

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES

Sunday, September 28, 2014

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

All member of the SAB were present: Baser, Beck, Boutwell, Byrd, Carroll, Puckett and Stiles.

3. Recognition of Invited Guests
4. Joint SAB/OSGA Discussion of Higher Education Issues with Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education officials

Chancellor Johnson gave an overview of issues of importance to the higher education community in the state, emphasizing student leaders' roles as advocates for the system. He discussed state degree completion goals and their importance to a healthy budget. He stressed campus safety issues and the Oklahoma State Regents position on guns on campus. Comparative data on the relevance of higher education degrees to state per capita income was presented, depicting Oklahoma in relation to the other states, and the United States position in the world.

He touched upon successful programs to improve degree completion: GEAR UP, Oklahoma's Promise, remediation, cooperative alliances and Reach Higher. Then he discussed the budget situation, saying that the higher education community had had to work hard last year just to prevent a \$50 million decrease proposed by Governor Fallin. He noted the 2015 state appropriated level was still \$63 million below the 2008 level, during years when the state higher education system had experienced its largest increase in enrollment in history. He also mentioned that institutions within the system depended on different levels of state funding, as while the state institutional average was 37.2% of state support, both OU and OSU were averaging only 17-18% of state support in their budgets. The Chancellor finished by noting that OK ranked 5th in the nation in affordability and that higher education had a tremendous impact on the state's economy.

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5. Swearing In of New Members

Chancellor Johnson swore new members Brooke Boutwell, Dillon Byrd and Eddie Puckett into office.

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Approval of August 24, 2014 Minutes

The minutes were approved with no changes.

7. Election of SAB Chair and Vice Chair

Sean Baser was elected unanimously to serve as chair. Leon Beck was elected unanimously to serve as vice chair.

8. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Activities – Jake Neighbors, President

Details on the upcoming OSGA Fall Congress were discussed.

9. Planning for Student Advisory Board Involvement in Student Leadership Retreat, October 2-3

Debbie Terlip described the duties, and the SAB members who planned to attend made the necessary arrangements.

10. Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

Kermit McMurry described the requirement for SAB members to each visit one campus that is not in their tier to discuss issues of concern to students.

Debbie Terlip distributed a list of issues from the last year's workplan, including some added during the course of the year.

11. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The members decided to focus on campus safety issues first, if the speakers were available.

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

13. Adjournment

Haley made the motion to adjourn.