

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

**MINUTES**

Sunday, September 25, 2016

1:30 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

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m.

2. Announcement of Quorum

The following SAB members were present: Billingsley, Bishop, Johnson, Nunez, Power and Waller.  
Absent: Desruisseau

3. Recognition of Invited Guests

The SAB met jointly with the Oklahoma Student Government Board of Directors and student presidents from various campuses to hear a presentation and discuss issues with Chancellor Glen D. Johnson.

4. Status of Higher Education and Discussion of Higher Education Issues - Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Chancellor Johnson met with the student leaders to talk about critical issues in higher education. He addressed the progress in and status of online education, noting the statewide system approach, and importance of maintaining academic rigor and of removing obstacles for the students. He also talked about the work in and status of campus safety and security. Chancellor Johnson then turned to data on the relationship of higher education to employment in state, linking academic programs to business needs, and discussed Oklahoma's deficit with other states in the proportion of college degree holders, and the U.S.'s fall in the world ranking. He described the Complete College America initiative to achieve a more highly educated population and noted the importance of concurrent enrollment to this endeavor. He then compared current state funding to former years and said the level of state appropriations for higher education had dropped to that of 2001. He pointed out that the proportion of administrative costs had been lowered at the same time enrollment had increased by 14% since 2001. Chancellor Johnson then closed his presentation with data on tuition increases and a comparison to other southern states, scholarship support, and the student debt load.

Dillon Johnson asked about the funding outlook for next year and the Chancellor noted the current situation and projections. Tyrance Billingsley asked about the mentality of the legislature in the current year's reduction in funding. Chancellor Johnson said legislators talked about: building they see on campuses; the ability of higher education to raise tuition; the alternatives in having to close nursing homes, cut off prescription drugs, and let prisoners go; the misperception of coaches' salaries; and the reaction to the 1 cent sales tax initiative. Betsy Waller asked about the nature of Oklahoma's reliance on the cyclical energy economy, and the Chancellor detailed the history of diversifying the economy balanced against the rising use of tax credits. Kimberley Bishop expressed some frustration with legislative attitudes toward students experienced on Higher Ed Day at the State Capitol. Andrew Hocutt asked for guidance in additional ways to reach legislators. The Chancellor advised working through the institution's president, and mentioned some opportunities for participation, noting that students can especially effective messengers on programs like Oklahoma's Promise. He emphasized, however, that students should not miss class. A student from Oklahoma City Community College mentioned some frustration with gaining student involvement, and with legislative interest in students' concerns. The Chancellor closed again by noting some opportunities to visit with legislators and advising student leaders to work through their institution's president.

### **Student Advisory Board – Meeting at 2:35 p.m.**

#### 5. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Approval of August 28, 2016 Minutes

Tyrance moved approval, and everyone voted aye.

#### 6. Election of SAB Chair and Vice Chair

Debbie Terlip, Oklahoma State Regents Student Relations Liaison, opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Dillon nominated Tyrance, with Kimberly seconding. No other nominations were made, and Tyrance was elected unanimously.

Tyrance took the Chair and opened for nominations for Vice Chair. Dillon nominated Caleb, and Michael seconded. No other nominations were made, and Caleb was elected unanimously.

Both Tyrance and Caleb thanked everyone and spoke briefly about their commitment.

#### 7. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Activities – Heather Wallace, President

Andrew Hocutt said that OSGA is working on new resources for getting information out, and needs legislation submitted for Fall Congress. Kimberley asked about the institutional dues to and benefits of OSGA.

#### 8. Planning for Student Leadership Retreat, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Debbie Terlip shared the agenda and schedule for the concurrent Student Sessions at the Student Leadership Retreat Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at Rose State College. Dillon, Michael and Tyrance planned to attend and offered to assist the session presenters. Tyrance also recommended Taylor Finley, OSGA officer from TCC to assist. Debbie agreed to send schedules out later.

#### 9. Determination of Annual Meeting Schedule

The SAB members next discussed the schedule for fall semester SAB meetings, and due to the state budget cutbacks for the 2016-2017 academic year and its impact on the State Regents budget for travel reimbursement, Caleb moved and Betsy seconded the motion to cancel the December meeting and hold a longer meeting in October to cover more material. Agreement was unanimous. The members also agreed to revisit the spring semester scheduled meetings in January.

#### 10. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The SAB members informally agreed that they were more interest in pursuing academic-related issues first, such as academic advising, access and success – remediation, transfer of credit among institutions, and accreditation of for-profit institutions, and asked to have these issues scheduled for the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kimberly also asked for voter participation information for students, but noted that the meeting would be very close to the actual general election date. Debbie Terlip agreed to share the Oklahoma Campus Compact 2016 Campus Vote information as soon as possible, for those interested to share with student groups on campus. Debbie cautioned the members to maintain nonpartisanship on all issues, especially the state questions.

#### 11. Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

Tyrance expressed an interest in textbook costs, and mentioned exploration of ideas like Open Stax, for a future meeting. Caleb expressed an interest in bringing Bucky Dodd from UCO back in the spring to update the SAB on the Online Course task force's progress. Betsy Waller expressed interest in issues involving health care and health care insurance coverage for students. Caleb volunteered to create a Google Drive for everyone's participation to track issues studied, campuses visited, etc. Debbie asked him to be sure to include Kermit and her.

Michael noted that he was visiting Cameron University next week with a colleague in OSGA to ascertain student concerns there.

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

No new business was discussed

#### 13. Adjournment

Caleb moved and Michael the motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.