

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1951
Meeting No. 512

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas met in special session in the Regents' Room (Main Building Room 212) of The University of Texas at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 7, 1951. Meeting jointly with the Board of Regents was the University Development Board and the Executive Council of the Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas. The following were present for the meeting: Regents and Officers of the University: Regents Woodward (Chairman), Warren (Vice-Chairman), Darden, Oates, Rockwell, Sealy, Swenson, Tobin, and Voyles; Chancellor Hart, Vice-Chancellor Simmons; President Painter, Vice-President Dolley; President Elkins of Texas Western College; Dr. Leake; Dr. Ewalt; Dr. Elliott; Dr. Moyer; Dr. Clark; Director of News and Information Service Keys; and Secretary Stewart. University Development Board: Hulon W. Black (Director); E. W. Smith (Assistant Director); Angus G. Wynne (Chairman); L. H. Cullum, J. R. Parten, Robert W. Stayton, Dr. Roger J. Williams, and James Ralph Wood. Executive Council of the Ex-Students' Association: Dr. G. V. Brindley, Sr., James L. Shepherd, Jr., Jim Tom Barton, Forrest Markward, Jr., John R. Joseph, Byron Skelton, Walter S. Pope, Sr., Dr. James N. White, J. E. Vickers, Charles Harritt, Jr., Denver E. Perkins, and Judge J. Lea Dittert; and Secretary McCurdy.

Chairman Woodward opened the meeting with a statement that the meeting had been called to consider various matters of pending legislation vitally affecting The University of Texas. He outlined in some detail various items of pending legislation and reported on hearings which had been held by various committees of the Legislature at which the University had presented its appropriation requests and its report on other items of legislation proposed. The Chairman then invited Chancellor Hart to make a further statement as to the present outlook for appropriations for the support of the University for the next biennium.

Chancellor Hart then addressed the meeting giving the status of the University appropriation bills before the Senate and the House of Representatives together with the revised requests made on behalf of the University as to the minimum sums needed for operation during the coming biennium and a statement of the University's views with reference to various provisions of the Appropriation Bill considered unnecessarily restrictive and harmful to the most efficient operation of the institution. There followed a lengthy discussion of the seriousness of the proposed cuts in appropriations and the proposed restrictions relative to the use of funds. Without formal resolution, it was unanimously agreed that all members present should contact members of the Legislature and present information to them as to the urgent needs of the University for adequate appropriations and for sufficient leeway in the administration of the funds appropriated to allow the most economical and efficient administration of those operations.

PROPOSED BILL AUTHORIZING COMPULSORY STUDENT UNION FEE FOR UNION EXPANSION PROGRAM.--Chairman Woodward called the attention of the Board to a request for official approval by the University of the introduction of a bill in the Legislature providing for the levy of a compulsory \$4.00 fee and for the issuance of revenue bonds supported by a pledge of the fees, the proceeds thereof to be used for expanding the present Student Union Building and facilities therein. The proposal has been formally endorsed by the student body of the University through a referendum. Following discussion, the Board, upon motion by Mr. Darden, seconded by Mr. Rockwell, approved of the proposal and authorized the introduction of the Bill under University sponsorship.

ADJOURNMENT.--The joint meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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