

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents was held in the President's office at the Medical School Building in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, July 7, 1931, at 1:30 p. m.

The following members were present: Bowman, Carlock, Milburn, Hatchett, Rosser, and Tolbert.

In the absence of the Secretary E. A. Kraettli, Chairman Bowman appointed President Bizzell as Acting Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were not read.

President Bizzell recommended that the title of Dr. J. Rud Nielsen be changed from that of Professor of Physics to that of Professor of Theoretical Physics.

Approved.

A recommendation was made by President Bizzell that a matriculation fee of \$1.00 be charged graduate students, effective for the scholastic year 1931-32.

Approved.

Attention was called by President Bizzell to a letter received by him from Governor Murray relating to the salary of Miss Mae F. Vandever, and his response thereto. After some discussion of the matter, the Board decided not to take any action with reference to the request of Miss Vandever that she be paid her full salary for the months of May and June, as she has not been rendering any service to the University during these months. The point was made in discussing the matter that Miss Vandever had already received compensation for one month and a half after she had withdrawn from University service.

President Bizzell also stated that he had a conference with Mrs. Barry and that she requested the Board to continue her services for one more year. The Board without formal motion declined to modify its previous action concerning the status of Mrs. Barry.

President Bizzell reported that the Board of Affairs had surrendered the lease to the University Hospital Dairy Farm west of Oklahoma City and had leased approximately a thousand acres about twenty miles northeast of the City; Also that the dairy herd and equipment had been transferred to the new location. Attention was called to the fact that the new contract provides that the annual rental was fixed by the Board of Affairs at \$3,000.00, which is \$600.00 more than was previously paid for the farm west of the City, but the increase in rental seemed justified, due to the larger farm acreage that is available for raising forage crops.

Judge C. C. Hatchett reported the result of a conference that he had with Governor Murray concerning the status of Dr. Wann Langston, and stated to the Board that the Governor had expressed a willingness to leave the adjustment

of the Hospital staff to the decision of the Board. The Board engaged in a general discussion of the personnel problems in the University Hospital and Medical School. Dr. LeRoy Long was also invited into the meeting while this matter was under consideration. A letter was read by President Bizzell from Dr. Langston under date of July 6, 1931, in which he reviewed his connection with the Hospital and expressed the wish he be relieved of the duties of Superintendent of the University Hospital. He also asked that he be appointed to a teaching position in the Medical School. On motion, duly seconded, Dr. Langston resigned as Administrative Officer of the University Hospitals and School of Medicine and Professor of Clinical Pathology, and was appointed Professor of Clinical Medicine, effective September 1, 1931, on a half time basis, his salary to be fixed on a pro rata basis of that of a professor on full time - \$3,000.00 for twelve month's service.

Approved.

President Bizzell then read a recommendation from Dr. LeRoy Long, Dean of the Medical School, in which the names of Dr. Walker Morledge of Oklahoma City and Dr. J. B. Smith of Durant were submitted to the Board for appointment to the superintendency of the University Hospital vacated by the resignation of Dr. Langston. A general discussion of the availability of these men was engaged in by the Board. Judge Hatchett explained that he had conferred with Dr. Smith and that he was in no sense an applicant for the position, but that he had consented to accept, provided it was mutually agreeable to Dr. Long and the authorities of the University. On motion, which was unanimously carried, Dr. J. B. Smith was elected Superintendent of the University Hospital at an annual salary of \$5,000.00 on a twelve months' basis, with an additional \$900.00 allowance for house rent in Oklahoma City. This appointment is to be effective not later than September 1, 1931, the exact date to be determined by mutual agreement between Dean Long, Dr. Smith, and President Bizzell.

The Board then engaged in a general discussion of the labor situation at the University Hospital. During the discussion Mr. W. R. Royse, a former county evidence man in Oklahoma City, was called before the Board and reported on some investigation that he had made concerning the discontent that prevailed among the employees. He submitted evidence that several of these employees had made threats against officials of the University and that they had spent considerable time in creating dissatisfaction among their associates. On motion that was unanimously carried, the following men were ordered discharged from the service of the Hospital: W. T. Johnson, in charge of the chicken plant; C. R. Alred, an employee in the boiler house; and W. L. Lindsay, a plumber.

Mr. J. W. Baker, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at the University Hospital, was called before the Board to explain why certain employees had been dismissed from the dairy farm. He explained that only two men had been dismissed; namely, George Anderson and Walter Orr. These men, he stated, were dismissed for inefficiency and insubordination. In reply to an inquiry, he stated that these men, so far as he knew, had not testified in the investigation by the legislature last winter and that there was no other motive for discharging these men, except the case assigned.

On recommendation of President Bizzell, the salary of Mr. H. C. Smith, Business Manager of the University Hospital, was fixed at \$3,600.00 on a twelve months' basis, effective on and after July 1, 1931.

On recommendation of President Bizzell, the Board ordered the poultry plant, now located on the grounds of the University Hospital, to be moved to the new dairy farm, and that the present site of the poultry plant be cleared and landscaped in harmony with the other part of the grounds.

President Bizzell read a letter from Mr. A. R. Barber of Oklahoma City declining the position to which he was previously appointed by the Board of Regents as Auditor of the University Hospital.

A letter from Mr. L. H. Patton of Oklahoma City was read making a proposition to the Board for collection of open accounts due the Hospital. After some discussion of the matter, the Board postponed final consideration of this question and instructed President Bizzell to confer with other parties who are interested in this matter before a decision is reached.

On motion adjourned.

W. B. Bizzell, Acting Secretary.