

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma met at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 1, 1941. The meeting was continued through Wednesday, July 2, and until 1:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 3.

Regent Looney, President of the Board presided: On Tuesday the following were present: Regents Wimberly, Hopper, Chambers, Noble, Craig. Regent McBride absent.

On Wednesday the following members were present: Régent Looney, presiding; Wimberly, Hopper, Noble, Craig, McBride. Regent Chambers absent. Regent McBride asked that he be excused at 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 9, 1941, were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell read a letter from Dr. Gittinger expressing appreciation for the flowers sent him by the Board while he was in the Infirmary on Commencement Day.

President Bizzell read a letter from Dean W. H. Carson, requesting a leave of absence from June 16 and ending July 31, "with the privilege of extending the leave to September 1 if it is advisable to continue with the Defense Contract Service and if it meets with the approval of Dr. Brandt." Dean Carson has been requested to take the position as manager of the Defense Contract Service, Office of Production Management for the State of Oklahoma during the organization period of this government facility.

President Bizzell called Dean Carson by telephone, in Oklahoma City, to verify the dates for his absence, since it had been rumored that his work would continue through the next year. Dean Carson assured Dr. Bizzell he had no desire to remain away beyond September 1, and that he would probably return by August 1.

It was voted to grant the leave of absence to Dean Carson under the conditions as stated above.

President Bizzell read a letter from Dr. Leonard Logan, Professor of Sociology, requesting a leave of absence for the school year of 1941-42 to accept the post of Assistant Regional Defense Coordinator, the region comprising Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri.

A vote was called for on the request of Dr. Logan with the following result: Voting "aye": Regent Looney; voting "no": Regents Wimberly, Hopper, Chambers, Noble, Craig.

President Bizzell was instructed to notify Dr. Logan that the request for a leave of absence was not granted.

President Bizzell reported that the Carnegie Corporation of New York had provided a grant of \$1,000.00 for research aid under the direction of Dr. O. J. Eigsti, Assistant Professor of Botany. He requested \$600.00 for the school year of 1941-42 to employ Tillman J. Johnson as half-time research assistant to direct the research project.

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It was voted to approve the recommendation.

A letter from Gilbert H. Smith, formerly on the Social Work In-Service teaching program was read by the Secretary. Mr. Smith stated there was still due him \$300.00 in salary and \$99.72 on travel claims, and that there was due the University for tuition fees the total sum of \$170.00, of which from \$80.00 to \$100.00 might be collected.

Following a discussion of this matter it was voted to permit payment to Mr. Smith to the extent of collections, but not to deviate from the policy of requiring the In-Service program to be entirely self-supporting.

President Bizzell recommended that Mr. Ingram Jones, of Oklahoma City, be paid \$250.00 from the maintenance fund of the Utilities Department for preparation of plans and specifications for lighting of the Max Westheimer Flying Field.

Approved.

Recommended that the following be employed for architectural work in connection with plans on N.Y.A. dormitories, and the Isolation Ward Building in Oklahoma City:

Frank Binckley, N.Y.A. Dormitories, Norman, @ \$150.00 per month, beginning June 5, 1941.

William Graheck, Isolation Ward Building, Oklahoma City, @ \$125.00 per month beginning June 4, to be paid from Hospital Funds.

Appointments approved.

There was a discussion concerning the appointment of an architect on the Research Institute Building, and it was reported that Mr. E. W. Smartt, Chairman of the State Board of Public Affairs, had stated the firm of Layton and Forsyth would do this work.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that the Chair appoint a committee of three to confer with the Governor concerning the appointment of an architect on the Research Institute Building.

The Chair appointed the following on this committee: Regents Noble, Hopper, and Wimberly.

It was voted to pay Joe Smay at the rate of \$500.00 per month for June, July, and August, for his services as architect on the NYA Dormitories and the Isolation Building.

President Bizzell submitted the resignation of J. Fred Miller as General Employment Secretary and Secretary of the YMCA, effective September 1, 1941.

Resignation accepted.

Recommended that Bruce Drake, Basketball Coach, be given a leave of absence, with pay, from July 1 to August 6, in order to attend the summer school of N. Y. U.

Recommendation approved.

The Board recessed for lunch as the guests of President and Mrs. Bizzell at 12:00 m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

President Bizzell recommended a transfer of \$100.00 from Account No. 351, Travel, to Account No. 651, Maintenance, Oklahoma Geological Survey. The following resolution was proposed as of the date June 23, 1941, the same having been approved by the President of the Board, subject to the confirmation by the Board at its meeting on this date.

RESOLVED, by the Board in regular session, that the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Geological Survey, approve the following transfer of funds:

TRANSFER \$100.00 from Account No. 351, Travel, to Account No. 651, Maintenance; at the Oklahoma Geological Survey, Norman, Oklahoma. "That this recommendation is made in accordance with the provisions of House Bill No. 411, reading in part as follows: 'Provided, that upon the request of the head of any State Institution, a surplus in any item in this appropriation act may be transferred to any other item in the same institution upon recommendation of the Board or Commission having control of such institution with the approval of the Governor.'"

Roll called, motion carried unanimously.

President Bizzell reported that the term of office of two members of the Board of Control of the Will Rogers Memorial Fund, namely; Joe Hamilton and Dial Currin, had expired on June 5, 1939 and June 5, 1940, respectively.

Motion made, and unanimously carried that Joe Hamilton be reappointed for a five year term beginning June 5, 1939 and ending June 5, 1944; and that Dial Currin be reappointed for a five year term beginning June 5, 1940 and ending June 5, 1945.

There was a discussion concerning Maurice Halperin, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, whose dismissal was recommended by the Senate Investigation Committee of the Eighteenth Legislature. President Bizzell reported on his investigations since the meeting of the Board on June 9, also that he had written Senator Joe Thompson, Chairman of the Senate Committee, but that he had not had a reply. Professor Halperin was called before the Board and he discussed the various items in question. Professor Halperin was excused, and it was the sense of the Board that the investigation be continued further.

Dean Patterson of the School of Medicine, and Howard Dickey, Business Manager of the University and Crippled Children's Hospitals, appeared before the Board concerning matters affecting these institutions.

The budgets of the Medical School, University Hospital, and Crippled Children's Hospitals were discussed item by item. After re-viewing the budgets President Bizzell recommended that they be approved, subject to certain modifications.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the budgets as amended be approved as to position and salary.

Dean Patterson called attention to the resignation of Dr. Hugh M. Galbraith which was presented at the meeting on June 9, at which time it was accepted. He stated Dr. Galbraith had requested that he be permitted to withdraw his resignation. Following a discussion of the circumstances leading to the resignation, a motion was made, seconded and carried, that the previous action accepting the resignation of Dr. Galbraith be not rescinded.

Dean Patterson discussed admissions to the freshman class in the Medical School and requested the approval of the Board to authorize the Admissions Committee to accept not to exceed seventy (70) students in the Freshman Class to enter September, 1941, only, provided there are that number of candidates who are fully qualified. He stated in the past the number of admissions had been limited to sixty-five (65) but that usually several students dropped out early in the fall and this resulted in fewer than the full capacity of the school (sixty-five).

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the Admissions Committee admit not to exceed seventy (70) in the freshman class as of September, 1941.

Dean Patterson called attention to the action of the Board limiting the number of students that may be admitted from any county to twenty (20%) per cent of the Freshman Class, thus limiting Oklahoma County to 13 freshman on the basis of 65, or 14 on the basis of 70 for this fall. He stated this year there was an unusually large number of applicants who are well qualified, from Oklahoma County. Dean Patterson stated, "I believe that under the circumstances it is desirable that this prohibition of the Board of Regents be set aside for the class entering in September, 1941, provided that no qualified student from any other county is prohibited from entering the medical school by reason of accepting more than fourteen from Oklahoma County.

Following a discussion of this matter it was voted not to make any change in the Board's regulation limiting the quota from any county of the state to 20% of the total admissions to the Freshman Class.

Dean Patterson reported that Miss Clare M. J. Wagnen, B. S., University of Washington, 1932; M. A., Columbia University, 1936; and a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland, 1924, had been interviewed for the position of Superintendent of Nurses and Director of the School of Nursing, and by action of the Board, on May 26, she had been offered this position at a salary of \$3,000.00 per annum, plus full maintenance.

President Bizzell recommended the appointment of Miss Wagnen as Superintendent of Nurses and Director of the School of Nursing, effective on July 1, 1941, or as soon thereafter as she is available for duty.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried, that the recommendation be approved.

Dean Patterson reported on the progress looking toward the construction of the Isolation Ward Building at the Crippled Children's Hospital. He stated Mr. Kraft and Mr. Smay had conferred with him, and that he was encouraged to believe that the building would be constructed as an NYA Project. He stated the Attorney General had advised that the appropriation made by the Seventeenth Legislature would lapse on November 10, 1941, thirty months after the money became available, but that if materials were purchased and claims paid by November 10, 1941, there would be nothing illegal in the procedure, provided Government funds were available under the specific provision of the appropriation bill requiring "matched funds". Dean Patterson stated he would first secure approval of the NYA before proceeding.

It was the sense of the Board that Mr. Smay and Mr. Kraft proceed with the preparation of plans, and submit the project to the NYA for approval, and that the President of the Board of Regents be authorized to sign any resolutions required by the Government in connection with the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday evening, to meet again on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 2, with the following members present: Regent McBride, Vice President, presiding; Wimberly, Hopper, Noble, Craig. Regent Chambers was absent. Regent Looney, President of the Board arrived shortly after 11:00 a.m., and took the Chair.

President Bizzell discussed the meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the allocation of funds to the University according to the provisions of the legislative act. Copies of the University budget were in the hands of members of the Board of Regents, and President Bizzell called attention to Page 1, showing a statement of revenues available, and Page 2, a summary of expenditures for salaries of all employees.

President Bizzell explained that he had prepared the budget and discussed the same with President-Elect Brandt when he was in Norman on May 29-30-31. He stated Mr. Brandt had suggested several changes at that time, and that they had discussed further adjustments in salaries for some members of the faculty and employees. On June 1 he wrote to Mr. Brandt submitting further recommendations, and that in a letter from Mr. Brandt, under date of June 16, he indicated his reaction to the proposed changes, and made further recommendations. A copy of this letter was sent to each member of the Board. President Bizzell stated he had revised the budget in accordance with Mr. Brandt's wishes, and that the copy of the budget sent to each member of the Board contained these recommendations.

Following this statement by President Bizzell, the Board proceeded to consider the budget.

President Bizzell asked that the Secretary retire from the room, and shortly thereafter he was recalled and the Chair announced that it had been unanimously voted to fix his salary at \$4,500.00 per annum. The Secretary expressed his appreciation.

The various items in the budget were discussed, beginning with "Administration". In the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English, it was noted that the salary of Professor Blickensderfer had been recommended by Mr. Brandt at \$3,400.00. Following a discussion of this item it was voted to fix Professor Blickensderfer's salary at \$3,326.00.

Upon the completion of the items in the College of Arts and Sciences the Board recessed for lunch in the Rose Room of the Union Building, at 12:30 p.m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Consideration of the budget was continued following the noon recess beginning with the College of Business Administration.

In considering the budget for the College of Business Administration, President Bizzell asked that he be permitted to read a letter from Dean Adams concerning his salary.

Following a discussion Regent McBride moved that Dean Adams' salary be increased from \$4,419.00 to \$5,400.00. On the vote on the motion all members voted "no" except Regent McBride, who requested that he be recorded as voting "aye". The motion was declared lost.

The Board recessed for dinner in the Rose Room of the Union Building, at 6:30 p.m., and Mr. Smay and Mr. Kraft were invited to the dinner, following which there was a discussion on the NYA Dormitory Projects, and the location of the same. After the dinner the Board was taken to the proposed site for these dormitories, corner of Jenkins Avenue and Lindsey Street, and then returned to the President's office at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Kraft and Mr. Smay displayed a blueprint of the campus, showing the location of these dormitories in relation to other buildings on the campus.

It was voted to approve the location of the Dormitories on the site recommended.

Discussion on the budget was resumed, through all divisions, including auxiliary departments operating on a self-sustaining basis - Infirmary, Residence Halls for Women, the Book Exchange and the Department of Athletics; and the Oklahoma Geological Survey, for which a separate appropriation is made by the Legislature.

Following a general discussion of the budget for the University proper, and the available revenues, Regent Noble offered the following motion:

"Mr. Chairman, I move you that we adjust all increases shown in the budget, including the adjustments made by the Board in its consideration of the items, and that they be fixed on the basis of 75% of the amount of the increase shown."

There was a discussion of this motion following which a vote was taken. A majority voting "no" on the motion, it was declared lost.

The Chair offered the following motion, seconded by Regent Wimberly: "I move that the President of the University be instructed not to fill any of the new positions provided for in the budget that have not already been filled, pending further consideration and study of the budget by the incoming President and the further action of the Board.

The motion was adopted.

President Bizzell recommended the adoption of the budget as amended.

A motion was made "that the budget, as amended, with exception of the Halperin item, be approved, specifically reserving the right of the Board of Regents, in its discretion to change the budget from time to time, any or all items, with a view to keeping the same within the available revenues for the purpose of paying salaries."

On the vote on the motion all members voted "aye", and the motion was declared carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned subject to call by the President of the Board. Adjourned at 1:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 3, 1941.



Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.