

BOARD OF REGENTS UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Monday, December 7, 1936, in the office of the President of the University, at 10:30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, October 31, 1936, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell reported that he had just returned from Washington, D. C., where he had had conferences with officials in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concerning the establishment of an Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma, and an appropriation by Congress for a building for that purpose. He stated that the purpose of the Institute would be the preservation of Indian Traditions, Lore, Literature, etc., and the training of persons for service in Indian Agencies and among the Indians in general. He stated also that the matter had been discussed with Senator Thomas, and Congressman Will Rogers, and that they had agreed to support the program. Also that Indian Commissioner John Collier was favorable, and that a representative from his office, Dr. Beatty, would visit the University next week for a conference. President Bizzell stated also that a bill, providing for the establishment of an Indian Institute and requesting an appropriation for the same, was introduced during the last session of Congress, but that no action was taken.

President Bizzell reported also that as chairman of the committee on military training in the Association of State Universities he was instructed at the meeting of the association in Austin, Texas, last month to confer with the War Department concerning the construction of armories for R.O.T.C. units in universities and colleges. He stated that the Land Grant Institutions were favorable to such a program, and that he thought it was possible, through the combined efforts of the institutions to secure favorable legislation for such a building program. He stated that the War Department is extremely interested in the R.O.T.C. program, but that the question of a building program would have to be taken up with President Roosevelt, which would be done upon his return from South America.

The Board expressed interest in both projects, and left the matter to the discretion of the President.

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President Bizzell reported in conformity with instructions at the meeting held on October 31, that he had requested an opinion from the Attorney General on certain matters pertaining to the non-resident regulation. He read the opinion of the Attorney General and stated that the specific questions had not been answered, and that he had asked for a further opinion, which had not been received, and that he would report at the next meeting of the Board.

Regent Rosser stated that Judge Ray Paul of Durant, had spoken to him when he was in Oklahoma City recently, concerning the action of the Board concerning his brothers who are students in the School of Medicine at Oklahoma City. Regent Rosser moved that, the Board reconsider the question of residence of Thomas Otis Paul. The official records show that Thomas Otis Paul was born on December 27, 1913, which would make him 22 years, 8 months, and 27 days old at the opening of the school year this fall. Regent Rosser stated that Thomas Otis Paul had registered as a voter in 1934, and that he has voted in the succeeding elections.

Following a discussion of this matter Regent Rosser moved, seconded by Regent Noble, that Thomas Otis Paul be declared a resident of Oklahoma. On the vote on the motion all members voted "aye" except Regent Ledbetter who requested that he be recorded as voting "no".

Regent Noble stated that he had voted to declare Thomas Otis Paul a resident at the meeting on October 31, and requested that the minutes be amended accordingly.

President Bizzell reported the death of Dr. David R. Boyd, President Emeritus of the University of Oklahoma, on November 17, 1936, at his home in Glendale, California.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. David R. Boyd, first President of the University of Oklahoma, died at his home in Glendale, California, on November 17, 1936, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boyd spent many years of his life in the service of higher education, including seventeen years as President of the University of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the work of Dr. Boyd laid the foundation of the University so well that it has continued to serve the cause of higher education in this state with increasing usefulness, and the ideals and the character that he exemplified have been reflected in the lives of thousands;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents express its profound sorrow at the passing of this great and good man, and that the deepest sympathy of the members of the Board be extended to Mrs. Boyd and Miss Alice Boyd, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved widow and daughter, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes, as a permanent record of the admiration and gratitude that we all feel as a result of the passing of this great educator, fine citizen, and devoted friend of every good cause.

President, Board of Regents

President, University of
Oklahoma

Secretary, Board of Regents.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations:

James R. Branton, Assistant Professor of Greek, January 28, 1937

Morgan W. Redus, Assistant Professor of Latin, September 1, 1936. (Report of this resignation overlooked at the meeting on September 7, 1936)

Arta M. James, Secretary in the General Educational Service of the Department of Public Relations, December 5, 1936.

Ordered filed.

