

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL MEETING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1950
10:00 a.m.

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A special meeting of the Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on November 25, 1950, in the office of the President of the University of Oklahoma, at Norman.

The following were present: Regent McBride, President, presiding; Regents Shepler, White, Benedum, Morgan, Emery. Absent: Regent Shartel.

President Cross reported that Carl Rister, Research Professor of History, has been offered a Distinguished Professorship by Texas Tech of Lubbock, Texas, at a salary of \$9,000 a year to continue his oil research. He discussed the matter with Dr. Rister and told him he would recommend a salary of \$8,000 on a nine-months basis. After considerable deliberation Dr. Rister decided to remain here. President Cross recommended that Dr. Rister's salary be increased to the annual rate of \$8,000 for nine months service (September to June) but that the new rate become effective July 1, 1951. His present salary is \$6,500.

Regent Benedum moved, and it was unanimously voted to approve the President's recommendation.

President Cross recommended that the football team be authorized to play in the Sugar Bowl if the team receives an invitation and votes unanimously to go, and if they go under the same conditions as two years ago, and providing they get back in time for their Thursday (January 4) classes.

Moved by Benedum, and unanimously voted, to approve the recommendation.

President Cross reported that conferences have been held with reference to the contract for the construction of the additions to the Geology Building. At the Regents meeting on November 8, it was voted to award the contract to the Harmon Construction Company, conditioned upon arrangements being worked out to bring the contract price within the money available.

President Cross recommended that the Board award the contract to the Harmon Construction Company of Oklahoma City for the amount of the base bid, \$715,000, less \$29,379 for Deduction Alternate #7, less \$29,379 for Deduction Alternate #7 repeated, less \$6,722 for Deduction Alternate #8A, less \$4,995 for Alternate #12A, less \$26,969 for Deduction Alternates #14-ABCDE, less a deduction of \$5,478 for elimination of all remaining asphalt tile flooring from the work, making the contract price \$612,078.

On motion by Regent Shepler it was unanimously voted to award the contract to the Harmon Construction Company at a total price of \$612,078, as recommended by President Cross.

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President Cross discussed policies concerning purchasing of items through our Purchasing Department. It has been the policy to issue requisitions on the lowest bids, made according to specifications. At times orders are placed with out-of-state firms on the lowest bid and occasionally such low bids on total orders include "franchise" items.

After discussion President Cross suggested that it be held over until the next regular meeting. In the meantime he will handle the matter.

President Cross stated the Athletic Director feels strongly that many of his problems would be solved if we made an exclusive contract for broadcasting football games, that is, sell on a competitive basis.

Regent McBride stated as follows: "We have invested lots of money in WNAD. It is performing a good service in the state of Oklahoma. I would like to see WNAD the exclusive broadcaster, piping to any other station on a listener basis and make a charge the same as for advertising."

No decision was reached in the matter, it being understood it will come up at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 m.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary