

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, November 4, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the office of the President of the University.

Regent Noble, President of the Board presided; others present: Regents Looney, Chambers, Hopper, McBride, Rogers, Wimberly.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, October 7, 1940, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

Discussion was held concerning the question of tenure appointments. President Bizzell explained the policy that had been in effect for many years, this policy being that members of the faculty below the rank of assistant professor were appointed annually; that members of the faculty with the rank of assistant professor, and above were normally placed on tenure after one year of service, but that in some cases such teachers may be appointed on an annual basis.

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On motion by Regent Looney it was voted that the tenure policy of the University shall not apply in instances where the academic rank or teaching service is incidental to the regular employment, and that this rule shall apply to all individuals now employed or who may in the future be employed and given academic rank or title. x

Regent Wimberly moved, the motion being duly seconded and carried, that President Bizzell express on behalf of the Board, appreciation to the Highway Patrol for the efficient handling of traffic on the Saturdays on which football games have been played in Norman. President Bizzell was asked to transmit this message to Commissioner Johnson and to Governor Phillips.

President Bizzell recommended the following appointments.

- Samuel Peaco Chew, Assistant Professor of English, at an annual salary of \$2,160.00, effective October 14, 1940.
- Charles H. Dunn, Clerk in the University Book Exchange, \$90.00 per month, effective October 1, 1940.
- Murry J. Flipppo, Secretary, School of Geology, \$75.00 per month, effective October 11, 1940.

The appointments were on motion by Regent Looney approved.

President Bizzell reported that in accordance with instructions at the meeting held on October 7, he had secured an appraisal of the four acres owned by Frank Buttram, the appraisal having been made by J. C. Todd, a local real estate dealer. He stated Mr. Todd estimated approximately twenty-five building sites in the four acres, and at the prevailing price of \$800.00 per building site this acreage would amount to \$20,000.00. Mr. Buttram's price to the University (the amount paid for the land plus taxes since 1928) is \$8,893.01.

Action on this matter was passed over to the next meeting of the Board.

There was a brief discussion concerning the income from the golf course, and Mr. Lindsey, the Comptroller, made a report on the income and expenses in connection with the operation of the golf course.

The Board recessed for lunch with the Rotary Club at the Student Union Building at 12:00 noon, and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

President Bizzell recommended that Ima Venable, Secretary to the Librarian, and Instructor in Library Science, be paid \$125.00 per month effective November 1, 1940. The recommendation was approved.

President Bizzell requested that the Board take up the question of the biennial legislative budget for 1941-42 and 1942-43. He reported on enrolment emphasizing the large number of classes having too many students for efficient instruction, and that additional teachers be provided in some departments. He provided members of the Board with a tabulation showing teachers in the various ranks, and at salary ranges. He stated that during the past eight or ten years funds had not been available for restoration of salaries but that in some cases promotions in ranks had been granted without salary adjustments. He recommended that in making the budget requests approximately the same total as was requested two years ago be used as a basis in preparing the budget requests for the 18th Legislature.

President Bizzell discussed the building program, and outlined a proposed program for the next biennium. Following a discussion of this matter it was the sense of the Board that the following be a tentative program:

	<u>1941-42</u>	<u>1942-43</u>
1. Petroleum and Mineral Industries Building	\$350,000.00	
2. Addition to Science Building (Pharmacy) for Physics and Chemistry		\$200,000.00
3. Education Building		200,000.00
4. Addition to Geology Building	150,000.00	
5. Land for Arboretum	12,000.00	
6. Greenhouse Laboratory for Botany	7,500.00	
7. Construction of Rooms under West Stadium for storage and research for departments of Anthropology, Paleontology, Geology and Geological Survey	7,500.00	
8. Construction of floor in the Physical Education Building	15,000.00	
9. For insulation of roof of Physical Education Building		4,500.00
10. Construction of Addition to the Press Building		40,000.00
11. For completing and ventilating Library Auxiliary Reading Rooms	35,000.00	35,000.00

There was a discussion concerning the addition to the Physical Education Building, looking toward the completion of this building and providing more seating capacity for the basketball games. President Bizzell was instructed to secure estimates on the cost of the above and report at the next meeting.

There was a discussion on the question of doing advanced work in Physical Education looking toward a Masters degree for teachers of physical education, and President Bizzell was instructed to investigate the possibility of conducting a school in Physical Education and Coaching in the summer school.

President Bizzell read a report concerning the University radio station. He stated that the University station now operates on 1010 kilocycles but that the Federal Communications Commission had assigned a frequency of 690 kilocycles under the Havana Treaty, to go into effect on the 29th of March, 1941. Word has been received that at least three other applicants were attempting to secure this frequency, all of them with 50,000 watts of power and with sufficient money to build the equipment necessary to operate on such power. One of the agencies petitioning the Commission for the frequency of 690 kilocycles recommended to us the frequency of 640 kilocycles. The facts concerning this frequency we have not been able to verify, but so far as investigations will disclose, they are as follows:

1. This frequency would be available for our exclusive use for full-time operation up to sundown at Los Angeles, California, or two hours past local sundown. We would be required to operate at least nine hours per day.
2. It is, from a technical standpoint, even more desirable than 690 and would give virtual state coverage with 1,000 watts and an adequate antenna system. At the present time we do not have an approved antenna system. This will need to be provided in any case.
3. It does not offer an inducement to commercial broadcasters because of the restriction against night broadcasting, which would therefore make it highly unlikely that we would ever be contested for its use.
4. This frequency is already assigned to an educational station Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, which is far enough away to eliminate any interference.

There was a discussion concerning this matter and it was the sense of the Board that further investigations be made, and that it come up again at the next meeting. John Rogers was asked to investigate certain angles with which he was somewhat familiar. President Bizzell was asked to supply Regent Rogers with information as to coverage of the University station, costs for meeting requirements, and other facts concerning WNAD.

Returning to a discussion on the biennial budget, it was the sense of the Board that President Bizzell and his staff proceed to prepare the budget tentatively as outlined. That in preparing the budget he show a complete breakdown of all items, including both salaries and maintenance so that the Board may go over the budget and have a clear picture of the needs of the University.

The Board held an Executive Session from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m.

Regent Noble stated that there had been a discussion concerning the presidency during the Executive Session in which all members of the Board were present.

The following motion by Regent Hopper, seconded by Regent Looney was unanimously passed:

That the President of the Board of Regents be authorized to tender the presidency of the University of Oklahoma to Mr. Joseph A. Brandt, at present Director of the Princeton University Press, on condition he report for duty by August 1, 1941, and make intervening trips between now and that date as may be necessary; that his salary as President of the University of Oklahoma be \$10,000.00 per annum; that in the event of Mr. Brandt's acceptance the Board request that Dr. Bizzell serve until the first of August, 1941.

Dean Patterson was invited to present matters affecting the Medical School and Hospitals. President Bizzell stated he had forwarded the following recommendations for increases in salaries to Regent Chambers:

Grace R. Sigerfoos, Librarian in the Medical School Library, salary increased from \$150.00 per month to \$166.66 per month (annual rate \$2,000.00) effective November 1, 1940.

Lilah B. Heck, Assistant Librarian, salary increased from \$95.00 per month to \$110.00 per month (annual rate \$1,320.00) effective November 1, 1940.

Ray Brame, Property Clerk, salary increased from \$100.00 per month to \$110.00 per month (annual rate \$1,320.00) effective November 1, 1940.

Lester Jesse, Financial Clerk, salary increased from \$166.66 per month to \$183.33 per month (annual rate \$2,200.00) effective November 1, 1940.

Regent Chambers stated he had considered the above recommendations and in his opinion they should be approved. President Bizzell recommended that the increases be approved.

On motion by Regent Chambers the recommendations were approved.

General Patterson reported he had begun the preparation of the biennial budget for the 18th Legislature and asked that the building program of the last legislature be resubmitted. Following a discussion of the budget it was voted that the budget, including salaries, maintenance, and building program be tentatively prepared on the same basis as two years ago, and that it be submitted to the Board at a later date.

Dean Patterson retired from the meeting.

President Bizzell presented petitions from students concerning eligibility for residence. He stated the faculty committee had classified these students as non-residents.

Robert I. Lee, 18 years of age, mother living in Fort Worth, Texas. Attended Fort Worth High School four years, but claims to make home with grandparents at Erick, Oklahoma.

David B. Gore, entered the University in September, 1939, following attendance at Missouri University as a resident of Missouri, during the spring semester of 1939. Mother living at Neosho, Missouri.

It was the sense of the Board that both students are ineligible for resident classification.

President Bizzell read a letter from Dean Carson requesting that the Board approve a \$1.00 per semester fee for the students in the College of Engineering to finance the publication of an engineering magazine. He stated the students had voted on the proposition at the recent election on October 31, and November 1, with the result that 743 students voted, 703 for the proposal and 40 against it.

Following a discussion of the matter it was voted to deny the petition it being contrary to the policy of the Board to have compulsory fees for student publications. The Board expressed approval of the undertaking to publish the magazine.

President Bizzell presented a recommendation by the Student Loan Committee for a loan from the J. Roy Williams Fund, Los Angeles, California, for Harold Edward Schwartz, in the amount of \$90.00. The committee recommendation was approved.

President Bizzell presented a petition by a group of students to rescind the ruling forbidding political candidates the privilege of speaking on the campus.

It was voted to postpone action on this petition.


Regent McBride discussed the importance of acquainting the public with the needs of the University, and the service it is rendering. He stated the publicity department with its present staff is unable to prepare articles of the type of material that should be going to the newspapers, and that he felt the newspapers would be glad to print such stories if they could be prepared and supplied in mat form. Regent Wimberly concurred in these matters.

Regent McBride recommended that some one be employed at \$100.00 per month to assist Mr. Harral in preparing this material, also that two student typists be added to the office staff.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that Mr. Harral be given additional assistance as recommended.

There was a discussion on the question of constructing dormitories and President Bizzell was asked to investigate the possibilities along that line.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m., to meet on Friday, November 15, 1940, at 10:00 a.m.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.