

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Wednesday, March 20, 1940, at 10:00 a.m., in the office of the President of the University, at Norman, Oklahoma.

The following were present: Regent Ledbetter, President of the Board, presiding; Noble, Looney, Chambers, Hopper, Hatchett, McBride.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 1940 were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell asked that the Board discuss further the question of the construction of the Isolation Building at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Regent Ledbetter stated he had had a conference with the Governor and discussed the advisability of proceeding with construction now or waiting until the next session of the Legislature and request additional funds, in view of the uncertainty of the amount available from WPA. He stated it would be necessary to have detailed plans and specifications of the building before the WPA could estimate definitely the amount of assistance, but that the WPA Engineer had tentatively estimated such assistance from \$15,000 to \$20,000, making a total available for the building of approximately \$85,000, whereas the original plans called for an expenditure of \$125,000. That later Mr. Ron Stephens, WPA Director had told the Governor they could provide between \$45,000 and \$60,000. This report was not confirmed by the Engineer. Mr. Ledbetter stated further that the Governor would be favorable to requesting an additional appropriation.

President Bizzell stated Ron Stephens had told him he was anxious to "get every dollar possible for this project."

Regent Hatchett stated he had discussed the matter with the Governor and that he had expressed the opinion construction should not be attempted unless WPA funds sufficient to construct a building at a minimum cost of \$100,000 were available, but that he would leave the matter to the Board of Regents.

Regent Ledbetter stated the hospital authorities were opposed to the construction of a part of a building.

Regent Hatchett moved, "that the matter of the building of the Isolation Ward at the Crippled Children's Hospital be held in abeyance for the present."

On the vote on this motion all members voted "aye".

Motion carried.

The Chair announced that the election of officers for the ensuing year would be held at this time, and called for nominations for the office of President.

Regent Noble was placed in nomination for the office of President.

There being no further nominations, Regent Noble was unanimously elected.

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Regent Looney was placed in nomination for the office of Vice-President.

There being no further nominations, Regent Looney was unanimously elected.

Emil R. Kraettli was placed in nomination for Secretary.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Kraettli was unanimously elected.

Regent Noble expressed appreciation for the service rendered by Regent Ledbetter, stating, "we are indebted to the President of the Board."

Regent Looney stated: "We express confidence in Mr. Ledbetter, and owe him a vote of thanks and appreciation for the fine service he has rendered the university and this Board."

President Bizzell stated: "I would not be doing the thing that is in my heart if I did not express my appreciation for the help and advice Mr. Ledbetter has given me at all times. He has done a vast amount of legal work for the Board. We owe him our everlasting gratitude."

Other members of the Board concurred in the sentiments above expressed and on motion by Regent Looney the Secretary was instructed to so record in the minutes.

President Bizzell presented for approval the recommendations of Dean Patterson covering several items affecting the Medical School and Hospitals:

- That Dr. Maynard S. Hart be appointed Instructor in Clinical Pathology, effective March 1, 1940.
- That Dr. Meredith M. Appleton be appointed Assistant in Urology, effective March 15, 1940.
- That Dr. Meyer Kurzner be appointed Assistant in Pediatrics, effective March 15, 1940.

On motion by Regent McBride, the appointments in the Medical School were approved.

Reported the resignation of Grace S. Young, Assistant Operating Room Supervisor, January 31, 1940.

- That Gertrude Marburger, General Staff Nurse, be appointed Operating Room Supervisor, February 1, 1940, at \$80.00 per month.
- That Frances Huff be appointed General Staff Nurse, February 3, 1940, at \$65.00 per month.
- That Roy Arnold, Driver, be appointed Mechanic, February 1, 1940, at \$100.00 per month. (To fill vacancy - Elmer West).
- That Lee Bivens, Storeroom Clerk, be appointed Driver, February 1, 1940, at \$76.00 per month.
- That Roy W. Cantrell, be appointed Storeroom Clerk, February 1, 1940, at \$65.00 per month.

That D. G. Troop, be appointed Carpenter, February 1, 1940, at \$114.00 per month. (To fill vacancy - Paul Miller).
 That Frank T. Siebert, Jr., be appointed Resident in Pathology, February 1, 1940, at \$50.00 per month. (Position set up on budget for fiscal year 1939-40).

On motion by Regent McBride, the above recommendations were approved.

President Bizzell reported that it was necessary to make repairs in the cooling plant at the Crippled Children's Hospital, and requested authorization for a transfer of funds. He offered the following resolution, explaining that the matter had been discussed with the Budget Officer, and that the work had been done with his approval. He asked that the resolution be passed as of February 12, 1940, the date of the last meeting of the Board of Regents:

"RESOLVED by the Board in regular session, that the Board of Regents for the Crippled Children's Hospital, approve the following transfer of funds:

"TRANSFER Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from Account #603-40, Milk and Dairy Products, to Account #502-40, Repairs to Equipment, at the Crippled Children's Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"That this recommendation is made in accordance with the provisions of House Bill #411, reading in part as follows:

'Provided that funds appropriated under this Act may be transferred from one item to another upon recommendation of the Board having control of such institution and the approval of the Governor, but in no event exceed the total appropriation.' "

On motion by Regent Chambers, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Board adjourned for lunch in the Student Union Building at 12:15, and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations at the University:

- Wip Robinson, Secretary, School of Geology, March 11, 1940.
- Otto Krause, Instrument Maker, Department of Physics, March 1, 1940.
- J. M. Campbell, Janitor, Infirmary, services discontinued on account of health, March 1, 1940.

The resignations accepted.

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Recommended the appointment of Jack Marks as Secretary, School of Geology, effective March 12, 1940, at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

Approved.

Motion by Regent Noble: "That the President of the University supply each member of the Board with an agenda, setting forth the items to come before the Board at the next meeting, and that this material be furnished at least five days in advance of the date of the meeting."

President Bizzell stated he would be glad to comply with the above motion with the understanding that in some cases items might come up at the last minute.

The motion by Regent Noble unanimously adopted.

President Bizzell stated that he would like to ask Tom Stidham, Director of Athletics, to appear before the Board for discussion on items concerning his department. Mr. Stidham was invited to appear before the Board.

Mr. Stidham made a report concerning the tragic death of Justin Bowers, a member of the 1939 football team on the morning of Wednesday, February 28, 1940, in an automobile accident. He read a letter to President Bizzell containing complete details.

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of Dewey Luster, Backfield Coach, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, effective March 1, 1940.

Resignation accepted.

President Bizzell presented recommendations of Mr. Stidham of the following appointments:

Stanley Williamson, Head Line Coach, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, effective March 1, 1940, salary \$3,600 per year.

Dale Arbuckle, Assistant Football Coach, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, effective March 1, 1940, salary \$2,750 per year.

Motion by Regent Hopper that the appointments be approved.

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

Motion carried.

Tom Stidham retired from the meeting.

There was a discussion concerning other matters in the Department of Athletics, more particularly the salaries and appointments, effective January 1, 1940.

The salaries were tentatively set as indicated below:

- Tom Stidham, \$7,500
- L. E. Haskell, \$3,750
- R. H. Erskine, \$3,600
- William J. Cross, \$3,000
- Harold Keith, \$2,700
- Bruce Drake, \$3,474
- John Jacobs, \$3,474
- Ted Owen, \$1,800
- Franchelle Farrar, \$1,200
- J. J. Dempsey, \$960.00

Following a discussion of the above, Regent Looney moved that the schedule of salaries as set up be approved.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion by Regent Hatchett, it was voted "that the salaries of the Athletic Department, except Mr. Williamson and Mr. Arbuckle as fixed by the Board on this date, begin on January 1, 1940."

There was a discussion concerning the expenditure of athletic funds for repairs as approved at the last meeting of the Board.

On motion by Regent Noble, it was voted "that expenditures of funds on any of these projects be deferred, and that a committee be appointed to make further investigation."

The Chair appointed the following to serve on the committee:

- Regents Noble, Hopper, and McBride.

There was a discussion concerning the Oklahoma School of Religion, some members of the Board stating that there is a more or less general opinion throughout the state that it has some official connection with the University. Attention was called to the action of the Board in 1928, providing for coordination of the Oklahoma School of Religion with the University.

Regent Hatchett made the following motion: That the action of the Board of Regents concerning the Oklahoma School of Religion at the meeting held on February 14, 1928, providing for coordination and affiliation with the University of Oklahoma, be rescinded; but that credit may be given by the University of Oklahoma for courses offered in the Oklahoma School of Religion as may be approved by the faculties of the various schools and colleges comprising the University on the same basis as other recognized institutions of the state.

Motion adopted.

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President Bizzell stated he had a matter in mind that was of great importance to one member of the Board. That Eugene Paul Ledbetter, the son of the President of the Board would receive his degree in June, and that he would like to ask that Regent Ledbetter be permitted to sign his son's diploma while he is still President of the Board.

Regent Chambers stated his son would graduate in the Medical School in June and that he would appreciate being permitted to sign his son's diploma.

It was unanimously voted that Regent Ledbetter sign his son's diploma before the expiration of his term on the Board; and that Regent Chambers sign his son's diploma.

Regent Hatchett asked that he be excused at 2:30 p.m.

President Bizzell stated he would like to have the budget for the next fiscal year considered at the next meeting, that he was assembling information and holding conferences, but that it would require more time if the Board meets on the first Monday in April.

On motion by Regent Looney it was voted "that we do not have the regular meeting on the first Monday in April, and that we meet subject to the call of the President of the Board."

Regent Noble made the following motion: That the Chairman appoint a permanent committee of the Board of Regents to confer with the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union to consider student union activities.

Motion adopted.

(On Saturday, March 30, Regent Noble called President Bizzell on the telephone stating that he had appointed the following to serve with himself on the committee: Regents Chambers, Looney and McBride).

Regent Ledbetter, President of the Board expressed appreciation for having been a member of the Board. He stated: "I appreciate the courtesy and friendship, it has meant a great deal to me. It has been a work of pleasure. I wish you boys luck, and lots of it."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.