

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The November meeting of the Board of Regents was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 1941, in the office of the President of the University.

In the absence of the President and Vice-president, Regent Wimberly was elected temporary chairman and opened the meeting. Other members present at the opening of the meeting: Regents Hopper, Craig, Chambers. Regent Looney reported at 10:45 a.m. and took the Chair. Regent McBride and Noble reported later in the morning.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, October 14, were approved.

It was agreed that pending the arrival of other members of the Board, President Brandt present routine matters.

Resignations

Olive Hawes, Secretary, Modern Languages Department, November 1, 1941.

John L. Dalke, half-time Instructor in Physics, November 1, 1941.

Leroy Stewart, Librarian, Phillips Collection, October 25, 1941.

Resignations accepted.

Recommended that leave of absence under the regulations governing sabbatical leaves be granted Paul V. Keen, Assistant Professor of Physical Education for Men and Assistant Director of Intramural Athletics, for the school year of 1942-43. Mr. Keen is planning to attend the University of Michigan to complete his work for a Master's Degree in Physical Education.

Approved.

Appointments

Evelyn Lorenzen, Stenographer in the Comptroller's office at a salary of \$65.00 a month from November 1, 1941, to June 1, 1942, replacing Lucile Brotherton, resigned.

William George Barry as Librarian of the Phillips Collection at a salary of \$50.00 a month, effective October 27, 1941, replacing Leroy Stewart, resigned.

Appointments approved.

President Brandt discussed the situation with reference to the Y.M.C.A. and reported that the Y.M.C.A. Board had appointed Mr. Clifford Havelock Murphy as Secretary, effective October 1, 1941. He stated the University budget provides for \$1,000.00 for the salary of the Secretary in view of his services as general employment secretary for the University, this amount having been included in the budget for several years past. Over a number of years the Y.M.C.A. has accumulated a deficit of approximately \$900.00 in the Comptroller's office due largely to a lack of organization and activity in the Y.M.C.A. At the present time the "Y" Board is making a concerted effort to finance the program.

President Brandt recommended that for the school year of 1941-42 the salary budget be increased to \$1,500.00. This will permit the "Y" to be organized on a sound basis, and it is contemplated that the subsidy by the University will be materially decreased after this year.

The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Looney, President of the Board, arrived and took the Chair.

"Report of the President"

President Brandt stated that the University closed down on Monday, October 27, following the Santa Clara game on Saturday, October 25, and told of the student rally held on the President's lawn on Sunday evening. He stated the holiday was granted, not so much for the victory over Santa Clara, but because the student body had "stayed with the team" following the defeat by Texas. He stated there was fine student spirit and that he felt the granting of this concession had done much to give encouragement to the team as well as to gain the cooperation and good will of the entire student body. He told of the parade and pep rally in the forenoon of Monday and the all-University dance in the Field House during the afternoon.

It was the sense of the Board that Mr. Brandt had acted wisely in declaring the holiday.

The President reported concerning the meeting of the general faculty on Monday, November 3, at which time a vote was taken on the report of the "University Committee on Readmissions". The recommendation that the four weeks grade reports and the twelve weeks grade reports be eliminated was adopted by the general faculty. He reported, also, that the general faculty had voted to create a faculty senate consisting of 43 members to be made up of representatives of all schools and colleges comprising the University.

President Brandt stated that he had appointed a "Curriculum Revision Commission" and read the following communication explaining the purpose and function of the commission:

"November 4, 1941.

"Gentlemen:

"The Curriculum Revision Commission is charged with one of the most vital responsibilities which any faculty group in the history of this university has ever had; namely, to scrutinize the total view of the University of Oklahoma, both as to function and as to our success in discharging that function. I am asking Mr Hervey to serve as General Chairman for me since there is no slackening in the pressure of my work. I want it clearly understood that this commission is to proceed quite independently of my own views and arrive at a conclusion or suggestions based on its own findings.

"The State Regents for Higher Education have asked each of the constituent colleges and universities to define its function. I am asking the members of the Administrative Council to define the function of the University as they see it; but it seems to me that your commission also must, first of all, arrive at a definition of the function of this university before you can proceed very far or very intelligently into the general question of how that function is being discharged through the curriculum.

"After the function has been determined by you, I propose a joint meeting of your commission with the Administrative Council to try to arrive at a common definition of function.

"There are a number of broad questions I think your commission should consider. First of all, there is the question of whether a four-year plan leading to the baccalaureate is necessary in view of past experience. Then, too, I think you should go into the general question of the desirability of maintaining the major and minor system; and you should scrutinize very carefully the general principle of electives.

"The extent to which your commission may want to inquire into work preparatory for the University will probably be determined as you proceed. I think all of you will agree with me, for instance, that no college or university should teach English composition. If a student has not learned to think clearly and to express himself, his time in college will be either wasted or half wasted.

"I would appreciate your commission's considering the possibility of substituting specific programs in various fields, let's say, such as politics, economics, and philosophy; history; literature; natural sciences; physical sciences; fine arts; business, et cetera, in which a general education is obtained by a carefully considered program of courses designed to explore thoroughly one field of knowledge and, at the same time, to encourage the undergraduate to do independent research in his final year.

"I should like for your commission to consider carefully the deadening effect of too many courses which may not permit the undergraduate to proceed independently at any stage of his undergraduate career. It seems to me, personally, that directed reading should figure much more largely in the general program and that students ought to demonstrate their ability to do independent work before receiving a Bachelor's degree.

"I should think your commission should review the complete development of American education and find where it has failed. There has been a tendency, it seems to me, for one school to rely upon another, and, consequently, to perpetuate the mistakes one institution makes for the sake of uniformity. It seems to me that the time has come in American education when we should redefine our goals, or rather more accurately to define what our goals are, and then to find out how nearly we are attaining those goals. It is in this spirit of free inquiry unhampered by tradition that I hope your commission will proceed.

Cordially yours,

Joseph A. Brandt, President."

The following members of the faculty were appointed to serve as members of the commission:

John G. Hervey, General Chairman - School of Law
 Forrest E. Clements - The Natural Sciences
 M. L. Wardell - The Social Sciences
 Lloyd Swearingen - The Physical Sciences
 Lloyd Stow - The Humanities
 Findley Weaver - College of Business Administration
 F. A. Balyeat - College of Education
 F. G. Tappan - College of Engineering
 Spencer H. Norton - College of Fine Arts
 S. W. Reaves - Graduate School
 Dr. W. H. Atkins - Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy
 George E. Wadsack - Registrar
 The President, ex officio

There was a discussion on the various matters presented by the President, and the Board expressed itself in accord with these actions.

There was discussion concerning the problems of working students and those engaged in an excess number of extra curricular activities. The Chair suggested that especially working students or those coming to the University with below average scholarship reports from high schools limit their enrolments in the University until they have demonstrated that they are capable of doing satisfactory University work and that it would be well to include such a statement in the general catalogue. It was the sense of the Board that this suggestion be followed.

President Brandt reported on the plans for endowments stating that he thought it would be desirable to secure someone, possibly in the capacity of a "vice-president in charge of endowments" to head such a campaign. He mentioned several possibilities along that line and that he expected on his trip east next week to hold some interviews and that he would make further report at the next meeting of the Board.

President Brandt called attention to the report of the car committee, a copy of which was previously sent each member of the Board. He did not request action on the recommendations stating that he would bring this matter up at a later date and report further.

President Brandt stated that he had been informed Boys' State did not expect to use the Masonic Dormitory to house part of the group next summer and that there was a possibility Boys' State might be held at some other institution in Oklahoma. It was suggested that before making the contract to house Linguistic Institute members in the dormitory that definite information on its availability be secured.

President Brandt reported concerning the development on the Max Westheimer Flying Field, stating that work was progressing through a grant from the W.P.A.

He recommended that Egbert Clement of Norman be paid \$207.00 for salary and expenses in connection with his work in obtaining possession of the land for the flying field, stating that Mr. Clement was instrumental in the University's securing the funds from Mr. Neustadt for the original land and that he has spent a great deal of time and considerable expense in connection with the additional land recently acquired under a long term lease from the City of Norman.

The recommendation was approved.

Recommended that Joseph P. Harris, Jr. be appointed Limnologist on the staff of the Oklahoma Biological Survey at a salary of \$150.00 a month, effective November 15, 1941, or as soon as he reports for duty.

Recommendation approved.

Salary Adjustments

Mrs. Grace A. Maguire, Assistant in the Library, \$75.00 to \$90.00 a month, effective November 1, 1941.

Thornberg Brock, Assistant in the Library, \$75.00 to \$90.00 a month, effective November 1, 1941.

Approved.

Recommended that Dewey Hoover, Construction Foreman in the University Utilities Department, be paid \$30.00 a month, effective November 1, 1941, in addition to his regular salary, for supervision of construction on the N.Y.A. dormitories.

Approved.

President Brandt stated that the previous arrangements with reference to the employment of Jim Hester as Polo Coach would need to be revised in view of the fact that Mr. Hester is not willing to assume the responsibilities at a salary of \$200.00 for the year. President Brandt recommended that Mr. Hester be paid \$100.00 a month. There was a discussion on the matter following which a motion was made that Mr. Hester be paid \$100.00 a month as polo coach and that this appointment terminate at the end of the year.

A record vote was called for on the motion with the following voting "Aye": Regents Hopper, Chambers, Craig, Wimberly, and Looney; Voting "No": Regents Noble and McBride. Motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 1:00 o'clock in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. President Brandt stated he had made arrangements for the Board of the Oklahoma School of Religion to have lunch with the Board of Regents. Regent Chambers did not attend the luncheon since he had made other arrangements. The following from the Board of the School of Religion attended the luncheon:

Joe Hamilton	Mrs. W. K. West
Mrs. E. P. Ledbetter	Joe Blatt
Harvey Everest	V. V. Harris
Dave Schonwald	H. L. Dodge

Following the luncheon, the Board of Regents reconvened in the President's office in executive session. Following the executive session at 2:15 p.m. the Board resumed its deliberation on University matters.

The President reported that Hansford Martin, recently awarded a scholarship in professional writing, has been doing excellent work and that he has sold a short story to the NEW YORKER, also, that 36 sales have been reported by the students of Professor W. S. Campbell since the beginning of this semester.

President Brandt submitted the proposal for the establishment of the Justin Bowers Memorial Loan Fund and presented a copy of the articles of incorporation. It was voted to approve the establishment of such a fund under the conditions as outlined in the articles of incorporation.

Senate Bill 13, Session Laws, 1941, concerning Crippled Children, provides in Section 9 as follows:

"The president of the Oklahoma State University shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Commission some other person to serve as Executive Secretary of the Commission and of the Committee on Standardization and the salary of said officer or person shall be paid from the regular appropriation for the support of the University Hospital or the Oklahoma Hospital for Crippled Children."

President Brandt recommended that Joe N. Hamilton be reappointed Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma commission for Crippled Children for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1941.

This recommendation was approved by the Board.

President Brandt submitted a statement of expenses in connection with the matriculation ceremonies as follows:

- (a) Rental of Caps and gowns \$524.30
- (b) 200 Oxford Jackets purchasing @ \$2.57 each, total 514.00
- \$1,038.30
- (c) Statement of labor expense 61.35

He recommended that payment of these claims be authorized. The recommendation was approved.

There was a discussion concerning the question of group insurance. The Chair was authorized to appoint a committee to look further into the matter. The following were appointed on this committee: Joe McBride, John Craig, and Lloyd Noble.

President Brandt stated the question concerning University credit granted to men called to military service had been raised. He stated he did not have a recommendation to make but felt it might be desirable to discuss the matter with the faculty. It was the sense of the Board that under certain circumstances concessions might be made. President Brandt was authorized to look further into this question and report later.

Dr. Chambers, the Regent member on the semi-centennial committee, reported that the committee had had a meeting in his home at Seminole at which time the various committees had been appointed and a tentative program outlined. He reviewed some of the plans stating that the committee would hold further meetings and continue with the organization and that within a reasonable time complete plans would be ready for announcement.

There was a discussion concerning the next meeting of the Board. It was voted to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, December 10.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli
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