STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY
CONFERENCE TELEPHONE CONNECTION

July 3, 1975

Meeting #424-1

At the call of the President of the Board, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education convened in emergency session by conference telephone connection on July 3, 1975. Telephone calls announcing the meeting were made to the press and other interested persons.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. (P.D.T.) by the President of the Board, Mr. John D. Mosser, and on roll call the following answered present:

Mrs. Jane H. Carpenter
Mr. George H. Corey
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Johnson
Mr. Philip A. Joss
Mr. George H. Layman

Mr. Marc F. Maden
Miss Valerie McIntyre
Mr. W. Philip McLaurin
Mr. Louis B. Perry
Mr. John D. Mosser

Absent: Mr. Loran L. Stewart was notified of the meeting but was absent due to a previous commitment.

OTHERS PRESENT

Centralized Activities--Secretary D. R. Larson; Mr. Freeman Holmer, Vice Chancellor for Administration; Mr. W. T. Lemman, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Personnel Administration; Mr. Richard Zita, Director of Public Affairs; Miss Wilma Foster, Assistant Board Secretary; Mrs. Karen McCumsey, Secretary to the Chancellor.

Others--Mrs. B. J. Noles, The Oregonian; Mrs. Michelle Wiley, Information Representative, UO Health Sciences Center.

R. S. Stone,
Appointment as
Dean of Medical School and Vice President of
Health Sciences Center

Mr. Mosser said the only business before the Board at the emergency meeting was to act on the confirmation of Dr. Robert S. Stone as Dean of the Medical School and Vice President of the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center. Mr. Mosser stated that a summary of Dr. Stone's background, training and experience had been mailed to Board members and invited questions and discussion on the appointment of Dr. Stone.

Mr. Layman raised the policy question of making the dean of one of the three schools in the Health Sciences Center a vice president and whether this would result in unbalancing the equal position of the Medical, Dental, and Nursing Schools.
President Bluemle said the three schools are in a sense equal in importance but they are not equal in terms of the bulk of the operations in the Health Sciences Center. The School of Medicine comprises 75 to 80 percent of the activity because the programs within the hospitals and clinics are primarily oriented to the School of Medicine, although the Nursing School is also involved.

Dr. Bluemle said he believed it was necessary to identify a first among equals and he had discussed this with the incumbent deans. They agreed with the overall philosophy and also with the specifics in the case of Dr. Stone. He said the title connotes responsibility to all three schools. The deans of the School of Dentistry and Nursing will continue to report directly to the president.

Dr. Bluemle said the Dean of the School of Medicine will have major responsibility for the University Hospitals and Clinics. In response to a question, it was indicated that Dr. Stone would serve as acting president in the absence of the president, thus releasing President Bluemle for additional effort in the planning function.

It was stated that the salary for the position would be above that of the straight salary level for presidents but below their salary when their housing allowance is included.

The Board then discussed which groups at the Medical School had talked with Dr. Stone. It was indicated that he had met with faculty, staff, students, and the advisory council and that the reactions had been uniformly in favor of his appointment. The Board also considered his previous experience and term of service in various positions.

In response to a question, Mr. Larson said he had discussed the appointment with the Chancellor earlier by telephone and the Chancellor had expressed his full approval and recommended the appointment be made.

Upon motion by Mr. Layman and second by Mrs. Carpenter, the Board voted to approve the appointment as recommended, with the following voting in favor of the motion: Directors Carpenter, Corey, Johnson, Joss, Layman, Maden, McIntyre, McLaurin, Perry, and Mosser. Those voting no: None.

The title and conditions of appointment for Dr. Stone are: Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President of the Health Sciences Center, with the academic rank of Professor and tenure in the Department of Pathology. The effective date of appointment is August 1, 1975, at an annual salary rate of $49,000.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 A.M.