

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

(Wednesday, January 9, 1946)

The Board of Regents met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 1946, in the Office of the President of the University. Present were: Regent Hopper, President of the Board, presiding; Regents Wallace, Emery, Noble, McBride, Deacon. Absent: Regent Shepler.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 1945, were approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 1945, were approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 30, 1945, were approved.

Regent Emery presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Claude Lowry, beloved father, alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, Dean of the University Medical School, leader in his profession, patron of civic affairs and honored citizen of the State of Oklahoma departed this life at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 11, 1945, and

WHEREAS, his life in every respect has been one of earnest devotion to his fellowmen, and

WHEREAS, his efforts to advance the cause of medical education have been a constant source of inspiration,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Regents of the University of Oklahoma, record permanently our profound respect and admiration for the life and influence of Dr. Lowry, that we manifest our appreciation of the great service he has rendered, that we express our deep sense of personal loss occasioned by his death.

This resolution was unanimously approved, and President Cross was asked to send a copy to the members of the family.

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President Cross presented a request from L. T. Dyche, Engineer of Right-of-way, State Highway Commission, for an Easement for "A strip, piece or parcel of land lying in Lots 17 to 32 incl., Block 21 of Walcott Addition to the Townsite of Ardmore in Carter County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being described as follows: All of said Lots 17 to 32, inclusive, in Block 21 of Walcott Addition, containing 1.26 acres, more or less." This land is a part of the grounds of the Southern Oklahoma Hospital and is to be used for right-of-way for the four-lane highway.

President Cross stated he had referred the matter to Mr. Kraft, who has checked the deed and abstract. State Highway plan and profile map were attached to Mr. Kraft's report. Mr. Kraft's recommendation follows: "I can see no objection to the granting of the requested easements to the State Highway Commission provided that the State Highway Commission provide permanent crossings at locations to be determined for the underground utility lines and that such lines be constructed in a permanent manner and of such size which may be required for future development. The expense of such changes are to be borne by the State Highway Commission.

"The underground lines which are to be constructed are gas, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water. The size and location and type of construction of the above-mentioned utility lines shall be determined by representatives of the University of Oklahoma and the State Highway Commission. All fences which are required to be moved shall be moved at the expense of the State Highway Commission. Satisfactory, paved approaches to the new highway from the two driveways leading to the buildings shall be made at the expense of the State Highway Commission.

"The granting of this easement may be accomplished by resolution of the Board of Regents requesting the State Board of Public Affairs or other legal agency of the State to make such transfer under the conditions stipulated in the resolution.
(Signed) Walter W. Kraft, Superintendent, Utilities Department."

Following a discussion of the matter, Regent Wallace moved, and it was voted, that the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Affairs to grant the easement under the conditions specified in the communication from Mr. Kraft. Further, that the State Board of Affairs secure the very best price available for this land for the University, a price comparable to other right-of-way in this vicinity.

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President Cross informed the Board that Jim Tatum, applicant for the position of Head Football Coach, and Bud Wilkinson, Assistant Coach, were available for a conference and they were called to the meeting. Following the introductions, President Cross asked Mr. Tatum to explain to the Board his views on student relations, faculty relations, public relations, contacts with prospective football players and their parents, and to make any other statements he cared to present. Mr. Tatum explained his plans and his attitude toward academic standards for athletes. Mr. Wilkinson likewise was asked questions on the above points.

There was a discussion concerning the staff that would be required and Mr. Tatum stated he would want three assistants on the varsity and one freshman coach, in addition to the assistance from coaches in other sports on the campus, which he would expect to utilize. He told of his relationships with Jack Baer, University Baseball Coach, now on leave of absence, and that he would like to have Mr. Baer as a public-relations man.

There was a recess for lunch in the Union at 1:30 with Messrs. Tatum and Wilkinson as guests, and the Board returned to the President's Office at 2:10.

Commander T. A. Nicholson, Oklahoma City, V. C. Bratton and Jack Foster, Norman, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Norman Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board in connection with the proposal to establish permanent programs on the North and South Naval Bases in academic co-operation with the University of Oklahoma. Commander Nicholson stated he was fully cognizant of the housing situation in Norman, but stressed the importance of these bases to Norman, the University, and the State.

President Cross stated that returning members of the faculty and new additions to the staff were unable to find housing, and that the demand for housing veterans, especially those who are married and require apartments or houses, far exceeded the supply, with the result that at least one member of the faculty recently employed had resigned, and hundreds of veterans are being turned away. He stated he was not willing to approve the Navy Program unless some relief of the housing situation could be effected, and the Navy programs contemplated could be shown to be at a collegiate level and involving fewer personnel than in the past.

Following the conference, Regent Emery made the following motion, which was unanimously adopted:

"I move you that the President of the University be authorized to make any concessions and require any commitments in the premises which he deems to be in the best interests of the University."

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Regent Hopper asked that he be excused at 4:00 p.m. and Vice-President Wallace took the chair.

President Cross reported that the Committee on Inauguration, in compliance with instruction from the Board, had outlined a tentative program for inaugural ceremonies, copies of which were sent with the agenda.

President Cross expressed the wish that no inaugural ceremonies be held, and gave his reasons. The matter was fully discussed, following which Regent Emery proposed the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Dr. George Lynn Cross became President of the University of Oklahoma September 1, 1944 after having served as Acting President since January 1, 1944; and

WHEREAS, due to the compulsions of war, it became necessary to defer indefinitely presidential inauguration ceremonies; and

WHEREAS after the lapse of two years it is now proposed that consideration be given to plans for inauguration ceremonies; and

WHEREAS many conditions, including the lapse of time, the difficulty of travel, the lack of adequate housing facilities in Norman, Oklahoma, the pressure of postwar problems, the burden of inauguration ceremonies upon the President, the Faculty, and the representatives of other institutions of higher learning, will preclude the beneficial results calculated to result from inauguration ceremonies; and

WHEREAS in the light of the above considerations, President Cross has graciously and considerately recommended that his inauguration ceremonies be abandoned;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma that the inauguration ceremonies of Dr. George Lynn Cross, President of the University of Oklahoma, be abandoned, that the Board express its appreciation to President Cross for his considerate recommendation and its appreciation to the Faculty for its willingness to assume the responsibility for such ceremonies.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

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President Cross read a letter from Fred Tarman, Chairman of the Alumni Committee, that met with the Board in Oklahoma City on December 17 concerning the University of Oklahoma Foundation. The letter follows:

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Dr. George L. Cross, President
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Cross:

Will you please convey to the Board of Regents the decision of the Alumni Foundation Committee to withdraw its recent request that the University of Oklahoma Foundation be converted from a Trust into a Corporation?

The Committee, after lengthy consideration, believes that the corporation form might be more desirable from several standpoints, but developments have gone too far under the Foundation Trust to justify a change now. You are informed as to the details of these developments and can supply them to the Regents.

We still believe some changes in the Trust, relating to voting powers, are still desirable, but we will make recommendations on those direct to the Trustees.

We desire to thank the Regents for the very courteous reception given us and the fine spirit of co-operation shown by them in this matter. We also assure you we are ready to work with you at any and all times in matters for the good of the University.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Fred E. Tarman,
Chairman.

President Cross discussed the question of academic rank for the two men recently appointed on the School of Law staff - Olin L. Browder and Elbridge D Phelps.

Regent Emery moved, and it was unanimously voted, that Dr. Browder and Dr. Phelps be given the ranks of professor.

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President Cross recommended adoption of the following resolution:

RESEARCH INSTITUTE BUILDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Eighteenth Legislature provided funds for the construction of a Research Institute Building on the campus of the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of materials and war priorities prevented the construction of said building; and

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth and Twentieth Legislatures re-appropriated funds for said building through the State Regents for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for said building have been prepared by the architects, and approved by the Board of Regents; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma hereby request the State Board of Public Affairs to advertise for bids for the construction of the Research Institute Building on the campus of the University of Oklahoma at the earliest possible date.

(Signed) E. C. Hopper,
President, Board of Regents.

(Attest) Emil R. Kraettli
Secretary, Board of Regents.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma at the regular meeting held on January 9, 1946.

(Signed) Emil R. Kraettli
Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary
Board of Regents.

The following recommendations by President Cross were presented and the action in each case was as indicated:

That the name of the Department of Animal Biology be changed to the Department of Zoological Sciences.

Approved.

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That the title of Dewey Luster, effective January 1, 1946, be Associate Professor of Intramural Athletics.

Approved.

Reported RETURNED FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

A. Truman Pouncey, Assistant Professor of Journalism, at a salary rate of \$2,700.00 for nine months of service, effective February 1, 1946, from military leave of absence.

John Casey, Professor of Journalism, at a salary rate of \$3,600.00 for nine months of service, effective January 14, 1946, from military leave of absence.

Ansel P. Challenner, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, at a salary rate of \$311.11 per month, effective from December 10, 1945 to January 14, 1946, from military leave of absence.

Mrs. Hertha Jeffers, housekeeper for the School of Home Economics, at a salary of \$100.00 per month, effective January 1, 1946, returning from leave of absence due to ill health.

RESIGNATIONS:

Loyd E. Harris, Professor of Chemistry, on military leave of absence, effective December 11, 1945.

Joseph P. Harris, Limnologist on the Staff of the Biological Survey, now on leave of absence, effective December 1, 1945.

Theodore H. Smith, Professor of Marketing, on leave of absence, effective December 30, 1945.

Mrs. Mary Bell Smith, head of the Order Department, The University of Oklahoma Library, effective January 1, 1946.

Miss Enid Pauline Mahaffey, Assistant in the Department of Visual Education, Extension Division, effective November 30, 1945.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Phillips, Secretary to the Co-ordinator of Radio, effective December 15, 1945.

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Mrs. Jeanette L. Patterson, Clerical Secretary in the Office of the President, effective December 11, 1945.

Mrs. Juanita Donat, Stenographer in Correspondence Study Department, Extension Division, effective January 1, 1946.

June Desper, Addressograph Clerk, Alumni Office, effective December 31, 1945.

William Oscar DeVore, employed temporarily as mechanic helper in the University Utilities Department, terminated his services December 1, 1945.

Resignations accepted.

SALARY CHANGES:

William H. Butterfield, Professor of Business Communication, salary increase from \$4,000.00 for nine months of service to \$4,800.00 for nine months of service, effective January 15, 1946.

Frank C. Morris, Associate Professor of Engineering Drawing, salary increase from \$3,000.00 to \$3,200.00 effective December 10, 1945, for nine months service. To be appointed as Co-ordinator of Campus Planning on the staff of the Superintendent of Utilities, dividing his time between that work and his teaching in the Engineering Drawing Department.

Dudley Williams, Associate Professor of Physics, increase in salary from \$3,200.00 to \$3,400.00 on a nine months' basis, effective January 14, 1946.

John N. Cooper, Assistant Professor of Physics, salary increase from \$2,700.00 to \$2,900.00 on a nine months' basis, effective January 14, 1946.

Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, clerical stenographer in the President's Office, from \$1,500.00 to \$1,680.00 for twelve months of service, effective December 1, 1945.

Dale Arbuckle, Backfield Coach, salary at the rate of \$350.00 a month (annual rate \$4,200.00) effective January 1, his permanent status to be determined following the appointment of the Head Football Coach.

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APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. S. E. Torsten Lund, Professor of Education, College of Education, at an annual salary of \$4,000.00 on a nine-months' basis, effective January 15, 1946.

John M. Raines, Assistant Professor of English, Department of English, at an annual salary of \$2,700.00 on a nine-months' basis, effective September 1, 1946. This appointment is replacing Professor Clark.

B. B. Burke, Special Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering, College of Engineering, at a salary rate of \$300.00 a month, for four months of service during the second semester, 1945-46, on a three-fourths-time basis.

Frank Cavan Fowler, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, at a salary rate of \$3,200.00 for nine months of service, effective January 14, 1946.

Dr. Herbert W. Berry, Assistant Professor of Physics, in place of Dr. Otto J. Baltzer whose appointment was approved on October 10. On December 12, I reported that Dr. Baltzer had declined the appointment. Dr. Berry's salary is at the rate of \$2,700.00 on a nine-months' basis, effective January 14, 1946.

Dr. M. E. Griffith. On December 12, I reported that Dr. Griffith, whose appointment had previously been approved, effective at the beginning of the second semester, had declined his appointment. Dr. Griffith has accepted the appointment as Associate Professor of Animal Biology, at a salary of \$3,600.00, effective September 1, 1946.

C. C. Bush, Jr., Special Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, at a salary of \$300.00 a month, effective January 14, 1946, for one semester only.

Miss Marjorie A. James, Consultant and Editor in the Correspondence Study Department of the Extension Division, at a salary of \$1,800.00 for twelve months of service, effective January 15, 1946.

Miss Odema King, Assistant in the Department of Visual Education in the Extension Division, at a salary rate of \$1,560.00 for twelve months of service, effective December 1, 1945.

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Miss Genevieve Felber, I. B. M. Operator, at a salary rate of \$1,500.00 for twelve months of service, effective December 17, 1945, in the Statistical Service Laboratory.

Miss Joy Hester, Secretary to the Co-ordinator of Radio, replacing Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, at an annual salary of \$1,620.00 for twelve months of service, effective December 10, 1945.

Colonel A. Richardson, Jr., clerical secretary in the Department of University Utilities, at the rate of \$130.00 per month, effective December 1, 1945.

Mrs. Kathryn J. Bryan, secretary-statistician with the Bureau of Business Research, at a salary of \$120.00 a month, effective January 1, 1946.

Lemuel D. Thomas, Jr., Assistant Liaison Officer, Veterans' Liaison Office, at an annual salary of \$900.00 (half-time basis), effective January 1, 1946.

CHANGES IN THE UNIVERSITY INFIRMARY

APPOINTMENTS:

Mrs. Amos Verne Bollinger, Laboratory Technician, at a monthly salary of \$140.00, effective November 26, 1945; half-time from 1/15/46 to 7/1/46, at \$70.00 per month.

RESIGNATION:

Edythe S. Shipman, Medical Technologist, effective November 18, 1945.

CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Robert Douglass Anspaugh, Associate in the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at a salary rate of \$4,200.00 on a twelve months' basis, effective January 1, 1946, for one year.

Dr. Walton M. Edwards, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, at a salary rate of \$5,000.00 on a twelve months' basis, effective February 1, 1946, for three years.

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RETURNED FROM MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- Dr. Hervey A. Foerster, Associate in Dermatology and Syphilology, effective December 6, 1945.
- Dr. Onis G. Hazel, Associate Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology, effective December 6, 1945.
- Dr. Robert L. Noell, Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, effective December 1, 1945.
- Dr. Howard B. Shorbe, Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, effective November 1, 1945.
- Dr. Lee K. Emenhiser, Assistant Professor of Oto-Rhinology, effective December 6, 1945.
- Dr. John W. Records, Assistant in Obstetrics, effective December 6, 1945.

ROUTINE CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

Routine changes in the School of Medicine, the University Hospital and Crippled Children's Hospitals, as listed in the material sent with the agenda, were approved.

President Cross brought up the question of paying one month salary to Mrs. Tom Lowry. President Cross stated he would investigate the legality of such a payment. It was the sense of the Board that this be paid, "if it is legal." Dean Lowry did not accept any salary during the time he served as Dean of the School of Medicine.

The Board resumed consideration of the football coaching situation, and the following motion was offered by Regent Deacon:

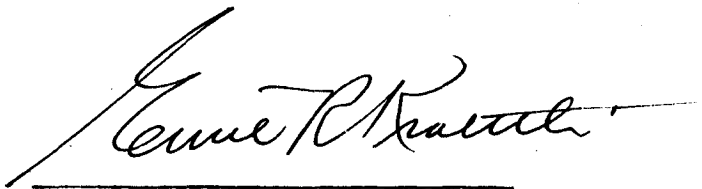
"I move, that the President of the University be authorized to contact Jim Tatum relative to the coaching position and ascertain what length of time he will give us to make up our minds; and if time is available to interview "Red" Drew he try to arrange for an interview. That if Mr. Tatum cannot give President Cross time to interview Mr. Drew, he be authorized to hire Mr. Tatum on a three-year contract at \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00 - and \$10,000.00, with three assistants, one at \$6,000.00 and two at \$5,000.00; and that he be hired with the condition he bring Bud Wilkinson as Assistant Coach. In the event he interviews Mr. Drew, and it is still President Cross' desire to employ Mr. Tatum, he be authorized to do so."

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A vote was called for on the motion and all members present voted Aye, and it was declared carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emil R. Kraettli". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.