

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The April meeting of the Board of Regents, postponed from April 7, was held on Tuesday, April 22, 1941, at 10:00 a.m., in the office of the President of the University.

Regent Looney, President of the Board presided; others present: Regents McBride, Chambers, Wimberly, Hopper. Regent Noble called from Oklahoma City stating he would come later; he arrived at 4:00 p.m. Regent Rogers was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 3, 1941, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

The chair read a copy of the letter he had written to Mr. Noble concerning his services as President of the Board during the past year, and the letter was ordered filed by the Secretary.

President Bizzell stated Dean E. N. Comfort, of the School of Religion, had requested a hearing before the Board, and recommended that Dean Comfort be heard. The hearing was granted.

Dean Comfort discussed the action of the Board in eliminating announcements concerning the School of Religion from all University bulletins, and the plan of accepting credits, stating, "This action has left the School of Religion hanging in the air. It has caused the enrolment to drop one-third". Following a discussion Dean Comfort asked the Board to modify its previous action by adopting the following:

- 1) Courses of instruction which meet the standards of the various schools and colleges of the University shall be given residence credit.
- 2) For the convenience of the students courses in religion shall be printed in the class schedules of the University.
- 3) For the convenience of the administrative staff and of the students the registrar's office shall register students in religion and keep the usual records concerning their work.
- 4) The administrative staff is hereby authorized to work out the faculty and student details of the cooperative program.
- 5) This cooperative program assumes that the School of Religion shall continue to maintain its own separate building and grounds and a faculty on a scholastic par with that of the University. It is understood by all that this is purely a cooperative program planned solely for the well-rounded development of the University students and in no sense involves financial aid or control of either institution by the other.
- 6) Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the registrar's office and to each of the deans of the University.

Dean Comfort expressed appreciation for the opportunity to appear before the Board, and retired from the meeting.

Following a discussion, it was moved: "In order to maintain complete separation of church and state, and still at the same time we do not want to discourage the students from taking courses in religious training, therefore, be it resolved, that we approve the recommendations made by Dean Comfort."

The chair called for a vote on the motion. There being three votes against adoption, the motion was declared lost.

Regent Wimberly asked that the Board consider No. 1 (Courses of instruction which meet the standards of the various schools and colleges of the University shall be given residence credit).

Regent Wimberly proposed the following resolution:

"In order to maintain complete separation of church and state, and still at the same time we do not want to discourage the students from taking courses in religious training, therefore, be it resolved, that 'Courses of instruction which meet the standards of the various schools and colleges of the University shall be given residence credit.'"

The resolution was adopted.

Motion by Regent Wimberly: "I move, that the balance of the recommendations by Dean Comfort be referred to President Bizzell for further study and recommendation at the next meeting of the Board."

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

Motion carried.

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President Bizzell submitted the recommendation of Dewey Luster, that Frank Crider be appointed Freshman Football Coach, effective September 1, 1941. There was a discussion concerning the salary for Mr. Crider, and on motion by Regent Chambers, seconded by Regent Wimberly, Mr. Crider's appointment was approved and his salary fixed at the rate of \$2,700.00 per year on a twelve months basis, from September 1, 1941.

President Bizzell submitted the following recommendations for approval:

Resignations

Margaret Redding, Secretary to the Assistant to the President, April 15, 1941.

Joe Elam, Technical Foreman on the Wind Tunnel Construction, April 8, 1941.

Vernon Pack, Instructor in Oxy-acetylene Welding, April 1, 1941.

L. C. Burris, Instructor in Electric Welding, March 1, 1941.

J. E. Jordan, Janitor, March 19, 1941.

Phila Dorsett, Circulation Head, University Library, April 14, 1941.

Resignations accepted.

Leaves of Absence

- Harold K. Bone, Instructor in Engineering Drawing, military service, from April 1, 1941.
- Ansel P. Challenner, Instructor in Electrical Engineering, military service from April 1, 1941.
- Arthur Hemmendinger, Assistant Professor of Physics, from May 27, 1941.
- W. A. Fowler, Director of the Student Health Service, June, July, and August, with full salary, for special study of student health programs at the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and California and to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association at Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Fowler will visit several other student health services en route.
- Agnes Nohrnberg, Director of the Residential Halls, month of July, 1941, without pay.

Approved.

Appointments

- Bruce Wiley, Special Instructor in Electrical Engineering, April 1, to June 9, 1941, \$200.00 per month.
- Denzil Boyd, Special Instructor in Engineering Drawing, April 1, to June 9, 1941, \$165.00 per month.
- Pat Walters, Instructor in Welding, \$75.00 for March and \$125.00 per month beginning April 1, 1941.
- Tsianina Edwards, Secretary to the Assistant to the President, April 15, 1941, \$90.00 per month.
- John Sullivan, Janitor, March 19, 1941, \$80.00 per month.
- Royden Reynolds Freeland, Radio Engineer for WNAD, March 28, 1941, at the rate of \$125.00 per month.
- Lucy Trosper, transferred from position of Library Assistant to Head of the Circulation Department in the University Library, April 15, 1941. Her salary for April will be \$80.00 and \$100.00 per month beginning May 1, 1941.

Approved.

Adjustments in Salaries

- L. E. Dietrich, Instructor in Welding, \$200.00 per month, beginning April 1, 1941.
- Thurman Burkett, Janitor, from \$80.00 to \$85.00 per month, beginning April 1, 1941.
- Ona Belle Wolfskill, Secretary for Faculty Committees, from \$60.00 to \$75.00 per month for April, May, and June, 1941.
- Eloise Tittle, Stenographer in the Oklahoma Geological Survey, part-time basis for April and May and full-time for June, salary at the rate of \$50.00 per month. Her present salary is \$40.00 per month.

Approved.

Academic Rank

- L. E. "Jap" Haskell, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, given the rank of Professor of Physical Education, effective February 8, 1941.
- Dewey W. "Snorter" Luster, Head Football Coach, given the rank of Professor of Physical Education, effective February 8, 1941.

Approved.

President Bizzell submitted the following recommendations by General Patterson, Dean of the School of Medicine:

Recommended that Onis G. Hazel be promoted from the rank of Associate in Dermatology and Syphilology to Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology, effective April 1, 1941.

Resignations

- Ida Lucille Wallace, Instructor in Bacteriology, July 1, 1941.
- Roxey Tallant, Medical Social Worker, January 31, 1941.
- Doyle Troop, Carpenter, February 15, 1941.

Appointments

- Charles W. Stickney, Carpenter, February 17, 1941, \$114.00 per month.
- Joe Caskey, Messenger, February 24, 1941, \$60.00 per month.
- Marie C. D'Amour, Resident in Medicine, February 17, 1941, \$75.00 per month. (\$25.00 of this amount is allowed for living outside the hospital.)

Salary Increases

- Marie Lucille Asling, Laboratory Technician, from \$90.00 to \$100.00 per month, February 1, 1941. This technician was employed on November 1, 1940, on a trial basis at \$90.00 per month. Her services are satisfactory and this increase is to bring her salary up to that received by other laboratory technicians doing the same type of work.
- Ann Taylor, Medical Social Worker, from \$85.00 to \$100.00 per month, February 1, 1941.

Promotions

- William S. Moore, from Messenger to Admitting Clerk, salary increased from \$60.00 to \$75.00 per month, March 1, 1941.

Called to Active Duty

- Joe Tillitson, Admitting Clerk, February 28, 1941.

Leaves of Absence

Berry Campbell, Assistant Professor of Anatomy, on leave of absence for the school year 1940-41 for the purpose of accepting a Guggenheim Fellowship at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York City, leave of absence continued for the school year 1941-42.

LeRoy H. Sadler, Associate in Gynecology, has been called for military duty, effective April 14, 1941. Recommended he be granted leave of absence without pay for the period of service.

Renewed Appointment

Russell L. Mosley, Assistant Professor of Anatomy, substituting for Berry Campbell, to be continued for the school year 1941-42.

The recommendations for the Medical School and Hospitals were approved.

President Bizzell read the following letter from Dr. Henry H. Turner, President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association:

"Pursuant with our recent conversation, I am writing to remind you to mark your calendar for Monday afternoon, May 19, at 4:00 o'clock as the date of dedication of the memorial tablet of Dr. LeRoy Long, and we are desirous that you accept this tablet in the name of the University. We shall also appreciate your obtaining the consent of the Board of Regents to place this memorial in the entrance hall of the Medical School, and to extend to the Board an invitation in our behalf to attend these ceremonies. The alumni of the Medical School are being contacted, and as this is the opening day of the Oklahoma State Medical Association meeting, we are expecting an excellent attendance.

"Looking forward to having you with us, and thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry H. Turner, M.D."

On motion by Regent Chambers it was voted to have the memorial tablet for Dr. LeRoy Long placed in the entrance hall of the Medical School Building.

President Bizzell presented a petition by Mrs. Margaret Dreisbach, Director of Rochdale Hall, that she be given resident classification effective September 1, 1941, and explained the circumstances.

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It was the sense of the Board that Mrs. Dreisbach is not eligible for resident classification.

The Board recessed for lunch as guests of the Lions Club in the Union Building at 12:00 m., and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

President Bizzell stated Mr. Joe Smay, and Mr. Walter Kraft had prepared tentative plans for the Armory, Airport, and Radio Tower, on the campus at Norman, and the Nurses Home and Isolation Ward on the campus at the Medical School. Mr. Smay and Mr. Kraft explained the details of the respective plans, and there was a general discussion of the same.

Following the discussion it was voted to approve the tentative plans, and the proposed locations of the structures.

On motion by Regent Chambers, seconded by Regent Wimberly, it was voted that Joe Smay be delegated to prepare the plans and specifications of buildings, and that the inspection of buildings be under the supervision of Mr. Kraft.

Mr. Kraft stated the location of the Radio Tower had tentatively been decided upon as directly east of the Stadium, on the tract of land now owned by Mr. Frank Buttram, the purchase of which is now before the Legislature. It was the sense of the Board that the tower be located on this tract subject to the purchase of the land by the Legislature.

The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Smay and Mr. Kraft for their work in connection with these projects.

President Bizzell stated he had corresponded with Joe Brandt, President-elect, concerning the plans for the Semicentennial celebration, beginning in the fall of 1942, and that Mr. Brandt had approved the general outline. President Bizzell discussed these plans which included the following: "In the first place, it seems to me we should hold these exercises early in October of 1942. I think we should start off, say on Monday night, with a symphony orchestra of high quality. On Tuesday we should have a program on "Educational Policies and Problems in Oklahoma" in which the leading school men of this state should participate. I believe that we can bring a good deal of good-will to the University from our school people by recognizing them in this program.

"Then on Wednesday and Thursday we should have about four seminars as follows:

1. The Natural Sciences
2. The Fine Arts
3. The Social Sciences
4. Professional and Technical Education.

"I think we should invite some notable authority in each of these fields to head up each of the seminars and stress research as much as possible.

"On Friday, we should have a general convocation at which a notable University President from the endowed institutions and one from the state universities should speak. I think perhaps you might like to have President Dodds of Princeton as one of these speakers, and I would suggest President Sproul of the University of California as the other speaker if we can get him.

"On Saturday, I think we should have a football game. If possible, we should have an intersectional team to play our team. We have been trying for a year to get an intersectional game for the Semi-centennial, but we have not had much luck. We tried to get either the Military or Naval Academy team, but we had no success. Still, I think we might be able to secure a reasonably good team for this occasion.

"I like the idea of having for one of the evening programs a play by Lynn Riggs. I think we can put on a very creditable play by our drama students.

"For some time we have been discussing a pageant depicting the history of Oklahoma in relation to higher education. We really should get started on this part of the program as soon as possible.

"This is a general outline of what I have in mind. I have discussed it with some of the faculty. I believe we can make the program a very worthwhile one for the University and the State."

The chair stated Regent Noble had called him requesting that the minutes of the meeting held on January 6 show that he had appointed Regent Chambers as a member of the Semicentennial committee to represent the Board of Regents on the Executive Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to correct the January 6 minutes accordingly.

President Bizzell stated he would appoint the two members of the faculty soon, and suggested the desirability of a preliminary meeting at an early date. Dr. Chambers stated he would be glad to meet with the committee at most any time but suggested it might be desirable to have the meeting either in Oklahoma City, or "I should be glad to have them meet at my home in Seminole."

President Bizzell stated Mr. Brandt had spoken to him about a young man by the name of Jim Breasted when he was in Norman for the hearing before the Legislative committee earlier in the winter. Dr. Breasted's training has been in art and archaeology. He read from Mr. Brandt's letter under date of March 12, 1941. Dr. Bizzell stated Dr. Breasted had visited in Norman last week, and that he was impressed with his personality and fine scholarship, and that there was no doubt in his mind that he would be a valuable addition to the faculty. He also called attention to his library, and other material, such as slides, and illustrations, that he would bring with him, and which would be valuable in his work.

Following a discussion it was the sense of the Board that in view of limited funds, and the uncertainties of appropriations, and revenues during the next biennium, it would not be advisable to create a new department, or make additions at this time. President Bizzell was directed to write Dr. Brandt explaining the situation and the sentiment of the Board with reference to this appointment.

There was a discussion concerning the date for the next meeting of the Board.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that "when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet subject to call of the President of the Board."

Regent Noble arrived at the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Regent Chambers called attention to the amount of money spent for hospitalization of athletes, stating that the athletes had been taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, and that he felt there would be a considerable saving if they were taken to the Orthopedic Department of the University Hospital, or to the University Infirmary.

Regent Chambers moved, seconded by Regent Hopper, "that we direct the Athletic Department to take athletes to the University Hospital Orthopedic Department for treatment." The motion was unanimously adopted.

President Bizzell was asked to notify Mr. Haskell, Mr. Luster, Dr. Fowler, and Dean Patterson, of this action.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.