

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, was held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Monday, September 7, 1936, in the office of the President.

Regent Hatchett, President of the Board presided; others present, Regents Kerr, Bowman, Ledbetter, Rosser. Absent, Regents Looney and Noble.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 1, 1936, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell reported that A. E. Chandler, Associate Professor of Economics in the College of Business Administration, had been involved in an unfortunate incident in Oklahoma City, on Tuesday, June 30, 1936, in which he was arrested on a charge of "drunkenness and drunken driving", and that he paid a fine after pleading guilty to the charge. At the time of his arrest, Mrs. M. R. Graham of Oklahoma City, was in the car with Mr. Chandler, and was also fined on a charge of drunkenness.

President Bizzell stated that he had had several conferences with Mr. Chandler during which he denied his having been drunk and made a detailed statement of his whereabouts from three o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, June 30, up to the time of his release from the city jail on Wednesday, July 1, 1936. President Bizzell called attention to the various newspaper stories concerning the incident and stated serious embarrassment had been brought to the University. He stated also, that Mr. Chandler had reluctantly submitted his resignation from his position and that it was his opinion the resignation should be accepted. He stated that Mr. Chandler had requested that he be permitted to appear before the Board and that he was waiting outside.

It was the sense of the Board that Mr. Chandler be given a hearing and he was invited to appear. The Chair asked Mr. Chandler to make any statement he desired, whereupon he reviewed the incident, his statements being in line with the report previously made by President Bizzell. Mr. Chandler submitted also, a written statement; also, some affidavits supporting his statements. Mr. Chandler stated that he realized the embarrassment that had come to the University and expressed regret that he had been the cause of the unfavorable publicity and that it has been very humiliating to not only himself but his family, and asked that he be permitted to continue in his position.

The Chair asked Mr. Chandler if he had any further statements to make to which he replied in the negative, and was excused.

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It was the sense of the Board that Dr. A. B. Adams, Dean of the College of Business Administration, be heard and that he make a recommendation concerning Professor Chandler.

Dean Adams appeared before the Board.

Dean Adams stated that Mr. Chandler was a good teacher and an excellent statistician. When asked what his recommendation was he stated he felt it was a matter of policy and that without knowing the Board's attitude in a matter of this kind, he would not care to make a recommendation.

Dean Adams retired from the meeting.

There was a general discussion during which several members of the Board expressed themselves as being in favor of retaining Mr. Chandler, not with any idea of condoning his actions, but that they felt he had learned his lesson and would not cause further trouble. It was felt also, that at his age (52) it would be exceedingly difficult for him to secure another position with an educational institution, or in commercial work.

Regent Rosser made the motion, which was seconded by Regent Bowman, that Professor Chandler be reinstated and be placed on probation. It was suggested also, that Mr. Chandler be called before the Board for a reprimand and that the conditions of reinstatement include reference to his financial troubles.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion with the following result: Regents Kerr, Bowman, Rosser, Ledbetter, "aye"; Regent Hatchett, "no".

The Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Chandler was recalled and the President of the Board informed him of his decision and reprimanded him for his actions and pointed out the consequences if any further infractions of the University's policy or regulations should occur. Mr. Chandler expressed his appreciation and assured the Board that there would be no further cause for complaint.

Mr. Chandler left the meeting.

Regent Rosser asked that he be excused in order to attend the funeral of his grandmother in Shawnee.

President Bizzell reported that he had had a conference with the Governor and with Mr. R. R. Owens, State Budget Officer, concerning a deficiency certificate in the amount of \$30,223.50, to pay salaries to complete the current fiscal year. He stated that every department

is seriously handicapped for lack of personnel to take care of the students enrolled and that in addition no funds are available for the first month of the summer in 1937. That in the conference with Mr. Owens, he had discussed the advisability of requesting a supplementary appropriation when the legislature meets, but that Mr. Owens felt it would be better to issue the deficiency certificate now.

On the vote, the following voted "aye": Regents Bowman, Ledbetter, and Hatchett. Regent Kerr requested that he be recorded as not voting, with the explanation that deficiency certificates should only be granted in extreme emergencies.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 o'clock for luncheon at the Union Cafeteria.

The meeting of the Board of Regents was resumed at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

General Patterson, Dean of the School of Medicine, was invited to be present at the meeting and go over matters affecting the Medical School and University Hospitals. He reported that in conformity with instructions at the last meeting he attempted to make an investigation concerning Dr. Casriel J. Fishman and Dr. Rex J. Bolend.

With reference to Dr. Fishman he stated he had written to Regent Rosser, immediately following the meeting on June 1, for particulars on the charges against Dr. Fishman, but that he had not had a reply.

In connection with the charges against Dr. Rex Bolend, he stated he had investigated his actions and read the complete record and so far as he was able to determine, could see no reason why Dr. Bolend should not be continued on the faculty.

There was a brief discussion but no further action was taken.

General Patterson presented a request from Bert Payne, Inc., for an easement through the University Hospital Grounds for the purpose of laying a pipe line for gas. A copy of this communication follows:

"General R. U. Patterson,
Dean Oklahoma University Medical School
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

"We wish to secure pipe line easement across the University

Hospital Grounds as per the attached plat.

"The purpose of the line is to transport gas for drilling and other operations, to wells on Oklahoma University grounds.

"The proposed right of way south of thirteenth street has been projected so as to miss all existing or proposed buildings and utilities as well as gardens and trees.

"You will note that we have sketched two possible routes across the property north of thirteenth street. The line indicated by the broken blue line is our preference, but we would also be satisfied with the red line which proceeds north on Laird Street.

"The pipeline which we desire to construct in this right of way is to consist of six (6) inch, twenty four pound (24#) seamless steel pipe with screw couplings, the same to be tested to withstand two thousand (2,000) pounds cold water pressure, and to be buried to a depth of 42 inches in a ditch of not more than twenty four (24) inches in width. Upon completion the line will be tested by the city to conform with its code governing pipeline construction.

"We agree, upon completion of the line, which will require about 48 hours, to remove all surplus dirt, wet down and settle the cover and to sod the covering so that there will be no unlevel surface resulting from our operations.

"As consideration for this easement we agree to pay an annual rental of \$75.00, to be paid in advance. We further agree to oil the dirt road east of the Crippled Children's Hospital, for a distance of one block, at least once per month during the life of this easement. We request that the life of this easement be for three years.

Sincerely yours,

BERT D. PAINE, INC.

By (Signed) Bert D. Paine
President.

It was voted to grant this easement, with the understanding that the University Hospital would not in any way be liable for any damage that might result from having the pipe line on the hospital grounds.

It was voted also, that the matter be referred to Regent Ledbetter and that the lease be drawn subject to his approval as to form.

General Patterson presented a communication concerning Mrs. Sue Watkins, Hospital Cashier, who was injured while she was absent on vacation. He recommended that her sick leave be extended due to her long service with the hospital. President Bizzell concurred in his recommendation.

Regent Kerr moved that the recommendation be approved and that in addition she be relieved from paying any hospital fees.

Motion carried.

President Bizzell reported the following deaths in the School of Medicine:

Dr. H. Coulter Todd, Professor of Otology, Rhinology, and Laryngology, on Thursday, June 25, 1936.
Dr. Arthur Brown Chase, Professor of Clinical Medicine, on Monday, July 20, 1936.

Ordered filed.

President Bizzell was instructed to draft suitable resolutions to be sent to the respective families, expressing the sympathy of the Board of Regents.

President Bizzell presented the following appointments in the School of Medicine recommended by Dean Patterson:

Dr. Arthur Alfred Hellbaum, Assistant Professor of Physiology, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$2,400.00
Dora Alice Owen, Technical Assistant, Department of Physiology, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$900.00
Norvell Edwin Wisdom, Research Associate, Department of Pharmacology, September 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937, at \$100.00 per month
Dr. George S. Mechling, Instructor in the Department of Anesthesia, July 1, 1936 (Clinical Staff).
Dr. Hudson S. Shelby, Instructor in the Department of Anesthesia, July 1, 1936 (Clinical Staff).

