

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Saturday, October 6, 1934, in the office of the President of the University, at 10:00 a. m.

Regent Bowman, president of the Board, presided; others present: Hatchett, Kerr, Ledbetter, Rosser, Looney and Noble.

Mr. Bowman presented Mr. Lloyd Noble, of Ardmore, who was appointed to membership on the Board by the Governor of the State, to fill the vacancy which has existed since the close of the Fourteenth Legislature, 1933.

The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, June 2, 1934, were approved as printed, each member of the Board having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell made a report on the enrolment for the fall semester, 1934, and gave comparative figures with last year on the enrolment in the several schools and colleges comprising the University. The report follows:

	<u>1933-34</u>	<u>1934-35</u>
Arts and Sciences	2170	2095
Business	649	775
Education	289	330
Engineering	654	820
Fine Arts	397	378
Law	304	305
Medicine	243	235
Nursing	79	90
Pharmacy	96	104
Graduate	372	361
	<u>5233</u>	<u>5493</u>
Students Enrolled in Twelve or More Hours:	4706	5020
Equivalent twelve Hour Per Student Enrolments:	6327	6796

Mr. Bowman reported that he had received several communications from the Governor concerning matters affecting the University. He stated that he had referred these communications to President Bizzell with the request that he investigate the matters referred to and report to the Board at its next meeting.

President Bizzell discussed first the communication from the Governor under date of August 10, 1934, which reads as follows:

"I have been trying to get rid of Walter W. Kraft, Superintendent of Utilities at the University, and thought he was out of the institution until just a few days ago.

I cannot fathom why Dr. Bizzell wants to retain him. I caught him "red-handed" in 1931, and I presented this matter to Bizzell, and my impression was that he was going to dismiss him. He stated at the time that he was nothing to him, but I observe he fills his office with Texas people instead of Oklahoma citizens, which is one of the least objections that could be urged against him, but that ought to be enough. He controls all of his force for political purposes.

I trust that the Board of Regents will see that some other better man is appointed who will practice a bit more integrity and perform a little better service to the State than this man Kraft."

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Wm. H. Murray, Governor

President Bizzell read from the "Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on Conditions at the University of Oklahoma, 13th Legislature of Oklahoma, March 30 to April 7, 1931" as follows: * * * "we desire to absolve Mr. Kraft entirely," and further: "The Committee, therefore, has no further recommendation in regard to Mr. Kraft, and, we desire to commend the work done by him at the University of Oklahoma in unifying and co-ordinating the University equipment and labor and to state that as a result of his endeavor and work at the University much saving has been achieved in the maintenance and operation of the University plant as a whole."

President Bizzell stated in reply to the Governor's statement: "He (Dr. Bizzell) stated at the time that he was nothing to him", that he had never discussed Mr. Kraft with the Governor, and that he must have had reference to H. C. Smith, Superintendent of the University Hospital, who was dismissed on July 1, 1933, at the Governor's request. President Bizzell stated that Mr. Kraft's services were entirely satisfactory and in fact indispensable to the University.

No action was taken with reference to Mr. Kraft.

Under date of September 24, 1934, the Governor wrote to members of the Board of Regents as follows:

"I am writing this general letter, and enclose herewith a copy of a letter from a gentleman from Purcell, and a copy of a letter from the Texas Military College of Terrell, Texas. They are self explanatory.

I have approved the Quarterly Budget of the University, along with other institutions, and I thought that I had restricted the fund to a sensible amount, but it seems that the University management pays very little attention to restrictions.

There is only one way that these matters and things can be straightened out, and that is by your Board of Regents."

With reference to the letter from "Victor P. Cameron" which appeared in the Oklahoma News, Oklahoma City, President Bizzell stated that he had made a thorough investigation, and that he had failed to find any evidence of Nazi propoganda being promulgated on the campus. Also, that he had been unable to locate anyone by the name of Victor P. Cameron, of Purcell, Oklahoma, although inquiries had been made among residents of that city and through the Purcell Retail Credit Association. President Bizzell stated it was his opinion that this letter, and one appearing under date of October 2, 1934 in the Oklahoma News over the signature of William A. Henderson, had been written by an individual who had been employed as Assistant Editor of "Books Abroad" a quarterly publication edited by members of the faculty of the Modern Language department, but resigned late in the summer. He stated further that Professor Mueller, referred to in the letter signed by "William A. Henderson", was not pro-Hitler, this fact being evidenced by lectures delivered on several occasions, and published book reviews; also, that the book written by Dr. Mueller contains a criticism of the Nazi Philosophy.

With reference to the article in the February number of "The Sooner Magazine", under the title of "I Find Germany Enthusiastic Under Hitler", by Johannes Malthaner, instructor in modern languages at the University, now on leave of absence and engaged in graduate work at the University of Heidelberg in Germy, that this might be interpreted as being favorable to Hitler's policies and practices. From the "interview" appearing in the Norman Transcript, Tuesday, September 18, 1934, by Mrs. Johannes Malthaner, recently returned from Germany, the same interpretation might be made.

President Bizzell stated that he had already spoken to Mrs. Malthaner concerning this "interview" and that he would communicate with Mr. Malthaner in Germany concerning the matter.

It was the sense of the Board that no member of the faculty should be retained who would spread Nazi propoganda or favor an undemocratic form of government.

With reference to the communication from "C. Williamson, Business Manager, Texas Military College, Terrell, Texas" concerning alleged proselyting of athletes, President Bizzell presented a letter from "Bo" Graham, athlete referred to, stating that he had come to the University of Oklahoma of his own free will, and that he did not know either of the coaches at the University of Oklahoma until his arrival on the campus. President Bizzell also presented a letter from Lewie Hardage, Football Coach, in which he stated "I had never seen nor heard of Graham until he appeared in Norman and said he wanted to attend O. U." Coach Hardage stated further that the parents of Graham were in Norman last spring and expressed a desire for their son to remain here.

No action was taken with reference to this matter.

In reply to the Governor's statement "I have approved the Quarterly Budget of the University, along with other institutions, and I thought that I had restricted the fund to a sensible amount, but it seems that the University management pays very little attention to restrictions", President Bizzell reported that in response to the Governor's request to save \$40,000.00 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1933 and ending June 30, 1934, that actually \$42,488.22 had been

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saved. President Bizzell reported further that the savings of previous years had been as follows: 1930-31, \$19,892.95; 1931-32, \$100,489.09; 1932-33, \$233,031.42, making a total of \$395,901.68, at the University at Norman, and more than \$200,000.00 at the School of Medicine and University and Crippled Children's Hospitals at Oklahoma City.

It was the sense of the Board that these facts should be given to the newspapers so the public would know that the University of Oklahoma had done its share in reducing expenditures during a time of economic stress. Mr. Bowman stated that he would confer with the Governor and report the facts to him.

President Bizzell presented a petition by Rodulfo M. Pascua, a citizen from the Phillipine Islands, requesting exemption from the payment of the non-resident tuition fee.

It was voted that Rodulfo M. Pascua be classified as a "resident" on the basis of his having been in Oklahoma one year previous to his admission to the University.

President Bizzell presented several communications from J. N. Jones, of Weleetka, Oklahoma, protesting the classification of Miss Josephine Kelly, of Weleetka, Oklahoma, as a resident student, and that she be required to pay the non-resident fee for each semester of the four years in attendance in the University. President Bizzell stated that Miss Kelly was born in England, but came to Weleetka, Oklahoma, in March, 1914, at the age of fourteen months; that she had attended public schools and graduated from high school at Weleetka, also that she had completed her naturalization, evidence of which is on file in the County Court House at Okemah.

It was the sense of the Board that there could be no question as to her classification as a "resident" under the regulations.

President Bizzell presented a request by Dr. A. B. Adams, Dean of the College of Business Administration for reimbursement on traveling expenses to Washington D. C., on a trip made between August 6 and 25, 1934, the purpose of which was to consult with various officials in Washington concerning the operation of National Recovery measures passed by the present National Administration, the data to be used in a book being written by Dr. Adams.

It was voted not to approve the request for reimbursement since the expenses were not incurred in connection with official university business.

President Bizzell submitted the following recommendations:

1. That the resignation of Norma Gates, Assistant in Latin, be accepted effective September 1, 1934.

2. Reported that Mrs. A. J. Justice, appointed to the position of cook in the Residential Halls, beginning July 1, 1934, had declined to accept.

3. That each of the following be appointed to the position and at the salary specified in each case, and services to continue for the time indicated:

George Lynn Cress, Assistant Professor of Botany, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$2,043.00

Charles Price Green, Assistant Professor and Acting Head of the Department of Public Speaking, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$2,043.00

Daniel Floyd Jones, Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$189.00

Jacob Gunn Sucher, Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$189.00

Gladys Been, Instructor in Social Case Work, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$288.00

James Rodney Branton, Instructor in Greek, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$1,710.00

Grace Ethel Derrick, Instructor in Zoology, half time, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$900.00

Onis George Hazel, Instructor in Public Health and Epidemiology, School of Medicine, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935.

Powell Boyd, Assistant in French, from October 1, 1934 to February 1, 1935, \$83.33 per month

LeRoy Crabbe, Assistant in Civil Engineering, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$120.00 per month

Grace J. Duewall, Assistant in English, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$600.00

Adrian Primo, Assistant in Violin, from September 1, 1934 to June 1, 1935, \$450.00

Ray Hannon Brame, Technician in the Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology, School of Medicine, from July 1, 1934 to June 30, 1935, \$78.75 per month

Mary Catherine Clark, Secretary, College of Engineering, from September 1, 1934 to June 30, 1935, \$100.00 per month

Lonzo B. Moore, Statistician for the Coordinating Board, from August 1, 1934 to October 1, 1934, \$100.00 per month plus traveling expenses to and from Oklahoma City and one meal per day.

4. That the following resignations of employees in the University Hospital, Oklahoma City, be accepted, effective on the date indicated in each case:

Oneto Swigart, Stenographer, September 1, 1934

Mary Arnold, Bookkeeper, October 1, 1934

B. B. Cox, Painter, September 1, 1934

Norma Madeley, Stenographer, August 1, 1934.

5. That Helen Carr, Director of Social Service, University Hospital, be granted leave of absence, without pay, from September 24, 1934 to February 1, 1935.

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6. That the following adjustments in salaries and positions be made in the University Hospital at Oklahoma City.

That Jim Corley, Night Receiving Clerk at \$65.00 per month, be transferred to the position of Day Receiving Clerk and that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$75.00 per month beginning September 1, 1934.

That Tom Randolph, Ambulance Driver at \$47.00 per month, be transferred to the position of Night Receiving Clerk at \$60.00 per month.

That Roxie Tallant, Stenographer, be appointed Assistant in the Social Service Department at \$75.00 per month, beginning October 1, 1934.

That Mildred Connally be appointed Stenographer in the Social Service Department at \$60.00 per month, beginning August 20, 1934.

That Lester Jesse, Purchasing Agent at \$80.00 per month, be placed on the payroll at the rate of \$90.00 per month, beginning September 1, 1934.

That Inez Bucklew, Assistant Cashier and Stenographer at \$80.00 per month, be placed on the payroll at \$90.00 per month, beginning September 1, 1934.

That H. L. Siglock, Assistant Durggist at \$40.00 per month plus room and board, be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per month plus room and board, to date from September 1, 1934.

That Mrs. Keturah Foulks, Social Service Worker, now on half time at \$60.00 per month, be changed to full time at \$120.00 per month, beginning August 1, 1934.

That J. D. Lowry, Assistant Technician at \$40.00 per month plus room, board and laundry, be paid \$60.00 per month without room board and laundry, to date from July 1, 1934.

That Mrs. Bonnie Coleman, PEX Operator at \$60.00 per month, be paid at the rate of \$65.00 per month, beginning July 1, 1934.

President Bizzell submitted for consideration the question of granting scholarships to high school seniors competing in curricular events at the annual interscholastic meet held on the campus each spring, the conditions under which these scholarships are awarded to be as follows:

That scholarships be awarded to winners in curricular events for a total of at least five points (first place counting 5 points, second place 3 points). To receive a scholarship it would be necessary to win a "first" or two "seconds".

The scholarships to provide for the waiving of general service fees for one semester and any laboratory fees in the subject in which the student wins a first or second place upon enrolment as a regular student in the University; but that the scholarships may be continued for a second semester for a student maintaining a grade average of "B" or higher during the first semester, provided, however, that the scholarship would be effective only during the regular nine

months' session of the University next succeeding the awarding of the scholarship.

President Bizzell estimated that there would probably be not to exceed thirty-five winners in any one year, and that normally not more than twenty students would take advantage of the scholarships, and the total cost to the University would not exceed \$300.00 in any one year.

It was the sense of the Board that this plan as submitted should be approved, both as a recognition for excellence in scholarship in high school and as an encouragement to these students to enter the University. It was unanimously voted to approve the president's recommendation.

President Bizzell reported that P. B. Bostic, Business Manager of the University Hospital and the Crippled Children's Hospitals, had requested an opinion from the Attorney General on the question of county accounts. Following is a copy of the communication and opinion from the Attorney General:

"The Attorney General acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 22, 1934, wherein you ask:

'Referring to the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company v. The Excise Board of Stephens County - -

'When this decision was handed down the University Hospital and Crippled Children's Hospital had approximately \$50,000.00 worth of warrants from the several counties on hand.

'Some of these counties are liquidating their warrants, some holding them up awaiting advice and some are requesting the return of warrants for cancellation. We respectfully request and thank you for an opinion for our guidance.'

In reply you are advised that on July 11, 1934, in an opinion addressed to you the Attorney General reviewed the decision of our Supreme Court mentioned in your letter, and held in part as follows:

From a careful examination of the above quoted portions of said decision it is the opinion of the Attorney General that that part of the Crippled Children's Act which attempts to impose a portion of the burden of maintenance of crippled children at the University Hospital on the county from which same were committed is unconstitutional and inoperative. Hence it would be improper for any county of this state to hereafter expend any part of its Crippled Children Fund in maintaining at said hospital children committed by said county, to said hospital."

We believe the rules of law announced in said case are applicable to the University Hospital Act as well as to the Crippled Children's Act and that hence it would be improper for any county of this State, after said decision became final, to expend any portion of its funds in maintaining at said hospital either county patients or crippled children committed by said county to said

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hospitals under the provisions of said Acts. This being true, it necessarily follows that neither the University Hospital nor the Crippled Children's Hospital should attempt to collect any further funds from the various counties of the State for the purposes above referred to, and that same should return the warrants mentioned by you to the counties issuing the said warrants, for cancellation."

Mr. Bostic reported that approximately \$50,000.00 worth of non-payable warrants were on hand, and requested instructions from the Board of Regents as to disposition to be made, in view of the opinion from the Attorney General advising that the warrants be returned to the respective counties for cancellation.

The motion was duly made and seconded, that the warrants be not returned at this time, and that an effort be made to collect on as many of the warrants as possible.

A record vote was called for on the motion. The following voted "aye" Regents Hatchett, Kerr, Ledbetter, Rosser, Looney.

Regent Bowman, President of the Board, requested that he be recorded as voting "No."

President Bizzell submitted a report from P. B. Bostic, Business Manager, on all cases of long standing in the hospital, the report showing that six of the seven cases of long standing are now out of the hospital. That the seventh patient requiring the attention of a nurse several times a day, had been transferred to the Crippled Children's Hospital Annex where the cost of maintenance is much less per day.

President Bizzell reported also that Jewell Hicks was no longer a patient in the University Hospital, and that Layton-Forsyth, Architects, had agreed to assume the hospital bill.

President Bizzell discussed some of the difficulties in the Hospitals and Medical School, Oklahoma City, arising from the criticism by the State Examiner that the accounts have not been separated as intended by law. The main criticism being that the hospital was furnishing heat, telephones, carpenter work, painters, electricians, etc., to the Medical School, without reimbursement, even though separate appropriations were made by the legislature for each institution. President Bizzell stated that the maintenance appropriation for the Medical School was not sufficient to employ a separate staff for repairs and general upkeep. He stated also that steam, power and water was being furnished to the Medical School from the central plant at the hospital and that it was understood, when the plant was built at the hospital, that this would be done.

After some discussion it was voted that hospital employees, such as carpenters, plumbers, painters, and electricians, be used for the general upkeep in the Medical School, but that the accounts of the hospitals and medical school be kept entirely separate, and that a charge be made for any material used or services performed, by one for the other.

President Bizzell reported that the rentals on the farm in Custer County, left to the Crippled Children's Hospital through the will of Rosalie Powell, deceased, would amount to approximately \$800.00, including the rentals for this fall. The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, there has been left to the Crippled Children's Hospital, through the will of Rosalie Powell, deceased, a tract of land located in Custer County, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, there is now on deposit in the Security National Bank of Clinton, Oklahoma, the rental on said land for the years of 1931-32-33-34, amounting to approximately \$800.00; and

WHEREAS, Lester Coleman, of the said Security National Bank of Clinton, Oklahoma, is the sole executor of the estate of the said Rosalie Powell, deceased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma formally request, through the proper channels, that the said rentals be turned over to the Business Manager of the Crippled Children's Hospital and deposited in a trust fund to be known as the Rosalie Powell Trust Fund, the expenditures from the fund to be made on the recommendation of the President of the University and approval of the Board of Regents.

President Bizzell reported that an adverse opinion from the Attorney General had prevented the purchase from the maintenance funds of the University of the 41 acre tract east of the university campus, but that several of the alumni and members of the faculty, had negotiated for the purchase of the land with the understanding that the Legislature be requested to authorize an appropriation to reimburse the individuals, the purchase price being \$16,200, with interest at the rate of 5% dating from July 1, 1934. The names of the individuals signing the contract for purchase of the land are: Ben G. Owen, Frank S. Cleckler, Lewis R. Morris, E. R. Kraettli, J. H. Felgar, Neil R. Johnson, S. W. Reaves, W. W. Kraft, S. K. McCall, and Errett R. Newby.

