

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on November 5, 1938, at 9:00 a.m., in the office of the President of the University.

Regent Looney, President of the Board, presided; others present: Regents Ledbetter, Kerr, McBride, Hatchett, Harrell. Regent Noble arrived at 12:00 o'clock.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 1938 were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

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

The Secretary reported that he had notified Mrs. Ruth Thompson Hughes in writing, of the action of the Board at the meeting on October 3, but that she had not submitted any further material.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried, "that since Mrs. Hughes has not complied with the order of the Board at its last meeting, her case be ordered closed".

President Bizzell read a communication from Dr. W. P. N. Canavan requesting that the Board authorize the payment of the total amount of \$800.00 which was to be paid him during the first semester leave of absence authorized at the previous meeting, rather than in four payments of \$200.00 each.

President Bizzell was instructed to notify Dr. Canavan that it is contrary to the policy of the Board to make payments in advance of the time for which such payment was authorized, under the terms of the leave of absence.

President Bizzell submitted a petition from G. Milton Small, the petition requesting that he be given exemption in the form of a scholarship for the amount of his enrolment fees. The request being based upon an automobile accident which occurred on May 22, 1936, while Mr. Small was returning from Oklahoma City as a member of the class of Architecture 300, in a car owned and driven by Professor M. Elbert Mills. The trip to Oklahoma City was made as an inspection trip and considered a part of the regular class work.

It was the sense of the Board that there was no legal authority to approve the petition which would in effect be acknowledging liability for the accident.

President Bizzell reported that the oil royalties together with bonuses on the wells in Oklahoma City amounted to \$154,141.08, as of August 31, 1938. There was a discussion on the revenue from this source that might be expected at the time of the convening of the legislature, and its possible use for building purposes.

President Bizzell was instructed to draw a bill providing for a Nurses Home to be paid from the income from the oil wells and whatever PWA assistance might be available.

President Bizzell read a petition from the Polo and Riding Association asking that the University Polo Field be named Niemann Field, as a Memorial to Hal Niemann who was killed while participating in a polo game between the University of Oklahoma and the New Mexico Military Institute, at Roswell, New Mexico, on November 26, 1936.

A motion was made that the Polo Field be named Niemann Field, the following voting "aye": Looney, Ledbetter, Kerr, McBride and Harrell. Regent Hatchett "no".

Motion carried.

Regent Ledbetter stated that he had conferred further with Louis Ledbetter who is to be in charge of the arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies on the second Monday in January 1939, and that arrangements had been made to include two companies of the R.O.T.C., and the University Band.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the University cooperate in every particular with the Inaugural Committee, and President Bizzell was authorized to make the necessary arrangements for participation by University organizations.

President Bizzell reported that the Will Rogers Memorial Committee had allocated funds to Oklahoma, California, and Texas in the form of trusts for the purpose of assisting physically handicapped boys and girls in attending college. He stated that Oklahoma and California had been allocated \$125,000.00 each and Texas \$60,000.00, but that out of the \$125,000.00 allocated to the State of Oklahoma, \$25,000.00 was to be turned over to the Murrow Indian Orphans' Home. He stated he would get more details and report at the next meeting of the Board.

President Bizzell reported that Mr. Ed Howell, representing the Sunray Oil Company, had requested that he be given a hearing on the question of the amount of bonds required on the lease agreement in connection with the oil wells on the campus in Oklahoma City. It was the sense of the Board that Mr. Howell be heard, whereupon he was invited to appear. Accompanying Mr. Howell was Mr. E. H. Gilbert, representing the insurance company.

Mr. Howell stated that the Sunray Oil Company had taken over the lease of the H. H. Wegener Company, lessee, under the lease approved by the Commissioners of the Land Office on December 9, 1936; and, that under this lease bonds in the sum of \$100,000.00 on the University Hospital tract, and \$50,000.00 on the Medical School tract, were required. Mr. Howell explained that it was originally planned to drill several additional wells, but that conditions did not justify further drilling operations. He explained further that the City Ordinance in Oklahoma City, required a bond of only \$10,000.00 per well and suggested

that he felt a bond in the sum of \$25,000.00 on each tract would be ample to protect the property and cover personal liability, especially in view of the fact that the gas pressure is low and only the best type of equipment is being used.

Inquiry was made concerning the liability of the Sunray Oil Company, assignee on the lease originally made to the H. H. Wegener Company to which Mr. Howell replied that there was no doubt that the Sunray Oil Company would be liable in case of damage. Mr. Howell stated that the present bonds would expire on December 8, 1938.

Following a discussion Mr. Howell was asked to have a copy of the assignment from the H. H. Wegener Company, together with the action of the Commissioners of the Land Office approving the assignment, sent to Regent Ledbetter for his examination.

It was agreed that the matter would come up for further consideration at the next meeting of the Board on December 3, 1938.

Mr. Howell expressed appreciation for the privilege of appearing before the Board and retired from the meeting.

There was a discussion on the damage to the Nurses Home at the time the first well (30 foot strip south of Nurses Home, Knox Garvin), was being drilled.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the Attorney General be requested to file a suit on behalf of the State to recover damages to the property, not only the Nurses Home, but also trees, etc.

President Bizzell recommended the following appointments for Graduate Instruction in Education classes conducted through the Extension Division:

- Perry Carmichael, Special Instructor in Extension Education, September 1, 1938, at an annual salary of \$1,800.00, plus travel and hotel expenses.
- John Roscoe Chandler, Special Instructor in Extension Education, September 1, 1938, at an annual salary of \$1,350.00, plus travel and hotel expenses.
- Harvey Chester Hansen, Special Instructor in Extension Education, September 1, 1938, at an annual salary of \$1,800.00, plus travel and hotel expenses.
- Fred Lyman Tibbitts, Special Instructor in Extension Education, September 1, 1938, at an annual salary of \$2,043.00, plus travel and hotel expenses.

Appointments were approved with the understanding that the income in these extension classes is sufficient to carry the program.

President Bizzell recommended the appointment of Extension Class Teachers in Social Work. He stated that there has been a demand for such classes, the present enrolment in each class being as indicated:

Ardmore	37
Hugo	54
McAlester	35
Muskogee	37
Okmulgee	49
Oklahoma City	10
Poteau	22
Shawnee	28
Wewoka	33

The following were recommended at the salary indicated in each case:

Dorothy Frances Cram, Extension Instructor in Social Work, November 1, 1938, at an annual salary of \$1,800.00 for nine months' service plus traveling and hotel expenses.

Mattie Gibson Maxted, transferred from Resident Instructor to Extension Instructor for the Undergraduate Classes in Social Work, November 1, 1938, without change in salary but with an allowance for traveling and hotel expenses.

William H. McCullough, Resident Instructor in Social Work, November 1, 1938, at an annual salary of \$1,800.00 for nine months' service.

Appointments approved with the understanding that the income in these Extension Classes is sufficient to carry the program.

Regent Looney called attention to the activities of a representative of the so-called "Vocational Extension Service", purporting to have some connection with the University of Oklahoma Correspondence Study Department and the WPA Correspondence Study Project.

President Bizzell stated that as soon as this matter was called to his attention, he notified Mr. Murray Robinson, Box 534, Ardmore, Oklahoma, understood to be the Director, to discontinue any reference to any department of the University of Oklahoma in soliciting students.

President Bizzell was instructed to look into this matter and refer same to the Federal Government, for investigation.

President Bizzell reported the resignation of Steve Tokoly as Assistant in the Bindery of the University Press, effective November 1, 1938.

Resignation accepted.

Recommended the appointment of Clark Long, Assistant Pressman in the University Press, be transferred to the position left vacant by the resignation of Steve Tokoly, at a salary of \$125.00 per month, effective November 1, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Melvin Frantz to the position of Assistant Pressman in the University Press at a salary of \$100.00 per month, effective November 1, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of J. C. Mayfield, Assistant Director of Short Courses, Extension Division, at a salary of \$150.00 per month, effective November 1, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Grace B. Smiley, Secretary in the Short Course Department of the Extension Division, at a salary of \$75.00 per month for twelve months' service, effective November 1, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended that the salary of Gordon Berger, Assistant in Music Education, be fixed at the rate of \$83.32 per month, effective October 1, 1938. Mr. Berger had previously been appointed at a salary of \$600.00 for the school year but was given additional class work on account of the large enrolment in that department.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Lucile Bond, Special Instructor in Piano and that her salary be fixed on the basis of 90% of the fees collected, effective October 1, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Mildred Ann Cooper, Secretary in the office of the Counselor of Women, at \$75.00 per month, effective October 10, 1938.

Approved.

President Bizzell stated that he had had conferences concerning space for Museum material, especially for the Paleontology Department, that most of the material is stored in boxes and that its value both for exhibition and instructional purposes was being impaired. That since the merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church and McFarlin Memorial Church congregations there had been some thought of acquiring the property vacated by the Methodist Episcopal Church on which Mr. Lew Wentz has a loan. He stated he did not have complete estimates on the cost of remodeling the property but that at least \$10,000.00 would be required. He stated further that Mr. Wentz had made a loan of \$35,000.00 on which no interest had been paid and that the total indebtedness was approximately \$42,000.00 at this time, but that Mr. Wentz would probably be willing to accept the principal and that the Trustees of the church had intimated that they would be willing to give a deed if the mortgage could be cleared up.

It was the opinion of members of the Board that this property would not be satisfactory for the purposes outlined, but instructed President Bizzell to go into the matter further and report at the next meeting of the Board.

President Bizzell reported the following changes in the University and Crippled Childrens Hospitals, the action in each case being as indicated:

Resignation

Vesta Woods, Assistant Operating Room Supervisor, \$80.00 per month, August 31, 1938.

Transfer

Grace S. Young, transferred from General Staff Nurse to Assistant Operating Room Supervisor, \$80.00 per month, effective September 1, 1938.

Appointments

Velma Jean Sewell, Laboratory Technician, \$100.00 per month, September 1, 1938.

H. Leah Pitts, General Staff Nurse, \$65.00 per month, September 1, 1938.

Lilah C. Reynolds, Stenographer, \$100.00 per month.

James White, Painter, \$114.00 per month, September 22, 1938.

Approved.

Recommended the appointment of Dr. George Thomas Allen as Instructor in Obstetrics, effective October 1, 1938 on the Clinical Staff in the School of Medicine, the appointment having been approved by Dr. Walter W. Wells, Head of the Department of Obstetrics and recommended by General Robert U. Patterson, Dean of the School of Medicine.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended that Irene Elliott, Stenographer in the President's Office be given an increase in salary effective November 1, 1938, of \$10.00 per month, her salary at the present time being \$155.00 per month and the increase fixing her salary at \$165.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended an increase of \$5.00 per month for Muriel Minnick, Stenographer in the Secretary's Office. Present salary \$75.00 per month and the increase to provide a salary of \$80.00 per month, effective November 1, 1938.

Approved.

Regent McBride stated he had several matters he would like to present for consideration:

- 1) That a City Editor be employed for the Oklahoma Daily. That such a man be a practical newspaper man who has had experience in this state. He explained his ideas with reference to the duties of such an individual and the benefits to the Oklahoma Daily as well as to the School of Journalism.

It was the sense of the Board that Regent McBride and President Bizzell give this matter further study and make a report at the next meeting of the Board.

- 2) Regent McBride brought up the question of establishing a "soap box" for political meetings.

Following a discussion it was the sense of the Board that this matter be brought up for further consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

- 3) Regent McBride inquired if it were possible for the University to make inspections of the meters in various communities of the state. He asked particularly that some one from the University be asked to make an inspection of meters in Anadarko.

President Bizzell stated he would confer with Dean Homer L. Dodge, Director of the State Bureau of Standards and that he would report to Mr. McBride at a later date.

There was a discussion on the question of the date for the next meeting of the Board and it was voted to hold the next meeting on Saturday, December 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m., this being the date for the Washington State-Oklahoma football game. President Bizzell stated that he would have the budget and all estimates completed by that time and that it might be necessary to hold another meeting later, but that this could be determined on December 3.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.

