

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1955 - 1:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Monday, April 25, 1955 at 1:00 p.m. preceded by a luncheon in the Oklahoma Club, 3 B, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The following were present: President Dave Morgan, presiding; others, Regents McBride, Grisso, Benedum, and Short.

Absent: Regents Little and Foster.

Roscoe Cate and Frank Elkouri attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to consider the Lease Contract and Operating Agreement for the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Mr. Cate reviewed the background of the project, stating in December of 1952 (p. 4508) President Cross reported the Junior League of Oklahoma City had proposed to donate \$40,000 toward the construction of a Speech and Hearing Clinic building and requesting that the Regents set aside a portion of the Medical School campus for the location of the building. Also, that the Regents employ an architect to prepare the preliminary plans. At that time the Regents voted to set aside a plot north of the Medical School building, to employ Wright and Selby as architects, and allocate \$1,500 for the preliminary plans.

Mr. Cate stated the Junior League is now prepared to proceed with the project and has raised approximately \$90,000. It has also been decided to incorporate under the name of "School of Speech and Hearing, Inc." a charitable corporation, for the purpose of constructing the building. The form of lease and accompanying operating agreement were distributed.

Mr. Cate recommended that this lease and operating agreement be approved by the Board and that the officers be authorized to execute the documents.

President Cross concurred in the recommendation by Mr. Cate.

Regent McBride moved, seconded by Regent Benedum, and it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation.

Following is a copy of the lease and the operating agreement:

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It was agreed that the President of the Board and President Cross write letters of appreciation to the Junior League in sponsoring this worthy project.

Regent McBride brought up the question of the desirability of the President of the University having a permanent office on the Oklahoma City campus. President Cross agreed this might be a good plan and that he would give it some thought.

There was a discussion concerning the recent appearance of Dean Everett on television at which time he stated unless additional funds were forthcoming it would be necessary to reduce the freshman class from 100 to 70.

It was unanimously agreed that the Regents honor their present commitments of accepting the 100 in the class of 1955 and that a statement to that effect be released to the press. Following is a copy of the statement to be released:

"The Regents of the University in special meeting Monday, April 25, instructed their Secretary, Mr. Emil R. Kraettli, to release the following statement concerning enrollment at the School of Medicine:

Although the Regents appreciate fully the financial problems of the School of Medicine and expect to do everything possible to help solve these problems, there will not be a reduction in the size of the beginning class next fall. One hundred freshmen will be admitted to the freshman class of 1955, and all commitments to applicants will be honored. The admission of a freshman class of 100 after the fall of 1955 cannot be assured, however, unless ways can be found of financing the University Hospitals more adequately."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary

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