

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, hereby ratify and approve all actions taken at this meeting to be reflected in the Minutes.

Signed this the 7th day of November , 1964, A.D.

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W. Heath, Chairman W.

A. G. McNeese, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Walter P. Brena Walter P. Brenan, Member

H. F. Connally, Jr., M. D. Member

Frank C. Erwin, Jr., Member

(Mrs.) J. (Lee Johnson) III, Member

Wales H. Madden, Jr., Member

Levi A. Olan, Member

John S. Redditt,

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MEETING NO. 629

NOVEMBER 7, 1964.-- The Board of Regents of The University of Texas met as scheduled in the Holiday Room of the Holiday Inn Motel, Waco, Texas, on November 7, 1964, at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE .--

Present

Absent

Chairman Heath, presiding Regent Brenan * Regent Connally Regent Erwin Regent (Mrs.) Johnson * Regent Madden Regent Redditt

Excused Regent Olan, Excused

Vice-Chairman McNeese,

Chancellor Ransom Secretary Thedford

Also present among the University personnel were the following:

Mr. Lanier Cox, Vice-Chancellor (Administrative Services) Doctor L. D. Haskew, Vice-Chancellor (Developmental Affairs) Mr. Graves Landrum, Assistant to the Chancellor Doctor Wilson Stone, System Advisor for Graduate Programs *

Invited Guests

Merton M. Minter, M.D., San Antonio * F. Carter Pannill, M.D., Assistant Dean of Grants and Sponsored Research, Southwestern Medical School *

This meeting was scheduled with the understanding that there would be no formal agenda prepared. The following items were considered and action taken thereon:

1. Status Report on the South Texas Medical School

- 2. Relationship with Former Regents
- 3. Resolution, J. Frank Dobie
- 4. Deanship, South Texas Medical School
- 5. Plaque Expressing Appreciation to Chancellor Ransom, Academic Center

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STATUS REPORT ON SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL. -- Pursuant to the Regents' request at previous meetings, the Administration had prepared and had mailed a status report on South Texas Medical School to each Regent prior to this informal meeting of the Board. The report with the two revisions incorporated as suggested by Regent Erwin was approved for distribution to those listed below:

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Director and Members of the Legislative Budget Board

Texas Commission on Higher Education

Legislative Delegation from San Antonio

Since all members of the Board had not received their copies of the report, it was understood they would submit suggestions by Wednesday, November 11. (No suggestions were received from the other Regents, and the report was distributed in the form as filed in the <u>Secretary's</u> Files, Volume XII, Page 140.)

ATTENDANCE. -- Regent Brenan came into the meeting.

RELATIONSHIP WITH FORMER REGENTS. --It was moved by Regent Erwin that the Board adopt a practice of having an annual meeting with the former Regents of The University of Texas, of issuing to them appropriate parking tags and some kind of identification, and of putting them on such mailing lists that the Chancellor shall deem advisable to keep them informed of the development of The University of Texas. Regent Redditt seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

ATTENDANCE. --Doctor Merton M. Minter of San Antonio, a member of the Special Committee on the Deanship of the South Texas Medical School (a former Regent and Chairman of the Board), came into the meeting.

RESOLUTION, J. FRANK DOBIE. -- On September 19, 1964, the Board authorized that an appropriate resolution and expression of deep sympathy be prepared by the Board for delivery to Mr. J. Frank Dobie's family. Pursuant thereto, the following resolution had been prepared by Regent Madden and was unanimously adopted by the Board upon motion of Regent Erwin, duly seconded:

Because we sense J. FRANK DOBIE believed as he wrote "There's nothing duller than praise. There's nothing more stupid than eulogy," we neither glorify nor eulogize, but declare with pride that his presence here helped create a more noble University.

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That we miss the grand old "mustang" is our simple resolve; that he now is "free of all confines of time and flesh" is our humble prayer.

REPORTS BY CHANCELLOR RANSOM INCLUDING DEDICATION OF ACADEMIC CENTER. --Among his various brief reports, Doctor Ransom reviewed plans for the dedication of the Academic Center and the various activities of Thanksgiving week including a joint meeting with the Board of Directors of the Texas A & M University at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 1964, at the Driskill Hotel.

ATTENDANCE. --Regent (Mrs.) Johnson came into the meeting. Later but prior to the discussion of the Deanship of the South Texas Medical School, Doctor Wilson Stone, System Advisor for Graduate Programs, came into the meeting.

DEANSHIP, SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL, DOCTOR F. CARTER PANNILL; ATTENDANCE. -- A Committee on the Deanship for the South Texas Medical School to consider a replacement for Doctor Robert C. Berson, resigned, was named at the Regents' meeting on October 24, 1964. As Chairman of this committee, Regent Connally reported that the name of Doctor F. Carter Pannill, Assistant Dean of Grants and Sponsored Research, Southwestern Medical School, had been submitted to the committee and that all members of the committee had interviewed Doctor Pannill with the exception of Doctor Paul A. Weiss.

Doctor Merton M. Minter, also a member of the Committee (a former Regent and Chairman of the Board of Regents), was present upon invita tion of Regent Connally, and pointed out his reasons for being highly in favor of the appointment of Doctor Pannill. After a detailed discussion and upon approval of Central Administration of the recommendation of the Committee on the Deanship, Regent Redditt moved that Doctor F. Carter Pannill be employed subject to Doctor Weiss' approval as Dean of the South Texas Medical School, effective January 1, 1965, at an annual salary rate of \$25,000. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried with authorization to Chairman Heath and Chancel lor Ransom to make the announcement at the appropriate time. Doctor Pannill who had retired from the meeting was called back in and notified of this appointment. Since he wanted to interview Doctor Weiss and also to confer with Doctor Berson, by unanimous agreement the motion was amended to request that he give a reply by Saturday, November 14 (Source of funds and acceptance of appointment will appear in the December minutes as an Item for the Record.)

ATTENDANCE; PLAQUE FOR UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY AND ACA-DEMIC CENTER AND EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO CHANCELLOR HARRY RANSOM. -- The Board resolved itself into an Executive Session with only the Regents present. Following this Executive Session Secretary Thedford was called in and it was moved by Regent Erwin that an appropriate plaque be prepared for insertion in the Undergraduate Library and Academic Center, the language to be approved by Regent

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Madden and the sense of the language to recognize and express appreciation to Doctor Ransom for what he gave in making the Undergraduate Library and Academic Center a reality and that the Board is resolved and places in the minutes a resolution herein that without attempting to bind any future Board we express the hope that at an appropriate time in the future the Undergraduate Library and Academic Center be named after Doctor Ransom. Regent (Mrs.) Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

Resolution and Plaque. -- The language of the plaque referred to in the motion set out above and the resolution to be placed in the minutes are as follows:

Regent Madden, in commenting on the dedication of the Undergraduate Library and Academic Center, which is to be held November 25, 1964, suggested that the minutes of the Board of Regents include at least a brief account of the history of the building and how the notion for its construction was first conceived. All members of the Board enthusiastically agreed. The purpose of such reference would be to inform fully future Boards of Regents of the important role of Chancellor Harry Ransom in this regard. This information would be of interest to such Regents in the event consideration were given to naming the building for some individual. The current Board would urge, in such event, that same be delayed until under the Regents' Rules and Regulations existing at such time strong consideration could be given to naming the building for Doctor Ransom. It should be noted that the idea of an undergraduate library was first conceived by Doctor Ransom during the middle 1950's and he gradually developed a plan for the building as he had occasion to visit with educators, architects and librarians throughout the nation and in Europe. It was his conviction that the undergraduate student at The University of Texas was entitled to an environment in which he would have ready access to great books, and that if afforded such access, would happily utilize the facility. Doctor Ransom accurately reasoned that a uniquely designed building, which would provide the students such an opportunity, would have a most desirable effect on the intellectual climate of the entire student body. While many individuals and groups contributed to the final development of the Undergraduate Library and Academic Center, without question, Chancellor Ransom was the guiding force, and as evidence of its deep appreciation, the student body immediately and affectionately adorned the building with the name "Harry's Place."

Regent Erwin then moved that the following inscription be placed upon a plaque to be affixed in a position of prominence in the building and that the Regents' signatures be subscribed thereto as testimony of the Board's gratitude for Doctor Ransom's labor:

A wise leader who would dream must also reason and inspire lest even his most noble goals escape attainment. To Harry Huntt Ransom, we here

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affirm our profound appreciation. Through his vision, his suasion, and his able direction, this building came into being.

Regent Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL MATTERS. -- The Board discussed personnel matters of The University of Texas system but took no action thereon.

ADJOURNMENT. -- The meeting of the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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