

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF REGENTS
DECEMBER 21, 1993**

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma was called to order in the Provost's Conference Room 223 of the Robert M. Bird Library on the Oklahoma City Campus of the University beginning at 11:06 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 1993.

The following Regents were present: Regent E. Murray Gullatt, Chairman of the Board, presiding; Regents J. Cooper West, G. T. Blankenship, Stephen F. Bentley, Melvin C. Hall, and Donald B. Halverstadt, M.D.

Absent: Regent C. S. Lewis III.

Others attending all or a part of the meeting included Dr. Richard L. Van Horn, President of The University of Oklahoma, Provosts James F. Kimpel and Jay H. Stein, Vice President Jerry B. Farley, Mr. Fred Gipson, Mr. Robert P. White, and Dr. Chris Purcell, 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 11:00 a.m. on December 20, 1993, both as required by 25 O.S. 1981, Section 301-314.

LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS SWITCH, VOICE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND RESALE BILLING SYSTEM

At the December 3, 1993 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the award of a new telecommunications switch and a Resale/Billing system and the resolicitation of bids for the Voice Processing system. The fourth part of the recommendation relative to the lease purchase financing was not officially approved. Our bond counsel for the lease purchasing financing agreement respectfully requests that the Board of Regents approve the financing action so that the required documentation will exist to support the lease purchase agreement.

President Van Horn recommended that the Board of Regents approve the acquisition of a lease agreement for financing of the total telecommunications purchase amount of approximately \$3,400,000 through the State of Oklahoma Bond Oversight Commission.

Regent Hall moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Gullatt, West, Blankenship, Bentley, Hall, and Halverstadt. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

FINE ARTS CENTER STUDIO THEATER RENOVATION

In December of 1992, the Board of Regents approved final plans for the Fine Arts Center Studio Theater Renovation project and authorized the administration to advertise the project for bids. The total budget for the project was \$612,903. Funding was provided from Section 13 and New College Funds totaling \$399,543 and \$213,360 was to be provided from private funds.

At this time, a total of \$32,887 in private funds is needed to make final payments to the contractor and to the architects. In addition to the project budget of \$612,903, a separate allowance of \$30,000 was established for the purchase of 208 theater seats. Based on a current price quotation, it is anticipated that the theater seats will cost \$32,879. Thus, the final payments for construction and the seats will require a total of \$65,766.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the administration to request the OU Foundation to provide the needed sum for a period of 12 months while the fund raising effort is being completed.

On December 9, 1993, an initial inspection of the Fine Arts Center Studio Theater Renovation project was completed by representatives of Pope Construction, Inc., Elliott + Associates Architects, the School of Drama and Dance, Architectural and Engineering Services, and other University representatives. At that time, a punch list of incomplete items of work was developed by Elliott + Associates Architects and was given to Pope Construction, Inc. for action.

University staff members have reviewed the results of the inspection and recommend that the project be accepted as substantially complete effective December 21, 1993. It is recommended that final payment be made to Pope Construction, Inc. following the satisfactory completion of all punch list items.

President Van Horn recommended that the Board of Regents (1) authorize the University administration to request the OU Foundation to advance the sum of \$65,766 for a period of 12 months while fund raising for the Fine Arts Center Studio Theater Renovation project is being completed, and (2) accept the project as substantially complete effective December 21, 1993 and authorize final payment to the contractor following completion of all punch list items.

Regent Halverstadt moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Gullatt, West, Blankenship, Bentley, Hall, and Halverstadt. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON SELECTION OF A CONSULTANT TO STUDY THE UNIVERSITY REORGANIZATION

At its December 3, 1993 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Consulting Services to study and make recommendations related to the University's executive structure. The proposals have been received and reviewed by the Director of Purchasing. Copies of the RFPs were forwarded to the Regents with the agenda for consideration.

Interviews were scheduled and held with the top-rated responses of the consulting firms as follows:

Firm

Pappas Consulting Group

Representatives

Dr. Alceste Pappas
Ms. Cindy Busis

Firm

Representatives

Coopers and Lybrand

Dr. Jack Freeman

Kaludis Consulting Group


Dr. George Kaludis

Following the three presentations, the Regents discussed their thoughts on the proposals.

Dr. Halverstadt said this is an exceedingly important project and this is an opportune time to define what the University is to be going into the 21st century. He said the Board's own internal development of some broad stroke comments relative to important priorities for the University is an important issue and he said he would like to see the Board devote some time at the next meeting for such a discussion. Dr. Halverstadt commented all three proposals were good but it was his impression the Kaludis group might provide the most responsive look at questions that have been raised. Regent Blankenship said he likes the approach of the Kaludis group. Regent West commented the Kaludis group seems to have a smaller pool of talent from which to draw. Regent Hall stated he was pleased with the overall level of quality of all of the proposals. Chairman Gullatt said this Board has a responsibility to decide the direction the University is trying to go and what is to be achieved. He said he thinks the principals of the Kaludis group would give OU undivided attention which is a major plus.

Regent Halverstadt moved approval of awarding the contract to Kaludis Consulting Group. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Gullatt, West, Blankenship, Bentley, Hall, and Halverstadt. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.


Chris A. Purcell
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents