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Meeting No. 573
Galveston, Texas
August 17, 1958

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas convened at 2:15 p. m. Sunday, August 17, 1958, in the Lounge of the Faculty Housing Building, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, for a joint meeting with the Board of Directors of The Sealy and Smith Foundation. Each regent had been notified by Chairman Jeffers under date of August 1 of this joint meeting. The following reflects the attendance:

Board of Regents of The University of Texas

Present

Chairman Jeffers, presiding
Vice-Chairman Sorrell
Regent Bryan
Regent (Mrs.) Devall
Regent Johnson
Regent Minter
Regent Thompson

Absent

Regent Hardie-excused
Regent Lockwood-excused

Board of Directors of The Sealy and Smith Foundation

Present

Mr. John W. Harris
Doctor Edward Randall, Jr.
Mr. Ballinger Mills
Mr. V. W. McLeod
Mr. Alvin N. Kelso

Absent

Mr. John W. McCullough-
excused

Administrative Officers of The University of Texas

Present

President Logan Wilson
Doctor M. A. Casberg
Mr. Lanier Cox
Mr. C. H. Sparenberg
Doctor John Truslow
Mr. E. D. Walker
Mr. Arthur Hennings
Doctor H. F. Connally, Jr.

In the absence of Secretary Theford (excused), Mr. Cox recorded the necessary notes.

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MEDICAL BRANCH

JAMES A. HAMILTON ASSOCIATES' SURVEY, MEDICAL BRANCH; REPORT, THE SEALY AND SMITH FOUNDATION. --A summary of the James A. Hamilton Associates' Survey of the Medical Branch was presented by the Administrative Officers of The University of Texas - primarily by Vice-President Casberg.

In this connection, Mr. John W. Harris, Vice-President of The Sealy and Smith Foundation, in the absence of Mr. John W. McCullough, presented a report on behalf of the Foundation. This report set out the present commitments of the Foundation, its ability to make further commitments, and a proposal covering contributions by the Foundation to the cost of the so-called "immediate plan" of remodeling and new construction at the Medical Branch.

(A copy of the summary of the James A. Hamilton Associates' Survey and a copy of the presentation by Mr. Harris are in the Secretary's Files, Volume V, Pages 321 and 335. If and when final action on either is taken, a detailed report will be incorporated in the minutes.)

Chairman Jeffers and other members of the Board expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors of The Sealy and Smith Foundation for their generosity, and pointed out that there is not any other medical school in the country that has the same support by a foundation as does The University of Texas Medical Branch.

JOINT MEETING ADJOURNED; SPECIAL MEETING OF REGENTS. -- The joint meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas and of the Board of Directors of The Sealy and Smith Foundation dissolved; and the Board of Regents resolved itself into a Special Meeting.

MAIN UNIVERSITY

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL DOCKET, MAIN UNIVERSITY. --President Wilson presented a travel docket for Main University, dated August 15, 1958, as recommended by Vice-President and Provost Ransom. (See Page 1207). This docket was approved upon motion of Vice-Chairman Sorrell, seconded by Mrs. Devall.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

THE COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; BOARD OF REGENTS' REPRESENTATIVE AND SHARE OF EXPENSES. --There was a report by Mr. Johnson on the meeting in Austin on August 13 of representatives from the nine governing boards of state-supported colleges and universities. He reported that:

1. The group had organized a committee to be called The Committee of the Governing Boards of State Colleges and Universities for the purpose of informing the members of the Legislature and the citizens at large of Texas of the needs of higher education in the State.

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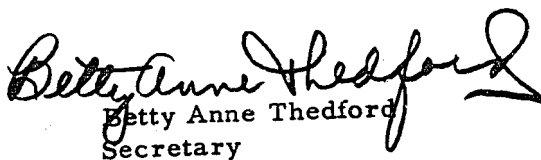
2. The Committee will organize a central office in Austin and will employ an Executive Secretary to aid in carrying on an informational campaign for the stated purpose under the direction of the Committee.
3. The Board of Directors of A. & M. College had secured funds from private sources to pay for the operation of the office.
4. Each of the other Boards was invited to participate in the financing of the activities of the Committee to the extent of approximately \$1,500.00. All contributions to the work of the Committee would necessarily have to come from private sources and no state funds would be used.

Mr. Johnson requested ratification by the Board of his action in participating in the organization of the Committee to represent the nine governing boards. Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sorrell, and unanimously adopted by the Board of Regents (1) that the action of Mr. Johnson in voting to organize The Committee of the Governing Boards of State Colleges and Universities for the purpose of informing the members of the Legislature and the citizens at large of Texas of the needs of higher education through a joint program sponsored by the nine governing boards of the fully state-supported colleges and universities be ratified, (2) that Mr. Johnson, or such other member of the Board as might be designated by the Chairman, continue to represent the Board of Regents of The University of Texas on The Committee of the Governing Boards of State Colleges and Universities, and (3) that the Board commit itself to raising the stated proportionate share of the expenses of the Committee from private sources.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION. -- There was presented to the Board the plan of The Ex-Students' Association for distinguished alumni awards. All members of the Board endorsed the plan, but were in unanimous agreement that no member of the Administration or Board of Regents should participate in the selection of individuals for these awards.

ADJOURNMENT. -- The Board adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

(Recorded as reported by Mr. Cox)


Betty Anne Thedford
Secretary

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Main University
Austin

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August 15, 1958

Dr. Logan Wilson, President
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear President Wilson:

The following requests for out-of-state travel require prior approval of the President and Board of Regents. I recommend your approval and presentation to the Board at its special meeting in Galveston on August 17, 1958.

1. Mr. E. A. Ripperger, Associate Professor of Engineering Mechanics, September 8 and 9, 1958, to Los Angeles, California, to deliver a paper at the Western Conference of the Applied Mechanics Division of ASME, transportation expenses to be paid from funds of the Committee on Attendance at Meetings of Learned Societies.

2. The transportation expense of the trip of Mr. Oliver H. Bown, Assistant Director of the Testing and Counseling Center, to Washington, D. C., approved in the May docket with no source of funds indicated, will be paid from funds of the Committee on Attendance at Meetings of Learned Societies.

3. Mr. Jack Myers, Professor of Zoology, to Bloomington, Indiana, August 24 through 29, 1958, to present a paper at the meetings of the American Society of Plant Physiologists, travel expenses to be paid in part from funds of the Committee on Attendance at Meetings of Learned Societies and in part from Professor Myers' Rockefeller research grant funds.

4. Mr. A. R. Schrank, Associate Professor of Zoology, to Bloomington, Indiana, August 24 through 29, 1958, to present a paper at the meetings of the American Society of Plant Physiologists, travel expenses to be paid in part from funds of the Committee on Attendance at Meetings of Learned Societies and in part from Professor Schrank's AEC research contract funds.

Sincerely yours,



H. H. Ransom