Meeting of the regents

The annual meeting of the board of regents of the University of Oklahoma was held on Wednesday, March 30, at 10 o'clock, in the office of President Bizzell.

Regent Bowman, president of the board, presided; others present: Regents Hatchett, Milburn, Tolbert, Rosser, Looney, Lyons. (Regent Thomas D. Lyons of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was appointed on March 24, 1932 to succeed John H. Carlock, of Ardmore, whose term expired on that date).

President Bizzell reported that the bill concerning the Indian Institute had been introduced in Congress as HR 6397. No report of progress on the bill has been received.

Petitions of the men's council requesting extension of dating hours on Friday and Saturday nights was discussed. The petition requested a 12:30 closing time, but the board fixed the time at 12:00. At the present time the regulation is 11:30.

The board authorized reorganization of Jazz Hounds and Ruf Neks under such conditions, rules, and regulations as the president of the university may prescribe.

There was also a petition from parents of students living in Norman requesting that the "No-Car Rule" be modified so as to permit the use of cars under the direction of the parents rather than under the same rules as apply to students whose parents do not live in Norman. The board voted that no change in the rule be made which would give special privileges to any class of students. President Bizzell explained that each case was considered on its own merits by a special automobile committee, and that permits were granted in cases where it seemed necessary for the student to have an automobile.

The board approved the recommendation that the enrollment fee in the summer school be changed from $8.00 to $10.00 for resident students, and from $12.50 to $15.00 for non-resident students. The new schedule is still lower than is charged in any other state university, and in many cases the fee is much higher.

President Bizzell submitted the report of the State Examiner and Inspector, on the condition of financial affairs in the University Hospital, the Crippled Children's Hospital, the School of Medicine, and the university. The report showed that all accounts were in good condition and the officers were commended for their efficiency and manner of keeping accounts and their assistance to the representatives from the office of the State Examiner.

There was a general discussion on the economic condition of the state with emphasis on the ability of the state to support education, especially in the university and the several colleges. President Bizzell reported that he had already given considerable thought to the question of elimination of duplication in institutions of higher learning and that in his opinion a considerable sum could be saved if a satisfactory adjustment could be worked out with the several institutions. He called attention to the educational survey that was made in 1922, in which specific recommendations were made and stated that very few of the recommendations, if any, had been carried out.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the state is such that the institutions of higher learning cannot hope to secure the necessary funds to continue on the present basis; and,

WHEREAS, there is need for coordination and cooperation in working out a plan that will reduce to the minimum needless duplication of courses,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the university heartily endorse the suggestions of W. B. Bizzell, president of the university; that he call the heads of the respective educational institutions and the state superintendent of public instruction for a conference to discuss ways and means of eliminating duplications in courses and in other ways effecting economies in the schools of higher education.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that through the efforts of this body a bill be drawn for transmission to the next legislature which will provide for uniform enrollment, matriculation or incidental fees in the several institutions of higher learning, thereby providing additional revenue for the maintenance of said institutions.

President Bizzell presented the recommendations on items at the University at Norman which include the following:

Resignations:

Charles V. Bullen, associate professor of electrical engineering, January 1, 1932.

Adrian H. Lindsey, assistant professor of physical education for men, September 1, 1932.

Dewey H. Luster, assistant professor of physical education for men, September 1, 1932.

Sarah Frances Cloe, secretary, College of Fine Arts, January 1, 1932.

Dorothy Tansel Laughbaum, assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School, February 15, 1932.

Jewel Wurtzbaug, assistant professor of English (traveling in England).

Dr John L. Waller, assistant professor of history, September 1, 1932.

That the following are returning from year's leave of absence, and that they be reinstated to their respective positions:

Ernest C. Ross, assistant professor of English (studying at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland).
 appointments in the clinical staff were also approved. Promotions on the clinical staff were:

- Dr. Basil A. Hayes, assistant professor of genito-urinary diseases to associate professor.
- Dr. James Jackson Caviness, instructor in ophthalmology to associate professor.

The faculty for the summer school both at the university at Norman, and the school of medicine at Oklahoma City was approved.

The university budget including the extension division, and the medical school, at Oklahoma, was approved as recommended by President Bizzell except the department of physical education for men, that approval on this was withheld until the next meeting on account of the fact that no recommendation was made with reference to the position of head coach. The budget as submitted by President Bizzell was made on the basis of turning $300,000.00 to the state treasury at the close of the biennium. This was in line with the request of Governor Murray to reduce expenses in the institution to the minimum and thereby reduce the deficit in the state.

The election of officers of the board was held and George L. Bowman of Kingfisher was re-elected president of the board, and C. C. Hatchett of Durant, vice-president. Emil R. Kraettli, ex '18, was re-elected secretary of the board.

Judge Lyons, the new member of the board, is a prominent business man of Tulsa and a close friend of Governor Murray. Coming to Oklahoma in 1907, he started the law firm of Lyons and Rice in Tulsa. He is president of the Lee Oil company, and a director of the First National bank of Tulsa.

Mr. Lyons has been prominent in activities of the state, having been a member of the state supreme court commission, delegate to the national democratic convention in San Francisco in 1920 where he served on the resolutions committee. He is co-author with his law partner of a book entitled The Oil Operator in Oklahoma—the Law of Corporations—the Law of Oil and Gas.

He received his A. B. degree from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, in 1904, and his LL. B. degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, in 1907. He is a member of Delta Theta Pi, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Oklahoma Historical society and the American branch of the International Law association.

Succeeding John H. Carlock, whose term has expired, Mr. Lyons will serve a seven-year term. He is the sixth appointee of Governor Murray, the only holdover from the former administration being Joseph C. Looney, '20 arts-sc., '22 law, of Wewoka.

Suit against Seminole county looms as a probability, as the board of regents of the university, controlling university hospital, will make an attempt to collect through the courts, using Seminole as a test case, the $280,416 due the hospital from counties.

John Rogers, state examiner and inspector, in a letter to Chairman Bowman, demanded an immediate reduction in debts owed the hospital. The letter was based upon a recently completed audit of the hospital books from July 1 to December 31 last year, which showed accounts receivable increasing $65,251 during the period. Rogers recommended that some person familiar with the financial system of the various counties and with commercial accounts should be placed in charge of the work, stating that his department would aid. The debts were explained by Dr. J. B. Smith, superintendent of the hospital, as being due to economic conditions and failure of counties to pay. The audit showed the total accounts receivable January 1 to be $393,722, plus $223,392 in old accounts, which have been charged off as bad debts since 1929.

Seminole tops the list of debtors, owing $25,903, the audit reveals. Mr. Bowman announced that the board has authorized him to confer with J. Berry King, attorney general, to institute the test suit.

Gov. W. H. Murray announces that politicians have been cut off the free list and that the mounting indebtedness of patients is due to increased treatment of destitutes. Under the governor's order, the hospital has abolished the practice of giving free treatment to state officials, employees and their families.