

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

**MINUTES**

**Sunday, March 29, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.**

**University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center, Mary Fallin Room (304)  
100 North University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034**

1. Call to Order. Notice that meeting has been filed and posted in accordance with Open Meetings Act Sean Baser call the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Announcement of Quorum

Mr. Baser announced a quorum of six Student Advisory Board members: Baser, Boutwell, Carroll, Fiedler, Puckett, and Stiles. Byrd was absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Representative Stiles for approval of January 25 and February 22, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried with consent.

4. Recognition of Invited Guests

Guests in attendance were Mr. C.J. Cavin, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Ms. Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison, Ms. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, Ms. Adrienne Proffer, Coordinator, Academic Affairs Projects, and Sheila Smith, Reach Higher Administrator, of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

5. Notice of Annual Tuition Hearing April 9<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Dr. Kermit announced the time, date, and location of the upcoming public hearing on tuition and fees. He provided instructions that would allow SAB members to register to speak during the hearing. Ms. Debbie Terlip informed the board that each institution has to receive approval from the state regents in order to raise tuition and fees per statutory law.

6. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Spring Congress and Elections – Oklahoma Student Government Association

C.J. Cavin reported the on the activities that occurred during the OSGA's Spring Congress. One hundred and fifty register attendees enjoyed presentations from State Representative Scott Inman, and

Congressman Wayne Mullin. There were also 16 pieces of legislation that were submitted, the most in the organizations history. A new governing board was elected and their summer work plan includes updating governing documents and closing open invoices.

7. Legislative Update – Ms. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Hollye Hunt’s report included an update on topics that are currently being discussed at the Capitol. An early push was made to submit legislation that would allow guns on our campuses. All of these bills failed to pass through committee. Speaker Hickman has submitted a bill that would change the requirements for students on Oklahoma’s Promise. His proposal is to require that all students complete 30 credit hours within each academic year. Efforts are being made to modify the wording to prevent harm to the students. Another bill on the floor will allow students in DHS custody to receive Oklahoma’s Promise without conducting an income check. Lastly, a \$611 million budget shortfall is being projected with cuts coming for higher ed. Efforts are being made to minimize these cuts.

8. Access and Persistence

- Course Transfer/Course Equivalency Project – Ms. Adrienne Proffer, Coordinator, Academic Affairs Projects, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
  - Adrienne Proffer’s report included information regarding course transferring and the course equivalency project. She presented information about the state’s transfer equivalency tables and how those are undergoing review. The project expects more courses to be added over the year by reaching out to creating partnerships with the state institutions. Reverse transfer was also discussed, this involves transferring a student’s credit hours from a 4-year intuitions to a 2-year institution to receive an associate’s degree.
- Reach Higher Program – Ms. Sheila Smith, Reach Higher Administrator, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
  - Sheila Smith’s report included the purpose of the Reach Higher Program, reaching, assisting, and accommodating our adult student population. Current estimates show that the state has 100 thousand students with 70 or more hours and no degree. New programs are being established to create more opportunities for non-traditional students. The Reach Higher Program prides itself on providing affordable, flexible, and supportive opportunities for their students.

9. Discussion of Proposal of Recommendations and Campus Visits

The board members identified recommendation topics as well as a work plan to have the recommendation ready for ratification at the April meeting.

10. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting – Recommendations

11. New Business. Consideration of other matters not known or not reasonably foreseen prior to the time of agenda posting. - No new business was presented.

12. Adjournment