

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
To the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
AGENDA

Sunday, April 17, 2005
11:00 a.m.
State Regents Office- Library Conference Room

1. Call to Order. Attendance. Notice that meeting has been filed and posted in accordance with Open Meeting Act.
 - ✓ Members in Attendance:
 - Jay Beebe
 - Jessica Woollard
 - Samantha Breshears
 - Erin Means

2. OSGA Conference Follow-Up
 - ✓ Jessica Woollard said the OSGA conference went well. There were several people that ran for each position. The newly elected 2005-2006 SAB members are: Jamese Lewis (Langston), Jessica Hattlestad (USAO), Matthew Prieto (Rose), Olaf Standley (TCC), Zak Spitz (St. Gregory's).

 - ✓ Resolution updates
 - Tax Incentive- Representative Cox's has crafted HB 1342, which is similar to the SAB tax idea. Jennifer is trying to set up a meeting with Jay and Representative Cox before Jay graduates. Jennifer has also asked incoming SAB member Jessica Hattlestad to take on this issue next year. Jay emailed Rep. Cox before spring break, but has never heard back.
 - Capitol Bond- The bond passed and was signed by the Governor a couple of weeks ago. After this resolution was passed by the OSGA, Jennifer sent a copy of it to all House members with a cover letter signed by Jessica Wollard and Clay Pope.
 - Faculty Consortium- Erin attended the Consortium meeting on Good Friday. Dr. Brett Wendling from UCO chaired the meeting. The group is very informal at this point, but is excited to have a student from SAB join them. Erin will work with Jennifer to make

sure next year's group has the information needed to make sure a student is appointed as a liaison to this group.

3. Campus Visit Updates

- ✓ Jessica is making a visit this Thursday, April 21st to USAO.
- ✓ Jennifer will send out an email asking which campuses were visited this year, so that it can be included in Jessica's end of the year report to the Regents.

4. New Business

- ✓ Jennifer went over the Regents public agenda and handed out a one-page brochure that describes the agenda. The agenda is based on three assumptions:
 - Better-prepared students are more successful in attaining a college degree;
 - A college degree brings more opportunities, better jobs and financial security; and
 - A more educated workforce and increased research productivity improves the state's economy.
- ✓ Samantha mentioned that OU is working on retention by encouraging students to graduate in four years. One example is a graphic on their website that says "To graduate in four, 15 or more." Samantha also mentioned that students are not happy with Boren's new housing plan requiring all freshmen to live on campus.
- ✓ Jennifer is going to work with Jessica and Clay Pope to organize one last effort at the capitol to push for higher education funding. The Regents office has asked for \$90 million. The lower the number appropriated, the greater the tuition increases will be.
 - Jay asked if higher education is getting the same or a higher percentage of state appropriations than last year. And, does that include OHLAP? Jennifer will find out the answers to these questions.

5. Joint discussion and lunch with FAC -12:00 p.m.

- ✓ FAC members present were Frank Lawler, Carol Moder, Brett Elliot, Gary Wickham, Peggy Poteet, and Martha George. SAB members present were Jessica Woollard, Samantha Breshears, Erin Means, and Jay Beebe. Chairmen Frank Lawler and Jessica Woollard presided. Also present were Debra Stuart and Jennifer Geren of the State Regents' staff.
- ✓ **INTRODUCTIONS.** The members of the two groups introduced themselves.

SAB Proposed Resolutions.

- ✓ Capital Bond Issue. Jessica Woollard presented a resolution supporting the higher education capital bond. Discussion included how students and faculty worked with

- legislators to get this passed. It was amended to include the FAC and approved by both groups.
- ✓ **Faculty Enhancement.** Erin Means presented a resolution recommending that an SAB member attend meetings of the Oklahoma Faculty Development Consortium. Discussion included how best to support this newly formed group including posting faculty professional development ideas on the State Regents' website. It was amended to include a representative of the FAC and approved by both groups.
 - ✓ **Employment Tax Proposal.** Jay Beebe presented a resolution recommending a tax incentive to Bio-Research and Technology companies who hire recent Oklahoma higher education graduates. Discussion included working with the legislature on HB 1342. It was amended to include support from the FAC and clarification of which graduates would be included. It was approved by both groups as amended.
 - ✓ **FAC Proposed Resolution.** Frank Lawler presented a resolution supporting faculty involvement in institutional governance. It was amended to include student involvement and approved by both groups.
 - ✓ **Other FAC and SAB discussion.** In addition to approving the joint resolutions to be presented to the State Regents on May 27 at 1:00, the members discussed health insurance for part-time students and appropriations.
6. **Adjournment-** The next meeting is Friday, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. Outgoing members will receive commendations from the Regents and Jessica will present resolutions and an end of the year report to the Regents.