

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1952 - 11:30 A.M.

The Regents of the University of Oklahoma met in SPECIAL SESSION on Saturday, October 25, 1952, in the Office of the President of the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

The following members were present: Dr. Oscar White, President, presiding; others: Regents Benedum, Short, Little, Foster, McBride. Absent: Regent Morgan.

Regent Little requested that the minutes of the meeting held on October 9 be corrected to show that he voted "NO" on the President's recommendation to amend the contract with architects, Hudgins Thompson, Ball and Associates covering architectural services in connection with the construction of an addition to the Crippled Children's Hospital, the purpose of the amendment being to provide for payment to the architect of \$1,170 in addition to the percentage fee specified in the original contract, in order to cover the cost of additional test borings and sub-soil investigation of the site that were not required by the original contract, p. 4473.

The Secretary was directed to correct the minutes accordingly.

With the above correction, the minutes of the meeting held on October 9, 1952, were approved.

The special meeting was called to consider the detailed budget request for the next biennium - July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1955, to be presented to the State Regents for Higher Education, at a meeting of that Board being held on Monday, October 27. The "Preliminary Comparative Statement of Budget Needs for 1953-55" was approved by the Regents at the October 9 meeting. President Cross explained this statement did not include capital items. Copies of the detailed budget request were distributed.

Regent Little made inquiry as to the reasons for the substantial increase in operating expenses, to which President Cross replied that this is to employ approximately sixty-five teachers of professorial rank that have been dropped during the current biennium, and approximately two hundred non-academic employees, due to a decrease in revenues for the University. Also, the University has had a substantial increase in enrolment this fall, with prospects for further increases in the future.

Following a discussion of various items, including capital needs, Regent Benedum moved, seconded by Regent McBride, that the detailed budget showing the needs for 1953-55 for the University---Norman campus, School of Medicine, University Hospitals, and the Oklahoma Geological Survey---be approved. The motion carried.

There was discussion with reference to the nine laymen as members of the Committee on Admission for the School of Medicine, to supplement the

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nine members of the committee approved at the October 9 meeting. Regent Short suggested Dick Wegener of Oklahoma City, and Regent Little suggested the names of Dan D. Stewart of Durant and Gerald Mobley of Ardmore. It was understood that nine names be presented at the November 12 meeting.

President Cross called attention to the University Homecoming on November 22. He stated the Homecoming Activities would be curtailed this year, in that there will be no floats or house decorations for the reason fraternity freshmen are living in University dormitories, and also the organizations are reluctant to spend the money required to make a creditable showing for Homecoming. Regent McBride suggested that when Homecoming activities are started again a limit be placed on the amount spent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary