

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1956 - 10:00 A. M.

The November meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, 1956, in the office of the President of the University, Norman.

The following were present: Regent Rayburn Foster, President, presiding; Regents Joe McBride, W. D. Grisso, T. R. Benedum, Leonard Savage.

ABSENT: Regents Dave Morgan, Quintin Little.

The minutes of the October 11, 1956, meeting were approved with a correction to show that Regent Grisso voted "NO" on the regulation with reference to admissions on page 5526.

President Cross reported he had arranged to have Boyd Gunning, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association, to report to the Regents at 10:30 on the activities of the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

Also, for a conference with Ralph F. Fuchs, General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors, with reference to the placing of the University of Oklahoma on the "censored" list in connection with the Richard Blanc matter. This conference was scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

President Cross stated there had been discussions concerning pledging in sororities on the campus. He stated one group has 146 members and pledges. He has asked the Panhellenic to study the matter, and that he hoped the groups would restrict pledging to the capacity of the house, not including annexes. He stated if the Panhellenic does not propose a satisfactory solution then he will submit a recommendation to the Regents.

Regent McBride suggested that the Regents, on the recommendation of President Cross, notify all fraternities on the campus that the Regents consider their housing to be an important part of the housing situation on the campus, and that they be encouraged in their efforts to provide houses for fraternities and sororities in keeping with University standards.

President Cross stated the University does regard the housing of these organizations as a part of the University housing problem, and an important part of the educational program.

It was agreed that the matter be discussed further at the next meeting. Regents Benedum and McBride were asked to work with Dr. Elkouri in preparing a resolution for consideration at the December 13 meeting.

Boyd Gunning, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association, was invited to the meeting. He reported on the activities of the University of Oklahoma Foundation and the Alumni Development Fund. He distributed copies of brochures and pamphlets being used in the fund-raising campaign. He stated the campaign has been going on for about two months and eight hundred of the alumni, in all parts of the country, are writing letters urging contributions. The Controller's report on gifts and grants to the University, the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc., the School of Medicine and University Hospitals, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1952 to June 30, 1956, was also distributed.

Mr. Gunning stated there are ample funds, with the \$25,000 allocated by the Regents, to carry on the campaign and that the results have been gratifying.

Mr. Gunning expressed appreciation for the opportunity to appear before the Regents. He was invited to the Regents' luncheon at noon.

At this point Dr. Ralph F. Fuchs, General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors, was invited to the meeting. He expressed appreciation for the invitation to visit with and appear before the Regents. The invitation had been extended by President Cross for a discussion concerning the University's having been placed on the list of censored institutions for alleged violation of academic freedom and tenure in April, 1955, in connection with the Dr. Richard Blanc matter.

Dr. Fuchs reviewed the steps taken in this case following the report of the special committee of the AAUP which was sent to Norman for an investigation, which resulted in placing the University of Oklahoma on the censored list of institutions. He explained the procedures in being removed from the censored list.

He stated the AAUP was working with the American Association of Universities and Colleges in an effort to clarify the regulations of academic freedom and tenure and that all institutions would receive full information in the near future.

Regent McBride called attention to the fact that the Regents of the University of Oklahoma had approved the principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure of the AAUP, but with changing personnel on boards, new members sometimes are not familiar with all details of such matters. He suggested that the AAUP keep the Regents informed of such matters and that it would be an excellent topic for discussion at the annual meetings of the Association of Governing Boards. Dr. Fuchs agreed this should be done.

There was a discussion on the question of severance pay for Dr. Blanc. The Attorney General had ruled such a payment could not be made in this case.

It was agreed that the Chair appoint a committee of the Regents to confer again with the Attorney General on this matter. Later the Chair appointed Regents Benedum and Savage as the committee.

Dr. Fuchs thanked the Regents for the courtesy in inviting him, and left the meeting. He was invited to be the guest of the Regents at the noon luncheon.

President Cross informed the Regents that District Attorney Frank D. McSherry of McAlester (Eastern Oklahoma District, Muskogee) had requested a hearing with reference to his son, James C. McSherry, who was charged with driving his car at an excessive rate of speed on the campus in a 20-mile zone, and was assessed the customary penalty in such cases, which provides as follows: restrictive disciplinary probation for six months, (in Mr. McSherry's case until April 11, 1957) and denied use of his car during this period; a fine of \$10; not eligible for initiation into any local or national organization; may not represent the University in any public appearance, nor receive any University awards, scholarships, or other honorary recognition. The disciplinary status becomes a part of the student's permanent record at the University. When the period of probation has been successfully completed no notice of disciplinary status will be made available to any outside agency unless specifically called for.

