

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Saturday, February 25, 1939, at 10:00 a.m., in the Japanese Room at the Skirvin Hotel.

Regent Looney, President of the Board, presided; others present: Regents Ledbetter, Kerr, Chambers, and McBride.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 6, 1939 were approved, each member having been furnished a copy previously.

President Bizzell stated he had discussed with Professor Herbert the Resolution of the Board of Regents concerning the faculty representation on the Publication Board, which was adopted at the meeting held on February 6, 1939.

Following a discussion, it was the sense of the Board that President Bizzell be directed to work out a revision in the constitution for student publications wherein the provision for appointment of members on the Publication Board be changed so that the President of the University appoint directly the three members of the Board. President Bizzell stated he would look into the matter at once with a view to having the change made in the spring election.

President Bizzell reported further on his investigation with reference to Communism on the campus. He stated he had had conferences with every one whose name had been given him by the Governor, also with a number of students, but that to date he had no evidence that would justify a direct charge. He stated that he was continuing his investigations and would follow every possible "lead".

Regent Kerr stated he was convinced that there was no Communism on the campus.

President Bizzell stated the main purpose for calling the meeting was in connection with the university budget and presented each member with a copy as included in House Bill No. 411 by Holliman, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the House. He stated that under this bill every position in the University was itemized and that it was contemplated the appropriation would be made in that form. He pointed out the difficulties under such a plan, explaining that some positions had been entirely omitted and that no provision was made for those members of the faculty now on leave of absence. Also, that there was no provision for any salary adjustments, additional teachers, or increased maintenance. He stated he understood the University would have a hearing before the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee, beginning either Tuesday or Wednesday evening, and that he felt it important that each member of the Board familiarize himself with the details and be present at this hearing.

Various phases of the budget were discussed together with other legislative matters affecting the University and it was agreed that all members of the Board would be present at the hearing if and when it was definitely scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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