

Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, was held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Monday, February 14, 1938, in the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Regent Kerr, President of the Board, presided; others present: Regents Rosser, Ledbetter, McBride and Noble; (Regent Looney arrived at 12:20 p.m.).

The minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 1938, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell made a report showing the comparative enrolment for the school years 1936-37 and 1937-38, as follows:

	<u>1936-37</u>	<u>1937-38</u>	<u>Increase</u>
First Semester	5,749	6,239	490
Second Semester	5,235	5,858	623
First and Second Semester	6,212	6,688	476

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of Cecil Ferree, Supply Custodian in the Department of Zoology, effective January 1, 1938.

Also, the resignation of David Fudge, Assistant in the Extension Division, effective January 1, 1938.

Ordered filed.

President Bizzell reported that Dr. John Mosby Alford, Associate Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine at Oklahoma City, had tendered his resignation effective January 1, 1938. That Dr. Alford had been associated with the School of Medicine since its origin in 1911, and that on account of his age and health he desired to be relieved of active duty.

President Bizzell recommended that Dr. Alford's resignation from active duty be accepted, and that he be appointed Associate Professor of Medicine, Emeritus, in recognition of his long and faithful service.

Approved.

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

- Otho O. Sparks, Instructor in Architecture, effective February 1, 1938.
- Edna Bessent, Instructor in Romance Languages, effective February 1, 1938.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported that following several conferences in connection with the opening of the Student Union Lounge, Miss Stephenson, Counselor of Women, had recommended the appointment of Margaret Anne Gessner as Director of Student Activities, and that in addition she would serve as Assistant Counselor for Freshman Women with Miss Stephenson.

President Bizzell reported that the Union is employing two graduate students each on a half-time basis to assist Miss Gessner; the students being Mary Harriett Covert and William Waldrep.

President Bizzell recommended that Miss Gessner be placed on the salary schedule at the rate of \$150.00 per month, effective February 1, 1938.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported the following appointments effective on the dates specified, and recommended approval by the Board:

C. W. Tomlinson, Special ^{Lecturer} ~~Instructor~~ in Geology, February 1, 1938 - no salary
 Herschel Elarth, Assistant Professor of Architecture, February 1, 1938, at the rate of \$2,400.00 per annum
 Francis ^{Dominiak} ~~Dominiak~~ Burke, Instructor in Social Work, February 1, 1938 - no salary
 Elsie L. Parker, Assistant Professor of Social Work, February 1, 1938 - no salary
 Elmo Bonifield, Supply Custodian in Zoology, January 1, 1938, \$95.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported that several universities throughout the country, had adopted the policy of exchange student scholarships, the plan being that an American student would receive free tuition in the foreign university of his choice and a monthly allowance for room and board, or some other provision for the same. In return the American university provides free tuition and an organization such as a fraternity or sorority provides room and board.

He stated that several organizations on the campus of the University of Oklahoma are interested in such exchange scholarships and had asked that the Board of Regents authorize free tuition. He recommended approval of such a plan for the University of Oklahoma.

Following a discussion, it was voted to grant a maximum of six scholarships on an exchange basis during any one school year.

Regent Noble called attention to the minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 1937 (Page 738) showing the action of the Board in connection with the use of University Buildings for political meetings.

Regent Noble requested that he be recorded as voting against the policy of denying the use of University Buildings for the purposes as stated.

President Bizzell reported on the revenues to the credit of the Medical School from oil wells located on the campus, stating that up to and including December of 1937, there was a total of \$135,280.23.

President Bizzell stated that a committee composed of University students had asked for a hearing in connection with the fee for repeating instruction.

It was the sense of the Board that the committee be given a hearing, whereupon Bill Selvidge and Leon Davis were invited to appear.

The students presented arguments against the fee and there was a general discussion, following which the students retired from the meeting.

No action was taken on the matter.

President Bizzell reported the new course fees and changes of fees in courses; these fees to become effective February 1, 1938:

Zoology 199, Biological Technique, \$6.00
 Zoology 306, Physiology of Invertebrates, \$6.00 deposit
 Zoology 401, Physiology of Protoplasm, \$6.00 deposit
 Home Economics 363, fee reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00
 Home Economics 404, variable credit, 3 to 5 hours, fee
 \$10.00, changed to \$2.00 per credit hour
 Geology 211, fee \$15.00, changed to \$12.00
 Geology 212, fee \$15.00, changed to \$12.00

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended that instead of the degree of B.F.A. in Public School Vocal Music and one in Public School Instrumental Music, the degree of B.F.A. in Vocal Music Education, and one in Instrumental Music Education, be authorized. This being in line with the recommendation of the Music Educators National Conference, of which the College of Fine Arts is a member.

He recommended further that the titles of all members of the faculty in the college of Fine Arts be adjusted accordingly.

Approved.

Regent Ledbetter called attention to the unpaid private accounts due the University Hospital and discussed the advisability of taking steps looking toward the collection of the same.

It was the sense of the Board that all accounts on which no payments have been made during the last four months (October 1, 1937), be turned over for collection either to an agency or an attorney.

President Bizzell reported that he had discussed with Tom Stidham in line with the action of the Board at its last meeting, the question of his contract. He stated that the athletic situation was on a more satisfactory basis at this time than it had been since his coming to the University.

Following a discussion during which there were expressions of approval by the Board on the athletic situation, President Bizzell recommended that Tom Stidham be paid a salary of \$7,500.00 (\$625.00 per month) during the calendar year effective January 1, 1938, and that he be given a five year contract; the contract expiring January 1, 1943.

A motion was made that the President's recommendation be approved.

On the vote all members voted "aye" except Regent Ledbetter who requested that he be not recorded as voting "aye" "until the complete recommendation as to the status of other members of the staff had been made."

Inquiry was made concerning the contract for broadcasting the football games next season. President Bizzell explained that the matter had been delayed due to the fact that the Big Six Conference had considered the question of broadcasting football games as affecting members of the Big Six Conference at its meeting in November, but that no decision had been made.

President Bizzell was instructed to make a report on the situation at the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

President Bizzell presented petitions from the following on the question of residence, who had appealed from the decision of the University Committee on Residence. The action in each case being as indicated:

Classified as Residents

John Richard Leonard, effective February 1, 1938
 W. J. Collier, effective February 1, 1938
 Douglas H. Hicks, effective February 1, 1938
 Dave H. Abernathy, effective February 1, 1938

Classified as Non-Residents

John E. Cladwell
 Booker L. McDearmon, fee due for six semesters
 beginning September 1935.

President Bizzell reported that it would be necessary for him to be in Washington on March 7, the regular date for the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

It was voted to postpone the meeting until March 14, 1938.

Regent Looney who was delayed in reaching the meeting, arrived at 12:20 p.m.

President Bizzell reported that for sometime a university committee had been working on a program to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the University, the date being during the school year of 1942-43. He explained some of the details that have been discussed; the organization of a Board to receive private benefactions and other matters pertaining to the occasion. He stated that many of the details had not been completed, but that it was important that a formal announcement of the celebration be made at an early date.

The Board expressed approval of the plan as outlined.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.

