MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF REGENTS
MAY 27, 1982

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma was held in the Auditorium of the Health Sciences Library on the Oklahoma City Campus of the University on Thursday, May 27, 1982 beginning at 9:00 p.m.

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

The following were present: Regent Charles E. Engleman, President of the Board, presiding; Regents Ronald H. White, M.D., Dan Little, Julian J. Rothbaum, Tom McCurdy, John M. Imel, and Thomas Elwood Kemp.

The following also were present: Dr. William S. Banowsky, President of the University, Provost John R. Morris, Vice Presidents David A. Burr, Arthur J. Elbert, Jack Stout, and R. Gerald Turner. Other Executive Officers present were Mr. Stanley M. Ward, Mr. Ron D. Burton, and Barbara H. James, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents.

ENERGY CENTER BUILDING

President Banowsky said The Benham Group, Inc., architects and engineers for the Energy Center Building, have completed the schematic design phase for this project. Mr. Buford Duke, Mr. Tom Gunning, and Mr. Glenn Sullivan, representatives of The Benham Group, were present for the meeting. Mr. Duke presented slides reviewing the development of this project and the schematic design. Architect's renderings of the proposed building design, floor plans, etc., were presented and discussed in detail. There was lengthy discussion during which time it seemed apparent that it was the consensus of the Board members that they liked the basic plan but were concerned about the exterior design of the tower portion of the building. President Banowsky suggested that additional improvement could be made to the building so that it would be more distinctive. He said he wanted the building to be not only thoroughly modern, energy efficient, and beautiful but also to blend with the traditional buildings on the campus.

Since there was concern about the exterior design of the tower, there was discussion of the feasibility of the Board approving the general concept so that The Benham Group could proceed with the design development phase of the project and then come back to the Board at the July 22 meeting with an alternate exterior design. Vice President Elbert suggested the Regents approve the general layout, the relationship of the space, the function of the building, without approving the exterior design.
President Banowsky recommended that the Board of Regents approve the Energy Center Building schematic design phase with a total project budget of $45,000,000 subject to final corrections and modifications so the tower would appear less like a condominium or hotel, would have a more institutional and traditional exterior, and with a possible softening of the balcony effect with more brick, and authorize The Benham Group to proceed with the design development phase.

Regent Little moved approval of President Banowsky's recommendation with the provision that The Benham Group will present at the July 22 meeting further exterior design alternatives. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Engleman, White, Little, Rothbaum, McCurdy, Imel, and Kemp. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

MODIFICATION OF NEW FOOTBALL PROGRAM

At the May 13 meeting of the Board of Regents, the Athletic Department presented a program to modify the football stadium seating in two areas toward a goal of raising approximately one million dollars for the scholarship endowment program and to provide a reserve should stadium lighting be required in the near future. The first change involved the removal of the existing bench seats in rows 29 and 30, sections 3 through 8 and the installation of pedestal, chairback seating in this area (similar to those in the STEP program). This alteration would involve closing the horizontal aisle between rows 29 and 28, which has been approved by the Fire Marshal. In the place of the 240 bench seats in sections 3 through 8, rows 29 and 30 will be 192 chairback seats.

These 192 seats were approved to be sold on a 10-year reservation plan at a charge of the season ticket plus a donation of $4,000 over the 10 years for each seat in sections 3 and 8; $5,000 for each seat in sections 4 and 7; and $6,000 for each seat in sections 5 and 6. Seat and section were permanently assigned.

Because of strong initial demand for seats in Sections 5 and 6, the Athletic Department requests permission to change this donor program in two ways: (1) Annually rotate donors across sections 3, 4, and 5 or 6, 7, and 8 so that all will have some access to the most desirable sections; (2) Establish a single 10-year reservation rate of $5,000 per seat. All other components of the plan as approved on May 13 remain the same.

President Banowsky recommended that the new donor program be modified to involve rotation of the donors across sections as described above and that a 10-year reservation rate of $5,000 per seat be established.

Regent Imel moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Engleman, White, Little, McCurdy, Imel, and Kemp. Regent Rothbaum abstained. The Chair declared the motion approved.
UNIVERSITY CHILDHOOD CENTER

President Banowsky requested approval to construct a University Childhood Center to serve the child care needs of students, staff, and faculty of the University. The University Childhood Center would provide all day quality child care through a program designed for the growth and development of children ages six weeks through five years of age.

In order to proceed with the development of plans for the University Childhood Center, it should be added to the Campus Master Plan of Capital Improvement Projects. The estimated budget for the project is $800,000 with a total area of approximately 8,000 square feet.

Funding for the project will be from private sources.

President Banowsky recommended that the Board of Regents approve the addition of a new project to the Campus Master Plan of Capital Improvement Projects involving the use of $800,000 in private funds for the construction of a University Childhood Center, and authorize proceeding with the development of plans for the project.

Regent Little moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Engleman, White, Little, Rothbaum, McCurdy, Imel, and Kemp. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Barbara H. James
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents