

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, May 30, 1941, in the office of the President.

Regent Looney, President of the Board presided; others present: Regents McBride, Wimberly, Hopper, Noble, Chambers, Craig. Mr. John M. Craig, of Idabel, Oklahoma, was appointed a member of the Board of Regents on May 23, 1941, following the resignation of Mr. John Rogers, who was appointed a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Joe Brandt, President-Elect, was present.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 1941, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

The Chair called on President Bizzell for a report concerning the School of Religion, in accordance with instructions at the last meeting.

Following is a copy of President Bizzell's report:

"At the last meeting of this Board Dean Comfort appeared before the Board and presented six recommendations concerning the relation of the Oklahoma School of Religion to the University of Oklahoma. These recommendations are as follows:

- 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 this cooperative program.
- 5) This cooperative program assumes that the School of Religion shall continue to maintain its own separate buildings 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.

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"After some discussion of the matter, the Board adopted No. 1 of the above and referred the other five of these to me for study and recommendation.

"I think it very important for the University to establish some policy with reference to the Oklahoma School of Religion if the institution is to be maintained at all. There is no question that the school should be completely separated from the University, as it is under present policies; but I believe the students of the University should at least have a chance to take courses in this school and a limited amount of credit should be given for the courses completed that measure up to University standards of instruction.

"I do not believe that the approval of these recommendations would in any way encroach upon the relationship of church and state and, therefore, recommend that they be approved."

Following a discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the President's recommendation. The following voted "aye": Regents Wimberly, Hopper, Craig, Noble, Looney. The following voted "no": Regents McBride, Chambers.

Recommendation approved.

The Chair called attention to the Special Committee Report of the Oklahoma State Senate, Eighteenth Legislature, appointed and authorized by authority of Senate Resolution No. 15, "to investigate the activities of the Communist Party in the State of Oklahoma, together with certain unamerican and subversive groups and their activities within the confines of our State".

The report included a recommendation that Maurice Halperin, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, be discharged from the Faculty.

The report and recommendations of the Senate Committee were discussed following which it was voted, "that the matter come up for further consideration and investigation at a later date".

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m., in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, to which President Bizzell had invited deans and administrative officers of the university, and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

President Bizzell recommended that Laurence H. Cherry, Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, be employed for the months of June, July, and August to continue with the work of completing the wind tunnel, at a salary of \$200.00 per month. The salary to be paid from the College of Engineering Maintenance Fund.

The appointment was approved.

President Bizzell recommended that William T. Tiffin, Instructor in Mechanical Engineering, be employed as Director of the Air Craft Welding Short Course for June, July, and August, at the rate of \$100.00 per month, the salary to be paid from the Welding Short Course Fund.

Approved.

President Bizzell recommended that Boyce Timmons, Assistant in the Registrar's office, be paid \$25.00 per month for two months service in connection with the Independent Men's Association last fall during the period of organization for the school year. This compensation was agreed upon between Dr. J. F. Findlay, and President Bizzell following Dr. Findlay's resignation, who had been the Sponsor of the Independent Men's Association.

The recommendation was approved.

President Bizzell reported the following resignations effective on the date indicated in each case:

- Myrtle B. Hoover, Stenographer WNAD and Forensic Leagues, May 1, 1941.
- Jean Hamilton, Secretary to the Director in the Extension Division, May 10, 1941.
- Addie Lee Pickard, Proof Reader, University Press, May 10, 1941.
- Ivan Rainwater, Custodian of the Stockroom, Department of Botany, July 1, 1941.
- Charlaine Tullis, Medical Technologist, Student Health Service, September 1, 1941.
- Frances Hunt, Instructor in Journalism, July 1, 1941.
- Pauline Rogers, Stenographer, Graduate Placement Bureau, July 1, 1941.

Resignations accepted.

President Bizzell recommended the following appointments to the position and at the salary indicated in each case, and effective on the date specified:

- Vinnie Mae Jolly, Laboratory Technologist, Student Health Service, \$85.00 per month, effective September 7, 1941.
- Betty Copmann Lynn, Proof Reader, University Press, \$85.00 per month, effective May 12, 1941.
- Frank A. Rinehart, Custodian of the Stockroom, Department of Botany, \$50.00 per month, June, July, August and September; \$100.00 per month from October 1, 1941 to May 31, 1942, for the school year.
- Juanita Farris, Stenographer, WNAD and Forensic Leagues, \$85.00 per month, effective May 1, 1941.
- Marian Louise Widlake, Secretary, Extension Division, \$85.00 per month, effective May 16, 1941.
- Joyle Marie Griffin, Stenographer, Graduate Placement and Records Bureau, \$75.00 per month, effective July 1, 1941.
- David Clarence Frost, Assistant in Journalism (with duties in Press Relations) \$150.00 per month, effective July 1, 1941.
- Howland H. Bailey, Assistant Professor of Physics, \$2,043.00 for the school year 1941-42, effective September 1, 1941.
- Jesse H. Glass, Secretary, R.O.T.C., Naval Science, \$100.00 per month, effective June 9, 1941.

Appointments approved.

President Bizzell recommended Dorothy Kirk, Assistant Professor of Art, be granted a leave of absence for the school year 1941-42, under the regulations governing sabbatical leaves.

Recommendation approved.

Regent Chambers called attention to the fact that the 101 Ranch House is being torn down, and suggested that this house might be acquired by the University as an Historical Project. He stated it was one of the important land marks in the state and that he felt it would be a fine thing for the University to have this house on the campus.

President-Elect Brandt concurred in the statements of Regent Chambers and recommended that a committee of the Board on Ways and Means be appointed to carry out the suggestions of Regent Chambers.

The Chair appointed Dr. Chambers as a committee of one to investigate the possibilities of securing this house.

Regent Chambers suggested also, the possibility of securing funds for the erection of a building on the campus for the perpetuation of Indian Culture and Civilization. He stated that there were Indians in the state who might be induced to provide funds for such a building if permission could be secured from Mr. Collier, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Regent Chambers, Noble, and Craig were appointed as a committee to investigate this matter and President-Elect Brandt stated he expected to be in Washington in the near future and would consult Commissioner Collier concerning same.

President-Elect Brandt recommended the appointment of Fayette Copeland as Counselor of Men and Professor of History, effective September 1, 1941.

He stated he had not consulted Dr. Dale, Head of the Department of History, concerning his title as Professor of History, but would do so. That Mr. Copeland was completing his Doctor's degree in the field of history and that he felt it would be appropriate to give him this title.

Regent McBride, moved that Mr. Copeland be appointed Counselor of Men and on the vote there was a majority in favor of the appointment, and it was approved.

There was a discussion concerning the salary for Mr. Copeland, and Regent Hopper moved that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$3,600.00 on a twelve months basis.

Regent McBride moved to amend the Hopper motion that the salary be fixed at the rate of \$3,800.00 on a twelve months basis, and that he be given one months vacation on pay.

Roll call was called fon on the amendment with the following result: Voting "aye": Regents McBride, Chambers, Wimberly, Craig, Noble. Voting "no": Regents Hopper, and Looney.

The McBride amendment was declared carried.

President-Elect Brandt brought up the following items each of which was discussed and the action in each case was as indicated:

Consideration of Additions to Research Staff - Chemistry

Requested authority to negotiate with John Turkevich, at present a member of the staff of the Department of Chemistry, Princeton University, and Samuel Glasstone, Research Associate in Chemistry at Princeton University, looking toward their employment here in the Department of Chemistry. He stated it would probably be necessary to provide a salary of \$3,200.00 for Dr. Glasstone.

Following a discussion, it was voted to authorize President-Elect Brandt to make an offer to Dr. Glasstone for a position on the Chemistry staff, effective for the school year 1942-43.

With reference to Dr. Turkevich, it was the sense of the Board that President-Elect Brandt be authorized to tell him that the Board is interested and that Dr. Brandt negotiate further with him.

Recommended that the title of Dean of Administration (Dr. Roy Gittinger) be changed to Dean of Admissions.

Approved.

Consideration of Location of Physical Science - Research Institute Building

There was a discussion concerning the location of and the plans for the Research Institute Building for which an appropriation of \$407,500 was made by the Eighteenth Legislature.

It was voted that President Bizzell be authorized to approve the expenses for Joe Smay, University Architect, Mr. Walter W. Kraft, and Dean Homer L. Dodge, in making preliminary building plans for this building, including the inspection of similar buildings elsewhere in the country.

It was voted that the Board assume responsibility for the location of the building.

University of Oklahoma Press Budget

President-Elect Brandt recommended that Will Ransom be appointed Topographer in the University Press, at a salary of \$3,000.00 on a twelve months basis, effective, July 1, 1941. It was voted to approve the appointment provided the salary appropriation made by the Legislature is approved by the Governor and the allocation is made by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

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Recommended also that an allowance be made in the budget for an Assistant Editor in the University Press.

No action was taken in this matter.

Secretarial Expenses of President-Elect Brandt

President-Elect Brandt has had considerable expense in connection with correspondence on matters concerning the University.

It was voted to authorize payment of these expenses and that claims for employees of Mr. Brandt, be approved.

Regional Research Program to be Financed by the Rockefeller Foundation

President-Elect Brandt explained that the project would deal primarily with History in the Southwest, and that he had discussed the matter with Dr. Stevens of the Rockefeller Foundation. He asked approval of the general plan, stating that it would comprise four southwestern states and that these states would supervise the research work. All expenses to be paid by the Rockefeller Foundation but that there might be some expense to the state in connection with publications.

On motion by Regent Hopper, it was voted that the University cooperate in this project, with the understanding that there would be no cost to the state.

Naming of National Committee to Raise Funds for Vernon Parrington Chair in American Literature

President-Elect Brandt explained Parrington's connection with the University during its early history, and his national reputation as a teacher and author.

It was voted to authorize President Bizzell and President-Elect Brandt, to appoint a committee to raise funds for a Vernon Parrington Chair in American Literature at the University of Oklahoma.

Plan for Annual Giving Campaign

President-Elect Brandt stated that some work had already been started in raising funds to secure the Walter Ferguson Collection to be placed at the University. He stressed the importance of gifts to the University, stating in his opinion, many former students and alumni would be encouraged to make donations.

No formal action was taken on this matter.

President-Elect Brandt recommended the appointment of William O. Baxter as Assistant Professor of English. He stated he had not consulted Professor Morgan, Head of the Department of English, but would do so. He reviewed Mr. Baxter's qualifications and it was voted to approve the appointment contingent upon approval by Professor Morgan, and that the salary be fixed at \$2,331.00 on a nine months basis.

President-Elect Brandt discussed the question of the appointment of a Professor of Archaeology, and called attention to Dr. Richard F. S. Starr.

No official action was taken on this matter.

President-Elect Brandt stated he had no further recommendations at this time.

There was a discussion concerning the Bill passed in the closing days of the Legislature which provided for Summer School instruction in the School of Law.

It was the sense of the Board that no action be taken since the Bill had not been signed by the Governor.

President Bizzell recommended transfer of funds at the University Hospital, the Crippled Childrens Hospital and at the University in Norman, as follows:

Transfer \$800.00 from Account No. 655-41, Veterans' Ward, to Account No. 751-41, Equipment; at the

University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Transfer Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from Account No. 654-41, Milk and Dairy Products to Account No. 751-41, Equipment at the

State University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Transfer One Thousand Two-Hundred and Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars from Account No. 653-41, Milk and Dairy Products, to Account No. 551-41, Repairs to Building, at the

Oklahoma Hospital for Crippled Children, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Transfer Two Thousand Six-Hundred and Thirty-Five (\$2,635.00) Dollars from Account No. 653-41, Milk and Dairy Products, to Account No. 751-41, Equipment at the

Oklahoma Hospital for Crippled Children, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Transfer \$1,000.00 from Account No. 652-41, Heat, Light and Power, to Account No. 641-41, Maintenance, at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

It was voted to approve these transfers.

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Regent Noble called attention to the agreement with President-Elect Brandt that the Board of Regents would authorize the payment of moving expenses and offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Brandt has been elected President of the University of Oklahoma, effective August 1, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brandt now resides in Princeton, New Jersey;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma authorizes the payment of moving expenses of household furniture from Princeton, New Jersey, to Norman, Oklahoma, for the said Dr. Brandt when he assumes his duties August 1, 1941.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

President-Elect Brandt called attention to the piano in the President's Home which is the property of Dr. Bizzell. He recommended that this piano be purchased and the recommendation was unanimously approved.

The Board authorized that a requisition be filed for the purchase of the piano at the price that Dr. Bizzell paid for the instrument when it was purchased; it being understood, the piano, a Mason and Hamlin was purchased at less than one-half of its original price.

Regent Chambers called attention to the housing conditions for student nurses at the University Hospital and recommended that Dean Patterson be authorized to negotiate for a residence at 716-718 N. E. 13th, to be used for a Nurses Home Annex.

The recommendation was approved.

Regent Chambers called attention to the action of the Board directing the University Hospital to accept athletes requiring hospitalization and treatment, and recommended that this action be rescinded. He stated he had had a conference with General Patterson, and that this plan did not seem feasible.

On motion by Regent Chambers, the action was rescinded.

Regent Chambers moved, "that General Patterson be requested to direct Dr. Colonna to come to Norman when called for the treatment of injuries to athletes in the University, as soon as the equipment for such treatment becomes available. Also, that Dr. Colonna be instructed to make an inspection of the equipment at the Infirmary and to make recommendations to the Medical Committee of the Board, concerning needed equipment.

The recommendations were approved.

The Chair appointed Regent Craig as a member of the Medical Committee in place of John Rogers who has resigned from the Board of Regents.

Regent Noble made the following motion which was unanimously approved: "That the Medical Committee be instructed to ask Dean Patterson for full information on the effort that has been made to secure a full time Pathologist.

President Bizzell distributed copies of the tentative budget and other financial data, requesting that members of the Board study the same. He stated the budget was not complete in all details and that a revised budget would be submitted after further correspondence with President-Elect Brandt, and after allocation of funds by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn and to meet again on June 9, commencement day, following the Alumni Luncheon.

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