

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 29, 1949
10:00 a.m.

The Regents of the University of Oklahoma met in special session on Wednesday, June 29, 1949, at 10:00 a.m. in the Office of the President of the University.

Members present: Emery, President of the Board presiding; Shepler; Benedum; White; McBride; and one of the new members of the Regents, Mr. Dave Jeff Morgan of Blackwell, Oklahoma, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Erl Deacon.

Members absent: Mr. Kent W. Shartel, of Oklahoma City, one of the newly appointed members of the Regents to replace Lloyd Noble.

Miss Irene Elliott was appointed Acting Secretary in the absence of Mr. Kraettli.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Emery, President of the Board. Mr. Morgan, the new member of the Board, was asked to present his credentials as a member of the University Board of Regents. Mr. Morgan presented the following Executive Order of Appointment and stated that he had taken the oath of office.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

By virtue of the authority conferred upon me under Title 70, Section 1241, O.S. 1941, I, Roy J. Turner, do hereby commission and appoint

DAVE JEFF MORGAN - BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA

a Member of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, for a term expiring 3-29-56.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto fixed my official name and signature on this the 24th day of June, 1949.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Roy J. Turner /s/
Roy J. Turner

A T T E S T:

Wilburn Cartwright /s/
Secretary of State

Regent McBride moved, seconded by Regent Benedum, and it was unanimously voted that Mr. Morgan's credentials be accepted as evidencing his

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lawful appointment as a Regent of the University of Oklahoma, and that he be recognized by the Board as such.

The minutes of the meeting on June 8, 1949, were approved with the request that approval of the airplane purchase be inserted. The absent members having given their approval by mail.

President Cross distributed copies of an analysis of the bids that were submitted for the construction of the Geology and Geological Survey Building. He stated that the low bidder was the Harmon Construction Company with a base bid of \$550,00 and also low after deducting for alternates. The money available is \$400,00 which would be sufficient after the alternates are deducted. The complete tabulation of bids is on file.

President Cross also distributed copies of the Performance Bond, Statutory Bond, and Contract in connection with the construction of the Geology and Geological Survey Building.

Mr. Walter W. Kraft, Director of Physical Plant, was invited into the meeting to discuss the contract and bid and answer questions concerning the construction of the Geology Building.

President Cross recommended approval of the contract, and Regent Benedum moved that the University Regents approve letting the contract to the Harmon Construction Company for the construction of the Geology and Geological Survey Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent McBride moved, and it was unanimously voted, that each new member be presented with a book written by Raymond M. Hughes, President Emeritus of Iowa State College, titled A Manual for Trustees of Colleges and Universities; also that a copy of Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Practice be given to the new members.

President Cross reported the pending resignation of W. Page Keeton as Dean of the School of Law, effective September 1, 1949, to become Dean of the School of Law at the University of Texas. President Cross stated that Dean Keeton is entitled to one month's vacation and will leave after July 31. President Cross suggested that an Acting Dean be named and the nation be canvassed for the best possible Law Dean. He suggested the names of Earl Sneed, Jr., or Dr. O. L. Browder, both on the faculty of the School of Law, as a possible Acting Dean until a permanent dean can be found.

After some discussion, President Cross recommended that Earl Sneed, Jr., be made Acting Dean upon the resignation of Dean Keeton.

Regent Benedum moved that the Board accept President Cross' recommendation and that the President of the University be authorized to make the appointment and public disclosure at such time as he may think appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.

President Cross reported on the dispute with the Norman householders which led to the submission of a list of 67 questions. He stated that answers were prepared and submitted, but that the answers were of such a nature that a slight revision of the Regents' regulation concerning housing had to be made.

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The regulation provided that when there is a vacancy in University housing a student may be required to move on thirty days' notice. President Cross thought it was reasonable only to fill vacancies at the beginning of a semester, and the regulation was changed to read "vacancies in University operated houses will be filled at the beginning of the following semester or summer session" rather than on thirty days' notice. President Cross explained in detail concerning the housing situation between University housing and Norman householders that is anticipated for the next two years. Regent Emery suggested that the President protect himself by having the opinion of a lawyer on changing the regulation, particularly in connection with bonds.

President Cross reported on the Negro situation. He stated that segregation was defined as different classrooms or classes at different hours. Some 25 Negroes have enrolled and nearly 40 different classes are involved. President Cross explained that it was impossible to meet the law on segregation exactly, but that some Negroes had been segregated in classes with Whites by putting up partititons. Complete segregation has been made for about half of the number enrolled. There are still 12 or 15 attending classes with White students under segregated conditions. President Cross stated that he would like to have the Board consider the provisions that have been made for the education of Negroes this summer and make suggestions as to what may be done to better the situation.

Regent McBride, made a motion that the Board approve the action taken by the administration in handling the newly created responsibility for the education of Negroes. The motion carried with Regent White not voting.

Regent McBride moved that the Secretary of the Board of Regents be asked to prepare a suitable resolution expressing to Lloyd Noble appreciation for his long and valuable service to the University; also that a similar resolution be prepared for Erl Deacon for his valuable service. The Board also voted to invite these two men to visit the Board of Regents and the University at any time, and that they be issued life time courtesy cards to all athletic events.

It was the sense of the Board that life time courtesy cards should be issued to all past members of the Board of Regents.

The members of the Board expressed a desire to make a tour of the campus of the University at its next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Acting Secretary

Irene Elliott