Approved.

President Bizzell presented the recommendation of General Patterson for changes and adjustments in salaries of the following employees in the University Hospital:

L. A. Jaeger, Engineer, from \$100 to \$114
J. C. Frazier, Mechanic, from \$72.00 to \$100
Paul Miller, Carpenter, from \$65.00 to \$100
Lillian Echols, Information Clerk, from \$75.00 to \$85.00
Lutie Davis, Information Clerk, from \$75.00 to \$85.00
O. B. West, Nightwatchman, \$85.00
Gertrude Trimble, Clerk and Typist from \$75.00 to \$85.00
L. H. Diller, Photographer, from \$90.00 to \$110.

Approved.

Dr. Coyne H. Campbell, Instructor in Neurology, requested leave of absence without pay, from September 1, 1936 to September 1, 1937, and President Bizzell recommended that this leave of absence be granted.

Approved

The Medical School, University Hospitals and Crippled Children's Hospital budgets for the biennium beginning July 1, 1937, were discussed and General Patterson explained in detail, the plans for the expansion and need for additional personnel and facilities. He discussed also the request for adjustments in salaries. After going over all of the details, General Patterson asked that he be excused.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations:

Frances M. Cate, Stenographer, University Library,
September 1, 1936
James A. Cowan, Instructor in Engineering Drawing,
September 1, 1936
Floyd K. Riley, Assistant Professor of Speech,
September 1, 1936
Velma O. Landrum, Secretary, Department of University
Utilities, September 1, 1936.

Ordered filed.

President Bizzell recommended that the following be granted leave of absence without pay:

Duane Roller, Professor of Physics, from September 1, 1936 to September 1, 1937
Royden J. Dangerfield, Associate Professor of Government, from September 1, 1936 to February 1, 1937
J. O. Beach, Secretary, Geological Survey, temporary leave of absence from July 1, 1936, and to continue until the close of the WPA Project.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended that C. C. Rister, Professor of History, be granted leave of absence under the regulations governing sabbatical leaves, to date from September 1, 1936 to September 1, 1937. He explained that Dr. Rister is ill and will not be able to return to his position. That he was entitled to a sabbatical leave under the regulations and that a substitute would be employed without increasing the total budget.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported the following appointments which were made, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Board of Regents:

- Barre Hill, Professor of Voice and Head of the Voice Department, September 1, 1936 at an annual salary of \$3,276.00
- John W. Donnell, Associate Professor of Petroleum Engineering, September 1, 1936; at an annual salary of \$2,800.00
- William Harold Smith, Assistant Professor of Art, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,800.00
- Charles A. Whitmer, Assistant Professor of Physics, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$2,200.00
- Philip W. Harsh, Assistant Professor of Latin, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,899.00
- Edgar E. Ambrosius, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$2,331.00
- Jessie L. Clarkson, Instructor in Public School Music, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,710.00
- Carl Ritzman, Instructor in Speech, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,800.00
- Horace Peterson, Instructor in History, September 1, 1936 at an annual salary of \$1,710.00
- Robert A. Hardin, Instructor in Manual Training, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,710.00 for nine months, and \$300.00 additional for services during the summer school of 1937
- Charles Heath Bumstead, Instructor in Psychology, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,899.00
- William Alford Hetherington, Instructor in Physiology, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,710.00
- Oliver Benson, Instructor in Government, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,296.00
- Frank R. Campbell, Instructor in Engineering Drawing, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$1,521.00
- Donald E. Blodgett, Assistant in Mechanical Engineering, September 1, 1936, at an annual salary of \$600.00 (8 months).
- Helen Brady, Secretary, University Library, September 1, 1936, \$90.00 per month
- Elsie J. Ashley, Secretary, Department of University Utilities, September 1, 1936, \$105.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell presented the following appointments in the Residential Halls for the school year 1936-37:

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Mrs. Grace Trooper, Hostess in Hester Hall, \$75.00 per month
Mrs. H. B. McKnight, Hostess in Robertson Hall, \$75.00 per month
Mrs. Nora Wells, Dietitian, \$75.00 per month
Mrs. G. R. Bachelor, Cook, \$45.00 per month
Mrs. Hazel DeVore, Cook, \$45.00 per month
Mrs. A. M. Akin, Cook, \$45.00 per month
Mrs. Brethel Herron, Cook, \$40.00 per month
Mrs. A. L. Sullivan, Housekeeper, \$40.00 per month
Mrs. C. C. Hines, Housekeeper, \$40.00 per month
A. B. Balch, Janitor, \$80.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended adjustments in salaries for the following employees in the Oklahoma Geological Survey, effective July 1, and to continue until the close of the WPA Projects

Robert H. Dott, Director, \$400.00 per month
F. C. Wood, Mining Engineer, \$290.00 per month
Mrs. C. W. Shannon, Clerk, \$65.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended adjustments in salaries for the following:

Margaret Kaiser, Secretary, Department of Botany, on part-time at \$70.00 per month, to full-time at \$85.00 per month, beginning August 1, 1936
George A. Van Lear, Jr., Assistant Professor of Physics, from \$2,268.00 to \$2,466.00
Stanley Whitlock, Bookkeeper, Financial Clerk's Office, from \$1,020.00 part-time to \$1,200.00 full-time, effective July 1, 1936.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported changes that had been necessary in Janitor and General Assistant Staff to move into new buildings. The following were included in the list:

Elvis Corbin, Truck Driver, salary \$85.00 per month, assigned as Janitor, Business Administration Building, \$90.00 per month
W. M. Lockett, Janitor, Pharmacy and Physics Laboratory, \$85.00 per month, assigned as Janitor Biological Sciences Building, \$90.00 per month
A. C. Bernier, General Assistant, at \$75.00 per month, to Truck Driver at \$85.00 per month
J. H. Burke, Janitor, Art and Geology Buildings, at \$85.00 per month, to Janitor in the Pharmacy Building at \$75.00 per month.

- S. C. Scott, Janitor, Women's Building, at \$75.00 per month, to Janitor in the Women's Building and Physics Laboratory (now Women's Building Annex) at \$85.00 per month
- Lee Jones, General Assistant, at \$80.00 per month, to Janitor Art and Geology Buildings, at \$85.00 per month
- L. A. Russell to be appointed as General Assistant at \$75.00 per month.
- A. L. McGuffin, to be appointed as General Assistant at \$80.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell presented a petition from members of Pe-et, honorary scholastic fraternity, concerning the naming of the elm tree in front of the Administration Building. The petition with signatures follows:

P E T I T I O N

"The elm tree in front of the Administration Building is of an unusual species, and it adds greatly to the beauty of the building and the south end of the North Oval. It is deserving of special notice.

"When the Administration Building and the walk in front of it were being built, it was members of Pe-et who kept the tree from being cut down. In the years following, this elm played an important part in the pledging ceremony of Pe-et. While it was yet a sapling, members bent the tree over and attached an arrow on which were written the names of the pledges.

"Whereas, this elm has played an important part in the history of Pe-et, it was preserved by Pe-et, and it is an object of great affection of the society, we, the undersigned members of Pe-et, petition the Board of Regents that the elm tree in front of the Administration Building be designated and known as "The Pe-et Elm".

Signed:

Fred E. Tarman
 Robert W. Ward
 James Nairn
 P. W. Swartz
 Savoie Lottinville
 E. D. Meacham
 V. L. George
 J. D. Cox
 Joseph A. Brandt
 Bill L. Waldrop".

On the recommendation of President Bizzell the elm tree was designated as "The Pe-et Elm".

President Bizzell presented a letter from Mr. Small, with an itemized statement of hospital and other expenses which were incurred as a result of an automobile accident on May 22, 1936, while riding in the personal car of Professor M. E. Mills of the Faculty of the College of Engineering, and while on an inspection trip of construction work in Oklahoma City. The trip being considered as a part of regular class work in structural engineering. Mr. Small requested that he be reimbursed for these expenses. The statement and the itemized list follows:

"On May 22, 1936, while attending the University, I was seriously injured in an automobile accident. This accident occurred south of Moore, when the class in Architecture 300, under Professor M. E. Mills, was returning about 4:30 p.m., from an inspection trip to Oklahoma City. Professor Mills was driving his personal car but did not have liability insurance.

"My jaw was broken on the left side and crushed in the center. Considerable bone was removed and also four lower front teeth were knocked out. My other teeth were damaged to a great extent also. Slightly above my right eye I sustained a slight brain concussion which made my condition very critical for several days. My jaws were wired together for eight weeks which necessitated a liquid diet, taken only through a tube, for that time.

"We have since found out that the University does not carry liability insurance for such cases, and since this has been rather expensive as well as painful we are submitting the following bills for your consideration. These are only the actual expenses and nothing has been asked for damages, or for wages I would have received by working during the summer months.

These bills amount to \$453.65.

Attached is an itemized statement of same.

(Signed) G. Milton Small,
829 College Avenue,
Norman, Oklahoma."

Dr. D. H. O'Donoghue, Oklahoma City	\$100.00
Dr. J. L. Haddock, Norman	3.00
St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City	74.90
Anesthetic doctor, Oklahoma City	15.00
Dental Work to be done, Dr. A. B. Walker, Norman	130.00
Special Nurse	14.00
X-Rays	20.00
Capitol Hill Drug Company	20.00
Transportation to Oklahoma City for eight weeks	20.00
Miscellaneous (telephone, special foods, etc.)	50.00
Serum	1.75
Ambulance, Meyer and Meyer, Norman	5.00
T O T A L	<u>\$453.65</u>

It was the sense of the Board that the University was without legal authority to reimburse Mr. Small.

President Bizzell presented the budget for the University at Norman including salaries, maintenance, special items and buildings, and reported that Mr. R. R. Owens, State Budget Officer, had spent three days on the campus going over the details and that in general he was in accord with the plans of the budget as contemplated.

The building program at the University was discussed. President Bizzell called attention to the building needs, stating that he realized it would be impossible to provide funds for an extensive building program. He read a statement of the building needs, as follows:

BUILDING NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

I. New Buildings - funds for which should be provided by the State

1. Petroleum Engineering Building	\$350,000.00
2. Geology Building	250,000.00
3. Physics Building	250,000.00
4. Home Economics Building	250,000.00
5. Education Building	250,000.00
6. Social Science Building	250,000.00
7. Heat, Power, and Light Building	500,000.00
8. Music Hall	250,000.00
9. Journalism Building	250,000.00
10. Auditorium	350,000.00
11. Graduate Building	250,000.00

II. Additions to the following incomplete units

1. Engineering Building, two units	300,000.00
2. Women's Building (for physical education)	150,000.00
3. Physical Education for Men	150,000.00
4. Fine Arts Building (to be utilized for art museum)	150,000.00
5. Pharmacy Building	150,000.00
6. Chemistry Building	250,000.00
7. Addition to present Geology Building (to be vacated when new Geology Building is erected) for the Geological Survey	150,000.00

III. Buildings and other Improvements that are needed which should be provided by private benefactions.

1. Natural History Museum - to house paleontological, anthropological, and biological collections \$500,000.00
2. Campanile with carillon bells 150,000.00
3. Astronomical Observatory and Equipment 500,000.00

It was the sense of the Board that an appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 be requested for a Petroleum Engineering Building and equipment, for the first year of the biennium, and a Geology Building and equipment, for the second year of the biennium, in the amount of \$250,000.

The budget as submitted by General Patterson for the School of Medicine, was discussed. It was the sense of the Board that the most urgent need on the building program is a Clinical Building. Major Kerr stated that he was in favor of improving the facilities but not for the purpose of enlarging the school in order to take more students. Other members of the Board concurred in this opinion as did President Bizzell.

President Bizzell was instructed to file the budgets with the State Budget officer as soon as they are completed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet again on Monday, October 5, 1936.

Emil R. Kraettli
Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.