

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The monthly meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Monday, February 6, 1939, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the office of the President of the University. The January meeting was not held due to the absence of President Bizzell.

Regent Looney, President of the Board, presided; others present: Regents Ledbetter, Kerr, McBride, Hatchett, Dr. Claude S. Chambers of Seminole, Oklahoma, appointed as a member of the Board of Regents and confirmed by the Senate in the Seventeenth Legislature, in place of Lowrey Harrell of Ada, recess appointment by Governor E. W. Marland.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 7, 1938, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell made a report on the enrolment for the second semester as of Saturday, February 4, the close of the first week of the semester, showing a total of 6,212 students. The total enrolment for the second semester of last year 1937-38 was 5,837. He estimated the enrolment for the second semester would reach 6,333, figured on a percentage for late enrolments with previous years.

President Bizzell read a communication from Dr. Leonard Logan concerning the issuing of certificates to prisoners in the penitentiary at McAlester, completing the class work in Prison Education.

Following a discussion of the matter it was the sense of the Board that it is contrary to the policy of the University to issue certificates of this character.

President Bizzell reported that another letter had been received from Mrs. Ruth Thompson Hughes, Oklahoma City. The members of the Board stated they had received a copy of this letter.

The President was instructed to notify Mrs. Hughes that in accordance with the action of the Board on November 5, 1938, the matter was considered closed.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations, effective on the dates indicated:

- Betty Temple, Secretary in the General Office of the Extension Division, effective January 1, 1939.
- Frank R. Campbell, Instructor in Engineering Drawing, effective February 1, 1939.
- Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Instructor in English, effective February 1, 1939.

School of Medicine

Dr. Arnold J. Lehman, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, effective February 1, 1939.

Ordered filed.

President Bizzell recommended that Virgle G. Wilhite, Assistant Professor of Economics, be granted leave of absence without pay, effective during the second semester of the school year 1938-39. He stated that Professor Edward C. Petty, on leave of absence during the first semester, will take over the teaching work of Professor Wilhite.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended the following appointments to the position and at the salary indicated and at the time specified:

Leota Davis Murphy, Instructor in Speech, as a substitute teacher for Walter Emery on leave of absence, \$212.50 per month, February 1 to June 1, 1939.

Jean Corene Baxter, Secretary, General Office of the Extension Division, January 1, 1939, \$100.00 per month.

Harold Kenneth Bone, Instructor in Engineering Drawing, February 1, to June 1, 1939, \$190.00 per month.

F. S. Hibner, Special Instructor in Accounting (non-credit extension course at Bartlesville) \$400.00 for the school year, contingent upon income, October 1, 1938.

H. K. Hudson, Special Instructor in Oil and Gas Law (non-credit extension course in Bartlesville) \$300.00 for the school year, contingent upon income, October 1, 1938.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported that under the provisions of the Will of J. Roy Williams, deceased, California, the University of Oklahoma participates in a loan fund, and that in approving loans the Trustees of the Fund require approval by the Board of Regents. Two students, Paul M. McLaughlin and John A. McReynolds were recommended for loans at \$125.00 each for the second semester of the school year 1938-39.

It was voted to approve these students for loans.

President Bizzell recommended that the regulation of the Board of Regents adopted at the meeting on June 6, 1938, providing for a service charge for deferred payment of fees, be amended as follows: "Except that students employed by the University for the amount or more of tuition fees for applied music study (piano, voice, violin, etc.,) may assign salary warrants from the University at the time of enrolment for the amount of tuition fees without the payment of the service charge."

On the vote all members voted "aye" except Regent McBride who requested that he be recorded as voting "no".

Approved.

President Bizzell reported the appointment of Dr. Henry W. Harris as Assistant in Obstetrics, effective February 1, 1939 in the Clinical Staff in the School of Medicine, on the recommendation of Dr. Walter William Wells, Head of the Department and Dean Patterson.

Approved.

Recommended promotion in rank Phillip Marsden McNeill, from Assistant Professor of Medicine to Associate Professor of Medicine, effective September 1, 1938.

Approved.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations in the University and Crippled Childrens Hospitals, effective on the dates indicated:

Octavia Benedict, Laboratory Technician, October 31, 1938.  
 Lillian Whitaker, Night Supervisor in Nursing Department, October 2, 1938.  
 Forrest W. Cross, Laboratory Technician, September 30, 1938.  
 George Miller, Cook, October 9, 1938.  
 Eryvl Bross, Inventory and Property Clerk and Night Cashier, October 10, 1938.

Ordered filed.

Recommended the following appointments, salary adjustments and transfers in the University and Crippled Childrens Hospitals:

Appointments

Dale A. Van Vacter, Laboratory Technician, November 1, 1938, salary \$100.00 per month.  
 Jessie Meador, Laboratory Technician, October 1, 1938, salary \$100.00 per month.  
 Harry Ross, Chef, October 10, 1938, salary \$110.00 per month.  
 Ann Bonnell, Stenographer and Clerk, Social Service Department, October 3, 1938, salary \$75.00 per month.  
 Gilbert A. Finley, Night Cashier, October 21, 1938, salary \$75.00 per month.

Approved.

Salary Adjustments

Don Walker, Storeroom Clerk, from \$65.00 to \$75.00 per month, on account of additional duties as Inventory and Property Clerk, October 10, 1938.  
 Mary Dearford, Night Supervisor in Nursing Department, salary increased January 1, 1939, from \$95.00 to \$100.00 on the basis of satisfactory service and to bring salary into line with others holding similar positions.

Approved.

Transfers

Blanche Hoskins, from Head Nurse to Night Supervisor, October 3, 1938, salary increased from \$90.00 to \$95.00 per month.  
 Albert Carpenter, from Chef to Cook, October 10, 1938, salary remains at \$85.00 per month.

Approved.

President Bizzell called attention to the five acre tract of land owned by Miss Mabel Smithson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, which intersects the R.O.T.C. drill field. He stated that the University has been renting this tract from Miss Smithson for a number of years and that it is very desirable that the University own this tract. He stated further that Miss Smithson has made a proposal to sell the five acres at a price of \$8,500, she to retain 1/16 oil royalty, or a price of \$10,500 without the royalty.

After discussing the matter, President Bizzell was instructed to ask the Attorney General to prepare a bill for the legislature, authorizing a condemnation suit for the five acre tract and providing that the funds for the payment of said tract may be taken either from the revolving fund or the maintenance appropriation of the University; also, that this include the expenses of condemnation.

President Bizzell reported that Regents Kerr and Hatchett and he, had had a conference with Governor Phillips on the question of Communism in the University which has been widely publicised in the newspapers, and that the matter had been discussed at length. He stated the Governor had mentioned several members of the faculty who had been reported in connection with the matter and that the Governor had stated he had two other names which he would send to President Bizzell. President Bizzell stated that the names had not been received. President Bizzell stated also, that the final outcome of the conference was that the Governor requested that President Bizzell and the Board make further investigation and report their findings to him.

President Bizzell was instructed to notify Governor Phillips that the matter had been discussed by the Board, and that further investigation would be made.

There was a discussion concerning the School of Religion, more particularly with reference to the courses listed in the general catalog and its connection with the University. Regent Kerr suggested, other members of the Board concurring, that it would be desirable to have a statement in the catalog making full explanation that the School of Religion was in no way connected with the University; also, that the list of courses as printed should be in the back of the catalog rather than in alphabetical order with regular university courses.

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

The Board met in Executive Session from 1:30 p.m., until 2:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

There was a discussion concerning expenditures for major items on the campus, more particularly for construction, such as the gunsheds, under a W.P.A. project.

It was the sense of the Board that expenditures of this nature should be referred to the Board of Regents for approval in advance.

President Bizzell stated he would be glad to do this in the future.

Regent Kerr requested that the minutes show, "It is the sense of the Board of Regents that the faculty representation on the Publication Board be increased from three to five, and that not more than one member be from the faculty of the School of Journalism", other members of the Board concurred.

President Bizzell reported that General Patterson, Dean of the Medical School and Howard Dickey, Business Manager of the University and Crippled Childrens Hospitals, were waiting in the outer office and asked that they be invited to discuss matters affecting the Medical School and Hospitals, whereupon they were admitted.

President Bizzell reported that recommendations of appointments previously submitted to him by General Patterson, had been approved during the morning session.

General Patterson presented the following statement and resolution adopted by the Faculty of the School of Medicine, and recommended approval:

"Because of the fact that beginning with the freshman class to enter 1939 the minimum scholastic requirements for admission will be three full college years, it developed at a recent conference with the President of the University and others interested that there seemed to be no good reason why the medical school should continue to award the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medicine.

"The following resolution is therefore proposed for the consideration of the full faculty in June:

'BE IT RESOLVED that after the commencement to be held in June, 1940, the granting of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medicine will be discontinued.'

The recommendation was approved.

Regent Ledbetter suggested that the Board ask the Attorney General to request the Supreme Court to advance the case of the University Hospital with reference to the title on the McMeacham Parkway property.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that Regent Ledbetter make this request to the Attorney General on behalf of the Board of Regents.

General Patterson discussed the budget requests as filed with the Budget Officer, following which a motion was made by Regent Kerr that Dr. Chambers and Regent Ledbetter go over the matter with General Patterson and discuss the whole problem of appropriations for the Medical School and Hospitals with the Governor.

Motion carried.

General Patterson discussed the question of the Hospital Dairy and read a proposal from Martin Brothers, owners of the property on which the dairy is located at the present time.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that Regent Ledbetter be appointed as a committee of one to have a conference with Martin Brothers and secure definite proposals and options.

General Patterson and Mr. Dickey retired from the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Regent McBride that a legislative committee of the Board be appointed to assist President Bizzell in all matters pertaining to the University requests to the legislature, and in presenting the same before the Appropriations Committees.

The Chair appointed on this committee, Regent Ledbetter as Chairman; Regents McBride and Noble.

President Bizzell suggested that all members of the Board be present in the hearings.

Inquiry was made concerning the financial report on athletics.

President Bizzell stated he had received such a report from the Auditor of the Athletic Council showing a total of assets and resources up to and including January 19, 1939 as \$152,320.08. Also, an estimate on income from sports during the remainder of the school year, expenditures to date and estimated expenditures for the balance of the school year. The report showed a cash deficit as of June 30, 1938 of \$9,900.97, and an estimated cash balance as of June 30, 1939 of \$15,450.87, with an increase in inventories of sports estimated at \$2,500.00.

Inquiry was also made concerning the salaries of coaches for next year. President Bizzell reported he was not prepared to make a re-recommendation for next year but that he would have a recommendation at the next meeting.

The Secretary reported that the Committee on Non-Resident Classification for students in the University, had been requested to submit to the Board for final decision, petitions from the following students:

Ira Jack Rees - petition not approved  
 William Neumeyer - petition not approved  
 Bertha L. Burnett - petition not approved  
 Oscar Kenig - petition not approved  
 Donald B. Alexander - petition approved  
 Eleazar Monroy - petition approved  
 Martin D. Schlesinger - petition referred back to the committee with instructions to make further investigation and with power to act.  
 Dearmont S. Misner - petition referred back to the committee with instructions to make further investigation and with power to act.

President Bizzell reported that the transcript of the hearing in the case of W. P. N. Canavan, had been received from the reporter and stated that Dr. Canavan had requested a copy be sent to him.

The President was authorized to forward one copy to Dr. Canavan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m., to meet again on Monday, March 6, 1939. It was understood that an earlier meeting might be called for the purpose of hearings on the University budget.

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