President Bizzell recommended that a contract be entered into with the above owners of the 41-acre tract of land for the rental of same for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1934 and ending June 30, 1935, at not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the duration of the contract; that in view of the fact that a bill is to be introduced in the legislature for the purchase of this land for the university, that the above rental, in case the legislature does provide funds for the purchase thereof, be applied on the purchase price.

The motion was made, duly seconded, and carried that President Bizzell express, on behalf of the Board of Regents, to the individuals who have personally obligated themselves in order to hold this tract of land until funds are made available for purchase, their appreciation for their loyalty to the University in performing this service.

It was voted also that the President's recommendation to enter into a rental contract for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1934, at not to exceed \$2,500.00, same to be applied on the purchase price, be approved.

President Bizzell recommended that a bill be introduced in the 15 Legislature requesting an appropriation for the purchase of the land at \$16,200

and interest at the rate of 6% from July 1, 1934, and an additional \$6,500.00, the estimated cost for fencing and improving the tract.

It was voted to approve this recommendation, and that the bill be drawn to provide that the funds for purchase and improvement of the tract be reappropriated from lapsed funds of the University for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1933 and ending June 30, 1934, which is in accordance with the original intention of the Board in the spring of 1934 when the purchase was first contemplated.

President Bizzell reported that Mr. Harrison, the State Budget Officer, had requested that the biennial budget covering appropriations for the University be filed at an early date. A statement was submitted showing the income for the University for several years past, and he called attention to the fact that although the enrolment had increased from year to year, the funds both for salaries and maintenance had been greatly reduced, for the current biennium by more than 30%. He stated that members of the faculty had accepted reductions in salaries without complaint, but with increased costs in living some members of the faculty were compelled to drop insurance, move into cheaper rental property, and in other ways curtail expenditures, some of which were detrimental to their efficiency as teachers in the university; also that a number of vacancies had been left unfilled.

Following a discussion on the university needs it was the sense of the Board that the University should make a reasonable request for funds to take care of the needs of the institution, with some allowance for additional teachers and adjustments in salaries, but that the finances of the state would not permit a large increase in appropriations, either at the University or at other institutions.

President Bizzell submitted a tentative statement of requests for the biennium beginning July 1, 1935 and ending June 30, 1935; as follows:

	1934-35 Appropriation	1935-36 Request	1936-37 Request	
Salaries	\$786,000.00	\$903,900.00	\$1,021,800.00	(Inc. 15%)
Maintenance	214,000.00	246,100.00	278,200.00	(Inc. 15%)
Summer School	31,000.00 (Supple- mentary Appro.)	62,000.00	62,000.00	
Public Relations (Extension)		50,000.00	50,000.00	
Repairs to Buildings and Equipment		38,000.00	38,000.00	
Fire Protection		6,500.00		
Power Plant				
Turbine				
Boiler				
Repairs and Installation		58,000.00		
Land (41 acres, option price)		16,200.00		
Interest for one year, 6%		972.00		
Fencing and Improvements		6,500.00		
		<u>\$1,388,172.00</u>	<u>\$1,450,000.00</u>	

It was voted that the President be instructed to prepare the budget on the basis of a 20% increase over the appropriations for the current year, fixing the total at \$1,200,000.00 for the first year of the biennium, and an additional \$100,000.00 for the second year of the biennium, this increase to be contingent upon an increase in enrolment and higher costs of living.

President Bizzell stated that he had had a conference with Dr. Moorman, Dean of the Medical School, Oklahoma City, concerning the budget. He stated also that a committee, representing the clinical staff, had requested a hearing before the Board of Regents, on the needs of the Medical School, and policies. It was the sense of the Board that the hearing should be granted, and President Bizzell was instructed to arrange for a time that would be mutually convenient.

It was voted that the budget for the Medical School be submitted and that the requests provide for increases on the same basis as for the University at Norman, namely 20%; also, that a request be made for a 20% increase for the University Hospital and the Crippled Children's Hospitals, taking into consideration the amount to be requested as a supplementary appropriation for the hospitals to complete the current fiscal year.

President Bizzell reported that owing to the decision of the Supreme Court concerning county accounts due the University Hospital and Crippled Children's Hospital, previously discussed, there would not be sufficient funds to operate these institutions to the end of the fiscal year without a supplementary appropriation by the Legislature. He stated Mr. Bostic estimated it would require a supplementary appropriation of approximately \$45,000.00 per month, beginning March 1, 1935, when the current funds would be exhausted.

It was voted that this matter be presented to the Legislature and that a request for a supplementary appropriation be made.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p. m. to meet again in the near future, the time to be determined by the President of the Board and the President of the University.


Emil R. Kreattli, Secretary.