

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

Tuesday, April 26, 1955, 10:00 a.m.  
Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by President O. A. Powell with Dr. W. A. Elliott giving the invocation.

Mention was made of the recent death of Mrs. Margaret Chandler Braley, a sister of Charles J. Chandler and of Mrs. R. M. Clogston. Instruction was given that messages of sympathy be sent to each.

Due to the absence of R. M. Clogston, Mrs. Luke Mowbray was asked to serve for the day as recording secretary.

President Martin introduced the new members of the Board:

Morris Hildreth, Coffeyville  
Sheldon Frick, Clay Center  
Justus O'Reilly, El Dorado

Upon the calling of the roll, the following members answered present:

W. H. Bertholf	George E. Lister
B. F. Bowers	Sam Marsh
C. O. Dimmock	F. P. Martin
O. F. Dubach	Mrs. Luke Mowbray
W. A. Elliott	Justus O'Reilly
Sheldon Frick	T. R. Palmquist
H. A. Froning	O. A. Powell
E. E. Haley	F. H. Steiger
C. W. Hegberg	John L. Strandberg
Morris Hildreth	F. B. Thorn
L. W. Hostetter	C. O. West
W. D. Kinnaman	

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

The minutes of the annual meeting of the Board on October 6, 1954, were read and approved.

Upon the recommendation of W. H. Bertholf, the Board voted to send greetings to Dr. and Mrs. George E. Myers of Concordia and to express again our genuine appreciation for their generous gift to the University.

President A. B. Martin gave a comprehensive oral statement of the general state of the University including academic, forensic, athletic, and musical activities.

Relative to student trends he took pride in the fact that the "drop-out" was



less than usual and that the freshmen stood above average on the national tests.

A manuscript of a "History of Ottawa University" was referred to, and a committee was recommended to study the needs of the College and make plans looking toward the 100-year anniversary in 1965.

As to financial proposals, he summarized the needs under:

- Student housing
- Faculty personnel
- Scholarship funds and enrollment

After a period of study and discussion of the proposed budget for 1955-56 as prepared by the Budget Committee and presented by R. N. Bundy, the following action was taken. Motion was made by George Lister and seconded by L. W. Hostetter that the tentative budget be accepted. Carried.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was convened by the president of the Board at 1:30 p.m.

The report of the Faculty Committee was presented by President A. B. Martin. The five pages of the mimeographed report, "Conditions of Faculty Service," were read and discussed. (copy attached)



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Additional items were considered relative to:

Full cooperation with the aims and purpose of the University  
A clearer definition of the teaching load  
Conditions in case of moral situations  
How penalize on 10 month basis and balance of contract

Motion made by F. B. Thorn and seconded by John L. Strandberg that this document "Conditions of Faculty Service" be adopted, provided that a small committee be appointed to consider the four additional points. Said committee to be appointed by the President of the University and the Chairman of the Executive Committee. When this committee has decided these matters with the approval of the President of the University and the faculty, it will be adopted without further consideration of this Board. Carried.

A second six page, mimeographed document, "Appraisal and Evaluation of Faculty Services," was read by President Martin and carefully considered. (Copy attached)

Motion made by John L. Strandberg and seconded by F. H. Steiger that this document, "Appraisal and Evaluation of Faculty Services," be adopted and that the salary schedule be put into effect as conditions make it possible. Carried.

Motion made by O. F. Dubach and seconded that we commend the faculty for a remarkable piece of work done in the preparation of these two documents setting forth the conditions and evaluation of faculty service. Carried.

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In the absence of the Chairman of the Building Committee, George Lister made a brief report of the progress to date on the men's housing, and plans for the library. Assurance was given that the men's dormitories would be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall semester.

Chairman L. W. Hostetter gave an encouraging report of the advance made through the activities of the Resources Association. The work of Dale Purcell and Jack Higgins was commended.

A memorial gift of \$50,000 for an art center presented by C. O. Mammel was reported.

Sheets giving a listing of the Real Estate Loans and of the Stocks owned were distributed.

The following resolutions of the Resources Association were recommended and carried by vote:

1. Recommend the employment of Jack Higgins.
2. Accept the program of scholarship promotion and seek the approval of the Baptist State Board for this program.
3. Committee to study the long range goals of the College, looking to the 100th anniversary.
4. Urge that every effort be made to raise the amount needed to balance the current budget before June 30.
5. Resolution regarding "de-incorporation."



Motion made by F. B. Thorn and seconded by C. W. Hegberg that a committee be named to study the long range goals of the University looking forward to the 100th anniversary. Carried.

The following committee was named by President A. B. Martin and approved:

T. R. Palmquist  
George Lister  
Morris Hildreth  
Mrs. Luke Mowbray  
W. H. Bertholf

The church scholarship program was explained by Jack Higgins. Churches are asked to provide in their annual budgets an amount equal to one or more full tuitions of \$350.00 or a part tuition, to be used each year by worthy students. Such students may be recommended by the churches with the approval of the University.

Motion made by John L. Strandberg and seconded by L. W. Hostetter that the Board approve the plan and the employment of Jack Higgins. Carried.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that F. B. Thorn be asked to represent the interests of the University and the scholarship plan in the



meeting of the Executive Committee of the Kansas Baptist Convention.

President A. B. Martin explained the possible need for "de-incorporation" of the Resources Association by vote of the Board. Attorneys B. F. Bowers and Morris Hildreth were asked to make a study of the matter and make recommendations.

A special welcome was extended to C. O. Dimmock who was present following an extended illness. The secretary was instructed to send cordial good wishes to Harold Lamb who is now recovering from days of inactivity.

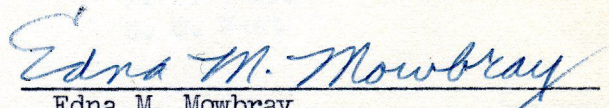
Motion made by John L. Strandberg that a vote of thanks be extended to Dr. A. B. Martin for the splendid work being done by him as University President. Carried.

Motion made by F. B. Thorn that Dr. A. B. Martin be granted the time during the summer to attend meetings of the Baptist World Alliance in London and to visit his homeland of Ireland, and to thank O. A. Powell for making this trip possible. Carried.

The President of the Board called upon F. B. Thorn for closing remarks and prayer. Adjournment.

Inspired with the sense of having a part in a great work through Ottawa University, all present enjoyed the fellowship and refreshment provided by the Home Economics Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Edna M. Mowbray  
Acting Secretary