

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Saturday, October 31, 1936, in the office of the President of the University, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Regent Kerr, Vice-President of the Board presided in the absence of Regent Hatchett; others present, Looney, Ledbetter, Rosser, and Noble.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 5, 1936, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

The Chairman asked if President Bizzell had any communications or reports for the Board.

President Bizzell stated that the date of the meeting had been changed from Monday, November 2 to this date, on account of the dedication of the Business Administration Building, and that the Board would have an opportunity to attend the luncheon and inspect the building.

President Bizzell reported the resignation of Dr. Austin Lee Guthrie, Associate Professor of Otology, Rhinology, and Laryngology, on the Clinical Staff of the School of Medicine.

Ordered filed.

He recommended that Dr. Pat H. Lawson, Instructor in Urology, be granted a leave of absence without pay, to date from September 1, 1936 to September 1, 1937.

Approved.

Recommended that Rowens T. Hawkins, Stenographer in the Department of Public Relations, be paid \$100.00 per month beginning November 1, 1936, on account of additional duties and responsibilities as a result of Mr. Beard's going to the position as Alumni Secretary.

Approved.

Recommended that Roscoe Cate be appointed, effective December 1, 1936, to the joint position as Editor of the Sooner Magazine and Assistant in Press Relations; the Alumni Association to assume one-half of his annual salary of \$2,400.00, the balance, \$1,200.00, to be paid from the University funds.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported that Mr. J. D. McCoid, Bookkeeper in the University Press at a salary of \$100.00 per month, had been offered a position in Oklahoma City at \$125.00 per month. Also, that Mr. P. J. Conkright, Art Editor and Proof Reader in the University Press, at a salary of \$110.00 per month, had received several offers at a considerable increase in salary. He stated that both men preferred to remain with the University.

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He stated that it had not been his policy to recommend increases except at the beginning of the fiscal year, but that both men were rendering very valuable services and that it would be difficult to replace them, and under the circumstances he felt increases would be justified. He stated that Mr. Brandt, Director of the University Press, had asked for an increase of \$25.00 per month for each of the men.

Following the discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried, that the salary of J. B. McCoid be fixed at \$110.00 per month, effective November 1, and that the salary of P. J. Conkright be fixed at \$125.00 per month, beginning November 1.

President Bizzell stated that Judge Roy Paul, of Durant, in a conversation several days ago, requested that the Board reconsider the question of the residence classification of his brothers who are enrolled in the School of Medicine and who had previously been declared non-residents. President Bizzell called attention to the fact that one of the boys is twenty-three years of age, and that Judge Paul felt that at least he should be declared a resident.

There was a discussion on the question of non-residents. Regent Resser referred to Oklahoma Statutes 1931, Volume I, Page 2077, Section 7222, which provides as follows: "Provided that no student who shall have been a resident of the State for one year preceding his admission shall be required to pay any fees for tuition."

It was the sense of the Board that since neither of these boys was a resident of the State for one year next preceding his admission they could not be regularly classified as residents for the purpose of registering in the University.

President Bizzell was instructed to ask the Attorney General for a ruling on the question of non-resident fee and that he ask specifically concerning the Paul Brothers.

President Bizzell read the report of the American Medical Association, concerning the standing of the Medical School and the specific requirements to be met, being as follows:

"If this school is to meet the generally recognized standards for medical education it is important that:

- 1) That it remain entirely free from political domination.
- 2) That the preclinical departments be adequately and competently staffed.
- 3) That the faculty be organized in such a way that it will be given opportunity to formulate and carry on a satisfactory educational program.
- 4) That the curriculum be reorganized in such a way as to offer opportunities for satisfactory and adequately supervised clinical training.

- 5) That the size of the student body be reduced until such time as more clinical facilities are made available.
- 6) That more adequate financial support be made available for the development of the school.

President Bizzell stated most of the criticism would be remedied as soon as adequate financial support is provided. He stated that General Patterson is in hearty accord with the recommendation that the size of the student body be reduced until more adequate facilities are provided and that he had stated on various occasions he was more interested in high scholastic standards and adequate facilities than in a large enrolment.

On page #2 of the report, there is a reference to the purchases for the School of Medicine through the Board of Affairs. It was suggested that President Bizzell in communicating with Dr. William D. Cutter, Secretary of the American Medical Association, send a copy of the Attorney General's opinion which provides that the Board of Regents has full authority with reference to purchases.

No further action was taken.

President Bizzell discussed with the Board a communication from G. Gordon Fuller concerning the purchase of Agnes-Moore Hall, a dormitory owned by the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Church South. The dormitory is operated by Mrs. Nellie Fuller, mother of Gordon Fuller. It was the sense of the Board that no action be taken since no funds are available for the purchase of this building. President Bizzell stated he doubted the advisability of the University acquiring property.


President Bizzell stated that the Governor, through the Budget Officer, had requested him to file a six year building program. He stated that he did not know just what the Governor had in mind, but that he had submitted a statement of the building needs for the six year period listing the buildings in accordance with the recommendations of the Building Committee; but, that since the needs of the University in a number of the departments were great he would not want to say that one was more urgent or less needed than the other. He stated also, that various organizations were urging specific buildings. For example, the Press Association is interested in a Journalism Building. Womens Organizations are interested in a Home Economics Building and the completion of the Physical Education Building for Women. School men are interested in an Education and a Graduate Building. He stated that the budget for the legislature, and filed with the Budget Officer, included a request for a Petroleum Engineering Building for \$350,000.00, the first year of the biennium, and a Geology Building at a cost of \$250,000.00 for the second year of the biennium, and that this would be the order in which buildings would be requested unless some other plan of providing funds was developed later.

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Regent Noble suggested that the President secure the co-operation of the oil industry in furthering the request for a Petroleum Engineering and Geology Building, by appointing a committee, or committees, of outstanding engineers in the oil industry to visit the campus and make recommendations as to the needs.

It was the sense of the Board that this suggestion be carried out and the President was instructed to take such action as he deemed advisable.

The Board adjourned to accept the invitation of Dean Adams to attend the luncheon in the Ball Room of the Union Building, and following this to visit and inspect the new Business Administration Building.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.