

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE REGENTS
SATURDAY, October 2, 1948: 10:00 a.m.

The adjourned meeting of the Regents was called to order at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering further the matter involving the admission of Mr. G. W. McLaurin.

There were present: Regent Deacon, President, presiding; Emery, White, Benedum Absent: Noble, McBride, Shepler.

Regent Emery reported as follows: "Governor Turner called me this morning, after having been advised of the resolution which I introduced yesterday, stating in substance that he was still making an effort to effect with Mr. McLaurin's counsel and with Mr. McLaurin a practical solution of the problem presented by the by the recent Federal Court decision, in the best interests of the State of Oklahoma, and stating further that action by the Board today might unnecessarily complicate his efforts. For that reason he preferred that the Board not take action at this time.

"Respecting both the Governor and his efforts as I do, and desiring to cooperate with the Governor in every respect, I am quite willing that we further defer consideration of the pending resolution. I am not sure at the moment whether the suggestion I have just made comports in every respect with the suggestion that Regent Benedum just made in reference to a treatment of the matter.

"I wish to say finally, however, that my complete willingness to cooperate with the Governor of the State in his efforts are not to be construed as any alteration of my own views that we must not act in any way as to knowingly deny to Mr. McLaurin his constitutional rights."

Regent Benedum stated as follows: "The suggestions made by Mr. Emery coincide completely with my ideas as to how the matter should be handled, with the further provision that the Board by appropriate action at this time, through President Cross, request an opinion of the Attorney General as to the responsibility of the Board of Regents with reference to the enrolment of Mr. McLaurin when he presents himself to the Graduate College for admission. In making the request to the Attorney General, President Cross will explain the urgency of the matter, and further request that the opinion be forthcoming at the earliest possible date, and by Tuesday, October 5, if possible, and not later than October 6."

Further discussion on this matter was postponed until Wednesday, October 6, 1948, at 3:30 p.m. at which time the Regents will meet again.

President Cross reported with reference to the appointment of Dr. Samuel Newton Stone, as Associate Coordinator of Clerkships in the School of Medicine, recommended at the session on Friday afternoon.

Following the explanation, Regent White moved, and it was voted to confirm the appointment.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn (at 10:00 a.m.) and to reconvene at 3:30 p.m. on October 6, 1948.

Emery R. Kattell
Secretary