

MINUTES  
OF THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OTTAWA UNIVERSITY  
OTTAWA, KANSAS

Tuesday, April 27, 1954 - 10:00 a.m.  
Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by President O. A. Powell with an opening prayer by Cal Floyd.

The following members were present:

W. H. Bertholf  
B. F. Bowers  
W. C. Coleman  
William Condell  
C. O. Dimmock  
Otto F. Dubach  
W. A. Elliott  
C. W. Floyd  
Henry Froning  
Victor W. Haflich  
E. E. Haley  
C. W. Hegberg  
L. W. Hostetter  
William F. Keucher

W. D. Kinnaman  
Harold J. Lamb  
George E. Lister  
Samuel Marsh  
Fred P. Martin  
Mrs. Luke Mowbray  
J. C. Murray  
T. R. Palmquist  
O. A. Powell  
Mrs. James Schwitzgebel  
F. H. Steiger  
John L. Strandberg  
Robert I. Wilson

Dr. A. B. Martin, President, and R. N. Bundy, Business Manager, were also present.

The minutes of the annual fall meeting of September 22, 1953, and of the special meeting of November 18, 1953 were read and approved.

An oral report was made by President A. B. Martin, setting forth the general state of the University: enrollment trends, conditions of faculty service, and finance proposals. This was followed by a period of questions and interested discussion.



R. N. Bundy presented mimeographed copies of the tentative budget which was recommended by the Executive Committee and the Budget Committee.

Motion was made by John L. Strandberg and seconded by O. F. Dubach that the tentative proposed budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

A nomination committee was named by the president to make recommendation for the filling of the unexpired term of E. G. Stucker as vice president and as chairman of the Building Committee:.

H. A. Froning, Chairman  
Victor W. Haflich  
F. P. Martin

Motion was made by W. A. Elliott and seconded by Cal Floyd that the president appoint a committee to bring in a resolution relative to the loss of E. G. Stucker: W. A. Elliott and Ben F. Bowers were named as such a committee.



In relation to the legal aspect of the bonds concerning the men's housing project, the following resolution was proposed by W. D. Kinnaman and seconded by W. C. Coleman, that the Board of Trustees of Ottawa University hereby waives the redemption premium schedule contained in the loan agreement and requests that the following premium provisions be considered a part of said loan agreement:

"Bonds numbered 1 to 28, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds numbered 29 to 240, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption in whole or in part at the option of the University, in inverse numerical order, on December 1, 1963, or on any interest payment date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof with accrued interest thereon to date of redemption, together with a premium of three per cent (3%) of such principal amount if redeemed on or prior to December 1, 1968, or at a premium of two per cent (2%) of such principal amount if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to December 1, 1973, and at a premium of one per cent (1%) of such principal amount if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to December 1, 1978, and at a premium of one half of one per cent ( $1/2$  of 1%) of such principal amount if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to December 1, 1983, and without premium if redeemed thereafter and before maturity, provided notice of such redemption shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date by one publication in a financial newspaper published in the City and State of New York. A like notice shall be sent by registered mail to the Trustee, to the Alternate Paying Agent, and to the holders of such Bonds as are then registered."



President O. A. Powell presented the matter of a gift of stocks to the University which required action of the Board. Motion was made by O. F. Dubach and seconded by W. C. Coleman that the treasurer of Ottawa University be and hereby is fully authorized and empowered to transfer, convert, endorse, sell, assign, and set over 200 shares of capital stock of Argo Oil Company and to deliver the certificates No. 4081 and 4082 representing said shares and standing in the name of or owned by this corporation and to make, execute, and deliver, under the corporate seal of this corporation any and all written instruments of assignment and transfer necessary or proper to effectuate the authority hereby conferred. Motion carried.

Adjournment for lunch at the Commons dining room.

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The meeting was convened after lunch by President O. A. Powell. A report of the nominating committee was called for. H. A. Froning brought the nomination of B. F. Bowers as vice president and E. E. Haley as member of the Building Committee.

On motion of H. A. Froning, seconded by Cal Floyd, the recommendation was accepted and these members declared elected.



A ~~report~~ of the Building Committee was called for. T. R. ~~Farquhar~~ gave the report regarding the fully developed plans. After a recent conference with the architect the date of May 24, 1954, had been set for the receiving of bids.

Motion was made by Victor Haflich and seconded by John Murray that as a Board of Trustees we extend to the Building Committee a vote of confidence and authorize them to proceed to the completion of the buildings under consideration. Motion carried.

Dr. A. B. Martin presented for the consideration of the Board matters relative to academic freedom, suggesting that each teacher should have entire freedom in research and in classroom discussion, subject to the aims and purpose of Ottawa University. It was agreed that a revised statement of the teachers manual should be sent to members of the Board for study and later action.

R. N. Bundy presented a recommendation from the faculty relative to life insurance and group insurance. Motion made <sup>by W. D. Kinnaman</sup> that a committee of three be appointed by the Executive Committee to make a study of life insurance and group insurance in this connection. Seconded by W. C. Coleman, and carried.



President A. B. Martin again introduced the matter of current deficit, the need for funds for matching the library challenge gift, and a stabilization fund. To accomplish these things there was clearly a need for professional advice and guidance in handling the matter.

Motion was made by W. C. Coleman and seconded by John L. Strandberg that we have a survey made by Paul Carter of the American Baptist Convention on the terms that we be left free to determine what action should be taken thereafter, the expense of this survey not to exceed \$1000. Motion carried.

Dr. A. B. Martin brought up the need of leadership in order to make effective the work of the Ottawa University Resources Association. The possibility of securing the full time service of Prof. Dale Purcell was considered.

Motion was made by William F. Keucher and seconded by F. H. Steiger that the entire matter of employing Mr. Purcell be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cal Floyd and seconded by John Murray that the matter of public liability insurance be referred to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.



Mr. B. F. Bowers was called upon to present the resolution to be sent to the family of E. G. Stucker and the attached statement was approved by motion of B. F. Bowers, seconded by Cal Floyd. Motion carried.

Mr. Bowers' personal expression of appreciation and sense of loss as "deep answers to deep" was sensed by all.

R. N. Bundy again brought up the imperative matter of meeting the current deficit. It was agreed that an appeal should be sent by the President's office to each Trustee urging individual effort in meeting this present emergency.

The following panel of names from which vacancies on the Board may be filled was approved for presentation to the Board of the Kansas Baptist Convention:

Sheldon Frick—Clay Center  
Norman Jeter—Hays  
Ray Brewster—Lawrence  
Justice O'Reilly—Eldorado  
Ransom Bennett, Jr.—Ottawa

A closing prayer by Dr. Wilson and after adjournment a pleasant social time was provided by the Home Economics Department which was genuinely enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edna Mowbray*  
Edna Mowbray, Acting Secretary