

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES

Sunday, December 1, 2013

1:00 p.m.

University of Central Oklahoma
Max Chamber Library, Room 226
Edmond, OK 73034

1. Call to Order. Notice that meeting has been filed and posted in accordance with Open Meetings Act

C.J. Cavin, Chair of SAB, called the meeting to order at 1:17pm

2. Announcement of Quorum

Members present: C.J. Cavin, Trisha Kingsbury, Ryan Melton, Jared Allison, and new member Evan Palmer.

3. Recognition of Invited Guests

Ms. Elizabeth Larios, President, OSGA
Jose de la Cruz, Senior Coordinator– Academic Affairs Projects, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Edra Thrower, Direct Student Services and Parent Specialist, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

4. Swearing into Office of Evan Palmer the Member Representing Private Institutions

Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice-Chancellor for Student Services, administered the oaths of office to Evan Palmer from Mid-America Christian University.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Approved October 27 Minutes

Motion to approve made by Trisha Kingsbury, seconded by Jared Allison. The Board approved the minutes of October 27 by unanimous consent.

6. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Activities - Elizabeth Larios, President, OSGA

7. Online Curriculum/Residency, Academic Advisement, Remediation and Prior Learning Assessment Overview – Jose de la Cruz, Senior Coordinator – Academic Affairs Projects, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

The Board members heard a presentation from Jose de la Cruz and asked questions pertaining to Academic Advising and Complete College America. With regard to online curriculum, Mr. de la Cruz described the State Regents process for establishing policy for online courses. A task force was created to raise awareness of opportunities with students, to look for barriers which might increase time to degree, and to study duplication and efficiency issues. Federal regulations require states to have policy, and through the Southern Regional Education Board Oklahoma students can search a course data base. Oklahoma has a residency requirement for the minimum number of hours which must be taken at the home/awarding institution. Mr. de la Cruz indicated that the policy for remediation and assessment is currently undergoing revision. Institutions also do assessment for prior learning for credit for extra-institutional learning. This is most common for military training.

The SAB members were interested in the resources available for training academic advisors and how institutions evaluate their performance. Mr. de la Cruz said campuses use student fees to fund training and described the state workshops. He said there was a lot of turnover in academic advisement.

8. High School Outreach and Preparation – GEAR UP – Edra Thrower, Direct Student Services and Parent Specialist, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

The Board members heard a presentation from Edra Thrower about the state's federal grant for GEAR UP, which targets the underrepresented student population at the secondary level. She described services and methods for supporting secondary students in preparation for college. Twenty-four high schools participate in the GEAR UP program. SAB members asked questions about GEAR UP, College App Week, College Visits, and ACT prep for high schools.

9. Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

We discussed the Chancellor's legislative tours as an opportunity to meet other student leaders from other schools. C.J. Cavin had attended two visits.

Jared reported his trip to the University of Tulsa to meet with students there and mentioned that e-cigarettes was an important topic of discussion.

Trisha Kingsbury talked about a potential trip to East Central University.

10. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

11. New Business. Consideration of other matters not known or not reasonably foreseen prior to the time of agenda posting.

12. Adjournment

Jared Allison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trisha Kingsbury seconded the motion. The board adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:07p.m.