Mr. McSherry was invited to the meeting and was informed President Cross had made a brief statement concerning the matter.

Mr. McSherry expressed appreciation for the opportunity to appear on behalf of his son. He stated he did not object to the \$10 fine and withdrawal of driving privileges for the six-month period. He did object to the restriction for six months on receiving honors to which he might be entitled by virtue of his high scholarship record. He stated his son was initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, honorary freshman fraternity, and has maintained a high standard of scholarship during his attendance in the University. He stated this is the first offense with which his son has ever been charged, and that it would be very unfortunate to have his permanent record show the penalty assessed against him.

Following a discussion Mr. McSherry retired from the meeting. He was invited to attend the luncheon as guest of the Regents, and he accepted with thanks.

Luncheon 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Following the luncheon the McSherry matter was further discussed. President Cross stated there has been trouble with speeding on the campus for several years, and that finally a group of parents complained of the hazards and the matter was referred to the Office of Student Affairs. Violators paid no attention to fines and other action, and the action that was taken was agreed upon as an emergency measure.

President Cross stated he would not object if the Regents decided to modify that part of the regulation with reference to joining honorary societies, but that the \$10 fine and withdrawal of driving privileges for six months should stand.

Regent Savage moved, and it was voted to modify the regulation on disciplinary probation by changing the period from six months to thirty days from the date disciplinary action is taken. It was understood that this modification applies to all cases under similar circumstances.

President Cross reported Mr. W. W. Rodgers of Blackwell, was appointed a member of the Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship Fund Investment Advisory Committee for a two-year term in October of 1954, and that his term has therefore expired. He recommended that Mr. Rodgers be appointed for a five-year term to expire in June of 1961. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

President Cross reported that Dr. Sliepcevich, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering, was being considered for the deanship of the College of Engineering at the University of Kansas.

Also, that Dean Horace Brown had been approached concerning a similar position at the University of Colorado, but had decided to remain as Dean of our College of Business Administration.

President Cross stated he would have a conference with Dr. Sliepcevich. He expressed the hope that conditions here could be made sufficiently attractive to prevent losing key men on the faculty.

The suggestion was made, and approved, that the President of the Board write a letter of appreciation to Dean Brown on his decision to remain at the University of Oklahoma.

~~There was further discussion on the matter of public relations, and the importance of making a favorable impression on behalf of the University when visitors of prominence are received by University personnel. President Cross stated that he had used his personal automobile for transportation from the airport and Oklahoma City, and suggested the purchase of a new station wagon of a good quality for use at the airport for such guests. There is a limitation by state law on the purchase price of automobiles by an agency of the state.~~

~~It was unanimously voted that a new station wagon be purchased at the airport for use of the University.~~

President Cross reported invitations to bid on steel for the remodeling and expansion of the Woodrow Wilson dining room and kitchen had been sent to nine companies but that only one complete bid was received. This bid, from Robberson Steel Company, Oklahoma City, was \$588.30 below the estimated cost. President Cross recommended that the bid of \$7,911.70 submitted by Robberson Steel Company be accepted.

Moved by Regent Benedum and voted to award the contract as recommended.

President Cross reported invitations to bid on three small tracts of land for an agricultural lease on the North Campus had been advertised in the local paper but that only one bid in the amount of \$60 for approximately 41 acres had been received, this bid having been submitted by Joe Coulter, Manager of the Westheimer Airport. He stated several others had looked into the matter but did not submit bids. He recommended that the bid of \$60 by Mr. Coulter be accepted.

Moved by Regent Benedum and voted to accept the bid as recommended.

President Cross reported the following were given the Teaching Awards at a meeting of the faculty on Thursday, October 25, 1956:

Gerald Tuma, Professor of Electrical Engineering
Dr. William H. Keown, Professor of Business Management
J. F. Brookes, Professor of Civil Engineering
Dr. Jim E. Reese, Professor of Economics
Dr. Philip A. Chenoweth, Associate Professor of Geology
Dr. C. E. Springer, Professor of Mathematics
Dr. John Brixey, Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Howard H. Rowley, Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Othel D. Westfall, Professor of Accounting
Dr. Erich H. Eichholz, Associate Professor of German

The awards were made possible by a \$25,000 grant to the University of Oklahoma Foundation in 1952 by the following:

Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore
T. H. McCasland, Duncan
Charles P. McGaha, Wichita Falls, Texas
The Lloyd Noble Organizations, Ardmore, through Cecil Forbes, President of the Company, and Sam Noble

The original grant was set up to provide the awards for a period of five years.

It was moved by Regent Benedum, and voted, that the President of the Board express by letter the appreciation of the Regents to each one receiving an award.

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President Cross reported as follows on Will Rogers Scholarships:

Richard Galloway, who was awarded a Will Rogers Service Scholarship has decided not to accept, and he has been replaced by Henry Lippert, at \$133.33 per month for 9 months - \$1,200.00.

The University Scholarship Committee has approved the following for scholarships:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Installment</u>		<u>Amount Charge</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>W.R.F.</u>	<u>V.R.F.</u>		
Lonnie Mignon Williams	9	\$30.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$270.00	Post Polio
Betty Jean Shreve	9	50.00	225.00	225.00	450.00	Mental**
John A. Simpson	9	30.00	135.00	135.00	270.00	Blind
John C. Soergel	9	45.00	202.50	202.50	405.00	Cerebral Palsy

****Receiving treatment at Central State Hospital but recommended by Counselors at Central State to continue University work. Is progressing satisfactorily.**

Moved by Regent Savage that the scholarships as recommended be awarded. Regents Grisso voted NO on the motion. Motion carried.

President Cross reported that the State Regents for Higher Education approved the establishment of a School of Metallurgical Engineering effective September 1, 1956. This action was taken in response to a request for approval by the University Regents on April 26, 1956.

The State Regents for Higher Education also approved the Regents' recommendation for an increase in fees in three courses in Aviation as submitted on September 13, 1956.

PERSONNEL

FACULTY

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

Reed M. Powell, Associate Professor of Sociology, sabbatical leave of absence, September 1, 1957 to June 1, 1958. Post doctoral study at Harvard University. Contingent upon Professor Powell's procuring additional funds from outside sources.

Clifford M. Baumbach, Associate Professor of Business Management, leave of absence without pay, September 1, 1957 to September 1, 1958.

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APPOINTMENTS:

James Ball Shaeffer, Archaeologist, Department of Anthropology, \$5,628 for 12 months, October 15, 1956.

William C. Robinson, Special Instructor in Brass, School of Music, \$192 for 4½ months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

Feodora DeGrasse Steward, Special Instructor in Flute, School of Music, \$306 for 4½ months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

Roger H. Steward, Special Instructor in Trumpet, School of Music, \$370 for 4½ months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

Irving N. Hahn, Instructor in Psychology, 9 months, part-time, September 1, 1956. Salary to be paid by Extension Division for teaching extension course at Fort Supply.

Lloyd Andrew Iverson, Instructor, Committee for Economic Development, \$900 for 9 months, 1/4 time, September 1, 1956. Also, Instructor in Mathematics, at \$3,900 for 9 months.

Harry E. Barton, Jr., Teaching Assistant in Architecture and Architectural Engineering, \$600 for 4½ months, 1/2 time, September 1, 1956.

Louise Ann Montgomery, Teaching Assistant in Chemistry, \$300 for 4½ months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

William D. Grilliot, Teaching Assistant (Basketball), University School, \$75 per month, part-time, October 8, 1956 to March 8, 1957.

James L. Ragsdale, Laboratory Assistant in Business Statistics, \$600 for 4½ months, 1/2 time, September 1, 1956.

CHANGES:

James A. Constantin, title changed from Associate Professor of Marketing to Associate Professor of Marketing and Transportation, September 1, 1956.

Paul Keen, Associate Professor of Physical Education, Director of Intramurals, salary increased from \$5,916 for 12 months to rate of \$6,204 for 12 months, October 1, 1956.

Dewey Luster, Associate Professor of Physical Education, salary increased from \$5,496 for 12 months to rate of \$5,628 for 12 months, October 1, 1956.

Patricia L. Braucht, Instructor in Speech, Speech and Hearing Clinic; transferred from Oklahoma Commission for Crippled Children's Budget to Speech and Hearing Clinic Budget, salary increased from \$3,000 to \$3,624 for 9 months, September 1, 1956.

Margery K. Ross McDoniel, Instructor in Speech, Speech and Hearing Clinic; transferred from Oklahoma Commission for Crippled Children's Budget to Speech and Hearing Clinic Budget, salary increased from \$3,000 to \$3,624 for 9 months, September 1, 1956.

Adamantia Pollis Koslin, Instructor in Economics, salary increased from \$750 for 4½ months, 1/2 time, to rate of \$1,200 for 4½ months, 3/4 time, October 8, 1956 to January 16, 1957.

Clyde George Smallwood, Instructor in Philosophy, salary increased from \$600 for 4½ months, 1/2 time, to \$1,800 for 4½ months, full time, January 16, 1957 to June 1, 1957.

