BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Friday, September 29, 1955, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Regent Bowman, president of the Board, presided; others present: Regents Hatchett, Kerr, Looney, Rosser, Ledbetter.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 1955, were approved.

Regent Bowman, president of the Board, reported that he and Regent Hatchett had had a conference with the Governor regarding the reductions on the first quarterly budget as submitted by President Bizzell; also with reference to action on the second quarterly budget, October 1 to December 31, 1955. He stated that the Governor had agreed to permit the Board and President Bizzell to make adjustments within the budget so as to effect a total reduction for each quarter equal to the sum of reductions in salaries of individuals in certain departments, and on maintenance, as approved by the Governor for the first quarter, but that the Governor was unwilling to permit an increase in the salaries in the Department of Physical Education over the amounts originally approved by him, namely, a maximum of $150.00 per month.

President Bizzell was instructed to confer with Mr. Ben Harrison, Budget Officer, and work out the details on adjustments, in accordance with the Governor's wishes in the matter.

President Bizzell recommended the following changes in fees in the College of Education:

School Supervision 155, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
School Supervision 154, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
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School Supervision 156, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
School Supervision 157, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
School Supervision 156, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
School Supervision 155, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
School Supervision 154, present fee $5.00; change to $5.00
School Supervision 195, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 194, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 193, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 192, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 191, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 190, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 189, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 188, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 187, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 186, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 185, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 405, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 404, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 403, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00
School Supervision 402, present fee $5.00; change to $3.00

President Bizzell reported the following resignations, effective on the date indicated in each case:

Fred W. Padgett, Professor of Petroleum Engineering, September 1, 1955.
H. C. George, Professor of Petroleum Engineering and Director of the School of Petroleum Engineering, September 1, 1955.

Ordered filed.
President Bissell recommended leaves of absence, and appointments, as follows, effective on the date indicated in each case:

Norma Gates, Assistant in Latin, September 1, 1933 to February 1, 1934.
Ralph D. Bird, Assistant Professor of Zoology, September 1, 1933 to February 1, 1934.

Richard Lee Huntington, Associate Professor of Petroleum Engineering, September 25, 1933, $2,700.00
George J. Goodman, Instructor in Botany, September 1, 1935, $1,600.00
Gaylord Wilkinson, Instructor in Art, October 1, 1933, $177.00 per month
Wallace Irving Wolverton, Instructor in Old Testament in the School of Religion, September 1, 1933
Elizabeth Ann Brooks, assistant in English, October 1, 1933, $600.00
Otho Sparks, Assistant in Architectural Engineering, October 1, 1933, $250.00
Mary Ellen Haynes, Graduate Assistant in Latin, September 15, 1933, $550.00 for one semester
Bland West, Student Assistant in Latin, September 15, 1933, $200.00 for one semester
J. D. McColl, Bookkeeper in the University Press, September 1, 1933, $95.00 per month.
Ralph Bowen, Instructor in Medicine, July 1, 1933
Francis Edward Bink, Instructor in Gynecology, July 1, 1935
Stanley Francis Wildman, Instructor in Urology, July 1, 1933
Pat Henry Lawson, Instructor in Genito-Urinary Diseases and Syphilology, Syphilology, July 1, 1933
Wilbur Floyd Keller, Instructor in Medicine, July 1, 1933.

President Bissell recommended the appointment of Dr. C. S. Bobo for the position of University Physician and Director of Ellison Infirmary, to date from September 15, 1933 to July 1, 1934. There was discussion with reference to the salary to be paid. President Bissell recommended that the salary be fixed at the rate of $250.00 per month. Regent Hatchett made the motion, which was duly seconded, that Dr. Bobo be appointed and the salary fixed in accordance with the recommendation of President Bissell. A roll call was requested on the motion with the following result: Regents Bowman, Hatchett, and Kerr voted "Aye"; Regent Looney voted "No"; Regent Rosser requested that he be recorded as "not voting"; Regent Ledbetter was absent when the vote was taken. Regent Bowman declared the motion carried.

President Bissell read a communication from Dr. L. J. Moorman, Dean of the School of Medicine and Superintendent of the Hospitals, with reference to fees for private rooms in the University Hospital, also laboratory and X-ray fees. It was the sense of the Board that no changes in the rates, either for private rooms or for fees be made at this time.

Regent Kerr brought up the question of county accounts due the University Hospitals for care of charity patients, and read an itemized statement showing amounts due extending over a period of several years, and reported that the total was in excess of $500,000.00.
Regent Hatchett made the motion, which was duly seconded and carried, that the hospital authorities be instructed that henceforth no patients be admitted from any county, except when properly commissioned by county authorities, accompanied by papers certified by the respective county clerk, setting forth an unexpended balance for the fiscal year in a sufficient amount to properly pay for the cost of any patients so commissioned, and that when no funds are available in any county, that no additional patients be admitted from that county.

Regent Kerr made the motion, which was duly seconded and carried, that the hospital authorities be instructed to make a survey of patients in the hospital at least every sixty days, and report to Mr. Bostic, the business manager, this report to show the status of commitments, and whether or not patients are curable, and that in cases where patients cannot be benefitted by further treatment in the hospital, the respective county be notified at once and the patient returned to the county.

Regent Kerr made the motion, which was duly seconded and carried, that all charges against counties, or individuals, upon which nothing has been paid during the past two years, be taken from the current accounts and placed in a 'contingent assets' account.

Regent Kerr made the motion, which was duly seconded and carried, that the Governor be requested to instruct the Attorney General to file a suit, on behalf of the Hospital, to determine the right of the Board to collect unpaid accounts due the Hospital.

There was a discussion with reference to the functions and duties of the Social Service Departments in the University Hospital and the Crippled Children's Hospital. Regent Hatchett made the motion, which was duly seconded, and carried, that these departments be placed in charge of the Business Manager, with instructions to make such changes as may seem desirable, and as have the approval of the President of the University.

President Bissell reported that at the last meeting of the Co-ordinating Board a resolution was introduced by President H. G. Bennett, of the Oklahoma A. & M. College, that each institution of higher learning in Oklahoma be assessed fifty cents per capita on the student enrolment, to raise funds to finance the program of the said boards, and that it had been suggested that the amount be set aside from the activity fees or revolving funds of the respective institutions.

There was some discussion on the question of making such a payment, but the opinion was expressed that the money could not be legally taken from the Revolving Fund, nor that state funds be appropriated for that purpose. It was the sense of the Board that full cooperation be given the Co-ordinating Board in its program, and that the services of members of the faculty and other employees, be available in making surveys, to an amount equaling the assessment on the per capita basis, or in excess thereof if necessary.

It was voted to adjourn to meet again on the date of the third quarterly meeting, December 11, 1933.

Emil R. Kraettli, Secretary.