STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING HELD AT
BENSON HOTEL, PORTLAND, OREGON
October 12, 1946
8:00 P. M.

MEETING #158
At the direction of Willard L. Marks, President, an adjourned meeting of the State Board of Higher Education was called at the Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon, at 8:00 P. M. on October 12, 1946. There being no quorum present, the meeting was continued until 10:00 A. M., October 13, 1946.

ROLL CALL
On roll call the following answered present:

Leif S. Finseth
R. E. Kleinsorge
Cheryl S. MacNaughton
Phil Metschan

Beatrice Walton Sackett
Edgar W. Smith
A. R. Watzek
Willard L. Marks

Absent: Herman Oliver.

RE OLIVER
President Marks reported that Mr. Oliver would be unable to be present at this meeting of the Board as he was called to Chicago on business.

KLAMATH MARINE BARRACKS
After brief introductory remarks, Chancellor Packer presented to the Board a report on the need for the Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls as a higher educational center, with supporting exhibits attached thereto. (A copy of this complete report is on file in the Board’s Office as an integral part of these minutes.) Upon request of the President of the Board, Dr. Packer read the body of the report as follows:

"Subject: Need for the Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls, Oregon as a Higher Educational Center.

To: State Board of Higher Education.

Discussion:

I. The State Board of Higher Education, cooperating with the Governor's Office, made every effort from early February to early June to secure from the several federal agencies the release for educational purposes of the Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls, Oregon. Up until 10 June 1946, the definite time and terms under which these facilities could be released to the State had not been indicated by the federal authorities. Therefore, the State Board of Higher Education, knowing it to be impossible to organize an educational center at the Marine Barracks in time for the fall term of 1946, voted to await the opening of the collegiate institutions late in September in determining the degree to which, if any, this additional educational facility is needed."
II. On the 10th of September 1946 the State Board of Higher Education requested that its official representative review the question of the need for the facility at Klamath Falls. (See State Board of Higher Education minutes of above date.) This investigation reveals the following facts:

A. Since 1 September 1945 the Board has provided:

1. On the permanently established campuses additional housing facilities for 1,018 married and 2,447 single students, messing facilities for 2,110 and 165,093 additional square feet of emergency classroom and office space. (See Exhibit II.)

2. A collegiate center was established by the Board at Vanport for the year 1946-47 which provides 690 apartments for married veterans and classroom space for some 1,600 to 2,000 students. At present, 250 of these apartments are not in use.

B. These added facilities, plus those provided previously, have made it possible for the several institutions to care for 16,296 students in the fall term of 1946. This is an increase of 128 per cent above the fall enrollment of 1945 and 65 per cent above the previous all time high of 1940-41. (See Exhibit III.)

III. Extent of demands for higher educational opportunity yet to be met:

A. A study made by the sampling method of 1,567 married veterans who could not be cared for in institutional housing facilities at the State College and University in the fall term showed that 83 per cent had been able to register in some institution, the major portion apparently finding housing for themselves at either the State College or University. Approximately 17 per cent stated they could not locate in any educational institution and of these, 9 per cent said they would be interested in attending a Klamath Falls institution if the Board decided to organize a collegiate center. If this percentage of the sample is applied to the total list, it gives 140 married veterans who would be interested in locating at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, if suitable educational offerings were provided. (See Exhibit IV.)

B. A study made by the sampling method of 1946 graduates of 18 high schools of the State showed that except for 11.55 per cent who were in the military forces, the usual number of graduates were attending college and had been able to locate suitable facilities, although
not always in the institution they desired to attend. (See Exhibit V.)

IV. A poll of the institutions of the State System taken on October 2, after most of the registration for the fall term had been completed, showed that with facilities now available or under construction, the institutions could accommodate approximately 700 additional married students and 830 additional single students, or a total of 1,530. To this could be added probable drop outs of approximately 500. This would give a total of 2,030 new students who could be accommodated for the winter term. (See Exhibit VI.)

V. Summary:

A. Approximately 83 per cent of 1,567 married veterans who could not be accommodated with housing at the time they applied for admission have, since the opening of the school year, registered in some institution.

B. Approximately 17 per cent, or 267 married veterans, say they have not been able to locate in any institution.

C. Nine per cent of the 17 per cent not located, or approximately 140 veterans, would attend school at Klamath Falls if satisfactory educational programs were provided.

D. The studies show that non-veteran high school graduates have, for the most part, been satisfactorily provided for within existing facilities.

E. Institutions in the State System will be able, at the beginning of the winter term, to take care of approximately 2,000 new students, of which 700 could be married veterans, because of additional facilities under construction and normal mortality of present students.

F. In consideration of the foregoing facts, it should be remembered at all times that the present housing facilities being provided are of a distinct emergency character, with the exception of one unit, and therefore will be a temporary solution of the housing problem.

G. If all students were to be well housed, the need for more dormitory space would be much greater than appears in this report.
H. The effect on college enrollments of the draft holiday and the possibility of greatly reduced quotas which will be called for during the year 1946-47 can not be estimated at this time."

The Chancellor then presented the following recommendations:

"(1) In the light of the foregoing facts, it is evident that the need for additional facilities is not as great as has been supposed; it is therefore recommended that the State Board of Higher Education, with the limited funds available for collegiate education, should not assume the heavy financial obligation of operating the Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls as an educational institution.

"(2) That the State Board of Higher Education should lease from the State Board of Education such facilities at the Marine Barracks as may be needed if the living quarters, which will be available on January 1, 1947 at the existing institutions, are not adequate. Present indications are that the greatly expanded facilities at the several institutions will be adequate for the winter term enrollments."

After complete discussion of the matter, Mr. Pinseth suggested that there be added to the recommendations a third stipulation as follows:

"In case additional facilities at Klamath Falls are needed by the Board of Higher Education in future terms, on a lease basis, the necessary funds to support such an expansion will need to be supplied by the Emergency Board or the Legislature if the Board is to handle this additional educational load."

This addition was concurred in by all Board members and by the Chancellor and was ordered added to the report. On motion by Mr. Metsch and second by Dr. Kleinsorge, the Board voted unanimously to approve Dr. Packer's report and the recommendations contained therein.

Dr. Kleinsorge referred to the vacancy in the position of Director of Information from which Dr. Byrne resigned in January. He stated that he felt Dr. Byrne should be reappointed in order that the very important work in the disseminating of information on the State System could go forward, particularly in view of the approaching legislative session. Dr. Byrne indicated that he was continuing to function in coordinating the information activities of the several institutions but that the press of other duties made it very difficult for him to devote much time to this very important work.

Chancellor Packer stated that he was working on a plan of relieving Dr. Byrne of some of the details with which he has been burdened so that he could devote time to more of the over-all problems of the System and of giving him the necessary help so that the information activities could be adequately handled under his direction. He stated that he would give the matter more study and report back at a later meeting of the Board.
Dr. Kleinsorge then introduced the problems inherent in the delay of the building program, particularly of the badly needed dormitory construction. He indicated that he felt the Board should proceed as rapidly as possible with the entire program. He also stated that the problem of financing the dormitories at the current high costs was one which should be given early consideration by the Board. There followed considerable discussion on the type of dormitories that should be built and the possible alternatives in financing them.

Dr. Packer indicated that he would study the plans and specifications that have been prepared and would also have studies made on methods of financing them.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 11:50 A. M.

WILLARD L. MARKS, President

CHARLES D. BYRNE, Secretary