

**STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**  
to the  
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, August 28th, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.  
University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center

**Call to Order**

In the absence of an SAB chair the meeting was called to order by Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, at 1:01 p.m. Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison, confirmed that the meeting had been posted and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**Announcement of Quorum**

Members present: Jaeton Cary, Lynnette Gomez, John Saluke, Thomas Schneider, Steve Sichterman, and Molly Tracy.

Members absent: Sarah Cook.

A quorum was present.

**Guests Present**

OSGA President Blake Scott, OSGA Vice President Matthew Sitton, OSGA Treasurer Shawn Paine, former OSGA President C.J. Cavin, and the SWOSU Student Government President

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

No minutes were compiled from the May, 2011 swearing-in of four of the SAB members.

**Swearing-In of New Members**

Board Members John Saluke, Steve Sichterman, and Molly Tracy were administered the oath of office by Vice Chancellor Kermit McMurry.

**Overview of Key Functions of the State Regents**

Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, discussed the scholarship and grant programs that are managed by the State Regents' office. The Oklahoma's Promise, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant/Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant, and Academic Scholars programs were the center of discussion. He indicated that sustainable funding for these programs has been a challenge amidst the funding cuts. He indicated that funding for student aid as a portion of state appropriations has more than tripled over the last twelve years, from 3.6% in fiscal year 2000 to a current 9.9% in fiscal year 2012. The current total state appropriations for all state student aid programs totals \$99.8 million.

Mr. Jarrod Cordova, Coordinator for Workforce and Economic Development, discussed the significant role higher education has on economic development, and reviewed the programs that operate under the auspices of the State Regents that work to strengthen the connection between higher education and economic development.

Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, talked about his role within the State Regents' office and several key programs that he works with. Furthermore, he discussed the importance of seeing the student as a consumer.

### **Update on OSGA and COSP**

As the time had passed 2 p.m., the OSGA Board of Directors officers were forced to leave the SAB meeting prior to their presentation, to begin the OSGA meeting. A presentation will be provided at a future date.

### **Discussion of SAB Role at the Upcoming Student Leadership Retreat, Campus Visits and Research Topics**

Ms. Terlip and Dr. McMurry then collaborated in orienting the board of the responsibilities and goals, which included the meeting calendar. The board discussed required campus visits and topics for research and recommendation, such as textbook costs, student financial aid, campus safety and emergency response, and tobacco use.

Ms. Debbie Terlip briefly talked about the Student Leadership Retreat and its origin. The retreat will be October 6-7, 2011, at the Sheraton Midwest City at the Reed Conference Center. Dr. Gerard Puccio will be presenting to students on Creativity. Special speakers include Dr. Vince Orza and UCO Past President Roger Webb. Students and student affairs professionals will be able to engage with Dr. Orza and Chancellor Johnson following lunch.

### **Discussion of Election of 2011-2012 SAB Chair and Vice-Chair**

Ms. Terlip gave an overview of the duties of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory Board, and asked the SAB members to elect their officers at the September, 2011 meeting.

### **Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting**

In discussing next month's agenda, the SAB members expressed an interest to invite Hollye Hunt, Legislative Liaison/Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations to speak in December, preceding the legislative session.

### **Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next SAB meeting will be September 25, 2011 at the Nigh University Center at UCO. There being no new business, the SAB was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.