

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 10:30 o'clock a.m., on Monday, March 14, 1938, in the office of the President of the University.

Regent Joseph C. Looney, Vice-President of the Board, presided in the absence of Regent Kerr, President of the Board. Others present: Regents Hatchett, Ledbetter, Noble, and McBride. Absent, Regents Kerr and Rosser.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 1938, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

Regent Hatchett discussed briefly, the action of the Board during his absence at the last meeting, with reference to the contract and salary of Mr. Tom Stidham, Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach. He requested that the minutes show that he was opposed to the length of contract, (five years, beginning January 1, 1938) and the salary (\$7,500.00 annually) paid to Tom Stidham. Regent Hatchett stated, "I voice entire satisfaction to his services as Athletic Director, and I have the highest admiration for him as a man."

The Chair called attention to the by-laws which provide for the annual election at the March meeting.

It was voted to suspend the rules and defer the election of officers of the Board until such time as a full attendance could be had.

Regent Hatchett requested that the April meeting be dispensed with and that the next meeting be held on the first Monday in May; stating that it would be impossible for him to attend the regular meeting on April 4.

Regent Noble moved that the April meeting be held in accordance with the by-laws and on the vote Regent Noble's motion carried.

President Bizzell called attention to the action of the Board in January, fixing the maximum allowance for the use of automobiles on official business by members of the faculty and employees at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile, and stated that some complications had arisen under this regulation and that several complaints had been filed. He stated that state departments and other institutions were allowing 5¢ per mile.

Following a discussion it was voted to rescind the previous action and allow a maximum of 5¢ per mile for use of personal cars, when used on official business.

President Bizzell submitted a report from Robert H. Dott, Director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, in connection with a cooperative project between the Oklahoma Geological Survey and the United States Geological Survey in the investigation of ground water. He recommended continuation of this project which would provide for the payment of traveling expenses of S. L. Schoff, representative of the

Approved.

President Bizzell reported that the University of Oklahoma is one of the institutions named as beneficiary in the Will of J. Roy Williams, deceased, of Los Angeles. The Will provides for the establishment of a loan fund. He stated that the Trust agreement specifies that the Board of Regents approve applications for loans.

He recommended the following students for loans for the current school year, in the amount of \$125.00 each:

Charles A. Kothe, Jr.  
John A. Grayson

The President's recommendation was approved.

President Bizzell reported that in conformity with the instructions at the last meeting, he had asked Tom Stidham to make a report with reference to the broadcasting of football games during the season in 1938, and he submitted a form of notice to bidders which had been prepared by Mr. Stidham. The form being as follows:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Athletic Council of the University of Oklahoma, Inc., will accept bids for the exclusive broadcasting privileges for all football games to be played by the football team of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma, with the schools and on the dates as follows:

Nebraska	October 22, 1938
Tulsa	October 29, 1938
Missouri	November 1, 1938
Kansas Aggies	November 5, 1938
Washington State	December 3, 1938

and for the broadcasting privileges of the other football games in which the University of Oklahoma participates as follows:

Rice at Houston, Texas,	October 1, 1938
Texas at Dallas, Texas	October 8, 1938
Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas	October 15, 1938
Iowa State at Ames, Iowa	November 19, 1938
Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater	November 26, 1938

All games are to be broadcast from the playing field and the successful bidder must pay any charge made by Kansas, Iowa State or A. & M. College for broadcasting privilege. In addition to the broadcasting of the football games, the successful bidder must also broadcast for a period of fifteen minutes at least twice a week between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., from the dressing room or practice field at the University of Oklahoma from September 10, 1938, to October 1, 1938, in which broadcast various football players will be introduced and other efforts made to induce a larger attendance at the games to be played at Norman, Oklahoma;

after October 1, 1938 and until the end of the football season the successful bidder must broadcast once a week from the Field House or Practice field at the University of Oklahoma, or pep rallies conducted by the student body of the University of Oklahoma preceding any of the games. If weekly broadcast is sold sponsor must be approved by Tom E. Stidham.

All bids must be in the hands of Tom E. Stidham, Director of Athletics at the University of Oklahoma, not later than May 1, 1938, and the Athletic Council of the University of Oklahoma, Inc., hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Successful bidder must furnish bond guaranteeing fulfillment of contract.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom E. Stidham,  
Director of Athletics.

Mr. Stidham was called to discuss this proposal and it was suggested that the notice provide for a definite date and hour which bids would be opened. Mr. Stidham was asked to report to the President of the University on bids received and that the contract for broadcasting be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval before awarding of the contract.

It was voted to approve the form of bids with suggested amendments.

Mr. Stidham retired from the meeting.

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of Dr. Paul B. Sears, Professor of Botany and Head of the Department, now on sabbatical leave of absence, the resignation to become effective September 1, 1938. He stated that Dr. Sears would return the amount of money paid to him during the period of his absence in accordance with the regulations governing sabbatical leaves.

The resignation was accepted.

President Bizzell recommended that F. S. E. Amos, Assistant Professor of Government, be granted leave of absence without pay, for the scholastic year 1938-39.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Dr. Frederick Ermarth, as Assistant Professor of Government, effective September 1, 1938, at a salary of \$1,899.00 on a nine months basis.

Approved.

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Recommended the appointment of Captain R. C. Bradford as Itinerant Instructor in Police Training, effective March 1, 1938, at a salary of \$200.00 per month and traveling expenses. President Bizzell stated that Captain Bradford had been approved for this position by the State Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education, and that one-half of the salary and expenses would be paid through the office of the State Board of Education, Division of Vocational Trades and Industries.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Vera Lue Corbin, Laboratory Technician in the Student Health Service, effective February 15, 1938, at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

Approved.

Regent Ledbetter reported on some delinquent paving taxes at the Medical School. He stated that he had had conferences in connection with this matter and that he felt it important that the matter be cleared up. It was his opinion that it could be settled without the payment of penalties.

It was the sense of the Board that Regent Ledbetter, in co-operation with the Attorney General, make further investigation looking toward the settlement of this obligation, and submit such settlement to the Board of Regents for confirmation.

President Bizzell requested that George Wadsack, Registrar, be called to make a report on the plan of carrying out the regulation of the Board with reference to the so-called "flunk fee". Mr. Wadsack gave a full explanation of the way in which his committee was handling the matter. He stated that April 4 had been set as a final date for the payment of the fee by those who would be required to do so.

Following a discussion the Board expressed complete approval of the work of the committee.

Mr. Wadsack retired from the meeting.

President Bizzell called attention to the luncheon with the Executive Board of the Alumni Association and the Executive Board of the Dad's Association in the Union Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 to attend the luncheon.

*Emil R. Kraettli*

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.