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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Madison, Wisconsin

Held in Room 1820, Van Hise Hall
Monday, October 26, 1970, 3:00 P.M.

President Ziegler presiding.

President Ziegler made the following announcement:

"A telephone ballot was initiated on October 23, and the Regents voted unanimously to suspend the By-Laws of the Regents to call a Special Meeting of the Regents at 3:00 P.M. on October 26, 1970, in Room 1820 Van Hise Hall, Madison, Wisconsin, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Special Regent Committee on the Selection of a President."

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President Ziegler requested the Secretary to call the roll.

PRESENT: Regents Gelatt, Kahl, Pelisek, Renk, Sandin, Walker, and Ziegler.

ABSENT: Regents Dahlstrom, Fish, and Nellen.

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President Ziegler announced that at this time the Regents would recess for the purpose of going into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the report of the Special Regent Committee on Selection of a President.

The meeting recessed for an Executive Session at 3:03 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 4:02 P.M. with President Ziegler presiding.

PRESENT: Regents Gelatt, Kahl, Pelisek, Renk, Sandin, Walker, and Ziegler.

ABSENT: Regents Dahlstrom, Fish, and Nellen.

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President Ziegler made a statement, (EXHIBIT A attached), with reference to the matter considered by the Regents in the preceding Executive Session, which included the following action, unanimously voted by the Regents in Executive Session, in electing John C. Weaver as President of the University of Wisconsin:

That John C. Weaver be elected President of the University of Wisconsin to take office as soon as possible, but no later than February 1, 1971, at an annual salary of \$45,000; and that he have the usual perquisites of the office of the President of the University.

President Ziegler announced that a press conference would be held by the Regents following adjournment of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

Clarke Smith, Secretary

STATEMENT BY BERNARD C. ZIEGLER, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BOARD OF REGENTS
October 26, 1970

RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Ladies and gentlemen, you have waited a long time for the announcement the Regents are prepared to make today. Nearly six months have past since Regent Nellen, then president of this Board, established a special Regent Committee on the Selection of a President. This committee was charged with receiving the recommendations of an Advisory Committee designed to provide representation from the entire University community.

The Advisory Committee completed examination and appraisal of 195 names of possible candidates by the middle of August. At that time, 17 names were presented to the Special Regent Committee chaired by Gordon Walker. The next step was to consider, interview, and formulate a final recommendation to the entire Board. This assignment was completed last Thursday.

I would be remiss if at this time I did not extend genuine gratitude of the Regents to the sixteen man Advisory Committee for their thorough research of the candidates for this office. Professor R. Burris served as Chairman. And because Regents seldom receive kudos, I want to also acknowledge the perseverance, dedication, and harmony with which five Regents worked in bringing a recommendation to the full Board. Regents Walker, the Chairman, Sandin, Gelatt, Pelisek, and Dahlstrom are to be commended.

When the Board met informally in Executive Session last Thursday, all ten members were present and formal action could have been forthcoming at that time. It was the consensus of those present, however, that the President-Elect, if he accepted the office, should have an opportunity to inform his employer and associates before an announcement was made. Therefore, following the rather frustrating press conference last week, I was joined by Vice President Walter Renk and Chairman of the Steering Committee, Gordon Walker, in making a personal contact with our candidate. The terms of employment were acceptable to him and this past weekend was used to notify the necessary people.

I am pleased to report therefore, that the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents met in Executive Session this afternoon with seven members present and unanimously adopted the following resolution: (Note: before reading the resolution I have been asked by the three members who were absent, namely Ody Fish, Dr. James Nellen, and Robert Dahlstrom, to announce their support of the resolution even though the minutes may not record votes in absentia. They do not want their absence to be misconstrued because they were in whole-hearted support of the resolution.):

That John C. Weaver be elected President of the University of Wisconsin to take office as soon as possible, but no later than February 1, 1971, at an annual salary of \$45,000; and that he have the usual perquisites of the office of the President of the University.

EXHIBIT A

Dr. Weaver, when accepting the offer to become President of the University of Wisconsin, responded by saying he was "coming home to complete his academic career and his contribution to higher education." The justification of that kind of response is understood when we note that Dr. Weaver's grandfather settled in Waukesha County during the mid 1800's; his father, Professor Andrew T. Weaver, distinguished himself in the academic world by becoming one of the most revered professors of Speech and Theater in the history of the University of Wisconsin; and Dr. Weaver, himself, received his undergraduate, masters, and Ph.D. degrees all at the University of Wisconsin. Therefore, in addition to accepting the obvious challenges that go with the office of Chief Administrator for the University, Dr. Weaver has a strong personal commitment to continue the University of Wisconsin as one of the outstanding institutions of higher education in the world. His approach to this objective involves the establishment of strong guidelines that must be followed by students, faculty, and members of his own administrative staff. The nature of these policies will best be expressed by Dr. Weaver personally at such time when he has had an opportunity to come to the University of Wisconsin and participate in the affairs of its operation.

The terms of employment are to include an annual salary of \$45,000, a furnished home, the personnel necessary to operate and maintain the home, and an automobile with a driver. Other fringe benefits such as retirement and health services will be those offered through the state teachers retirement system and state group health plan.

An in-depth review of the President-Elect's biography is available on the back table. The highlights of special interest that could be reported at this time are:

Born: May 21, 1915; married Ruberta Louise Harwell August 8, 1940; two sons.

Official residence, 1918 to August, 1940, Madison, Wisconsin.

Schooling: University of Wisconsin High School. Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Ph.D. Degrees at University of Wisconsin.

Teaching: As an Assistant Professor, Visiting Professor, or full Professor of Geography: University of Minnesota; University of Oregon; Harvard University; University of London, England.

Administrative Experience: Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, State University of Iowa, Ohio State University, and presently, President, University of Missouri.

Honor: Received National Research Award for "Meritorious Contribution to the Field of Geography" from the Association of American Geographers, 1955.

Allow me to conclude this conference by reading a short statement from Dr. John C. Weaver. (See EXHIBIT B attached.)

STATEMENT BY DR. JOHN C. WEAVER
OCTOBER 26, 1970

It is with a sense of humility, but also of enthusiasm, that I accept election as president of the University of Wisconsin. To the full limits of my ability I will seek to serve the demands of this high office with dedicated loyalty and integrity, and with sensitive understanding.

I can say with honesty that I had never considered it a possibility that I might move from my present position to a major administrative post in another university. I have, however, found the wholly unanticipated invitation to come back to alma mater completely compelling.

My parents, and their parents before them, lived their lives in Wisconsin. Until my twenty-fifth year I knew Madison as home. One could say that, first and foremost, I have known Wisconsin by heart! My heart tells me to return.

The University of Wisconsin is one of the great centers of learning and of unfettered inquiry in the world. Its famed traditions call in these troubled and fast moving days not alone for preservation, but for readaptation and enhancement as well. The heartbeat of this vital institution deserves protection, both from those destructive forces that can bring disruption from within and from those potentially crippling forces of repression that may bear down upon it from without.

With no illusions about the complexities and difficulties that lie ahead, I rejoin the Wisconsin family with the firm convictions that the worth of the mission more than matches the severity of the task.

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