

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF REGENTS
NOVEMBER 23, 1985

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma was held in the Santee Lounge of the Oklahoma Memorial Stadium on the Norman Campus of the University on Saturday, November 23, 1985, beginning at 5:40 p.m.

Notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State as required by Enrolled House Bill 1416 (1977 Oklahoma Legislature).

The following Regents were present: Regent Julian J. Rothbaum, Chairman of the Board, presiding; Regents Tom McCurdy, John M. Imel, Thomas Elwood Kemp, Charles F. Sarratt, Ronald H. White, M.D., and Sarah C. Hogan.

Also present were: President Frank E. Horton and Barbara H. Tuttle, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, Coach Barry Switzer, Athletic Director Wade Walker, Orange Bowl representatives, and others.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TEAM TRAVEL

Normally the Athletic Department has authorization to purchase team travel services with an upper limit of \$25,000. Because of the unusual requirements of airlines and lodgings associated with post-season bowl games, it is desirable that this limit be increased to \$100,000 for the bowl game arrangements. As with all other expenditures, the Athletic Department will follow University policy and procedures to achieve the best services consistent with the team objectives of representing the University at a bowl game.

President Horton recommended approval of increasing the spending authorization of the Athletic Department to \$100,000 for team expenses associated with a post-season bowl game which are covered by Big Eight Conference monies.

Regent McCurdy moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes: Regents Rothbaum, McCurdy, Imel, Kemp, Sarratt, White, and Hogan. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

OU/OSU FOOTBALL GAME

The OU/OSU intercollegiate football game to be played on Saturday, November 30, 1985, at Stillwater was scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. starting time. However, OSU notified OU on November 19, 1985, that it had changed the starting time to 6:30 p.m.

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Both ABC and ESPN have expressed an interest in telecasting the game. If OU defeats the University of Nebraska, there is a strong probability that ABC will nationally telecast the game at 2:30 p.m. Should OU lose to Nebraska, ESPN has indicated a desire to telecast the game at 6:30 p.m. Both institutions must consent to the telecasting of the game. OSU has requested OU's consent to telecast the game at either 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. depending upon the outcome of the OU/Nebraska game and the decisions of ABC and ESPN. An ESPN telecast would result in a payment of approximately \$105,000 to OU while an ABC national telecast would result in a payment of approximately \$115,000 to OU.

It is the strong preference of the head football coach to play this game in the afternoon rather than at 6:30 p.m. while the College Football Association has requested the cooperation of its membership in permitting ESPN to telecast games when requested.

President Horton recommended that The University of Oklahoma consent to the telecasting of the OU/OSU intercollegiate football game on November 30, 1985, by ABC at 2:30 p.m. if selected and, if ABC declines to telecast the game and ESPN requests consent to telecast the game at 6:30 p.m., permit ESPN to telecast the game at 6:30 p.m.

It was announced that ABC has declined to telecast this game and will televise another.

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

POST-SEASON FOOTBALL GAME

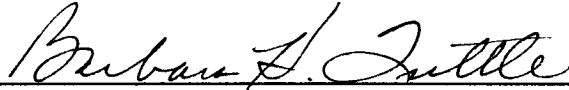
Coach Switzer and Athletic Director Wade H. Walker were present for a telephone call made to Miami by Orange Bowl representatives, at which time Mr. Jack Hoehl of the Orange Bowl extended an invitation to The University of Oklahoma to represent the Big Eight Conference in the Orange Bowl on January 1. Coach Switzer made a few comments regarding the team effort in defeating Nebraska. He said the team gave a great accounting of themselves and he believes they demonstrated they are the best team in the country today and he hopes they can continue to prove themselves through the balance of the season and in the Orange Bowl.

Following the telephone call with the Orange Bowl representatives in Miami, Regent Sarratt moved acceptance of the invitation to participate in the Orange Bowl on January 1. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Rothbaum, McCurdy, Imel, Kemp, Sarratt, White, and Hogan. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Barbara H. Tuttle
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents