

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 27, 2015
1:00 p.m.

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Regents Conference Room
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Joint with the Oklahoma Student Government Association

1. Call to Order. Notice that meeting has been filed and posted in accordance with Open Meetings Act
2. Announcement of Quorum
 - a. All seven members of the Student Advisory Board were present: Byron, Campbell, Chuning, Gregory, Griggs, Puckett and Ruow.
3. Recognition of Invited Guests
 - a. Heather Wallace, President of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, discussed preparations for the upcoming OSGA Fall Congress.
4. Joint SAB/OSGA Discussion of Higher Education Issues with Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education officials
 - a. Chancellor Johnson made a presentation on the status of Oklahoma higher education to the student leaders. He discussed policy revisions to remove barriers to allow online education courses count towards a degree. Oklahoma students exceed the national averages in both the proportion of students who utilize online courses exclusively, and in the percentage of students who take at least one online course.

The Chancellor discussed issues relating to campus safety and security, noting the higher education leadership opposition to widespread presence of guns on campus, and observing that presidents have the authority to authorize possession now. He mentioned that there usually is legislation introduced each year in the Oklahoma legislature, and said student play an important role in helping to articulate the higher education community's position.

The Chancellor next used data to discuss the value of a higher education degree, and the relationship of the proportion of population with degrees to higher per capita income. He mentioned the United States' declining world ranking in the proportion of citizens holding degrees, and touched upon the state's declining revenues and the expectation of lowered appropriations to support higher education. He said the state higher education system averaged 35% state funding, with the University of

Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University roughly at 18%. He noted the efforts in recent years to minimize tuition increases. The Chancellor also talked about the work of Building Oklahoma's Workforce in OK Works, led by the Governor, and the return on the investment in higher education. He next discussed the components of Complete College America. The full presentation is available on the State Regents website.

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5. Minutes of previous Meetings – Approval of August 30, 2015 Minutes
 - a. Motion by Matt Chuning; second by Eddie Puckett
6. Election of SAB Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Matt Chuning elected as Chair
 - b. Alex Byron elected as Vice Chair
7. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Activities – Heather Wallace, President
 - a. Heather asked SAB members to serve as committee chairs at the OSGA Fall Congress. Eric, Alex and Matt all expressed interest.
8. Recap of Student Leadership Retreat, September 24-25
 - a. Alex Byron suggested changing the branding of the event to distinguish it from other leadership retreats in Oklahoma. Debbie Terlip mentioned possible future issues for institutions with affordability.
9. Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics
 - a. Avenues for research discussed: Guns on Campus, Higher Education Day, Federal Higher Education Scorecard System, Sustainability Pushes, Oklahoma's Promise.
 - b. Action Items: Think about these topics more and come read to discuss at next meeting. Matt asked for a list of the institutions.
10. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting
 - a. Oklahoma's Promise
11. New Business. Consideration of other matters not known or not reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the agenda posting
12. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Alex Byron, Second by Eric Campbell