent Emery.

President Cross called attention to the tentative proposal for the establishment of a Fisheries Experiment Station on the campus of the University. He stated that Dr. Weese of the Department of

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Biology had had a conference with the State Game and Fish Commission, and that a satisfactory plan had been agreed upon providing a suitable location on the campus could be found. President Cross stated that such an experimental laboratory would be of considerable value to the University and recommended approval of the project.

On motion by Regent McBride it was voted to authorize the President to enter into an agreement with the State Game and Fish Commission.

President Cross reported that in accordance with the provisions of War Department Circular No. 33, dated October 3, 1945, the University is required to make application for reactivation of the advanced course, ROTC, and recommended adoption of the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University hereby requests reactivation of the advanced course, ROTC, at the University of Oklahoma beginning with the opening of the second semester of the school year 1945-46 --January 14, 1946. The President of the University of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to sign such documents as may be required in connection with this request."

On motion by Regent McBride it was unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

The following resignations were submitted by President Cross:

- Mrs. Muriel M. Schmidt, Secretary to the Director of the Extension Division, effective November 1, 1945.
- Mrs. Linda Mae Walden, Secretary, Testing and Guidance Center, effective October 31, 1945.
- Mrs. Lydia K. Evans, Clerical Stenographer, Department of History, effective October 25, 1945.
- Mrs. Naomi Wall, Administrative Secretary, College of Arts and Sciences, effective November 8, 1945.
- Mrs. Betty Frances Jeffs Jones, Stenographer, Correspondence Study Department, Extension Division, effective October 10, 1945.

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- ✓ D. O. Nichols, Jr., Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, effective October 6, 1945.
 - ✓ John Howell Thornton, Janitor, University Utilities Department, effective September 30, 1945.
 - ✓ James Robert BeDell, Janitor, University Utilities Department, effective September 30, 1945.
 - ✓ Buren C. Robbins, previously appointed Production Manager of Radio Station WNAD, effective September 17, 1945, failed to report for this position and his appointment has been cancelled.
 - ✓ J. Hollie Cross, Instructor in Mathematics, effective October 5, 1945.
 - ✓ Miss Helen Cullins, Continuity Editor, Radio Station WNAD, effective October 15, 1945.
 - ✓ Mrs. Jnette Hollman, Music Director, WNAD, effective November 1, 1945.
 - ✓ Mrs. Gloria Thompson, Clerical Secretary, Alumni Records Office, effective October 31, 1945.
 - ✓ A. W. Hanson, Caretaker of ROTC property, on temporary appointment, services discontinued October 31, 1945.
- Accepted, on motion by Regent McBride.

President Cross recommended that John O'Neil, Instructor in Art, now in military service, be granted a year's extension of his leave of absence following his discharge from military service, for further study.

On motion by Regent Deacon, the recommendation was approved.

President Cross reported that the following teachers and other employees on leave of absence for military service returned to their respective positions on the dates indicated in each case. The salary specified is the amount approved in the budget.

H. C. Peterson, Professor of History, October 8, 1945, basic salary \$2,800.00 on a nine-months' basis.

Charles H. Brown, Instructor in Journalism, November 1, 1945, basic salary \$2,000.00 on a nine-month's basis.

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Herbert Scott, Director of the Extension Division, November 1, 1945, basic salary \$4,000.00 on a twelve-months' basis.

Dr. M. L. Wardell, Acting Director of the Extension Division during the absence of Mr. Scott, is giving full time to his work in the History Department.

Boyd Gunning, Assistant Director of the Extension Division; Head of Short Courses and Conferences and Visual Education Departments, October 15, 1945, basic salary \$3,600.00 on a twelve-months' basis.

Approved.

The following salary adjustments were recommended by President Cross:

Dr. Theodore L. Harris, Director of the Reading Clinic, and Associate Professor of Education, should be paid \$30.00 additional for the month of October for extra work done in the Adult Education Program.

Earl LaFon, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has agreed to direct the tutoring program, and his salary should be increased \$50.00 per month effective October 8, 1945.

J. W. Stovall, Professor of Geology, Director of the University Museum, salary increase from the annual rate of \$4,100.00 to \$4,400.00 effective September 1, 1945. This adjustment is to correct an error in budget recommendations at the time of the adoption of the budget.

On motion by Regent McBride, approved.

The following appointments were recommended:

✓ Earl Sneed, Jr., Visiting Associate Professor of Law, effective October 19, 1945, at the rate of \$4,000.00 for the nine-month school year.

✓ Helen F. Lauterer, Assistant Professor of Drama, effective November 1, 1945, at the rate of \$2,800.00 for the nine-month school year.

✓ Joe R. Foote, Instructor in Mathematics, effective October 22, to May 7 1946, at \$150.00 for six months service, three-fourths time.

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- ✓ Miss Genevieve L. Janssen, Assistant Professor of Social Work, effective May 1, 1946, at the rate of \$3,200.00 for twelve months service.
- ✓ Miss Odeal Locke, Instructor in English, effective November 1, 1945 to January 12, 1946, at the rate of \$222.22 a month.
- ✓ Jack M. Bowers, Music Director of Radio Station WNAD, effective October 15, 1945 at \$200.00 a month.
- ✓ Vernie Lynn Doty, Assistant Continuity Editor and Women's Editor, Radio Station WNAD, effective October 15, 1945, at \$125.00 a month.
- ✓ Lewin Goff, Teaching Assistant, School of Drama, effective October 8, to November 1, 1945 at \$75.00 for one months service.
- ✓ J. E. Spinks, Assistant Military Property Custodian, Department of Military Science and Tactics, effective October 29, 1945 at \$166.66 a month.
- ✓ Mrs. Martha Lee Brazil, Clerical Secretary, Department of English, transferred to Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, as Administrative Secretary, effective November 1, 1945, annual salary to be at the rate of \$1,920.00. She is replacing Mrs. Naomi Wall, who has resigned.
- ✓ Miss Jean McDonald, Secretary, Department of English, transferred from Office of the President, effective October 12, 1945, without change in salary.
- ✓ Mrs. Maureen Powell, Clerical Secretary, Testing and Guidance Service, effective November 1, 1945 at \$125.00 a month.
- ✓ Lawrence W. Snow, Linotype Operator, University Press, effective October 15, 1945 at \$250.00 a month.
- ✓ Mrs. Mildred Stuart Dillon, Clerical Stenographer, Department of History, effective October 27, 1945, at \$135.00 a month.
- ✓ Mrs. Maude Oakes, Locker Room Clerk, Physical Education for Women, effective November 1, 1945 at \$85.00 a month.
- ✓ Miss Marjorie Stewart, Secretary, (Half-time), Office of the Dean of Admission, effective September 18, 1945 at \$62.59 per month.
- ✓ Miss Eva Dell Hughes, Secretary, (Half-time), Office of the Dean of Admission, effective October 1, 1945 at \$50.00 per month.
- ✓ Miss Nita Pratt, Clerical Stenographer, Office of the Dean of Admission, effective August 16 to September 15 at \$125.00, and from September 16 to October 6 (half-time) at \$66.56.

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Miss Virginia Follmar, Clerical Secretary, Correspondence Study Department, Extension Division; salary of \$125.00 a month, effective November 1, 1945.

Mrs. Dorothy G. Mathews, Clerical Secretary, Office of the President, effective November 1, 1945, at \$125.00 a month.

Dale Houser, Assistant Plumber, University Utilities Department, effective October 8, 1945 at \$175.00 a month.

Archie Karl Belden, Janitor, University Utilities Department, effective October 1, 1945 at \$125.00 a month.

Approved, on motion by Regent Deacon.

Two appointments were recommended in the Medical School.

Dr. William Arlin Loy, Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, effective October 15 to December 31, 1945 at \$391.66 a month. Dr. Loy is taking the place of Dr. McMullen, who is now on leave of absence.

Dr. Reynold Patzer, Assistant Professor of Surgery, effective November 15, 1945 to July 1, 1946, at an annual rate of \$5,500.00 for twelve months service. If this arrangement proves mutually satisfactory, Dr. Patzer is to be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Surgery, and placed on an annual salary basis of \$6,000.00 effective July 1, 1946.

On motion by Regent Emery, approved.

Regent Hopper presented copies of letters sent to Captain John Cheadle, Lt. Joe M. McLaughlin, and Lt. George White, of Dallas, expressing appreciation of the Board for their assistance to the University in securing surplus war materials. The letters were turned over to the Secretary and ordered filed.

Regent Hopper also presented a copy of a letter sent to Captain J. F. Donelson, USN (Ret.) expressing appreciation for his services to the University. The letter was given to the Secretary and ordered filed.

