

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 a.m., on Monday, May 3, 1937, in the office of the President.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 5, 1937, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell reported that an investigation with reference to the Book Exchange, more particularly the mimeographed and lithographed material prepared by members of the faculty, had not been completed and asked that the matter be passed over to the next meeting.

It was voted to defer action in accordance with the President's request.

President Bizzell reported resignations of the following, which were accepted:

- Merwin Elwell, Instructor in Dramatic Art, September 1, 1937
- Hazel Ulrich, Secretary to the Dean of Administration,
March 15, 1937
- Mrs. Christie B. Cathey, Library Assistant, April 1, 1937.

President Bizzell recommended that the salary of Miss Lois Peyton, Secretary in the office of the Dean of Administration, be fixed at the rate of \$75.00 for April and May.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended the appointment of Maxine Lambert as Library Assistant at the rate of \$60.00 per month, effective April 1, 1937.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Beatrice James, Stenographer in the Oklahoma Geological Survey, \$50.00 per month, effective April 1, 1937.

Approved.

Recommended that Benjamin A. Botkin, Assistant Professor of English, be granted leave of absence under the regulations governing Sabbatical leave, from September 1, 1937 to September 1, 1938; Dr. Botkin having received a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship to continue his research on "The Folk and Regional Movement in American Literature".

Approved.

Recommended that J. Willis Stovall, Assistant Professor of Paleontology, be granted leave of absence under the regulations governing Sabbatical leave, during the first semester of the school year 1937-38. Professor Stovall expects to complete his doctorate at the University of Chicago.

Approved.

Recommended that C. R. Bailey, Instructor in Chemistry, be granted leave of absence without pay, from September 1, 1937 to September 1, 1938. Mr. Bailey is working toward his doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Approved.

Recommended that Willie Fanning, Head Nurse in the University Infirmary, be granted leave of absence without pay, from July 1, 1937 to July 1, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended that the title of Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering for Benjamin F. Shultz, Chief Engineer, be dropped as of September 1, 1937. This change being made at the request of Mr. Shultz.

Approved.

Recommended the Summer School Faculty for the session of 1937, with salaries fixed for the month of June, providing that these salaries continue during the month of July, unless otherwise specified.

Approved.

President Bizzell submitted the following recommendations for appointments in the School of Medicine in Oklahoma City:

Dr. James Robert Reed, Instructor in Ophthalmology, be advanced to an Associate in Ophthalmology, effective May 1, 1937.

Dr. Fay Maxey Cooper, Instructor in Ophthalmology, be advanced to an Associate in Ophthalmology, effective May 1, 1937.

Tullos Oswell Coston, Instructor in Ophthalmology (Clinical Staff) in addition to his duties in the Out-Patient Department of the University Hospitals, April 1, 1937.

Stearley Pike Harrison, from Laboratory Assistant to Assistant in Physiology, at an annual salary of \$700.00 for nine months' service beginning September 1, 1937.

Waldo Philip Hitchcock, from Laboratory Assistant to Assistant in Physiology, at an annual salary of \$500.00 for nine months' service beginning September 1, 1937.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported that Miss Margaret Stephenson who had been recommended for the position of Dean of Women at the previous meeting, had come to Norman for the purpose of appearing before the Board of Regents and was waiting to be called. Miss Stephenson was called before the Board.

There was a discussion with reference to the duties and functions of the office of the Dean of Women. Miss Stephenson stated that at her request her title in her present position was Director of Womens' Activities, rather than Dean of Women, and that so far as she was personally concerned she did not like the title of Dean of Women because it carried the inference of a disciplinary officer rather than counselor.

Miss Stephenson was excused and there was a further discussion with reference to this appointment. President Bizzell recommended that the position of Dean of Women be abolished and that there be created the position of Womens' Counselor; that the person appointed to this position be the representative of the young women in the University.

The recommendation was unanimously approved.

President Bizzell recommended that Miss Margaret Stephenson be appointed Womens' Counselor, to date from July 1, 1937 and that her salary be fixed at the rate of \$3,600.00 per year to be paid in twelve installments of \$300.00 per month.

On motion by Regent Looney, seconded by Regent Noble, the President's recommendation was approved.

There was a discussion with reference to the oil inspectors on the oil wells at the University Hospital and Medical School. Regent Kerr reported that Mr. R. R. Owens, State Budget Officer, stated that it was no longer necessary to retain these inspectors. President Bizzell stated he had had a conference with Mr. Owens and had instructed him either to notify the two men appointed at the previous meeting, that their services were no longer needed, or to make a recommendation to that effect to be presented to the Board of Regents.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that in accordance with Mr. Owens' suggestion, the inspectors, Thurmon O. McLean and Steve Mascero, be relieved of their duties effective May 1, 1937, or at such date as the State Budget Officer may suggest.

President Bizzell stated that in accordance with instructions at the last meeting of the Board, he had started to assemble material concerning the faculty, but that this work had not been completed.

There was a discussion with reference to the advisability of a special meeting of the Board following adjournment of the legislature, to determine policies with reference to salary adjustments and appointments. The following action was taken:

Voted when this meeting adjourns that the Board meet again at nine o'clock a.m., on Friday, May 14, 1937.

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The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m., in the Union Cafeteria.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

General Patterson, Dean of the Medical School, appeared before the Board to discuss the question of admissions to the freshman class in the School of Medicine, action on the matter having been deferred from the last meeting. General Patterson stated that the procedure in the acceptance of students would be changed to provide that the evaluation of scholastic credits of all candidates for admission to the Medical School be carried out in the central administrative offices of the University at Norman rather than by the Admission Committee in the Medical School.

It was the sense of the Board that under this plan some of the criticism would be avoided, and General Patterson's proposal was approved.

General Patterson requested that the previous action limiting admissions to the freshman class to 11% of the total enrolment to any one county, be reconsidered.

Following the discussion a motion was made that the previous resolution be amended to provide that the maximum number from any one county be limited to 15%.

Regent Looney offered a substitute motion that the former action of the Board fixing the maximum at 11%, be rescinded and the matter be left to the Admission Committee.

A record vote was called for with the following result:

Regent Noble "no"	Regent Ledbetter "aye"
Regent Rosser "no"	Regent McBride "aye"
Regent Kerr "no"	Regent Looney "aye"

The vote standing as three "aye", and three "no".

Regent Looney offered a substitute motion that the number be fixed at 20% of the total enrolment of the freshman class.

A record vote was called for with the following result:

Regent Noble "aye"	Regent Rosser "no"
Regent Ledbetter "aye"	Regent Kerr "no"
Regent McBride "aye"	
Regent Looney "aye"	

Motion carried.

Regent Kerr reported that he had received another communication from the Men's Council, asking for a subsidy from University funds for Men's Council activities.

It was the sense of the Board that it is contrary to the policy of the University to use any University funds for strictly student activities, and it was voted to deny the request of the Men's Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until May 14, 1937, at nine o'clock a.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.

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