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## MEETING NO. 616

AUGUST 17, 1963.--Pursuant to notice as set out below, the Board of Regents convened in special session in Room 209, Main Building, on Saturday, August 17, 1963, at 9:30 a. m.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD  
OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Section 5.2, a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas will be held at the place, on the date, and at the hour, as follows: to wit:

PLACE: Regents' Room, Main Building 209,  
Main University, Austin, Texas

DATE: August 17, 1963

HOUR: 9:30 o'clock A. M. until adjournment

for the following purposes:

1. For such reports to the Board of Regents not requiring action of the Board as the Chancellor or any Regent may wish to make or cause to be made.
2. To consider and act upon any matters related to the McDonald Observatory and the Main University Department of Astronomy.
3. To consider and act upon any matters related to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston.
4. To consider and act on any matters related to the building program at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

/S/

Betty Anne Thedford  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
The University of Texas

Dated the 7th day of August, 1963.

## ATTENDANCE.--

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Present	Absent*
Chairman Heath, presiding	Vice-Chairman McNeese -
Regent Brenan	Excused
Regent Connally	Regent (Mrs.) Johnson -
Regent Erwin	Excused
Regent Olan	Regent Madden - Excused
Regent Redditt	
Chancellor Ransom	
Secretary Thedford	

Also among those present were the following:

Mr. Lanier Cox, Vice-Chancellor (Administrative Services)  
 Mr. Frank D. Graydon, Budget Officer  
 Doctor Norman Hackerman, Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs)  
 Doctor L. D. Haskew, Vice-Chancellor (Developmental Affairs)  
 Mr. Graves Landrum, Assistant to the Chancellor  
 Amy Jo Long, representing News and Information Service  
 Doctor Wilson Stone, System Advisor for Graduate Program  
 (Effective September 1, 1963)  
 Mr. Burnell Waldrep, Land and Trust Attorney

Press Representatives:

Mrs. Anita Brewer, representing The American Statesman  
 Mr. Winston Bode, representing The Houston Chronicle

INVOCATION.--Regent Olan, Chaplain of the Board of Regents, offered the invocation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS BY CHANCELLOR RANSOM.--Chairman Heath called the meeting to order and called on Chancellor Ransom for reports to the Board not requiring action as indicated in the call for this special meeting.

Chancellor Ransom reported briefly on his trip as a delegate to the Ninth Quinquennial Congress of the Universities of the Commonwealth in London. He was selected at this meeting to give a speech at the meeting of the International Commission for Library Development in Paris. At this latter meeting Chancellor Ransom was elected President of the International Commission for Library Development.

Chancellor Ransom reported and suggested (1) that a new study of future enrollment should be made in connection with the study of the ten-year plan with a view to determining how increased enrollment affects the quality of work; (2) that the experimental summer school plan

\* Vice-Chairman McNeese was excused from the meeting since he was delayed because of car trouble en route. Regents Johnson and Madden were excused from the meeting because of prior commitments arranged before the meeting was scheduled.

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providing for the admission of freshmen in the summer without the necessary requirements has not been as popular as when it was started three years ago and that this program should be re-examined in the light of the diminishing number taking advantage of the experiment. The purpose of this plan was to give a fair chance to the bright, motivated, and able students who for some reason had not qualified for admission; (3) that committees should be brought from over Texas to discuss the use of the Thompson Conference Center so as to keep programs at high level and to give best possible service; (4) that there will be appropriate dedications of the Art Building and the Undergraduate Library and Academic Center at the Main University. The Art Building will be dedicated this fall and the Academic Center in April 1964.

**REQUEST FROM SUBCOMMITTEE OF GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION BEYOND THE HIGH SCHOOL RE GRADUATE PROGRAM.**

--Mr. Cox read the following telegram addressed to Chancellor Ransom and dated July 25, 1963:

"At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Institutional Role and Scope of Colleges and Universities of the Governor's Committee on Education beyond the High School it is respectfully requested that there be a moratorium on requests for additional programs in the graduate level until after we have had a chance to survey the situation and to come up with some findings and recommendations.

A. G. Martin Executive Director."

The Administration suggested and the Board, without objection, agreed that the new request for anthropology to be offered at the doctoral level be held up until the subcommittee's report is in. The request for anthropology is the only new graduate program approved by the Board that has not previously been submitted to the Texas Commission on Higher Education for approval.

**MCDONALD OBSERVATORY AND DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY, MAIN UNIVERSITY: (1) RE-AFFIRMATION OF POLICY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 2, 1961 (2) EXTENSION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (3) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR FOR OBSERVATORY (4) APPROPRIATIONS FROM W. J. MCDONALD OBSERVATORY FUND.** --Prior to the meeting, each Regent was furnished with a copy of the policy adopted by the Board December 2, 1961, of the 1963-64 Operating Budget for Astronomy and for Research in Astronomy on the campus of Main University and for McDonald Observatory, and of a letter from Doctor Harlan J. Smith outlining program development for the McDonald Observatory together with the authorizations, equipment, etc. that he would need in developing such a program.

After the Regents had discussed very frankly and in detail the Administration's recommendations and the facts set out in supporting material mailed to the Regents on August 9, it was moved by Regent Redditt,

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seconded by Regent Erwin, and unanimously adopted that the recommendations of the Administration be approved in the following form:

- A. That the Regents re-affirm the action taken by the Board at its meeting December 2, 1961, to wit:

Recommendations Relating to the Department of Astronomy, Main University, and the Operation of McDonald Observatory, Ft. Davis. -- The Academic and Developmental Affairs Committee considered the recommendations of the Administration relating to the Department of Astronomy at the Main University and the operation of the McDonald Observatory at Ft. Davis. These recommendations were distributed to each Regent in the Material Supporting the Agenda.

The Academic and Developmental Affairs Committee recommends:

1. With reference to the Department of Astronomy at the Main University that
  - a. The portion of the joint agreement with the University of Chicago which pertains to operating the Department jointly shall be terminated at its expiration date on December 31, 1961. However, if possible, the University shall try to retain the privilege of having our students in Astronomy take some work at the University of Chicago and permit reciprocity if for some reason this is desired.
  - b. The Chairman of the Department of Astronomy shall also be the Director of the Observatory and the principal part of his salary shall come from the McDonald Observatory funds.
2. With reference to the McDonald Observatory at Ft. Davis that
  - a. The Administration shall negotiate with other institutions to operate the Observatory but shall retain the Directorship for The University of Texas. The University of Chicago shall be given every consideration and its historic position shall be recognized in any plan finally arranged to operate the Observatory.
  - b. The Observatory shall be run by a committee composed of the Director and one member from each participating unit.

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3. With reference to the operating budgets for the Department of Astronomy and for McDonald Observatory, the committee agrees that the order of magnitude of the budgets as mentioned in the supporting material is suitable.
4. With reference to building and instrument modernization at the McDonald Observatory, the Academic and Developmental Affairs Committee further recommends that the Administration's proposals as set out below be approved:

Building and instrument modernization must not be undertaken until the Director and committee have become active, but as an order of magnitude \$400,000 will be needed. Of this, \$150,000 would serve to bring the instrumentation up to date and the remainder would be needed for new buildings on the site. The latter was earmarked once before, and the former could come from the capital fund of the Observatory.

- B. That the Chancellor be authorized to extend the Interim Agreement with the University of Chicago, dated October 6, 1962, if he thinks it is in the best interest of the University.
- C. That Harlan J. Smith be appointed as Director of McDonald Observatory and as Chairman of Department of Astronomy at a salary rate of \$25,000 for nine months for the 1963-64 Long Session beginning September 1, 1963.
- D. That \$150,000 be appropriated from the W. J. McDonald Observatory Fund (Not income therefrom) for modernization of the scientific equipment at the Observatory with authority to the Director to expend this appropriation in accordance with established rules and regulations.
- E. That the \$250,000 already appropriated to new buildings and other improvements at McDonald Observatory be used. Plans and specifications will come through the appropriate committee.
- F. That an appropriation of not more than \$10,000 of the annual income from the W. J. McDonald Observatory Fund be provided for emergency use at the Observatory with authority to the Director to expend this appropriation in accordance with established rules and regulations and that the administration be authorized to set up appropriate procedures to carry out the intent of this action.

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SHRINERS BURNS INSTITUTE. --Each Regent had been furnished in the Material Supporting the Agenda an informational report concerning recent developments re the Shriners Burns Institute. At the July 1963 meeting an affiliation agreement with the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children was authorized by the Board of Regents, and the same has been executed on the part of both parties and the official copy filed in the Secretary's office.

GRANT FOR INTERIM OPERATION. --At the July meeting the Board was authorized to accept an interim grant of \$252,950, effective September 1, 1963, to support seven beds for the Shriners Institute for Burns until such time as the hospital is opened. Mr. Cox reported that at this time there had been no written offer of this grant. However, he did distribute a proposed budget for the interim operation based on the grant from the Shriners. It was moved by Regent Brenan, seconded by Regent Redditt, and unanimously adopted that the Board approve a budget of \$238,000 from grant funds plus \$12,000 from agency funds for which the Board of Regents will act as fiscal agent to be budgeted if and when received as itemized in the recommended budget distributed. A copy of this recommended budget is in the Secretary's Files, Volume X, Pages \_\_\_\_\_, and it will be incorporated in the first set of minutes following the written offer of said grant.

REMODELING OF STATE PSYCHO FOR THE CHILD'S PSYCHIATRY PROGRAM. --The Board received from Mr. Cox in the Material Supporting the Agenda a report concerning the remodeling of Psycho II and III for the Child's Psychiatry Program. At the meeting, Mr. Cox stated that in this connection the plans for remodeling the State Psycho Building would be reported through the appropriate committee at the September meeting.

ACTIVATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AT HOUSTON (RECOMMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CHANCELLOR TO BE CONSIDERED AT SEPTEMBER 1963 MEETING).

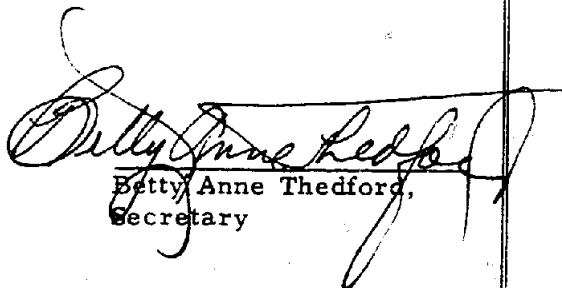
--At the July 1963 meeting of the Board the recommendations of the Administration for the activation of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston were approved in an amended form (Pages 1288-94, Volume X, Permanent Minutes) with the understanding that when Chancellor Ransom returned from Europe these recommendations would be reviewed with him and then further revisions requested by the Board would be made. The recommendations were approved at the July meeting to the extent that the school could be activated on September 1, 1963.

The Regents and Chancellor Ransom again reviewed these recommendations. In the review, there arose question as to the Rules and Regulations relating to the Graduate School as set out in Part One, Chapter VI. It was moved by Regent Redditt, seconded by Regent Connally, and unanimously adopted that the Rules and Regulations be followed and that the Chancellor, as he proposed, make a thorough survey of the Graduate System and present in the spring of 1964 revised Rules and Regulations for the Graduate School.

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Further as a result of the discussion of the activation of the new school, it was moved by Regent Redditt, seconded by Regent Olan and unanimously adopted that the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston be activated as of September 1, 1963, under such recommended Rules and Regulations as prescribed by the Chancellor and that the Minutes of the July 1963 meeting as found on Pages 1288-94 of Volume X be in all things suspended and that at the next meeting Chancellor Ransom present for the Board's consideration his prescribed recommended Rules and Regulations governing the activation of this school.

ADJOURNMENT. --All items issued in the call for the meeting having been considered, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

  
Betty Anne Theford,  
Secretary