President Bizzell recommended that Dixie Young, Assistant Professor of Zoology, be granted a sabbatical leave of absence from February 1 to June 1, 1937.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended the appointment of Mildred Coston to the position as Secretary in the General Educational Service of the Department of Public Relations, at a salary of \$100.00 per month, effective December 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended that Dr. Lawrence Chester McHenry be reappointed to his former position as Assistant Professor of Otology, Rhinology, and Laryngology in the School of Medicine, from which he resigned in February, this year. He stated that Dr. McHenry had requested this reappointment date from February 1936, in effect, withdrawing his resignation on that date.

Approved.

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President Bizzell read the following communication from Joe E. Smay, Architect on the Business Administration and Biology Buildings:

"Dr. W. B. Bizzell
Board of Regents,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

"In view of the fact that recent building activities on this campus are about to be concluded, I would like to submit a few figures as a report on the work in which I was engaged:

Contract Cost Plus Additions, Bus. Administration	\$225,545.69
Contract Cost Plus Additions, Biol. Science	193,770.31
Total Cost of Furniture, Bus. Administration	20,754.30
Executive Architect (Plans & Supervision)	12,551.90
Consulting Architects (Hicks & Moore)	6,269.29
Soil Testing, Inspection of Plans	142.80
Advertising for Bids	152.45
Total Floor Area, Business Adm. Bldg. Sq. Ft.	52,552.00
Total Floor Area, Biological Sci. Bldg. Sq. Ft.	47,965.00
Total Cubic Contents, Bus. Adm. Cu. Ft.	730,155.00
Total Cubic Contents, Biol. Sci. Cu. Ft.	587,815.00
Cost Per Cubic Ft. Bus. Adm. Original Contract Price	27.09
Cost Per Cubic Ft. Biol. Sci. Original Contract Price	31.01
Cost Per Cubic Foot, Bus. Adm. Including Additions, etc.	30.00
Cost Per Cubic Foot, Biol. Sci. Including Additions, etc.	32.00

"Allow me to call to your attention a comparative cost of Architectural services. Upon investigation you will find that the average architect was allowed 6% commission of Contract Price. Thus such an architect would have drawn 6% of \$439,846.30 or a total of \$26,390.78. Thus for actual savings excluding consultants who were really not needed, a sum of \$13,838.87 could have been made.

"I hope that, when occasion permits, in the future building programs that if we are able to reflect similar savings for architectural services, that such savings may be applied to building up the school of architecture through the purchase of books and other much needed equipment and towards a realization of more space for it.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Joe E. Smay"

Ordered filed.

President Bizzell presented a communication signed by P. B. Vandament and Vernon T. Sanford, President and Secretary-Manager, respectively, of the Board of Directors, Oklahoma Press Association, requesting that the Board of Regents include in its request to the Legislature, an appropriation for a building for the School of Journalism, and that this building be given first place on the building program of the University.

It was the sense of the Board that the Petroleum Engineering Building and the Geology Building be kept first on the program, as previously voted.

Regent Kerr made the motion that the Board request Regent Joe Looney to draft a bill providing for an appropriation for these two buildings, the Petroleum Engineering Building during the first year of the biennium, and the Geology Building the next year. That the bill provide that the contract for construction be let by the Board of Regents, and that it further provide that in case the Federal Government supplements appropriations, such supplementary grants may be used in conjunction with state funds for the enlargement of these buildings or the construction of other buildings.

On the vote all members voted "aye".

There was a discussion on the communication from the Press Association, and it was voted to permit representatives of the Association to appear before the Board at its meeting on January 4, 1937. President Bizzell was instructed to notify the officers of the association accordingly.

President Bizzell discussed the question of members of the faculty and other employees contacting members of the legislature and State officials on matters concerning departments or divisions of the University, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution. He stated the purpose of this statement of principles is to restrain members of the faculty and other University employees from interceding with members of the Legislature and other State officials for personal or departmental favors or for favors to other individuals or departments. It seems obvious that discrimination in favor of one individual or department must, in general, be at the expense of other individuals and departments; hence this statement of principals, the adoption of which imposes an obligation which faculty members may not honorably disregard.

The resolution follows:

"The President and the Board of Regents are the only proper channel through which recommendations concerning the administration of the University, as a whole or in any of its parts, should reach the Legislature or other State officials and authorities.



"Without the knowledge and approval of the President, no employee of the University should initiate, or promote with individual members of the Legislature or other State authorities, any recommendation concerning general University policies or concerning his personal advancement, the advancement of his department, or the advancement of any other individual or department. This applies also to encouragement of activity among students or groups of students.

* * "An employee of the University, who, by invitation of a member of the Legislature or a State official, shall discuss policies affecting the University as a whole or any of its parts is under an obligation of honor to inform the President of the nature of such discussion."

Unanimously adopted.

There was a discussion with reference to legislative matters affecting the University.

It was voted that the Chair appoint a legislative committee of the Board to assist Dr. Bizzell in legislative matters. The Chair appointed Regents Kerr and Looney.

Regent Noble was asked to represent the Board in legislative matters pertaining to Petroleum Engineering, and in working with the committees from the oil industry discussed at the meeting on October 31.

President Bizzell read a communication from General Patterson, Dean of the School of Medicine, concerning some additions to the budget for the Medical School, to provide for the following new positions:

1 - Assistant Professor of Anatomy	\$3,000.00
1 - Assistant Professor of Biochemistry	3,000.00
1 - Assistant Professor of Histology	3,000.00
1 - Assistant Professor of Pathology	3,000.00
1 - Assistant Professor of Pharmacology	3,000.00
1 - Professor of Orthopedic Surgery	7,500.00
1 - Professor of Hygiene and Public Health	7,500.00

In discussing the above request, President Bizzell read from the communication as follows: "It was my intention to ask for additional funds at the succeeding biennium (1939-41) to provide for a necessary increase in teaching personnel. However, recently some of the more important needs of the school through confidential but important sources have been made known to you, and through you to the Board of Regents, and indicate that it will be wise to make the whole request now rather than later.

*This paragraph eliminated at the meeting held on January 4, 1937.

"There is a definite need in five departments teaching the pre-clinical years for additional competent teaching assistants. Five of the pre-clinical departments are under-staffed to such an extent as to make it desirable to restrict the number of students admitted to the medical school as freshmen each year until the funds herein requested actually become available."

It was the sense of the Board that there has been a real need for a full-time Professor of Orthopedics in the Crippled Children's Hospital. It was felt, however, that the request for such a position should be made in a separate bill, rather than include it in the regular budget requests.

Regent Looney was instructed to draw up a separate bill to provide an annual appropriation of \$7,500.00 for the position of Professor of Orthopedics, the appointment to be made through the Board of Regents.

It was voted not to include in the budget request the item for the position of professor of public health, as requested by Dean Patterson.

It was voted that President Bizzell instruct Dean Patterson to include the items for five positions in pre-clinical departments as requested, also that he notify Dean Patterson of the action of the Board concerning the other positions.

There was a discussion concerning the building needs of the hospital. It was the sense of the Board that the most urgent need is a new nurses' home and that the present nurses' home be remodeled and be used as an out-patient department.

Regent Ledbetter was instructed to draw bills for the building needs at the University Hospital.

Regent Ledbetter was instructed also to draw a bill setting aside the 30 ft. tract along the south boundary of the hospital tract to the University.

Regent Ledbetter was instructed further to draw a bill providing that the money coming in as bonuses and royalties be set up in a separate fund to be available for buildings and equipment at the Medical School.

President Bizzell presented a list of accounts due the University, recommending that they be transferred to the "Inactive Uncollected" record. He stated that this was in accordance with the recommendation of the State Examiner. That these accounts represented charges against students for enrolment fees, non-resident fees, and accounts from the Residence Halls for Women; that no credits would be released to the respective individuals until the accounts were fully paid.

Approved.

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Regent Ledbetter stated that the Peppers Gasoline Company had requested a right-of-way "to lay, operate, maintain, inspect, repair, and remove a pipe line for the transportation of oil and gas, under across, and through" certain parts of the University Hospital and Medical School grounds in Oklahoma City. He stated that this request was similar to the request previously made by and granted to Bert D. Paine, Inc.

He stated that the Peppers Gasoline Company had offered to pay \$1.00 per rod for this right-of-way, which was the customary rate.

It was voted to grant the right-of-way to the Peppers Gasoline Company, and that Regent Ledbetter be instructed to draw a contract for same, and forward to Regent Hatchett, President of the Board for his signature.

President Bizzell reported that Major "Biff" Jones, Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach, had received orders from the War Department transferring him to the Officers' School at Leavenworth, Kansas, effective September 1, 1937, and for that reason he would not be in a position to continue in the Athletic Department beyond his contract for the current school year. He stated that the Athletic Council had considered the appointment of a successor to Major Jones and that they had requested that a member of the Board of Regents be designated to represent the Board at the meetings of the Council. President Bizzell stated he had called Regent Hatchett, President of the Board, and that he had asked Regent Noble to represent the Board. Regent Noble reported on the proceedings of the meetings of the Council he attended.

President Bizzell read a letter signed by Walter W. Kraft, Chairman of the Athletic Council, a copy of which follows:

"Dr. W. B. Bizzell,
President,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Dr. Bizzell:

"A meeting of the Athletic Council was held on November 25th for the purpose of considering several matters of importance to the Athletic Department, including the consideration of a successor to Major Jones who is being assigned to other duties by the War Department.

"Major Jones presented the applications of a number of men for the position of Athletic Director and Football Coach and mentioned several others who had not made formal application. He also presented the name of Mr. Tom Stidham, the present line coach, and recommended his appointment to the position as Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach.

"The Athletic Council discussed several phases of the athletic situation here at the University. The question was raised as to the advisability of having the Athletic Director also act as Head Football Coach. There was considerable sentiment in favor of making a separate position of the Athletic Director's work. The advantage of such an arrangement would be that we would be assured of having a well rounded athletic program handled in a strictly business manner and uninterrupted by frequent changes of directorship because of its attachment to the coaching of football, which you must admit is a hazardous profession. In a combination job Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, the removal of the Football Coach automatically removes the directing head of the Athletic Department. Such removal affects not only football, but all other intercollegiate sports. The change of the Football Coach who is also Athletic Director therefore disrupts the entire Athletic Department and makes for an unstable athletic policy.

"The Athletic Council feels that before making the selection of a man for the position of Athletic Director or Head Football Coach a careful investigation of his qualifications should be made. The Council also feels that further consideration should be given, not only those who have made application, but also others who are interested but have not made application. Major Jones' recommendation of Mr. Tom Stidham was given consideration and although there was no objection to his appointment of Head Football Coach, there was some question as to his experience and ability to act as Athletic Director.

"The question was raised as to the Athletic Council's authority to make investigation of and recommendations for one to fill the position of Athletic Director and Football Coach. The Council, the student body, the alumni and friends of the University quite naturally assumed that it was the function of the Athletic Council to recommend to the President of the University one for the position of Director of Athletics. In view of the fact that there was some question as to the authority of the Athletic Council, and further since the Council wishes to avoid making unnecessary recommendations, a motion was made substantially as follows:

'That Dr. Bizzell be requested to ask the President of the Board of Regents to appoint some member of that body to meet with a committee of five Council members and Major Jones for the purpose of clarifying the matter as to the authority of the Athletic Council and to proceed with the selection and recommendation of a successor to Major Jones.' The Council further agreed to bind itself to the action of this Council committee.

"The Committee of the Council, Major Jones and Mr. Lloyd Noble, representing the Board of Regents, met and frankly discussed the questions raised in the Athletic Council meeting. This Committee then passed a motion substantially as follows:

'The Athletic Council transmits without action Major Jones' recommendation that Mr. Tom Stidham be appointed Athletic Director and Head Football Coach because there is some question in the minds of members of the Council as to Mr. Stidham's experience and ability to act as Athletic Director. There was however no objection to Mr. Stidham as Football Coach. Since the question of the authority of the Athletic Council to act in the capacity of selecting and recommending an Athletic Director has been raised, the Council therefore respectfully asks the President to submit the matter to the University Board of Regents, asking that they either select the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach or specifically direct the Athletic Council to submit recommendations to the President of the University covering the vacancies in the Athletic Department.'

"There is no disposition on the part of any member of the Athletic Council to usurp any authority not provided for in the corporation or delegated to it by the President of the University. The Council desires to act only for the best interests of the University and in accord with the policies of the Board of Regents of the University. It is therefore necessary that this matter be clarified before proceeding further.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Walter W. Kraft
Chairman of the Athletic Council

Regent Noble suggested that Major Jones be called to appear before the Board for a report on the Athletic Department, whereupon he was invited into the meeting.

Major Jones reported with reference to the financial condition of the department, the coaching staff, and administrative details.

After a lengthy discussion Regent Kerr made the following motion: "That it is the policy of the Board of Regents that the Head Coach also serve as Athletic Director."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Regent Rosser made the following motion:

"Moved, that hereafter the term of employment of coaches and directors being on January 1."

Unanimously adopted

President Bizzell was asked if he had a recommendation for the appointment of head coach and athletic director, whereupon the following recommendation was presented:

"I recommend that Tom Stidham be elected head football coach to date from January 1, 1937, and that he be elected athletic director to date from July 1, 1937."

Approved

President Bizzell stated he heartily recommended Mr. Stidham as head coach, but that he had some hesitancy in appointing him to the position of athletic director, and that he would like to include in the record an explanation of his attitude on this matter. The President was instructed to dictate such a statement later and that it be made a part of these minutes. President Bizzell's statement follows:

"I recommend that Mr. Tom Stidham be appointed Head Football Coach and Director of Athletics.

"I am heartily in favor of Mr. Stidham for head football coach, but I am recommending his appointment as athletic director, at the expiration of the contract of Major Biff Jones, with the following reservation: I am of the opinion, that it would be better if financial resources were available for the purpose, to employ an athletic director who is not on the coaching staff. I am also of the opinion that Mr. Stidham does not have the necessary experience required by this important position, although I believe that with his good sense and judgment he will probably perform the duties satisfactorily."

Regent Looney made the following motion:

"Moved, that the Director of Athletics be empowered to make recommendations to the President of the University for the employment and discharge of all members of the athletic staff, and other employees."

Unanimously adopted.

Regent Looney made the following motion:

"Moved, that the athletic director be empowered to arrange schedules, draw budgets, make purchases and expenditures, and determine all business policies of the department, all in conformity with the general policies to be determined by the Athletic Council."

On the vote on the motion the following voted "aye":
Regents Kerr, Bowman, Noble, Looney, Hatchett; voting "no"
Regents Ledbetter and Rosser.

The motion was declared carried.

There was a discussion with reference to the salary and length of contract to be given Mr. Stidham. Major Jones was asked for his opinion on the matter. He suggested that Mr. Stidham be given a three-year contract and that his salary be at the rate of \$4,500.00 for the first year, \$5,000.00 for the second year, and \$5,500.00 for the third year.

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Following a discussion of the matter, Regent Kerr made the following motion: "That Tom Stidham be paid at the rate of \$5,000.00 per year, beginning July 1, 1937 to January 1, 1939."

On the vote the following voted "aye": Regents Noble, Bowman, Looney, Ledbetter, Rosser, Kerr. The Chair requested that he be recorded as voting "no", with the explanation that he was opposed to a longer contract than one year.

Regent Kerr presented the following resolution:

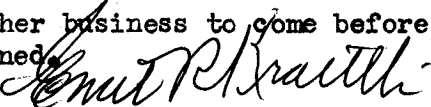
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WHEREAS the facilities of the Oklahoma School of Medicine are limited and the enrolment is usually held around sixty-five freshman each year; and

WHEREAS a large number of men and women in this state desire to attend a medical school and cannot be accomodated because of the limited number which may be accepted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that not more than 11% of the total number of freshman admitted to the Oklahoma School of Medicine shall be selected from any one county in the State.

Following a discussion on the resolution a vote was had on the motion with the following voting "aye": Regents Noble, Rosser, Kerr, Hatchett; those voting "no": Regents Ledbetter, Bowman. Regent Looney asked that he be recorded as not voting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.