Jimmie Wayne Corder, Teaching Assistant in English, salary increased from \$1,125 for 4½ months, 3/4 time, to rate of \$1,500 for 4½ months, full time, October 1, 1956 to January 16, 1957.

Donna Lorine Gerstenberger, Teaching Assistant in English, salary increased from \$1,125 for 4½ months, 3/4 time, to rate of \$1,500 for 4½ months, full time, October 1, 1956 to January 16, 1957.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

APPOINTMENTS:

Norah Ryan Figg, School of Music, \$1,200 for 9 months, September 1, 1956.

Bertram L. Koslin, Department of Psychology, rate of \$1,200 for 9 months, October 8, 1956 to June 1, 1957.

RESIGNATIONS:

Patricia B. Andrews, Department of English, October 1, 1956.

Gail Serena Halverson, Department of Psychology, October 6, 1956.

NON-ACADEMIC

APPOINTMENTS:

Joe Wayne Shaw, Bursar, Office of the Controller, \$5,364 for 12 months, October 8, 1956.

Virgilee Bolinger, Assistant Football Coach, \$92 per month for 8 months, 1/2 time, October 1, 1956 to June 1, 1957.

Richard L. Bowman, Assistant Football Coach, \$92 per month for 8 months, 1/2 time, October 1, 1956 to June 1, 1957.

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RESIGNATION:

John F. Heckinger, Bursar, Office of the Controller, December 1, 1956.

SCHOLARSHIPS

APPOINTMENTS:

Norman Wayne Gaines, Carbide and Carbon Chemical Company (Chemical Engineering), \$316 for September 1956 and \$316 for January 1957.

Darrel G. Harden, Procon Incorporated (Mechanical Engineering), \$55.55 per month for 9 months, September 1, 1956.

Duane L. Little, Standard Oil Company of Texas (Natural Gas Engineering), \$500 for 9 months, September 1, 1956.

Florence A. Scivally Hughes, Socony-Mobil Scholarship in Exploration Sciences (Geology), \$200 for September 1956 and \$200 for January 1957.

Jerry P. Watson, Socony-Mobil Oil Company (Petroleum Engineering), \$400 for 9 months, September 1, 1956.

FELLOWSHIPS

APPOINTMENTS:

James Donovan Lawyer, Monsanto Chemical Company (Chemical Engineering), \$150 per month for 10 months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

Clifford L. Meints, National Heart Institute Grant (Chemistry), \$200 per month for 9 months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

Leroy Earl Page, Texas Eastman Company (Chemical Engineering), \$140 per month for 10 months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

Charles Robert Pursifull, Humble Oil Company (Accounting), \$1,600 for 9 months, part-time, September 1, 1956.

John Hall Wetzell, Charles E. Decker (Geology), \$750 for 9 months, 1/2 time, September 1, 1956.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

APPOINTMENTS:

Mustafa Mohamed El Rifai, American Petroleum Institute Grant (Chemical Engineering), \$100 per month for 10 months, part-time, September 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957.

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Hugh F. Grover, Bureau of Business Research, \$130.90 per month for 11 months, 1/2 time, November 1, 1956. Off payroll in August.

Lloyd K. Hadaway, Bureau of Business Research, \$130.90 per month for 11 months, 1/2 time, September 25, 1956. Off payroll in August.

RESIGNATION:

Delbert J. Matheny, Bureau of Business Research, November 1, 1956.

Approved on motion by Regent Benedum.

The following personnel items in the School of Medicine and School of Nursing were presented:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ernest F. Hiser, Assistant Professor of Medical Illustration, leave of absence without pay, October 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957.

APPOINTMENTS:

Irene Bush, Instructor in Physical Therapy, \$4,800 for 12 months, September 10, 1956.

Edward Robert Munnell, M.D., Instructor in Surgery, clinical rates, September 1, 1956.

Dorothy Louise Hollis, Teaching Assistant in General Nursing, School of Nursing, \$3,400 for 12 months, September 18, 1956.

David I. Kraft, M.D., Clinical Assistant in Medicine, clinical rates, October 1, 1956.

F. Warren Spencer, Supervisor, Medical Social Service, University Hospitals, \$458.33 per month for 12 months, October 8, 1956.

CHANGES:

Gerbert Charles Rebell, Research Associate, Department of Dermatology and Syphilology and Department of Microbiology, salary changed from clinical rates to \$416.67 per month, September 1, 1956.

Mildred Dorffeld, Assistant Director of the School of Nursing and Associate Professor of Nursing. Terminate appointment as Assistant Director of the School of Nursing effective January 1, 1957; terminate appointment as Associate Professor of Nursing May 31, 1957, with one month terminal pay to June 30, 1957.

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Edna Fassett, Teaching Assistant in Nursing (Operating Room). Terminate responsibilities for supervision of students in the Operating Rooms in the University Hospitals effective October 30, 1956, and terminate appointment as Teaching Assistant in the School of Nursing effective May 31, 1957, with one month terminal pay to June 30, 1957.

RESIGNATION:

Howard C. Hopps, M.D., Professor and Chairman of Pathology, January 16, 1957. Accepted position at University of Texas Medical School.

Regent Grisso discussed the recommendations concerning two on the nursing staff - Mildred Dorffeld and Edna Fassett. President Cross stated he was thoroughly familiar with conditions as a result of which the recommendations were submitted, and that he concurred in the recommendations. He stated he was looking into situations of the School of Nursing in view of recurring reports of discord with the Director, Miss Ada Hawkins.

Moved by Regent Savage, to approve the recommendations on personnel matters in the School of Medicine and School of Nursing. Motion carried.

President Cross recommended that Associate Professor Jeannette M. Alessandri, now on leave of absence without pay, be made Associate Professor Emeritus as of November 6, 1956. Mrs. Alessandri reached the age of 65 on November 6, and has asked for optional retirement. No University supplemental payment is involved in the retirement.

Approved.

President Cross reported Oklahoma A. and M. College, Central State College, and the Extension Division of the University are in agreement that the charge for high school correspondence courses should be increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00. East Central already charges \$10.00. The other regional colleges do not offer correspondence courses at the high school level.

President Cross recommended that the charge for high school correspondence courses be increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00 effective January 1, 1957.

Approved.

President Cross stated because of steadily increasing costs of operation, it is recommended that clinical fees for certain types of services provided by the Speech and Hearing Clinic be increased as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Speech evaluation	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.50
Audiological examination	5.00	10.00
Speech therapy (per hour)	2.50	4.00
Auditory training (per hour)	2.50	4.00
Hearing aid evaluation	15.00	17.50

provided, however, that these increases not apply to patients referred by the Vocational Rehabilitation Department of the State, or to patients referred to the Clinic by the Veterans Administration under terms of the University's contract with the Veterans Administration, or patients referred by the State Crippled Children's Commission.

Approved.

President Cross presented the following statement and recommendation on the Medical Center organization and administration:

In order to implement more fully the integration of the School of Medicine, University Hospitals, School of Nursing and other related units on the Oklahoma City Campus into a fully functional Medical Center, the following steps are recommended:

1) That the State Regents for Higher Education be requested to make a single allocation of funds for the entire Medical Center, rather than separate allocations for the School of Medicine and the University Hospitals.

2) That the title of Medical Director, University Hospitals, be changed to Superintendent, University Hospitals, and that he be recognized as the chief administrative officer of the Hospitals, and that he report to the Director of the Medical Center.

3) a. That the Superintendent of University Hospitals, the Dean of the School of Medicine, (if and when a full time dean is appointed), and the Director of the School of Nursing report to the Director of the Medical Center.

b. That the hospital staff members reporting to the Superintendent be the Chiefs of Clinical Services, Assistant Superintendent of the Hospital, Director of Dietary Department, Director of Outpatient Department Clinics, Director of Nursing Service, and Assistant Superintendent of Crippled Children's Hospital.

c. That the Business Administrator of the Medical Center report to the Director of the Medical Center, and that the general service staff officers reporting to the Business Administrator be the Business Office Manager, Superintendent of Physical Plant, Superintendent of Laundry, Purchasing Agent, and Executive Housekeeper.

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d. That the Personnel Director and the Director of Health Service for the Medical Center be considered staff officers reporting to the Director of the Medical Center.

Moved by Regent McBride and voted to approve the recommendation.

President Cross reported that Dr. David Fried of Mangum, is moving from that city and has resigned as Preceptor. He recommended that Dr. Thom L. Wainright, Associate Preceptor, be named Preceptor effective October 31, 1956, as a replacement for Dr. Fried.

Approved.

Attention was called to the December 13 meeting which is to be held in Tulsa, at which time Mr. Thomas Gilcrease is being honored by the citizens of Tulsa, and the University is to award a Distinguished Service Citation certificate. Regent Savage invited the Regents to hold the Regents' meeting in his offices, 619 S. Main, Tri-State Insurance Building, and his invitation was accepted with thanks. The meeting is scheduled to begin at the usual hour, 10:00 a.m.

Regent Grisso requested that Mr. Cate make a progress report at the December 13 meeting on the Murray Sells matter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary