

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1949  
10:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Regents was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 26, 1949, in the office of the President of the University.

There were present: Regent Emery, President, presiding; McBride, Shepler, Benedum, White, Shartel, Morgan.

The Secretary was directed to insert the word "building" between the words "range" and "plans" in President Cross' suggestion concerning the Wentz property, and Regent Shartel's motion on the appointment of a committee between the words "future" and "plans" (pages 3331 and 3332 of the minutes).

With the above correction the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 9 were approved.

Regent Emery made the following statement: "In view of the fact that the interests of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity are involved in the purchase of the Wentz property (Mr. Emery is a member of Delta Tau Delta) I suggest my disqualification to serve and relinquish my membership on the committee appointed at the last meeting."

Regent Benedum suggested that the comments of Regent Emery be made a part of the minutes of this meeting, and moved that Don Emery be continued as a member of the committee; that the Regents find and declare that the grounds for disqualification suggested by Mr. Emery are not in fact grounds for disqualification, and he is therefore requested to continue as a member of the committee.

Regent McBride put the Benedum motion and it was voted (Emery not voting) that Regent Emery be continued as a member of the committee.

The Chair presented an "Application for Non-Scheduled Air Carrier Operating Certificate" to the Civil Aeronautics Administration which had been mailed for signature by Mr. Cate.

Regent Shartel moved, and it was voted to authorize execution of the application by the President of the Board.

President Cross reported as follows:

"The University of Oklahoma has received invitations to play on New Years in the Orange Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, and the Cotton Bowl. I recommend that the President of the University be authorized to approve a game in any bowl selected by the football squad and approval by the coaching staff, but under the following conditions:

1. The decision as to whether and where the team shall play shall be made by all of the members of the football squad

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without inducement or pressure on the part of the coaching staff or the administration of the University.

2. All arrangements for participation in the game shall be made in such a way that the rules and regulations of the Big Seven Conference and the National Association of Collegiate Athletics shall be observed in every respect.

This means specifically that no financial remuneration or other reward other than the best possible entertainment shall be offered or given to the members of the squad as a reward for playing the game.

Following a discussion Regent Benedum moved, and it was unanimously voted to approve the above statement with reference to participation in a bowl game.

President Cross then submitted a letter from Clee Fitzgerald which is as follows:

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Dr. George L. Cross:

1. Herewith submitted the recommendations of the Athletic Business Office concerning the distribution of bowl tickets.

2. It is recommended that:

- A. Only two tickets be sold to each order.
- B. There be no duplication of orders, i.e. two as 2-5-0 member, two as alumni, etc.
- C. That the Touchdown Club, Courtesy Card Holders, and 2-5-0 members be assured of securing tickets and this to be made possible by use of invitational letters. (attached)
- D. That the Touchdown Club be permitted to buy two extra tickets, a total of four (see attached copy of letters to be sent to TD members).
- E. That the priority system be announced to the newspapers (as per attached release) to set forth the following:

1. Students and Faculty (details later in student newspaper).
2. Former football lettermen.
3. Season ticket holders.  
Paid Alumni members as of December 1, 1949.

All orders in excess of number of tickets available will be filled on the basis of a drawing which will be made from all orders received from people of the respective categories.

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3. That the number of tickets received be apportioned as follows:

A. Touchdown Club (4 each)	2100
B. Courtesy cards (2 each)	1130
C. 2-5-0 Members (2 each)	640
D. Faculty who holds season tickets (two if married)	1000
E. Students	1500
F. Former football lettermen (2 each)	1000
G. Fitzgerald - Wilkinson	2000
H. Board of Regents	?
I. Drawing for remainder	

4. The above can for all intents and purposes be classified as season ticket holders and most of them are Alumni.

5. Item 4 H above is to attempt to take care of extra press, people who employ our athletes during the summer, high school football workers, extra requests by Regents, assists to the Oklahoma Foundation, the Governor, the demands caused by the special session of the legislature (and the purpose of its meeting), coaches and athletic staff, perhaps for obtaining hotel rooms, and other things not thought of but certain to arise demanding special attention.

6. It is planned to have various members of the "Committee" be present for the actual drawings.

7. The student procedure will be exactly as that followed in allocating basketball tickets with each single student drawing for one ticket and married student for two.

8. Mr. Benedum states he believes that the members of the Board of Regents will be saved untold difficulties if they receive four tickets each. The committee understands that the Regents will have a lot of pressure put on them, however, and it is recommended that the Business Manager take care of their special requests in the same manner as followed during the regular season.

9. The Athletic Director has approved the above plan.

10. These recommendations are the result of the deliberations of the "Fitzgerald Unofficial Advisory Committee" and are the unanimous consensus of the membership of the group composed of:

Roscoe Cate, Glen Couch, Carl Franklin, Boyd Gunning,  
 Ted Beard (until his illness), George Cummings,  
 Emil Kraettli, Bill Cross, Tom Benedum, Earl Sneed,  
 Walter Kraft, J. C. Mayfield, Clee Fitzgerald

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

/s/ Clee Fitzgerald  
 Clee Fitzgerald  
 Business Manager"

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The communication from Clee Fitzgerald was discussed.

The Chair, directing his question to President Cross stated: "Classes A to G, inclusive, of Clee Fitzgerald's letter of November 25 represent the University Administration's judgment as to the tickets the University Administration needs to generate good will, other than what may be satisfied through the Regents?" to which President Cross answered in the affirmative.

Following a discussion as to the number of tickets to be allocated to the Regents, Regent Shartel moved "That each Regent be allocated seventy-five (75) tickets for purchase in addition to the two (2) complimentary tickets."

It was unanimously voted to approve Regent Shartel's motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary