A special meeting of The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents was held at 1106 Park Manor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on February 26, 1978, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Notice of time, date, and place of this meeting were submitted to the Secretary of State as required by Enrolled House Bill 1416 (1977 Legislature).

The following were present: Regent Bob G. Mitchell, M.D., Vice President of the Board, presiding; Regents Richard A. Bell, Dee A. Replogle, Jr., and Ronald H. White, M.D.


The Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, Mrs. Barbara H. James, was also present.

Regent Mitchell said this special meeting was called for the purpose of considering a revision of the Criteria for the Selection of a President. Regent Replogle proposed the Criteria be revised and adopted as follows:

The University of Oklahoma is seeking a President for the University. The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institution. Such a person should possess the exceptional drive and stamina needed to lead a major University. An earned advanced degree is preferable. There are certain other personal and professional characteristics deemed preferable.

The next President should be a person who is progressive and sensitive to the changing needs and aspirations of the various groups which comprise the University community and one who will be articulate and effective in expressing these needs to others both within and without the University. The President must be able to see that the rules of the University are enforced and, at the same time, strive to insure free expression and the basic principles of academic freedom.

The next President should understand and be able to articulate the institution in all of its aspects, including but not necessarily limited to academics, financial, social, political, student, faculty, alumni, and public relations. The President should recognize the roles and responsibilities of the Faculty Senates, the University of Oklahoma Student Association, the Employee Executive Council, and the Employee Liaison Council in the governance of the University, in accordance with procedures approved by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

Finally, the President should be a person who is decisive in nature with integrity, dignity, and compassion.
Several years of successful administration in a position involving broad responsibilities, which should but need not include academic administration and teaching in a college faculty is necessary.

The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Mitchell, Bell, Replogle, and White. The Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Barbara H. James
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents