Meeting #511  

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION HELD IN DADS' ROOM OF THE  
ERB MEMORIAL STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
EUGENE, OREGON  

April 10, 1984  

Meeting #511  At the call of the President of the Board, a special meeting of the State Board of Higher Education was held in the Dads' Room of the Erb Memorial Student Union, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon  

ROLL CALL  The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 1984, by the Vice President of the Board, Mr. Loren L. Wyss, and on roll call the following answered present:  

Mr. John W. Alltucker  
Mr. Alvin R. Batiste  
Mrs. Harriett J. Flanagan  
Mr. Randal D. Gill  
Mr. Edward C. Harms, Jr.  
Mr. Richard F. Hensley  
Mr. Louis B. Perry  
Mr. James C. Petersen  
Miss Linda L. Walling  
Mr. Loren L. Wyss  

Absent: Mr. Robert C. Ingalls was absent due to illness.  

OTHERS PRESENT  

Centralized Activities--Chancellor William E. Davis; Secretary Wilma L. Foster; Wil Post, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, Tim Marsh, Information Director.  

Oregon State University--Samuel Bailey, Director of Information.  

Others--Media representatives were present from Corvallis, Portland, Salem, and Eugene.  

J. V. Byrne, Appointment as President, OSU  

Mr. Wyss indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the appointment of a president for Oregon State University upon the retirement of President MacVicar. The two candidates under consideration were Dr. John V. Byrne, and Dr. Clifford V. Smith.  

Mr. Wyss recessed the special meeting and called the Board into Executive Session. A preliminary ballot was taken which resulted in five votes for each candidate. Mr. Wyss said that in the absence of a clear preference for either candidate, further Board discussion would be necessary. The Board and media representatives retired to Room 337, Erb Memorial Union, for further discussion.  

At 12:15 p.m., the Board reconvened in special session. It was moved by Mr. Batiste, and seconded by Mr. Hensley, that Dr. John V. Byrne be offered the position of President of Oregon State University. In seconding the motion, Mr. Hensley also requested that the message be conveyed to Dr. Smith of the Board's regard for the importance of his future with the educational system of Oregon. He said he had a very important role in connection with an important part of the curriculum at the university level, that being the engineering program. He especially referred to the vital role Dr. Smith could play in the Portland area.  

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The Board then approved the motion that a unanimous ballot be cast to appoint Dr. Byrne as the next President of Oregon State University. The following voted in favor: Directors Alltucker, Batiste, Flanagan, Gill, Harms, Hensley, Perry, Petersen, Walling, and Wyss. Those voting no: None.

The Board then recessed briefly to provide an opportunity for the Chancellor to contact the candidates. The Board reconvened.

Mr. Wyss announced that Dr. Byrne was willing to accept the position at an annual salary rate of $72,528, with an allowance of $4,956 per year for expenses incident to the position. The time of his arrival at Oregon State University has not been determined.

Mr. Wyss reported that he and the Chancellor had also spoken to Dr. Smith and to the President of the Board.

Mr. Wyss then announced that the Executive Session and Special Meeting of the Board, which were called for April 18, 1984, at the time of the March 30 Board meeting, were now cancelled.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Robert C. Ingalls, President

Wilma L. Foster, Secretary