

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF REGENTS  
MAY 26, 1988**

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma was held in Lecture Room 299 of the Health Sciences Library Building on The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Campus beginning at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 1988.

The following Regents were present: Regent Thomas Elwood Kemp, Chairman of the Board, presiding; Regents Charles F. Sarratt, Ronald H. White, M.D., Sarah C. Hogan, Sylvia A. Lewis, Sam Noble, and E. Murray Gullatt.

The following were present for all or a part of the meeting: Dr. Frank E. Horton, President of the University, Provost Clayton Rich, Vice President Gary L. Smith, Interim Vice President Donna M. Murphy, Mr. Robert P. White, and Barbara H. Tuttle, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents.

Notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in the Office of the Board of Regents on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 1988, both as required by 25 O.S. 1981, Section 301-314.

Regent Hogan moved the Board meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing the Presidential contract for 1988-89, the candidates for Chief Legal Counsel position, and for the purpose of interviewing Vice President for University Affairs candidates. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Kemp, Sarratt, Hogan, Lewis, and Noble. Regents White and Gullatt were not in the room at the time of the vote. The Chair declared the motion approved.

The Regents met in executive session with President Horton and Mrs. Tuttle until 9:00 p.m. at which time the Board reconvened in open session. The Chair announced no action was necessary as a result of the executive session.

**JOINT WORKING GROUP - OKLAHOMA HEALTH CENTER**

Regent Kemp announced he had received a letter from Governor Bellmon requesting appointment of a committee of three members of the OU Board of Regents to serve on a Joint Working Group for the Oklahoma Health Center with three members of the Human Services Commission (the governing board for the Teaching Hospitals), the Director of Human Services, and the President of The University of Oklahoma. The purpose of the Working Group would be to discuss issues of mutual interest and to assist in the overall decision-making process. The Governor suggested in his letter the Working Group meet quarterly and that it may wish to add others to serve on an ex-officio basis as the need arises.

After a brief discussion, Regent Gullatt moved that Chairman Kemp and Regents White and Noble, along with the President of The University of Oklahoma, be appointed to serve on this Joint Working Group. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Kemp, Sarratt, White, Hogan, Lewis, Noble, and Gullatt. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

#### **PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT**

President Horton said there is a shortage of physical therapists in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Medical Center (formerly Oklahoma Teaching Hospitals) have been unable to fill vacant physical therapy positions, particularly at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital. By increasing the OU Physical Therapy class size and the number of faculty, additional clinical services could be provided to the hospitals equivalent to two full-time equivalent positions.

Dr. Horton said a contract has been proposed between the Department of Human Services and the University which would provide for increasing the entering physical therapy class size by 22 students in the fall semesters of 1988 and 1989 over the entering class for 1987. The Department of Human Services and Oklahoma Medical Center would pay the University \$295,540 during 1988-89, \$297,060 during 1989-90, and \$83,960 in 1990-91 for a total of \$676,560 over the three-year contract period. The University would provide and DHS/OMC would accept a total of 20 students in the spring semester for clinical rotations. The University will provide clinical services equivalent to two FTE positions.

The contract includes a provision for reviewing the program by January 15, 1990 for feasibility to continue the larger class size. The term of this agreement is from July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1991.

President Horton recommended the Board of Regents approve a contract with the Department of Human Services and Oklahoma Medical Center (DHS/OMC) to increase the physical therapy entering class by 22 students.

Regent White moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Kemp, Sarratt, White, Hogan, Lewis, Noble, and Gullatt. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

#### **COLLEGE OF MEDICINE DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Dean of the College of Medicine has resigned effective June 30, 1988. A discussion of the composition of a search committee for the new Medicine Dean was included on the agenda. Provost Rich explained the composition of the last medical dean search committee which contained a total of 11 people.

A proposed composition for the new search committee was discussed at some length following which Regent Noble moved the committee be composed of:

- 3 College of Medicine faculty
- 1 faculty member from outside the College of Medicine
- 1 faculty member - Basic Sciences

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1 student  
1 clinical faculty member  
1 alumnus/a (President of Alumni Association or other active alum)  
2 medical doctors at-large


The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Kemp, Sarratt, White, Hogan, Lewis, Noble, and Gullatt. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

The Regents agreed the appointment of the members of this Search Committee should be included on the agenda for the June meeting for action.

A number of other items pertaining to the Health Sciences Center had been included on this agenda for discussion. It was generally agreed there was no great urgency about any of them and they would be discussed at a later date.

There was discussion regarding a date for the next Health Sciences Center Committee meeting. The general consensus was that the meeting would be held on July 26.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
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Barbara H. Tuttle  
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents