

Enrolment Up—Allocation Percentage Lags

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ENROLMENT-ALLOTMENT RATIO FOR 1947-1949 COMPARED WITH 1941-1943 OKLAHOMA STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in November approved a consolidated budget request to the State Legislature which included a 51.6 per cent increase over 1948-49 for the Norman Campus for the first year of the next biennium.

At the same time, however, the State Regents approved increases averaging 63.3 per cent for all the other budget units in the State System of Higher Education.

This differential continues a trend that is noticeable in the record of allocation of State funds by the State Regents since 1941.

Enrollment on the Norman Campus of the University has increased from 28.5 per cent of the State total in 1941 to 35.2 per cent of the State total this year.

The University's share of the allocations of State funds to instructional units has declined from 32.7 per cent in 1941 to 31.8 per cent proposed for 1949-51.

How the University's percentage share of allocations of State funds, as compared to enrollments, has become progressively unfavorable since 1941, is shown in the following table:

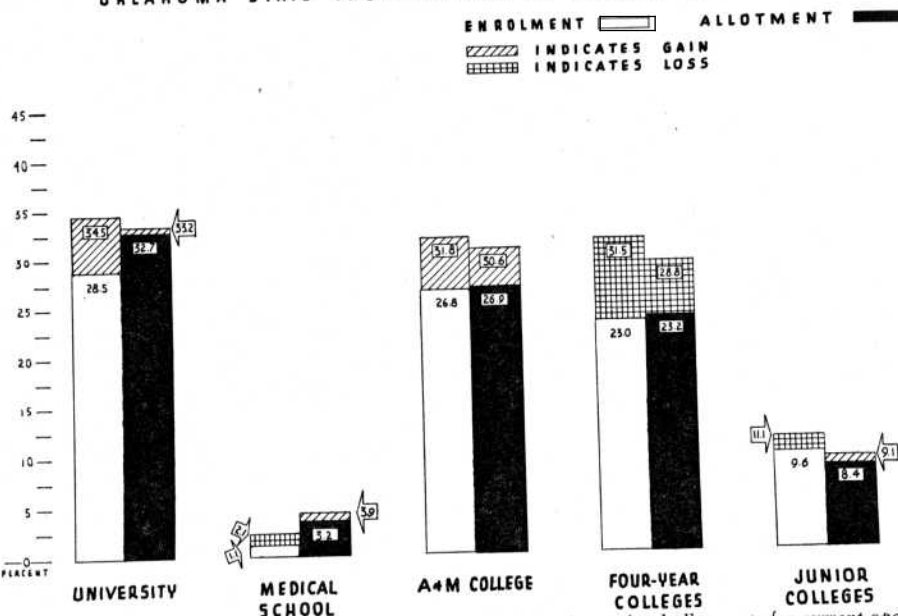
	University % Of Enrollments	University % of Allocations
1941-43	28.5	32.7
1943-45	28.2	34.8
1945-47	31.7	30.7
1947-49	34.5	33.2
1949-51	35.2	31.8

An analysis of the State Regents' consolidated budget request to the Legislature shows that the State Regents propose to give the three University budget units (Norman Campus, School of Medicine, and University Hospitals) the smallest increases in State funds of any of the functional groups in the State system.

The increases proposed are:

Budget Unit	Recommended For 1949-50	Amt. of Increase Over 1947-48	% Of Increase
University Hospitals	\$1,452,000	\$ 352,000	32.0
School of Medicine	425,700	125,700	42.0
University (Norman)	3,720,875	1,266,125	51.6
A. and M. College	3,644,519	1,382,596	61.1
Four-Year Colleges	2,893,062	1,108,335	62.1
Geological Survey	105,600	45,219	74.9
Experiment Station	875,680	396,739	82.8
Junior Colleges	1,352,725	632,405	87.8
Agricultural Extension	825,000	445,080	117.1

In presenting a statement of the University's financial needs before the State Regents, Dr. G. L. Cross, President of the University, emphasized these points:



The above chart shows how the University's percentage share of state fund allotments for current operations for the present biennium (solid black column) is practically unchanged as compared to 1941, while the share of enrollments (white column) has greatly increased. A. and M.'s share of state funds has increased almost as much as its enrollment increase. The four-year colleges have dropped substantially less in allotments than they have in enrollments. The junior colleges have dropped in share of enrollment but increased in share of allotments. With the sole exception of the School of Medicine, the trend has been toward equalization of allotment and enrollment percentages, without any differential to allow for differences in levels of instruction and differences in functions.

(1) The steady increase in the University's share of students in the State System of Higher Education—now more than one-third of all those enrolled.

(2) The even higher share of degrees conferred by the University—41.2 per cent of all the degrees conferred in system in 1947-48—which shows that the University is taking care of a high proportion of students in advanced and graduate courses.

(3) The fact that this year 78.6 per cent of the University's enrollment is above the freshman level; and 8 per cent of the total enrollment is in the Graduate College.

cent study revealed that the average cost per credit hour of freshman-sophomore classes in 11 large departments of the University was \$8.97 as compared to \$25.28 for advanced and graduate classes in the same departments. The departments covered in the survey were Chemistry, English, Geology, Government, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Physics, Plant Sciences, Speech and Zoological Sciences.

(5) Special responsibility of a state university in a co-ordinated system of higher education for the professional and graduate courses of study.

(6) The fact that the present median salary rate of the University faculty provides less in real wages (purchasing power) than the faculty had after receiving depression period salary cuts in the '30s; and the further fact that the average salary for a full professor is about \$800.00 below the national average for professors in state universities, making it very difficult to recruit new professors to fill vacancies.

(7) That the enrollment in the University is likely to remain at the present level or increase in the next few years for the reason that so many students transfer from smaller institutions in the sophomore or junior year in order to complete work for degrees in specialized or professional fields;

(4) The great differential in the expense of offering advanced and graduate work, particularly in scientific fields, as compared to freshman and sophomore work. A re-

and for the further reason that dormitories now under construction will relieve an acute shortage of student housing which has been a limiting factor in enrollment.

(8) That the income from veterans' fees during the next biennium is a very uncertain factor for budgeting purposes because of a) expiration of entitlements of many veterans; b) graduations and withdrawals; c) lack of guarantee that the Veterans Administration will continue to pay fees on the present basis; d) new enrollments of veterans cannot be predicted with any certainty; e) the veteran's semester entitlement in many cases is not enough to cover tuition fees after his regular fees, books and equipment have been paid; and f) much of the income from veterans' fees must be spent for extra services required for veterans.

(9) The unusual expense of maintaining physical plant facilities at the North Campus and South Campus of the University (formerly Navy bases), estimated at \$323,287.00 for each year of the next biennium.

(10) That despite drastic reorganization of class schedules to obtain maximum plant utilization on the Main Campus, it was necessary to schedule 167 class sections on the North Campus and South Campus in the Fall Semester of 1948.

(11) That the proportion of the University's budget allotment to other budget allotments in the State system will become a critical matter if the consolidated appropriation made by the 1949 Legislature is less than the total amount requested by the State Regents.

The first tentative draft of a basis for institutional budget allocations for 1949-51, which was prepared by the State Regents' administrative staff, was considered by the State Regents at a meeting in late October. It provided for a 43.2 per cent increase in allocation for the Norman Campus of the University, and a 64.4 per cent average increase for all the other units in the system. Increases as high as 121 and 228 per cent were proposed for some budget units.

President Cross presented to the State Regents Board detailed data on the history of allocations of State funds since 1941. He expressed the belief that the University could not adequately perform its functions in the State system unless such basic factors as enrollment and levels of instruction as shown by degrees granted are given adequate consideration in the making of allocations.

He expressed belief that the allocations of State funds had become progressively more unfavorable to the University as revealed by objective data, and that the proposed allocation basis would make the ratio still more unfavorable in 1949-51.

As a result of this hearing, the State Regents Board postponed a decision on the 1949-51 recommendations.

Meeting again on November 5, the State Regents heard President Cross report that conferences held in the meantime with the administrative officers of the State System of Higher Education had not resulted in any new approach to budget allocations that would, in his opinion, be acceptable to the University.

The State Regents then made substantial changes in the tentative consolidated budget considered at the previous meeting. One change was to increase the 1949-50 allocation recommended for the Norman Campus of the University by \$206,883.14, to a total of \$3,720,875.14, the amount requested by the University.

This raised the percentage increase for the University over 1948-49 from 43.2 to 51.6 per cent, but at the same time the State Regents approved increases averaging 63.3 for all the other budget units.

The University Board of Regents, meeting in November immediately after the State Regents' consolidated budget was made public, named a committee to prepare a resolution expressing the views of the Board with respect to the proposed allocation basis.

It was expected the resolution would be considered at the December meeting of the Board.

Language Association Meets

The fifth meeting of the South-Central Modern Language Association attracted over 300 delegates from 73 schools in nine states. The meeting was held in Oklahoma City and Norman October 29 and 30 on the invitation of the University of Oklahoma.

Local arrangements were made by a committee headed by Dr. Leonard B. Beach, professor of English. Dr. L. E. Winfrey, professor of French and German, was chairman for the modern language section and Dr. Kester Svendsen, associate professor of English, for the English section of the committee. Also serving on these two divisions of the local committee were Stella Sanders, '21ba, '26ma, assistant professor of modern languages; Lowell Dunham, '32ba, '35ma, assistant professor of modern languages; Dr. Paul G. Ruggiers, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Rudolph C. Bambas, assistant professor of English.

The University supplied transportation from the Biltmore Hotel convention headquarters in Oklahoma City to the meetings held October 29 on the main and north campuses of O.U.

Professor Robert T. Clark, University of Texas, was elected president for the new year at this meeting. Dr. Jewel Wurtzbaugh, professor of English, was re-elected secretary of the Association.

Highlight of the two-day conference was the dinner address by the guest speaker, Dr. H. Carrington Lancaster, of Johns Hopkins University, who spoke of "Mere History." Dr. Lancaster is a professor of English literature.

Wilda Griffin, '27fa, '33psm, associate professor of music, and Joseph Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, professor of music, accompanied by Lytle Powell, chairman of the department of applied music and theory, furnished music for the dinner meeting. Dr. W. A. Willibrand, professor of modern languages, spoke on "Ambassador-at-Large: Roy Temple House."

More than 20 members of the University of Oklahoma faculty participated in the language and literature programs as speakers or officers. Dr. J. P. Pritchard, professor of English and chairman of the department of English, discussed "James Russell Lowell and the Classics."

Serving as chairman of the section on Latin-American Languages and Literatures was A. M. de la Torre, '26ba, '29ma, associate professor of modern languages. In this division Daniel N. Cardenas, instructor in modern languages spoke on "Linguistica Geografica en America."

Dr. Gladys C. Bellamy, '32ba, '38ma, '46Ph.D., special instructor in English, acted as secretary for the Literature since 1900 section of the conference. "Wallace Stevens' Theory of the Imagination" was the topic discussed in this section by George N. Bennett, '48ma, instructor in English.

The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Literature division had Dr. Stewart C. Wilcox, associate professor of English, as secretary. Dr. John M. Raines, assistant professor of English, discussed "The Platonic Substratum of *Kubla Khan*."

Dr. Johannes Malthaner, '31ma, professor of modern languages, served as secretary for the division on Literature up to the Death of Goethe. There were two speakers from the University in this section. Dr. Gerhard Wiens, associate professor of modern languages, spoke on "Ludwig Tieck's Altersnovellen als Spiegel ihrer Zeit," and Dr. W. A. Willibrand, professor of modern languages, discussed "Goethe, A Marxian view."

The Mediaeval and Renaissance Literature division had Dr. Thomas Pyles, professor of English, as secretary. "Chauntecleer and Partlet Identified" was the subject discussed by Lalia P. Boone, '47ma, instructor in English.

Stella E. Sanders, '21ba, '26ma, served as secretary for the French Literature section. In this group Dr. Besse A. Clement, '25ba, '28ma, associate professor of modern languages, gave a talk on "Duhamel: The Role of the Book in Our Changing Culture."

Fred Eikel, Jr., instructor in modern languages, spoke on the subject, "Some Syntactical Aspects of New Braunfels German," in the German Linguistics and Pedagogy section. Lowell Dunham, '32ba, '35ma, assistant professor of modern languages, served as chairman of the Spanish Language and Literature section.

The national convention of the Modern Language Association will be held in New York from December 28 to 30. Delegates from the University of Oklahoma to the convention are Dr. Leonard B. Beach, Dr. Jewel Wurtzbaugh, and Dr. Stewart Wilcox, who will read a paper on "The Structure any Symbolism of Shelley's *To A Skylark*." All of these delegates are from the department of English. Representing the department of modern languages will be Dr. Lewis Winfrey, chairman of the department, and Dr. W. A. Willibrand, representing *Books Abroad*.

The South-Central Association will meet next year in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on the invitation of the University of Arkansas.