

Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Monday, April 10, 1939, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Japanese Room, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City; the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 3, having been postponed because of the fact that several members of the Board were out of the State at that time.

Regent Ledbetter, President of the Board, presided; others present: Regents Kerr, Chambers, Hatchett, Noble, and Looney.

The minutes of the meetings held on March 6 and March 27, respectively, were approved, each member having been furnished copies previously.

President Bizzell reported that on the 17th and 18th of March the Debate Team accompanied by Mrs. Murphy, a member of the teaching staff in the Speech Department, attended a tournament sponsored by the Louisiana State Normal, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and that in order to reduce expenses of the trip. Mrs. Murphy had driven her father's car with the understanding the University would pay expenses for gas and oil. On the return trip an accident occurred which seriously damaged the car. It was necessary to make some repairs on the car before returning, these repairs amounting to \$42.50. Additional repairs, as estimated by a local garage to put the car in condition, amount to \$123.59.

President Bizzell stated that under the new regulations of the State Auditor, repairs on private cars were not allowed and asked for instructions as to the disposition of this matter. He stated that Mr. Green had on hand approximately \$40.00 as a balance from the debate tournament held in Norman some months ago and that there were no restrictions on the use of this money since it did not involve any state funds.

Following the discussion of the matter, it was the sense of the Board that Mr. Green reimburse Mrs. Murphy to the extent of available funds from the balance in the tournament budget. Also, that she be paid on a mileage basis the amount permitted under the regulations of the State Auditor but that the University could not be held legally responsible for other expenses.

There was a general discussion on the desirability of carrying public liability property damage insurance. Regent Noble explained the plan used by this company in carrying not only liability but property damage insurance on cars either owned by his company or driven by others when in the service of his company. No action was taken on the matter.

President Bizzell reported the resignation on February 10, 1939, of C. L. Workman, part-time Chemist in the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

Resignation accepted.

Recommended the appointment of R. George Mihram as Chemist on a part-time basis in the Oklahoma Geological Survey, effective February 10, 1939, at a salary of \$75.00 per month on a twelve months basis.

Approved.

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of Benjamin F. Brooks, Assistant Professor of Economics in the College of Business Administration, effective June 1, 1939.

Resignation accepted.

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of A. E. Chandler, Associate Professor of Economics and Statistics, effective June 1, 1939.

Resignation accepted.

President Bizzell stated that the Executive Council of the Interfraternity Council in conjunction with J. F. Findlay, Dean of Men, and Don Leshner, Secretary of Fraternity Affairs, had discussed the regulation of the Board of Regents on the question of hazing, and that this group had requested interpretation of the regulation.

Following a discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and carried that this matter be referred to the Administrative Council with the power to act.

President Bizzell presented a statement from Miss Helen Hadley, the reporter who had taken the testimony in the matter of the hearing of W. P. N. Canavan before the Board of Regents, the total amount being \$52.40, figured at the rate of 40¢ a page for 88 pages of testimony and 15¢ a page for two carbon copies, and airmail postage from New York \$4.00. Miss Hadley is employed in New York City having accepted a position there before she had completed the transcript.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that this bill in the amount of \$52.40 be allowed and that it be paid from the Medical School funds.

There was a discussion with reference to the question of fees in the University, more particularly the Student Union fees which for several years have been \$5.50 each semester. Governor Phillips had requested that the Board of Regents reduce the fee to a maximum of \$4.00 each semester and, if possible, lower than that amount. The Governor requested that the Board of Regents go into the matter thoroughly following the meeting in the Governor's Office on Monday, March 27. A revised budget on operation of the Union was sent to each member of the Board together with a statement of estimated income and commitments on outstanding bonds, notes, and interest. Copies of these statements were sent to members of the Board of Regents on April 3, 1939.

Motion by Regent Hatchett, "that the student fees at the University for the regular fall term of 1939 are hereby fixed as follows for each semester:

- Infirmary \$3.00, same as at present
- Student Union \$4.00, reduced from \$5.50
- Library \$1.50, same as at present

"Students who enrol for three or less hours may have the privilege of paying \$2.50 per credit hour, provided no Infirmary or Student Union privileges be given.

"The Board finds that with said reduction in the Student Union fee there will be a considerable deficit on the basis of present revenues in meeting bond maturities and interest and operating expenses, which it is hoped will be met by an increase in enrolment. The Board declares it to be its policy that said fees will be further reduced just as soon as the revenues of the Union will permit."

Motion carried.

President Bizzell discussed the question of fees in the Summer Session but no action was taken pending the final decision on appropriations in the legislature.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock for luncheon with the understanding that the meeting would continue in Room 1116, Skirvin Hotel, Major Kerr's suite, since the Japanese Room was engaged for the afternoon.

The Board met in Executive Session from 1:15 to 2:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in regular session at 2:00 p.m.

There was a discussion on the legislative building program as affecting the hospitals. Also with reference to the income from oil wells located on hospital and Medical School grounds.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, "that the legislature be requested to appropriate the accruals, and all accruing bonuses and oil royalties from the University Medical School and Hospital properties to be used by the Board of Regents during the next biennium for the purpose of erecting an Isolation Building at the Crippled Childrens Hospital and a Nurses Home at the University Hospital, the Regents to be authorized to secure Federal funds, if available, to supplement the amount appropriated."

Regent Ledbetter was requested to draw such a bill and to have some member of the legislature introduce the same.

There was a discussion with reference to the action of the Athletic Council in paying bonuses to members of the coaching staff in athletics and other employees connected with the Athletic Department.

Following this discussion, Regent Hatchett moved as follows: "The action of the Athletic Council or Director in paying a bonus to certain employees and coaching staff in the aggregate amount of \$2,875.00 without the previous approval of the Board of Regents is not approved and the Athletic Council and Director are hereby forbidden to pay any funds for salaries or bonuses except as fixed by the Board of Regents."

Motion carried.

President Bizzell was instructed to furnish a copy of this action by the Board to the Athletic Council and the Director of Athletics.

It is the sense of the Board that those having received bonuses be not required to return the same.

President Bizzell reported that the Carnegie Corporation of New York City had chosen Dr. M. L. Wardell to receive one of the grants-in-aid, the purpose being * * * * "how to give the younger men who are coming on in college and university administration a broader point of view towards their work.

* * * * "As an item in our experimental grants-in-aid program, we are considering making available this year two or three small grants to the most promising men in this younger group to enable them to spend four to six months visiting other institutions in this country or in Europe. The plan would not involve resident study, but rather fairly continuous travel with stops of a week or two at those institutions which, in the particular individual's opinion, are doing the best job in his field--whether that field be admissions, business management, student life, or any other area of educational administration. We'd hope, of course, that the man's own institution would offer him leave on the best terms which its financial condition would permit." (Letter from Dr. F. P. Keppel, President, Carnegie Corporation under date of January 4).

President Bizzell reported that these grants would amount to a maximum of \$1,200.00. He reported further that complete details had not been received but that the Carnegie Corporation had requested confirmation on Dr. Wardell's selection and action by the Board as to whether leave of absence would be granted.

President Bizzell recommended that Dr. Wardell be granted leave of absence whereupon it was moved, seconded, and carried that the recommendation be approved.

President Bizzell submitted the report of General Patterson in connection with the fatal burning of Dr. Andrew Parks McLean, Instructor in Pharmacology in the Medical School in Oklahoma City, on February 16, 1939. The report was received and ordered filed.

President Bizzell reported that Dr. W. P. N. Canavan, on the status of leave of absence, had tendered his resignation effective June 1, 1939.

Resignation accepted.

Reported also the resignation of Dr. A. J. Lehman, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, February 1, 1939.

Resignation accepted.

Reported the resignation of Dr. O. O. Williams, Assistant Professor of Pathology, April 1, 1939; Regents Looney and Noble asked that they be recorded as voting "No" on the acceptance of this resignation with the explanation that they are opposed to members of the faculty under contract for the school year resigning before the expiration of the school year for the purpose of accepting another position.

Resignation accepted.

Recommended the following appointments:

Dr. William Hotchkiss Bailey, at the present time on the Clinical Staff as Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, be appointed as a substitute for Dr. O. O. Williams, for the months of April and May, 1939, and that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$175.00 per month.

Approved.

Evan Leonard Copeland as a graduate assistant in Physiology at \$75.00 per month, from February 1 to June 30, 1939.

Approved.

Reported the resignation of Mrs. Opal Brookes, Technician in the Department of Pathology, effective March 1, 1939, and the appointment of Sadie K. Gray as Technician in the Department of Pathology, from March 1, 1939 to July 1, 1939, at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

Mrs. Brookes' resignation accepted and appointment of Mrs. Gray approved.

President Bizzell reported the following changes in the personnel at the University and Crippled Childrens Hospitals, effective on the dates specified in each case:

Helen Carr, Social Service Director, granted leave of absence without pay, February 1 to May 31, 1939.

Approved.

Ruth Lowry, appointed Clerk in Social Service on a temporary basis at \$75.00 per month, effective February 1, 1939.

Approved.

Marie Garrett, transferred from General Staff Nurse and appointed Instructor in the School of Nursing, February 1, 1939, at a salary of \$90.00 per month.

Approved.

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Ruth McCabria, Stenographer in X-Ray Department,
Services discontinued February 9, 1939.

Approved.

Appointment of M. Caroline Sherman, Stenographer
in X-Ray Department, effective March 24, 1939,
at \$75.00 per month.

Approved.

Reported resignation of Evelyn Stephens, Instructor
in the School of Nursing, effective February
4, 1939.

Accepted.

It was the sense of the Board that the next meeting would
be held on the first Monday of May (May 1) unless otherwise directed
by the President of the Board of Regents.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned
at 3:15 p.m.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.