

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma met in regular session on Wednesday, October 13, 1943, at 10:35 A. M. Members present were: Regent Joe McBride, president of the Board, presiding; Regents Hopper, Noble, Wallace, Emery, Deacon, and Wimberly, who arrived at 11:15 A. M.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14 and the minutes of the special meeting in Oklahoma City held on October 2 were approved, each member of the Board having been sent a copy previously.

President Brandt reported that the dormitory units under construction are progressing satisfactorily and will be completed in the near future. He recommended that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the leasing of these dormitories from the National Housing Agency, Federal Public Housing Authority, upon their completion.

The following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS the Dormitory Units under construction on the campus by the National Housing Agency, Federal Public Housing Authority, are nearing completion;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma on this, the 13th day of October, 1943, in regular session, that the President of the Board of Regents be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the National Housing Agency, Federal Public Housing Authority, for the leasing of said dormitories by the University in order to provide housing and messing facilities for Army and Navy trainees assigned to the University of Oklahoma."

On motion by Regent Emery, seconded by Regent Hopper, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

President Brandt reported that a contract for broadcasting football games was made with KOMA, Oklahoma City, the consideration being \$ 100.00 per station per game, and that all games to be played in Norman and away from Norman are to be carried on the station. A copy of the contract was sent to each member of the Board and one is on file in the Secretary's office.

President Brandt reported that the Oklahoma Geological Survey has entered into an agreement with the United States Geological Survey on a cooperative basis for the investigation of the geology of northern LeFlore and Haskell

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counties, each to share on a pro rata basis the expenses in accordance with the provisions in the bill providing appropriations for the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

President Brandt recommended approval of this agreement. The recommendation was approved.

The following resignations effective on the date indicated in each case were accepted:

Nellita Jones, secretary in the department of physical education for women, September 25, 1943.

Mrs. Lucy Trosper, secretary to the Librarian, September 1, 1943.

Mrs. Barbara Brown, secretary and herbarium assistant in the department of plant sciences, October 1, 1943.

Theresa L. (Betty) Steen, stenographer in the correspondence study department, effective November 1, 1943.

President Brandt reported that A. M. Hampton, formerly employed in the University Press, Printing Division, as a linotype operator, was granted a leave of absence on April 11, 1942, and we assumed at that time he was entering military service. We find, however, that he became a civilian employee of the Oklahoma City Air Depot.

He recommended that the leave of absence be terminated as of the date of October 13, 1943.

Approved.

President Brandt reported also that Joe Whiteside, who was employed to replace Mr. Hampton, was granted a leave of absence from August 1 to October 1, 1943, on account of illness. Mr. Whiteside has not returned and the President recommended that his appointment be terminated effective October 1, 1943.

Approved.

President Brandt recommended an extension of the leave of absence of Herschel A. Elarth, Associate Professor of Architecture, for the school year of 1943-44. Professor Elarth is in military service.

Approved.

He recommended that Bettylee Nothstein, assistant recorder in the Registry office, who has enlisted in the Women's Army Corps, be granted a leave of absence effective October 20, 1943.

Approved.

President Brandt recommended the following appointments:

Mrs. Sara Kathryn Arledge, as Assistant Professor of Art on a temporary basis, beginning November 1, 1943, to July 1, 1944, at a monthly salary of \$ 244.44.

William E. Chapman, Special Instructor in Spanish, Extension classes, his salary to be paid from income.

Mrs. Dorothy White, secretary and herbarium assistant in the department of plant sciences, effective October 1, 1943, at the rate of \$ 100.00 a month, replacing Mrs. Barbara Brown who resigned on that date.

Mrs. Pauline Brooks Hanley, secretary in the department of physical education for women, beginning September 27, 1943, at a salary of \$ 110.00 a month, replacing Nellita Jones who resigned.

Approved.

President Brandt recommended the following adjustments in salaries:

Leonard H. Haug, Assistant Professor of Music Education and Assistant Director of University Bands, to be placed on a half-time basis, or \$ 129.50 per month, effective September 1, 1943. Mr. Haug is to continue the same arrangement with the Norman Public Schools as last year.

Lois Peyton, Secretary of Admission, from \$ 150.00 a month to \$ 175.00 a month (\$ 2,100 annually), effective October 1, 1943.

Approved.

President Brandt reported that he was not yet ready to make a recommendation on the appointment of a director of the Student Health Service. He recommended that the salary of Dr. F. T. Gastineau, Acting Director, be increased \$ 100.00 a month, effective August 15, the date of his appointment as Acting Director of the Student Health Service. His salary as physician, University Health Service, was fixed at the rate of \$ 4,200.00 on a twelve months' basis beginning July 1, 1943.

The recommendation was approved.

He recommended further adjustments for the following employees in the University Infirmary:

Mrs. Nellie Engle, Housekeeper, from \$ 70.00 to \$ 85.00 a month, effective October 1, 1943.

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Helen Ruth Bolding, Housekeeper, from \$ 40.00 to \$ 60.00 a month, effective October 1, 1943.

Faith Ann Shirey, Laboratory Technologist, from \$ 90.00 to \$ 100.00 a month, effective October 1, 1943.

Approved.

On the recommendation of Dr. Bela Halpert, Director of Laboratories, University and Crippled Children's Hospitals, and Acting Dean H. A. Shoemaker, President Brandt recommended that Dr. Wilbur Floyd Keller be appointed Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology, effective September 1. Dr. Keller has submitted his resignation as Assistant Professor of Medicine. No salary is involved.

He recommended also that Dr. Ivo A. Nelson, Pathologist, St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, be appointed as Visiting Lecturer in Clinical Pathology, effective September 1. No salary is involved.

The recommendations were approved.

President Brandt submitted revised budgets covering salaries in the University and Crippled Children's Hospitals. The adjustments in the schedule for nurses approved at the meeting September 14 are shown and recommendations for adjustments in other positions are indicated in the last column of the revised budget.

He recommended approval of the increases and adoption of the budget as submitted, the salaries recommended to become effective September 1. The adjustments provide for increases in the lower brackets and are necessary to retain employees. Dr. Claude Chambers, chairman of the Regents' Medical Committee, has approved these changes.

It was voted to adopt the revised budget with salary adjustments as indicated.

President Brandt reported that he had written to Dr. Tom Lowry, Dean of the Medical School who has been acting in an advisory capacity, asking him to take over the deanship on a full time basis, and that he would report further at the next meeting of the Board on this matter.

President Brandt reported that the meeting of the National Association of State Universities is to be held on the twenty-second and twenty-third of this month and stated:

"I have been named Chairman of a Committee on Postwar Educational Planning of the National Association of State Universities, and also

I am a member of the Committee on Racial Minorities, and I accepted both posts before resigning. Under normal circumstances I would not ask your approval of my going. However, in view of the fact that I am taking a position in Chicago, and these meetings are to be held in Chicago, I felt I should have the approval of the Board of Regents for the trip.

"I will take Mrs. Brandt with me, at our own expense, naturally, to look for a house. I, myself, will do nothing in connection with the University of Chicago except in connection with the meetings. Possibly I shall meet with the Board of the North Central Association while I am there since they are interested in a report of the Shockley-Walcott situation.

"I, therefore, would like your approval or disapproval of my making this trip."

Regent Wallace moved, and the motion was unanimously adopted, that President Brandt be authorized to make this trip in the usual manner and that his expenses be allowed.

The Chair called attention to the meeting of the Association of Governing Boards in Chicago on October 22 and 23. He called attention also to the action of the Board of Regents a year ago when it was voted to join the Association and to have as representatives the president of the Board and the latest appointee, in this case, Don Emery. Regent Emery stated it would be impossible for him to attend the meeting. It was voted that Joe McBride, president of the Board, and Judge W. R. Wallace be named the official delegates of this Board.

President Brandt discussed certain revisions of the charter of the University College and distributed copies of proposed changes. There was a discussion on the matter and it was agreed to bring the matter up again later in the meeting.

"Regent Emery reported on the Shockley-Walcott matter and stated: 'The committee files with the secretary a letter addressed to the Board of Regents by Dean Meacham and Professor Marshburn, which says:

'Norman, Oklahoma
October 7, 1943.

'To the Honorable Regents of the
University of Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

'On June 26, 1943, we transmitted to President Brandt certain charges against Messrs. Shockley and Walcott with the recommendation

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that their services with the University of Oklahoma be terminated. The charges were referred by President Brandt to the Committee on Grievances and Tenure for review and recommendation. In our judgment the matter has received publicity which has been harmful to the University. It is our desire to relieve the University of further embarrassment. Also, in view of the recent resignation of President Brandt, it is our further desire to eliminate any handicap to the Board of Regents, in the selection of President Brandt's successor. Accordingly, we withdraw our recommendation of dismissal.'

'Respectfully yours,

/s/ E. D. Meacham

/s/ Joseph H. Marshburn.'

Regent Emery stated: "Professors Walcutt and Shockley, through their counsel, have announced that they do not desire to make any comment.

"It is the recommendation of your committee that the Board of Regents approve the recommendation of Dean Meacham and Professor Marshburn, and enter an order in the minutes dismissing the complaint, and that this letter from Dean Meacham and Professor Marshburn, and the order of the Board of Regents, be submitted to the press without comment from the Board."

It was moved by Regent Emery, seconded by Regent Wallace, and unanimously carried, that the recommendation of the committee be adopted, and that the complaints be, and the same are, hereby dismissed.

The Board recessed for luncheon in the Union Building at 12:30 p. m. to meet again in executive session at 2:00 p. m.

Following the executive session, which closed at 4:23 p. m., the Board met again in regular session and resumed discussion of President Brandt's proposals on the University College, and President Brandt recommended as follows:

"The Charter of the University College is hereby amended to eliminate the Board of Delegates as now constituted. The members of the four divisions, namely, the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences and the physical sciences, become hereby the faculty of the University College. The chairmen of the four divisions shall act as a standing advisory committee to the dean of the University College. This committee shall have no power to veto the actions of the faculty of the University College."

On motion by Regent Wallace, seconded by Regent Emery, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

President Brandt stated that since luncheon several matters had been presented to him and that he would like to bring them up at this time.

He recommended the appointment of William Leonard Cory, Instructor in Mechanics, at a salary of \$ 250.00 a month, effective November 1.

The appointment was approved.

He recommended also that Fred R. Mouck, Instructor in Mechanics, be promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor of Mechanics and that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$ 285.00 a month, beginning October 1, 1943. He stated that this recommendation was for an initial three-year term in accordance with the policy of the Board for appointments to the rank of Assistant Professor.

Approved.

President Brandt recommended also that V. E. Willoughby, Assistant Professor of Mechanics, be given an increase of \$ 10.00 a month (from \$ 275.00 to \$ 285.00 a month), beginning October 1, which would place him on the same schedule as Professor Mouck.

The recommendation was approved.

Regent Noble offered the following motion: "I move that at the termination of Mr. Brandt's tenure as president of the University the president of the Board of Regents become acting president of the University to serve until a permanent president has been chosen and he assumes the responsibilities of the office. "

The motion was seconded by Regent Wallace and put to a vote by Regent Hopper.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

President Brandt reported on the enrolment of civilian students and trainees as follows:

Civilian students	1,856
Army trainees	1,000 (approximately)
Navy trainees	700 (approximately).

He stated that in the neighborhood of 65 Junior R. O. T. C. men had been returned to the campus and that they are being housed in the Kappa Sigma house, which has been used for civilian men students who were transferred to other rooms. Approximately 250 Army trainees are now housed in the Field House, but are to be transferred to the new dormitories when they are completed.

The net reduction in the number of faculty this school year over last year is 48. President Brandt stated that the Navy manual containing in-

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structions to determine cost figures on instruction has been received and that this work was progressing and definite figures would be available soon.

President Brandt reported also concerning the University Press, stating that the sales from the first of July of this fiscal year have been approximately \$ 16,000.00; that the sales of "Plowman's Folly" are averaging about 115 copies a day and that 12,000 have been printed. A grant of \$ 1,500.00 has been received from the American Council of Learned Societies on the publication of "The Navaho-Pueblo Silversmiths" by John Adair. Previously, a grant of \$ 1,500.00 was received toward the publication of "The Letters of Mary Shelley," edited by Frederick L. Jones.

President Brandt read a letter from Roy Huguen, former owner of Huguen Hall, concerning the bonus payment of \$ 375.00 to the First National Bank of Fort Smith, Arkansas, which was required in order for Mr. Huguen to secure a release on the mortgage held by this bank. Mr. Huguen asks that the University reimburse him for this bonus payment. The matter was referred to Regent Wallace for investigation and report.

President Brandt stated that by the time of the next meeting he would submit names for the new dormitories. He stated that it was brought out in conference with officials of the National Housing Agency that it was possible the rental would be 4.32% of the total investment, of which 2.05% would be interest and the balance applied to the principal when and if the purchase is made following the war.

President Brandt reported on the situation with reference to the Oklahoma Daily. He stated that Stewart Harral, who was appointed news and editorial director at the special meeting on October 2, had requested that he be relieved of this responsibility.

Following a discussion, Regent Noble moved: "That the president of the Board of Regents is empowered to take measures to provide for the supervision entrusted upon Stewart Harral at his election by the Board of Regents at the special meeting on October 2 as news and editorial director of student publications."

The motion was seconded by Regent Wallace and put to a vote by Regent Hopper. The motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p. m.


Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary