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BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

(Monday, December 17, 1945, 10:00 a.m.)

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held at the University Hospital, Oklahoma City, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 1945. The meeting was called to consider the appointment of a temporary dean of the School of Medicine, to discuss the coaching situation in the athletic department at the University, and for preliminary discussions on the allocation of funds to be taken up in the Blue Room with the Governor and the State Regents for Higher Education at 1:30 p.m. Following the meeting at the Capitol, the Board met again at the University Hospital for a conference with a committee of the Alumni Association to discuss matters in connection with the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

There were present at the meeting, the following:
Regent Hopper, President of the Board, presiding; Wallace, Deacon, Shepler, McBride, Emery, Noble.

Regent Hopper reported further on the meeting on the Association of Governing Boards, supplementing the report of Regent McBride at the December 12 meeting. Regent McBride urged that each member read the proceedings which are to be printed later. Regent Hopper read the resolutions adopted at the meeting.

President Cross reported that he had had a conference with Dr. Wann Langston concerning his appointment as temporary dean of the Medical School, the Board having authorized President Cross at the December 12 meeting to make the appointment. President Cross stated that Dr. Langston had agreed to accept the appointment at a salary of \$500.00 a month, but that he would not want to continue long. President Cross recommended that Dr. Langston's appointment as temporary dean of the School of Medicine, at a salary of \$500.00 a month, effective December 11, 1945, be approved.

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

President Cross asked for a clarification on the appointments of David Ross Boyd Professorships approved at the December 12 meeting. He stated the regulations provide for ten (10) months' appointments, whereas the Research Professorships are on a nine (9) months' basis. He recommended that Dr. Wardell and Professor Giard be placed on a nine (9) months' basis, at the approved salary of \$5,000.00.

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On motion by Regent Wallace, the recommendation was approved.

President Cross recommended that Drs. Cheadle and Kulp be appointed on a twelve (12) months' basis, at a salary of \$5,250.00 for nine (9) months of teaching, September 1 to June 1; and \$750.00 during the three summer months "for study, research, writing, and other scholarly activity."

On motion by Regent Wallace, the recommendation was approved.

There was a discussion on the coaching situation during which President Cross stated he had received approximately thirty (30) applications and that several others, not applicants, were being considered. He stated all names had been turned over to the Athletic Council for screening, that he had screened the names, and in conference with a committee of the Council, the list had been brought down to three or four.

Recess for luncheon, to be followed by the conference in the Blue Room at the State Capitol with the Governor and State Regents for Higher Education, on the allocation of funds to the Medical School and Hospitals in Oklahoma City and the Norman Campus.

The Regents met again at 3:30 p.m. at the University Hospital to resume its deliberations.

Regent Emery offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the President of the University be authorized and directed to take such steps as are necessary to require that the conduct of all the affairs of the schools, colleges and departments of the University requiring approval of this Board of Regents be submitted to the Board through the President of the University;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that any public contacts contemplated by any college, school, or department of the University, or any of their representatives, such as a statement to the press, be made only after submission to and approval of the president of the University.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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A committee of the alumni, composed of the following, were invited to the meeting; Fred Tarman, Norman; Tom Benedum, Norman; Hal Muldrow, Norman; Bill Cox, Ponca City; Tom Carey, Oklahoma City; Ted Beaird, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association, Norman. George Hann and Norman Brillhart, trustees of The University of Oklahoma Foundation, were unable to attend, due to illness.

There was a discussion concerning the trust document, with Fred Tarman acting as spokesman for the alumni group.

Mr. Tarman stated that representatives of the alumni had had several conferences concerning the Foundation and in these discussions some criticisms of the trust document had developed, principally the following:

1. The provision for unlimited voting power as given to donors. It was recommended that some limit be placed on the votes given to any one donor, possibly 50 or 100.
2. Advisability of a corporation over a trusteeship.
3. Advisability of a provision permitting a trustee to file an action in any district court in the State. Should this be limited to the district court in Cleveland County, the seat of the trust?
4. Reduce the amount a donor may contribute and still have voting privileges. Varying amounts were suggested - \$50.00, or as little as \$10.00.
5. The length of the trust document.

Other members of the committee entered into the discussion, emphasizing the importance of cooperation in the operation of the Foundation.

The committee left the meeting and a discussion followed.

Regent Wallace made the following motion: "I move that we instruct the President to notify Fred Tarman, and through him, his committee, that we yield to all suggestions made and instruct them to prepare the papers for incorporation; that the change be submitted to present donors securing their permission to make the change, on condition that they secure the written

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opinion of a lawyer, of their choice, that the matter may be accomplished in the way and to the extent that they propose to make said changes.

On the vote on the motion, the following voted "Aye": Wallace, Emery, Shepler, Deacon. Regent Hopper voted "No", with the explanation that he did not want to take this action with Lloyd Noble absent. Regents McBride and Noble were absent.

Returning again to a discussion on the coaching situation, the following motion was made by Regent Wallace:

"I move that the President, if, after a conference with Mr. Gamage, he desires to employ Mr. Frnka as coach, he be authorized to do so, for a period of five years, at an annual salary of \$12,000.00, with the understanding that if we want to discharge him we give him a year's notice at the end of four years, and then give him an additional year's salary.

"That in the event he cannot make this kind of a deal, he be authorized to make a deal in not to exceed seven (7) years, and if he gets an invitation to a bowl game, he be given such bonus as the Athletic Council may see proper to give, upon the recommendation of the President and with the approval of the Board.

"That we authorize the Council to give him a new Buick each year."

Motion approved.

Regent Wallace made the following motion: If President Cross decides to offer the appointment to Mr. Gamage, he be authorized to employ him for a period not to exceed five years, at a salary of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) a year.

Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary