Meeting #418-1

In compliance with the September 11, 1974, written request of a majority of the members of the Board for a special meeting, and at the call of the President of the Board, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education convened in special session by conference telephone connection on September 18, 1974.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., (P.D.T.) by the President of the Board, Mr. John D. Mosser, and on roll call the following answered present:

Mr. George H. Corey
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Johnson
Mr. Philip A. Joss
Mr. George H. Layman
Mr. Marc F. Naden
Mr. W. Philip McLaurin
Mr. John W. Snider
Mr. Loran L. Stewart
Mr. Edward G. Westerdahl II
Mr. John D. Mosser

Mr. W. Philip McLaurin will be sworn in as an official member of the Board on September 24, 1974. His appointment was effective on September 6, 1974.

Absent: Miss Valerie McIntyre was absent due to an unavoidable conflict.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Centralized Activities--Chancellor R. E. Lieuallen; Secretary D. R. Larson; Mr. Richard Zita, Director of Public Affairs; Miss Wilma Foster, Assistant Board Secretary; Mrs. Karen McCumsey, Secretary to the Chancellor; Miss Linda Gabrielson, Information Representative.

University of Oregon--Mr. Charles T. Duncan, Chairman, and Dr. Clyde P. Patton, Vice Chairman, Presidential Search Committee; Mrs. Josephine S. Moore, Director, News Bureau.

Representatives of the News Media--Mr. Lloyd Paseman, Mr. Tom Ferschweiler, Ms. Huntley Collins, Mr. Jim Pearson, Ms. Roberta Ulbrecht, Mr. Ed Whelan, and Ms. Patricia Wheeler.

W. Philip McLaurin Welcomed

Mr. Mosser welcomed Mr. W. Philip McLaurin, newly-appointed member of the Board, to his first meeting with the Board. Mr. Mosser indicated that Mr. McLaurin would be sworn in as an official member of the Board on September 24, 1974.

W. B. Boyd, Appointment as President, UO

Mr. Mosser stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the appointment of a president for the University of Oregon.
The Chancellor said the Search Committee had spent several months in selecting individuals acceptable to the Committee to be recommended to the Board for consideration as President of the University of Oregon upon the retirement of President Clark. The Chancellor said as a result of the Committee report and Board review of the persons nominated he recommended to the Board the appointment of Dr. William B. Boyd, President of Central Michigan University, as President of the University of Oregon, effective July 1, 1975. The appointment includes the rank of professor with indefinite tenure and the requirement that Dr. Boyd live in the state-owned residence designated for the President of the University of Oregon. The Chancellor indicated the precise salary level would be determined after the State System budget is approved by the 1975-1977 Legislative Assembly, and he recommended that the Board defer a decision on his precise salary until a later date. The Chancellor said this arrangement is satisfactory with Dr. Boyd. It was understood that the salary would conform to the Board practice of having salaries of the three university presidents generally similar.

In response to a question, the Chancellor said the effective date of the appointment would not preclude the arrival of Dr. Boyd prior to that date if it were mutually agreeable.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Chancellor as indicated above.

The Board approved a motion by Mr. Corey that the Board commend the University of Oregon Presidential Search Committee for its devotion to its task, and its diligent efforts in selecting outstanding nominees for the position, and that the commendation be communicated immediately to the individual members of the committee by the Secretary of the Board.

The Board also approved a motion to express its continued confidence in and appreciation of the faithful service of President Clark in recognition of his outstanding leadership during an important and critical period in the history of the University of Oregon.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:15 A.M.