

THE 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 3:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, June 5, 1939, in the office of the President of the University.

Regent Ledbetter, President of the Board presided. Others present: Regents Noble, McBride, Looney, Hopper, and Chambers. The reading of the minutes of the meetings held on May 24 and May 26 was omitted.

Regent Ledbetter, acting on behalf of the Board of Regents in connection with the oil lease on the Medical School and Hospital campus in Oklahoma City, presented the request of the Sunray Oil Company for a reduction in the bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 on the University Hospital development and \$50,000.00 on the Medical School development executed at the time of the original lease to H. H. Wegener, this lease having been subsequently assigned to the Sunray Oil Company and later to the Phillips Petroleum Company. This matter was originally discussed at the meeting on November 5, 1938, at which time additional information was requested. A certified copy of the assignments from H. H. Wegener to the Sunray Oil Company was submitted. Also copies of the assignments from the Sunray Oil Company to the Phillips Petroleum Company.

Following a discussion of the matter, the motion was made to accept bonds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Sunray Oil Company and the Phillips Petroleum Company to be held liable jointly and severally and that the Phillips Petroleum Company furnish to the University an assumption of the same risks as imposed upon the original lessee by the original lease, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma and the law. The form of said assumption is to be submitted to the President of the Board of Regents for his approval.

A vote on the motion was called for with all members voting "aye". The motion was declared carried.

Regent Ledbetter reported that The Big Chief Drilling Company had requested a reduction in the \$50,000.00 operating bond originally posted.

Regent Hopper made the motion to defer action on this request and to suggest that The Big Chief Drilling Company submit a better and more complete financial statement.

On the vote on the motion, all members voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Bizzell recommended that Glenn Couch, Instructor in Botany, be granted a leave of absence without pay during the school year 1939-40.

Recommendation approved.

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President Bizzell recommended the appointment of William Felkner as Instructor in Botany during the school year of 1939-40 as a substitute for Glenn Couch, and that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$1,600.00, effective September 1, 1939.

Recommendation approved.

President Bizzell reported the appointment of Mary Elizabeth Trent as Secretary in the Department of Zoology to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Helen Joe Talley, the appointment to become effective July 1, 1939, at \$1,000.00 per year for 11 months service.

Appointment approved.

President Bizzell reported the appointment of Ivan Rainwater to the position of Custodian of the Stockroom in the Department of Botany, at a salary of \$1,000.00 on a twelve months basis. This position is provided for in the budget approved at the previous meeting.

Appointment approved.

President Bizzell recommended that Lila M. Welch, Associate Professor of Home Economics, on Sabbatical leave of absence, 1938-39, be promoted to the rank of Professor, effective September 1, 1939, without change in salary.

Recommendation approved.

President Bizzell presented a recommendation from the Director of Athletics on the salaries of coaches for the year beginning January 1, 1939. Following a discussion of the matter, Regent Hopper made a motion that the salary of Lawrence Haskell, Line Coach, be increased from an annual rate of \$3,750.00 (\$312.50 per month) to an annual rate of \$4,250.00 (\$354.16 per month), this increase to be effective from July 1, to December 31, 1939.

That the salary of Dewey Luster, Back Field Coach be increased from an annual rate of \$4,000.00 (\$333.33 per month) to an annual rate of \$4,500.00 (\$375.00 per month) this increase to be effective July 1, to December 31, 1939.

That the salary of Robert H. Erskine, Scout and Freshman Coach, be increased from an annual rate of \$3,500.00 (\$291.66 per month) to an annual rate of \$4,000.00 (\$333.33 per month), this increase to be effective July 1 to December 31, 1939.

That the salary of Arthur (Pete) Smith, End Coach, be increased from an annual rate of \$1,000.00 (\$111.00 per month) to an annual rate of \$1,500.00 (\$166.66 per month), this increase to be effective September 1 to December 31, 1939.

On a vote on the motion to fix the salaries as above, all members voted "aye" except Regent Ledbetter who requested that he be recorded as voting "no".

Motion carried.

Following a discussion of the salary of Tom Stidham, Head Coach and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Regent Hopper made the

motion that Mr. Stidham's salary, effective July 1, 1939, to December 31, 1939, be increased from an annual rate of \$7,500.00 (\$625.00 per month) to an annual rate of \$8,000.00 (\$666.00 per month).

Regent McBride offered a substitute motion that Mr. Stidham's salary be increased to an annual rate of \$8,250.00 (\$687.50 per month) from July 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939.

A vote was had on the substitute motion and all members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Regent McBride called attention to the question of tuition in the University elementary and high school which was discussed at the previous meeting on which action had been postponed until hearing Dean Collings on the matter. The Secretary was asked to call Dean Collings and reported that he was not in his office and that no one answered the telephone at his home. Regent McBride asked for a vote on his original motion, that a tuition fee of \$3.00 per month be charged in the elementary grades and \$4.00 per month in the high school to be effective at the opening of the fall term in 1939. A roll call was requested with the following result: Regents McBride, Hopper, Noble, and Chambers, "aye"; Regents Ledbetter and Looney "no".

The chair declared the motion carried.

President Bizzell stated that considerable repairing was necessary on the buildings and premises of the R. O. T. C. on the south campus. He stated that sufficient funds were on hand in the R.O.T.C. budget (Revolving Fund) to make these repairs and asked that Mr. Kraft be invited to explain these repairs. Mr. Kraft stated that the metal roof on the stables was leaking badly and that it was impossible to stop these leaks with temporary measures and that a new roof would be the only solution. Also that the posts in the corral were rotted out and would need to be replaced and that the fence in general would need repairing.

It was voted to authorize the repairs as explained by Mr. Kraft.

Mr. Kraft retired from the meeting.

The secretary presented a petition for resident classification for Jack Rees, a student in the University of Oklahoma during the past year; the Committee on Nonresident Classification, under the regulation of the Board of Regents, having declared Mr. Rees a nonresident.

Following a discussion of the petition, Regent Looney moved that the petition be not granted.

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

There was a discussion on the appointment of the committee as provided in the resolution concerning the Will Rogers Scholarship Fund. The following names were proposed to serve on the committee from one to five years, respectively:

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Joe Hamilton, Oklahoma City, one year 1940-  
Houston B. Teehe, Tahlequah, two years 1941-  
W. C. Kates, Claremore, three years 1942-  
John Carlock, Ardmore, four years 1943-  
Errett R. Newby, Oklahoma City, five years 1944-

Regent Looney moved that the above named individuals be confirmed for appointment on the committee.

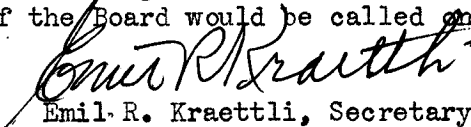
On a vote on the motion all members voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Bizzell asked that the Board of Regents discuss the question of broadcasting the football games next fall and suggested that Tom Stidham be invited for conference. Mr. Stidham appeared before the Board stating that he had had several conferences with Mr. Bell, Manager of the Oklahoma Publishing Company, and Mr. Grubb, Manager of WKY, and also Bus Ham, Sports Editor. Also that he had asked for bids from several Companies for broadcasting rights but had received only one bid which was not satisfactory. He stated, however, that he had not specified a definite date for bids to be submitted. He reported that WKY had indicated that they felt they were entitled to an exclusive contract for broadcasting rights.

Following a discussion of the matter, the motion was made that Tom Stidham, Director of Athletics, be authorized to proceed with negotiations for broadcasting the football games and that he be given authority to make the best possible arrangements.

Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the understanding that no meeting would be held during the summer and that the next meeting of the Board would be called on Monday, October 2, 1939.

  
Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.