

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Monday, February 1, 1937, 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, Looney, Noble, Ledbetter. Regent Rosser was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 4, 1937, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell reported, in accordance with instructions at the previous meeting, that he had conferred with the Dean of the Medical School concerning the discontinuance of George M. Kalmanson as a Research Fellow on January 1, 1937, and read a communication from Dean Patterson, and his recommendation, the recommendation being, "that no further action be taken". Following a brief discussion the report was ordered filed and the recommendation approved.

President Bizzell read a communication from the Men's Council as follows: "The Men's Council is planning to have a high school banquet this spring which will be similar to the one had last year."

"As you know the plan is to invite two outstanding seniors from each of the leading high schools in the state to be our guests. The purpose is to acquaint them with the University of Oklahoma, and to encourage them as outstanding students, to attend the University."

"As an additional inducement to them, we feel that it would be a good idea if the Board of Regents would exempt them from the regular enrolment fee the first semester they attend the University."

President Bizzell told of the program held last year, and the plans of the Men's Council in extending its services to include a larger group of high schools, but that lack of finances was the chief handicap in carrying out their program.

It was the sense of the Board that the Men's Council be commended for their activities in this connection, and expressed hearty sympathy with the plan of awarding scholarships, thereby encouraging scholarship and leadership among high school students. On account of the fact that there are more than seven hundred accredited high schools in the state it was felt that any plan to select "the leading high schools" would be regarded as a discrimination against others, and that it would be impossible to

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include the entire group for scholarship awards.

President Bizzell then read a communication from the Men's Council requesting that ten cents out of the regular enrolment fee for each man student be set aside for the financing of the Men's Council activities, chiefly for the High School banquet to be held in the spring.

It was voted not to approve the request on account of the fact that all of the funds of the regular enrolment fee are already budgeted for definite purposes. It was the sense of the Board, however, that President Bizzell assist the Men's Council in every way possible in carrying out their plans as outlined.

President Bizzell read a communication from "The Graduate Club" as follows:

"We, the undersigned members of the Graduate Club of the University, concerned that said Club may function efficiently, do respectfully petition:

"1. That of the \$10.00 incidental fee paid by all graduate students but much of which is put to uses from which graduates derive little or no benefits, \$2.00 be transferred to the uses of the Graduate Club to be used in defraying those expenses which are necessary for proper operation.

"2. That such transference to made effective beginning with the second semester of the school year of 1936-37".

There was a brief discussion on this petition, and it was voted, for the same reasons as on the petition of the Men's Council, that it be not approved.

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of Major L. Mc. C. (Biff) Jones, as Director of Athletics, effective February 15, 1937. The resignation was accepted.

President Bizzell recommended that Tom Stidham, previously appointed Head Coach, effective January 1, 1937, and Director of Athletics July 1, 1937, be made Director of Athletics effective February 15, 1937, and that his salary, \$5,000.00 per year, become effective February 15, 1937. The recommendation was approved.

President Bizzell recommended the following appointments on the coaching staff for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1937:

L. E. Haskell, Line Coach and Baseball Coach	\$3,200.00
Dewey Luster, Backfield Coach	3,000.00
R. H. Erskine, Freshman Coach	3,000.00
Frank Moore, End Coach	1,200.00

Approved

President Bizzell reported that the Colonial Dames of Oklahoma have established a scholarship with a stipend of \$100.00 to be awarded to a Mexican student in the University of Oklahoma, and that this scholarship had been awarded to William P. Salas, a graduate student, and a citizen of Mexico. He recommended that Mr. Salas be exempted from the payment of the non-resident fee, which is customary for students who are awarded university scholarships. The recommendation was approved.

President Bizzell reported that there was considerable feeling among the students against the Three Dollar Fee voted at a previous meeting to be paid by students beginning with the second semester of the current school year for each hour of failure, and read a communication signed by J. T. Timmons "In the name of the students of the University of Oklahoma" requesting a "reconsideration and the immediate removal of this rule".

Following a discussion of this petition, and the facts which lead to the previous action, it was voted that no change in the rule be made.

President Bizzell reported that he had been requested, following the meeting of the Board on January 4, to bring up for discussion, the question of "Deferred Pledging" by fraternities and sororities. He stated that a committee, representing the Interfraternity Council (Men's Fraternities) and the Panhellenic Committee (Women's Organizations) had requested a hearing before the Board, and that this committee was waiting outside. He read in detail the report of the committee, and asked that the members of the committee be invited to appear.

The following student representatives were on the committee: Bill Whiteman, Raymond Sandler, Patience Sewell, Bee Ann Brown.

The written report having previously been read by President Bizzell, there was a discussion with the representatives on various phases of the pledging situation, and the conditions existing in the organizations. Numerous questions were asked by members of the Board, following which the students were excused.

There was a recess for lunch which was held in the dining room on the third floor of the Union Building, at 12:45 p.m.

The question of Deferred Pledging was further discussed during the lunch hour. The motion was made, seconded and carried, that no action be taken at this time; it being the sense of the Board that the matter may be brought up at a later date.

Regent Hatchett called attention to the discussion at the previous meeting concerning the Masonic Dormitory, and stated that Mr. Hal Muldrow had prepared a bill which was introduced in the legislature, providing for the purchase of said dormitory at a price of \$175,000.00.

There was a discussion with reference to the advisability of the University's attempting to operate dormitories, especially in

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view of our experience with the womens residence halls which, for several years, have not been filled to capacity. The majority of the Board expressed the opinion that the legislature would probably reduce the amounts already requested for the University, and that if the dormitory bill passed it would result in further reductions.

A motion was made and seconded "that it is the sense of this Board that this project be not indorsed, on account of the fact that other needs of the University are much greater, and that to indorse this bill would jeopardize the budget officially approved and presented to the budget officer, and, for the further reason that the Board is opposed to owning or operating additional dormitories."

On the vote on the motion all members present voted "aye" except Regent Bowman, who stated that he did not share the views of the other members with reference to the need for dormitories. The motion was declared carried.

The meeting was continued in the President's Office at 2:00 p.m.

President Bizzell reported the death of Louis P. Woerner, Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, on January 19, 1937, while on sabbatical leave of absence at Stanford University, California. He was instructed to prepare suitable resolutions.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations:

Donald E. Blodgett, Graduate Assistant in Mechanical Engineering, February 1, 1937.

Wendell L. Smith, Assistant Instructor in Clinical Clerkships, February 1, 1937.

Resignations Accepted.

Recommended that the leave of absence of Royden J. Dangerfield, Associate Professor of Government, be continued to September 1, 1937, previously approved to expire February 1, 1937.

Approved.

Recommended the following appointments:

Benjamin Franklin Brooks, Assistant Professor of Economics, \$300.00 per month for February, March, April, and May, to take the place of Dr. John B. Ewing, resigned.

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~~Ermarth~~ Ermarth, Special Instructor in Government, \$235.00 per month, February, March, April and May, to take the place of Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield on leave of absence.

Grace A. Browning, Special Instructor in Social Case Work, effective February 1, 1937, no salary.

Mary Jane Davis, Special Instructor in Social Case Work, effective February 1, 1937, no salary.

Recommended the following adjustments:

That J. Teague Self, Instructor in Zoology at \$90.00 per month, be paid \$153.00 per month for February, March, April and May, 1937, due to additional teaching on account of leave of absence of Miss Dixie Young, Assistant Professor of Zoology.

That A. H. Trowbridge be appointed Special Instructor in Zoology, at \$63.00 per month for February, March, April and May, on account of leave of absence of Miss Dixie Young.

That William T. Tiffin, Chief Mechanician for the Schools of Mechanical and Petroleum Engineering, be given the temporary academic title of Special Instructor, and that he receive an increase in salary amounting to \$35.00 per month for the second semester of the current school year, covering the months of February, March, April and May. This adjustment recommended due to resignation of Donald E. Blodgett, Graduate Assistant in Mechanical Engineering.

Recommendations approved.

Regent Kerr, in looking over the budget of the athletic department, called attention to the fact that several members of the staff, who are devoting a large part of their time to the physical education program, are receiving part salary from the athletic department, and offered the following motion:

That in making up the next budget the entire salary of the following be paid from university funds:

John Jacobs, Track Coach, Associate Professor of Physical Education
 Hugh V. McDermott, Basketball Coach, Associate Professor of Physical Education
 Paul Keen, Wrestling Coach, Assistant Professor of Physical Education.

There was a discussion on this matter, it being the sense of the Board that the Athletic Department was carrying a heavy financial burden, and that everything possible should be done to assist in clearing up their debts, and to help the department to get on a sound financial basis.

Regent Kerr's motion was unanimously adopted.

President Bizzell presented the following resolution concerning the establishment of an Institute of Indian Education, a bill for which has been introduced in the Seventy-Fifth Congress:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the Seventy-Fifth Congress providing for the establishment of an Institute of Indian Education at the University of Oklahoma,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regents of the University of Oklahoma in regular session on this the first day of February 1937, that we are in hearty accord with this program and pledge cooperation to the full extent of the authority of the Board of Regents under the laws of the State of Oklahoma,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Oklahoma, be, and he is hereby authorized to furnish to the proper authorities, such information as may be required, and to do all things necessary in the furtherance of the establishment of the said Institute of Indian Education at this Institution.

(Signed) C. C. Hatchett
President of the Board of Regents.

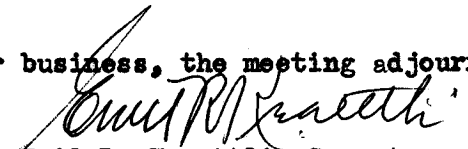
(Signed) Emil R. Kraettli
Secretary of the Board of Regents.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

President Bizzell called attention to the Petroleum Education Conference to be held on the campus on February 6, and invited, on behalf of W. H. Carson, Director of the Schools of Mechanical and Petroleum Engineering, all members of the Board of Regents. Regent Noble stated he definitely planned to be present.

There was a brief discussion with reference to the bills being drawn by Regent Ledbetter, affecting the Hospitals and Medical School. Regent Ledbetter stated these bills would be completed within the next few days, or as soon as he could have a conference with General Patterson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.