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Dean Lowry and Paul Fesler were called for conference in connection with the allocation of funds by the State Regents for Higher Education to the Medical School and Hospitals, and also in connection with the Southern Oklahoma Hospital at Ardmore. A chart showing the allocations for capital improvements to all state institutions was presented. The chart showed that for the University campus at Norman the State Regents had allocated for buildings and other capital purposes, a total of \$1,262,000. The chart also showed allocations for the Medical School and Hospitals - books and periodicals, \$3,000.00; equipment, \$19,000.00; and buildings, \$247,500.00. Dean Lowry stated that following a conference with, and on instructions from President Cross, he had filed a request with the State Regents for Higher Education for an allocation in the amount of \$1,090,503.10, the remainder of unallocated funds for the Medical School and Hospitals, but that he had not submitted details to support this request pending a survey to be made to determine just how the funds were to be used, but the allocation had not been made.

President Cross recommended that the Regents authorize him to file a request with the State Regents for the allocation, amount of \$1,090,503.10, as indicated by Dean Lowry.

On motion by Regent Wallace, it was unanimously voted to approve the President's recommendation.

The Board discussed resolutions by the State Regents for Higher Education with reference to the Southern Oklahoma Hospital; Resolution No. 97, allocating the sum of \$25,040 appropriated under House Bill No. 56; also Resolution No. 98, authorizing the Board of Regents, "To use so much of the funds heretofore allocated to them for the University Hospitals as necessary in their judgment to operate and maintain the Southern Oklahoma Hospital until June 30, 1946, or until such time as other funds are made available."

Following a discussion of the matter, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that we authorize the President of the Board of Regents to join with the State Regents for Higher Education to bring mandamus action against the State Auditor to set up funds for the operation and maintenance of the Southern Oklahoma Hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 in accordance with resolutions adopted by the State Regents for Higher Education."

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The following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

In view of the resolution of the State Regents for Higher Education (Resolution No. 97) declaring the Southern Oklahoma Hospital to be a part of the functions of the University Hospitals, we hereby direct the President of the University of Oklahoma to take charge of the Southern Oklahoma Hospital.

The Chair appointed the following to meet with the Governor and representatives from the State Regents for Higher Education at 1:30 on Monday, November 12 for a discussion on allocation of funds to the University at Norman, the Medical School and University Hospitals, the appointment with the Governor having been made over the telephone by Regent Emery: Regents Noble, Wallace, McBride and Shepler. President Cross was asked to attend the conference with the Regent's Committee.

The Board recessed for luncheon in the Union Building at 12:15.

A committee representing the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Student Union, Neil Johnson and R. W. Hutto, met with the Board during the luncheon hour to discuss future plans for the expansion of the Union Building.

Neil Johnson, President of the Board of Governors, stated that the annual meeting for the Board would be held on Homecoming day, November 10, at which time he was expected to make a report to his Board. The discussion was principally in connection with the bond issue contemplated for the expansion of the Union facilities. He asked that the Board consider the following five questions:

1. If the Board of Governors of the Union issues the bonds, would the Board of Regents continue the fee of \$4.00, or possibly increase the fee to \$5.00?
2. If the Board of Governors deeds the property to the Regents, and the Board of Regents builds the addition and improvements, would you lease the property back to the Board of Governors to run?

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3. If we deed the property to the Board of Regents and the Board of Governors passes out of the picture and the Regents assume the management and control, we must have some assurance that the Union Building will be operated as a Union. We would want to make such a provision in the deed or have a reversion clause.
4. If we convey the building to the Board of Regents, there should be a clause in the deed to provide space for the alumni offices and other facilities.
5. Will the fee be continued, in some amount, whether a building program is undertaken or not? Restoration of replacement fund?

Following a discussion, the Board reconvened in the President's Office at 2:30.

The Board discussed the situation with reference to the Union Building and instructed the President of the University and the Secretary of the Board to convey the following statement to the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union:

"The Board of Regents deeply appreciates the spirit of those who conceived the building of the Union Building and recognizes the tremendous contribution and service rendered through the years to the students of the University by the Board of Governors and those associated with them.

"though there is no desire on the part of the present Board to take over the management of the building, it is obvious that additional buildings, improvements and facilities are needed. If these are to be provided, it must manifestly be done through a bond issue. In that event, it is apparent that the great additional cost of the nontax-exempt bonds would have to be borne by the students if issued by the Board of Governors. It is necessary, therefore, for this purpose that we consider the advisability of issuing the bonds by the Board of Regents.

"In this event, because of the legal duties that devolve upon the Board of Regents, it will be necessary that the Board of Regents have transferred to it the rights and powers now existing in the Board of Governors.

"The Board of Regents would gladly enter into a suitable agreement providing for the continued use of the existing buildings, together with additions, for Student Union purposes until such time as more adequate facilities are provided. We would likewise expect to make an agreement providing for adequate space to be set aside for the use of the Alumni Association.

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"In view of the foregoing, we answer the questions propounded by Neil Johnson as follows:

"Question 1: If the Board of Governors of the Union issues the bonds, would the Board of Regents continue the fee of \$4.00, or possibly increase the fee to \$5.00?

"Answer 1: Since we feel the Regents should issue the bonds, they will provide adequate fees.

"Question 2: If the Board of Governors deeds the property to the Regents, and the Board of Regents builds the additions and improvements, would you lease the property back to the Board of Governors to run?

"Answer 2: Since we feel the Regents should have complete control of the Union and its operations, the Regents would not lease the property back to the Board of Governors.

"Question 3: If we deed the property to the Board of Regents and the Board of Governors passes out of the picture and the Regents assume the management and control, we must have some assurance that the Union Building will be operated as a Union. We would want to make such a provision in the deed or have a reversion clause.

"Answer 3: The Regents are willing to give to the Board of Governors the indicated assurance.

"Question 4: If we convey the building to the Board of Regents, there should be a clause in the deed to provide space for the alumni offices and other facilities.

"Answer 4: Yes.

"Question 5: Will the fee be continued, in some amount, whether a building program is undertaken or not? Restoration of replacement fund?

"Answer 5: Temporarily, yes."

Following the noon luncheon, Dewey Luster, Head Football Coach, met with the Board and President Cross, and requested that he be relieved of his position as Coach at the end of the present football season.

Mr. Luster's resignation was accepted.

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It was voted to appoint Mr. Luster on the staff of the Intramural Department at an annual salary of \$3,600.00, the date of the appointment and his title to be determined at a later date.

President Cross presented a petition signed by approximately 1,500 students requesting a third semester. After discussing the matter and the statements by President Cross that funds are not available under present allocations to conduct a third semester, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma forward to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education the petition of the students of the University asking for a three-semester school year at the University.

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma approves of a year-round program for war veterans but finds it cannot be financed on a three-semester basis unless additional funds are made available.

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma approves, as feasible within existing allocations, of an enlarged August session to supplement the eight-weeks summer term, thus meeting in so far as is possible, the needs of returning veterans.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion by Regent Emery it was voted to authorize the President of the University to request the State Regents for Higher Education for additional allocations to finance the third semester.

President Cross brought up the question of the action of the Board of Regents (page 1888 of the official minutes) fixing the salary of Maurice Merrill. Subsequent to this action, Dr. Merrill had been appointed Acting Dean of the Law School. Dr. Cross recommended that the previous action concerning Dr. Merrill be rescinded and that Dr. Merrill's salary as Acting Dean of the Law School be fixed at an annual rate of \$6,000.00 for 12 months service.

The recommendation was unanimously approved.

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In a discussion concerning the housing situation, President Cross stated there was a possibility of using some of the barracks and bachelor officers' quarters at the Navy bases. In order to be prepared for immediate action if this become necessary, he proposed the adoption of the following resolution:

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RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Oklahoma be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the proper officials of the Navy Department for the lease of facilities at the Naval Air Station and Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, such facilities to be used for the housing of returning married veterans.

On motion by Regent Wallace the resolution was unanimously adopted.

President Cross reported that the Veterans Public Housing Authority had assigned thirty trailer-house units and miscellaneous equipment, to be used by married war veterans, to the University. The following resolution in connection with these trailer units was proposed, and on motion by Regent Emery, it was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of the University of Oklahoma--G. L. Cross--to contract with the Federal Public Housing Authority for thirty (30) trailer housing units and miscellaneous equipment to be used by married war veterans attending the University of Oklahoma.

The said President of the University of Oklahoma is authorized to sign, on behalf of the Board of Regents, any contracts or agreements with the Federal Public Housing Authority in connection with this project.

President Cross reported that he had received "Agreement and Public Vouchers for Advances" papers in connection with applications for funds to cover plan preparations for girls' dormitories - application No. Okla 34-P-75, in the amount of \$23,815.00; and application No. Okla 34-P-76, in the amount of \$12,228.00 for a classroom building. He stated that the Board of Regents by resolution at the

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meeting on September 12, had authorized the President of the University to apply for these advances.

The following resolution in connection with the girls' dormitories was proposed:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma adopted a resolution on September 12, 1945, authorizing the President of the University of Oklahoma to make application to the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities, for advances to pay costs of preparing plans for buildings on the campus of the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities, has approved an application for Advance Planning for Non-Federal Public Works for a dormitory building--Application No. Okla. 34-P-75, in the amount of \$23,815.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Oklahoma, be, and he is hereby authorized to sign the agreement --BCF Form 405, Agreement and Public Voucher - on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, for the above project.

On motion by Regent Deacon the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution in connection with the classroom building was proposed:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma adopted a resolution on September 12, 1945, authorizing the President of the University of Oklahoma to make application to the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities, for advances to pay costs of preparing plans for buildings on the campus of the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities, has approved an application for Advance Planning for Non-Federal Public Works for a classroom building--Application No. Okla. 34-P-76, in the amount of \$12,228.00; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Oklahoma, be, and he is hereby authorized to sign the agreement - BCF Form 405, Agreement and Public Voucher - on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, for the above project.

On motion by Regent Deacon, the resolution was un-animously approved.

In discussing the plans for the classroom building, Regent Deacon moved, and it was unanimously voted, that the State Board of Public Affairs be asked to proceed with the employment of an architect to draw plans and specifications, and that the architects, Sorey-Hill-Sorey, be recommended to the Board of Affairs as architects for this building.

President Cross reported that there had been some repercussions on the part of the students in connection with the action of the Board concerning the use of the Field House since the installation of the new floor. He stated that the advance payment of \$300.00 had been fixed as a flat charge to cover the cost for reconditioning the floor, but that later investigations had been made and that the students felt the charge was excessive. There were objections to the Athletic Association renting the building to the student body at a profit. President Cross recommended that the previous action be rescinded and that the charge be based on the cost of re-conditioning the floor with a deposit in advance in the amount of \$300.00 to be made with the understanding that any balance above the cost of reconditioning be returned to the organization making the deposit, or deposited in the Student Senate fund.

On motion by Regent Wallace it was voted to approve the recommendation.

There was a discussion concerning the newspaper reports on the question of negroes attending the University. Following this discussion, Regent Wallace moved: "That the Board of Regents instruct the President of the University to refuse to admit anyone of negro blood as a student in the University for the reason that the laws of the State of Oklahoma prohibit the enrolment of such a student in the University."

Regent Noble offered the following as a substitute motion: "I move you that we ask an opinion of the Attorney General after the President of the University has refused to admit a student of negro blood."

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On the vote on the substitute motion, Regent Noble voted, "Aye" and the other members of the Board voted, "No." The Chair declared the substitute motion lost.

A vote was had on the original motion by Regent Wallace, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

President Cross asked that the previous action concerning the Oklahoma School of Religion limiting the listing of the courses accepted for resident credit in the University to the class schedule be reconsidered. The absence of these courses in the General Catalog requires considerable explanation to other institutions when transcripts are sent, involving substantial expense in the Registry Office.

President Cross recommended that the following statement be printed in the General Catalog in order to clarify the situation:

Affiliated with the University, but entirely separate from it, is the Oklahoma School of Religion. Courses in Religion are counted as residence credit toward University degrees as follows:

The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences accepts 12 hours as elective credit selected from the following courses:

- 11 History of Christianity
- 17 Old Testament
- 18 History of the Jews
- 21 Beginning Hebrew
- 22 Hebrew and Poetry
- 27 New Testament
- 30 Biblical Background of Judaism & Christianity
- 35 Post-Pauline New Testament Writers
- 71 General Church History
- (79) 76 History of the Church in U. S.
- 101 Social Teachings of Jesus
- 131 Life and Teachings of Jesus
- 132 Life and Teachings of Paul
- 140 Religious Approach to Modern Problems
- 141 Views and Uses of the Bible
- 143 Psychology of Religion
- 146 Comparative Religion
- 271 Early Christianity
- 280 Religion in Continental Literature
- 281 Church and State

Other Schools and Colleges (except the Schools of Law and Medicine) accept credit from the School of Religion as residence credit toward a degree in so far as they can be fitted into the students' program of study.

On motion by Regent Noble the recommendation was approved.

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Regent Deacon stated that in accordance with the policy of the Board, the President and the newest member on the Board are delegates to the annual meeting of the Association of Governing Boards. In view of the fact that Ned Shepler finds it impossible to attend the meeting, he asked that Joe McBride, who is on the program, attend the meeting as an official delegate of this Board and that his expenses be paid.

Regent Deacon moved approval of this suggestion, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.