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Austin, Texas, August 14, 1952
Meeting No. 523

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas met in a Special Meeting in the Regents' Room of The University of Texas, at 11 a.m., August 14, 1952, with the following present: Regents Warren (Vice-Chairman), Darden, Oates, Rockwell, Sealy, Swenson, Tobin and Voyles; Chancellor Hart, Assistant to the Chancellor Granberry; Director of News and Information Service Keys; and Secretary Stewart. Chairman Woodward was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

The Press came into the meeting.

DESIGNATION OF GIFT OF \$5,000 FROM TEXAS GULF SULPHUR COMPANY.-- Chancellor Hart reported that at the July meeting the Board accepted a gift of \$5,000 from the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company which was to be used for scholarships or such other worthy educational purposes as might be designated by the Board of Regents. He further reported that he had been advised by the Office of the Dean of Student Life of the Main University that there was a great need for funds to be granted to worthy students as scholarships, to pay their tuition or other expenses of their education at The University of Texas. Chancellor Hart recommended that the sum of \$5,000, donated by Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, as accepted previously by the Board, be designated as a fund from which scholarships may be granted, upon the recommendation of the Loan and Scholarship Information Committee of the Faculty, such scholarships to be in amounts not to exceed \$400 per year per student, with authority to use part or all of the principal of this fund, as well as the income for the granting of such scholarships. Upon motion by Mr. Voyles, seconded by Mrs. Tobin, the Board approved the recommendation.

SUPPLEMENTATION OF SALARY OF VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE CARROLL D. SIMMONS.--Chancellor Hart recommended that a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from anonymous donors, delivered to Chairman Woodward, for the purpose of supplementing the salary of Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance Carroll D. Simmons, be accepted by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, and that the Auditor be authorized to pay the sum of \$1,500 to Mr. Simmons, as a supplement to his salary for the fiscal year 1951-52, in conformity with the recent opinion of the Attorney General allowing such supplementation out of gift and grant funds. Upon motion by Mr. Swenson, seconded by Mr. Darden, the Board approved the recommendation.

REPORT OF REGENTS' SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF PRESIDENT, MAIN UNIVERSITY.--Vice-Chairman Warren reported to the Board that the Regents' Special Committee which had been appointed previously, consisting of Mr. Sealy, Chairman, Mrs. Tobin, and Mr. Darden, to assist in the selection of a President of the Main University and Extramural Divisions of The University of Texas, had been working several months on this selection, and that the Committee was ready to report at this time. Mr. Sealy, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee now had in its hands the recommendations of individuals by the Students Committee, Ex-Students Committee, University Development Board Committee and the Faculty Committee, which had been presented to Chancellor Hart for consideration. He also stated that the Committee had in its hands a recommendation from Chancellor Hart but that the Committee was not yet ready to report its recommendations to the full Board and requested that this meeting be not adjourned, but recessed until August 21, 1952, at 2 p.m., at which time the Committee will make its recommendations to the full Board for the Presidency of the Main University and Extramural Divisions of The University of Texas. Upon motion by Mr. Rockwell, seconded by Dr. Oates, the Board approved the report.

The Board recessed at 11:10 a.m., until 2 p.m., August 21, 1952.

Thursday, August 21, 1952

The Board of Regents reconvened at 2:25 p.m., on Thursday, August 21, 1952, in the Regents' Room of The University of Texas, with the following present: Regents Warren (Vice-Chairman), Darden, Rockwell, Sealy, Swenson, Tobin and Voyles; Chancellor Hart, Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance Simmons, Assistant to the Chancellor Granberry; President Painter Mr. Jack G. Taylor; University Land Attorney Gaines; Mr. John McCurdy; Mr. Edward Smith; Director of News and Information Service Keys; and Secretary Stewart. Chairman Woodward and Dr. Oates were unable to attend the meeting.

The Press came into the meeting.

ELECTION OF DR. LOGAN WILSON, PRESIDENT OF MAIN UNIVERSITY AND EXTRAMURAL DIVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.--Chancellor Hart presented to the Board a recommendation that Dr. Logan Wilson, now Vice-President and Provost of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, be nominated as President of the Main University and Extramural Divisions of The University of Texas. He further recommended that Dr. Wilson be authorized to assume the office of President on February 1, 1953, and that beginning on that date he be paid the statutory salary of \$15,000 per year, plus house and utilities as allowed by law.

Vice-Chairman Warren then inquired of Mr. Sealy, Chairman of the Regents' Special Committee, if he was ready to make a report of the committee. Mr. Sealy made the following report and recommendations to the Board. He recommended that the recommendation of Chancellor Hart be accepted and that Dr. Wilson be elected by this Board as President of the Main University and Extramural Divisions of The University of Texas, effective February 1, 1953, and he further recommended that the Board adopt the following statement which had been prepared by Chairman Woodward and himself and had been reviewed by the members of the Board now present:

The Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of its special committee, the nomination of Chancellor Hart, and with the diligent and able assistance of the faculty, student, University Development Board and ex-student committees, has selected Dr. Logan Wilson as President of the Main University at Austin.

Dr. Wilson has accepted and will take office on or about February 1, 1953.

The objective of the Board was to obtain the best qualified man available for the position and the Board and its advisors deemed these qualifications to be essential: recognized academic attainments; proven administrative ability; leadership necessary to inspire a strong faculty to even greater distinction and to imbue the student body with a sense of loyalty and accomplishment; reverent faith in God; and belief in the rights and dignity of the individual and the free enterprise system, with no interest in any "ism" except Americanism.

In our judgment Dr. Wilson and his record as an eminent educator meets these requirements. It is also a happy coincidence that both Dr. Wilson and his wife are native Texans and graduates of The University of Texas. Dr. Wilson agrees with another great Texan, former President Benedict, that "public confidence is the only real endowment of a state university" and he is determined to so administer the University that it will deserve and have the confidence and affection of its student body, its former students, and the whole people of the State of Texas.

Since Dr. Wilson's name appears on the lists of names compiled for our consideration by all of the committees appointed for that purpose, and since he was nominated by Chancellor Hart, he has the unanimous endorsement of all concerned, and we are confident he will serve with distinction in the office he has accepted.

Regent Sealy stated that the members of the Board who were absent had read the statement and concurred in it. Upon motion by Mr. Voyles, seconded by Mr. Rockwell, the Board approved the recommendations.

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DR. JAMES C. DOLLEY, ACTING PRESIDENT OF MAIN UNIVERSITY AND EXTRAMURAL DIVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.--Chancellor Hart presented a recommendation to the Board that Dr. James C. Dolley, now Vice-President of the Main University and Extramural Divisions, be elected to serve as Acting President, at the statutory salary of \$15,000 per year, effective September 1, 1952, to and including January 31, 1953. Upon motion by Mr. Voyles, seconded by Mrs. Tobin, the Board approved the recommendation.

CHANCELLOR TO BE OUT OF STATE, DUTIES TO BE ASSUMED BY OTHERS.--Chancellor Hart recommended that in his absence from the State of Texas on vacation from August 24, 1952, to and including September 6, 1952, the President or Acting President of the Main University, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Board of Regents, be authorized to act in all matters for the Chancellor and that during that period, in the absence of the President and the Acting President, the Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance be authorized to act in all matters for the Chancellor. Upon motion by Mr. Rockwell, seconded by Mr. Voyles, the Board approved the recommendation.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT PAINTER.--Vice-Chairman Warren, who was presiding in Chairman Woodward's absence, stated that for him it was one of the historic occasions in the history of The University of Texas. He and Chairman Woodward are the only two members of the Board at the present time who shared in the election of Dr. Painter as President of The University of Texas. He stated that they had served with Dr. Painter all but two weeks during his term as Acting President and as President. Vice-Chairman Warren, speaking for the entire Board, extended to President Painter every good wish and the best in any future undertakings.

ADJOURNMENT.--The Board adjourned at 2:35 p.m., until the next meeting of the Board on October 3 and 4, 1952.

Maryvenice E. Stewart, Secretary