

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1951 - 10:30 a.m.

The Regents of the University of Oklahoma met in special session on Wednesday, January 31, 1951, at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present: Regent Joe McBride, President, presiding. Regents: Shepler, Morgan, White, and Benedum. Absent: Regents Foster and Shartel.

The meeting was called to consider the bids on the Graduate Education Building and the Chemistry addition which were received on January 25.

President Cross stated he had several additional items that he would like to bring before the Board.

The State Highway Department has requested an easement for right of way in connection with the four-lane highway being constructed between Oklahoma City and Norman. This easement is for a strip of land on the west edge of the North Base property and also a strip of land running along the east edge of the North Base property. The State Highway Department will pay the expenses of moving fences and any other changes necessary. President Cross recommended that these easements be granted.

Regent Benedum moved, and it was unanimously voted, that the President's recommendation be approved and that the officers of the Board be authorized to execute the necessary documents for right of way easements to the State Highway Department for the new highways which are to run adjacent to the University of Oklahoma property. *Revised 2/13/52 p. 4253*

President Cross reported that Verne Schnee, Vice President in charge of Development and Director of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute, had been asked to serve in the Metallurgical Section of the organization set up by the National Research Council and National Academy of Science to coordinate the responsibilities in connection with the defense program, in Washington, D. C. President Cross recommended that the leave of absence be authorized if Mr. Schnee makes the request.

President Cross stated that Mr. Schnee's leaving would increase the responsibilities of Roscoe Cate and recommended that the salary of Roscoe Cate be increased, effective February 1, 1951, from the annual rate of \$8,500 to the annual rate of \$10,000.

On motion by Regent Benedum, the recommendation was approved.

President Cross reported that Dr. Carl Rister, Research Professor of History, has submitted his resignation, effective June 1, 1951. Dr. Rister has accepted a Distinguished Professorship at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. He recommended that the resignation be accepted with regrets.

Regent White moved, and it was unanimously voted, to accept the resignation as recommended.

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President Cross reported that the bids for the Graduate Education Building and the Chemistry Building addition were opened at 10 o'clock on January 25, and that the base bids on these projects were considerably in excess of the amount allocated. The tabulation of bids on the Graduate Education Building is as shown below:

Construction Company	Days to Complete	Base Bid \$	Alt. No. 1 \$	Alt. No. 2 \$	Alt. No. 3 \$	Alt. No. 4 \$	Alt. No. 5 \$	Alt. No. 6 \$	Alt. No. 7a \$
1. Haskell Culwell	500	535420	+15250	+2000	+7275	+17051	-1753	-1335	-17530
2. Builders	390	512766	+13115	+1612	+7350	+15521	-1440	-454	-16905
3. J. J. Bollinger	470	527530	+13736	+1725	+7380	+16784	-1575	+1170	-16900
4. Dennehy	510	524238	+12560	+1555	+6890	+16333	-1322	-1000	-15450
5. C. M. Dunning	435	544200	+16410	+1780	+7410	+18000	-1800	-1610	-17092
6. Harmon	425	532440	+14000	+1750	+7000	+15982	-1550	-750	-14120
7. Lippert Bros.	435	528700	+14215	+1850	+7210	+18335	-1630	-1205	-16010

Alt. No. 7b \$	Alt. No. 8a \$	Alt. No. 8b \$	Alt. No. 9a \$	Alt. No. 9b \$	Alt. No. 10 \$	Alt. No. 11a \$	Alt. No. 11b \$	Alt. No. 12a \$	Alt. No. 12b \$	Alt. No. 13 \$
1. -18133	-8360	-9356	-9927	-8950	+9770	-26750	-25375	-12350	-12000	-9756
2. -14469	-8702	-8881	-8871	-8232	+8291	-24805	-23689	-10940	+10069	-8274
3. -15779	-8790	-8825	-9347	-9173	+10050	-23980	-23300	-10875	-10600	-9336
4. -13940	-8234	-8942	-8750	-8143	+8850	-23135	-23310	-9360	-9400	-8350
5. -18040	-9470	-9750	-9900	-9500	+9710	-27400	-26200	-12500	-12500	-10710
6. -15300	-8120	-9050	-8653	-8775	+9476	-25500	-25400	-9500	-9650	-10600
7. -16252	-8436	-8760	-9150	-9136	+9278	-24700	-24300	-10636	-9700	-8980

The tabulation of bids on the Chemistry Building addition is as shown on the following page:

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Construction Company	Days to Complete	Base Bid \$	Alt. No. 1 \$	Alt. No. 2 \$	Alt. No. 3 \$	Alt. No. 4 \$	Alt. No. 5 \$
D. C. Bass	450	820000	-235750	-87250	-14115	-2450	-2210
J. J. Bollinger	485	808897	-229150	-83000	-12750	-2187	-2310
Harmon	450	784797	-231828	-84539	-13437	-2379	-2159
Haskell	450	798395	-232519	-82915	-11975	-2200	-2000
Lippert	365	790550	-230000	-81700	-12500	-2115	-2260

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President Cross stated that Mr. Schnee had reported, following a trip to Washington, it is likely that college building construction will be frozen within sixty days due to the war emergency, and he stressed the importance of getting these projects under way immediately. He stated further it is very unlikely that the plans for the Journalism Building and possibly the Home Economics Building can be completed in time to award contracts, and in view of the very urgent need for the Chemistry facilities and the College of Education facilities, he recommended that \$200,000 be added to the allocation for the Chemistry addition, making a total of \$600,000, and that \$100,000 be added to the Graduate Education Building, making a total of \$600,000. By deducting some of the alternates on each project it will be possible to accept the lowest bids. He stated this would leave \$600,000 in the Building Fund. President Cross recommended that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education be asked to make these transfers and that the contract for the construction of the Graduate Education Building be awarded to the low bidder, the Builders Construction Company, subject to the transfer of funds by the State Regents for Higher Education, on the following basis:

Base Bid	\$512,766
Add Alternate No. 2, Modernfolds	\$1,612
Add Alternate No. 3, Library Stacks and Carrels	7,350
Add Alternate No. 10, Utility Tunnel	8,291
	<u>17,253</u>
Total Contract Amount	\$530,019

The proposed use of the \$600,000 total for the Graduate Education Building project is as follows:

Construction contract	\$530,019
Architect	4,000
Associate Architect	26,501
Site improvements, sewers, gas	12,884
Equipment and contingencies	<u>26,596</u>
	\$600,000

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President Cross recommended further that the contract for construction of the Chemistry addition be awarded to the low bidder, the Harmon Construction Company, subject to the transfer of funds by the State Regents for Higher Education, on the following basis:

Base Bid		\$784,797
Deduct Alternate No. 1, Laboratory Equipment	\$231,828	
Deduct Alternate No. 3, Elevator	13,437	<u>245,265</u>
Total Contract Amount		\$539,532

The proposed use of the \$600,000 total for the Chemistry addition project is as follows:

Construction contract	\$539,532
Architect	32,372
Site improvements, utility connections	23,445
Contingencies	<u>4,651</u>
	\$600,000

Following a discussion of the matter it was agreed that if the plans and specifications for either the Journalism or the Home Economics Building can be completed, bids received, and the contract awarded before a government freeze on construction, the balance of the building funds are to be used for such a building.

Regent Shepler moved, seconded by Regent Benedum, that the contracts for the Graduate Education and Chemistry addition be awarded as recommended by President Cross.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at twelve o'clock.


 Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary