

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

**MINUTES**

Sunday, February 24, 2019  
1:00 p.m.

University of Central Oklahoma  
Old North Building, Room 207  
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  
Jake Mazeitis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
2. Announcement of Quorum  
Members present were: Traeton Dansby, Nicholas Glasgow, Jakob Harmon, Alyson Hill and Bobby Trousdale. Member absent: Ashlee Lester.
3. Recognition of Invited Guests  
Ms. MeShawn Conley from the University of Central Oklahoma and Ms. LeeAnna McNally from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Approval of January 27, 2019 Minutes  
Jakob made a motion to approve, Bobby seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
5. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Spring Congress and Student Elections –Daniel Williams, President, Oklahoma Student Government Association  
Traeton Dansby, Vice President of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, reported on preparations and plans for the Spring Congress. OSGA Spring Congress is to be held from March 8 - 10th, 2019 at the Oklahoma State Capitol in the House of Representatives chambers. To date, 136 attendees from 21 different schools are registered to attend Congress, marking the largest attendance in recorded OSGA history. During Congress, students will be attending workshops about strengthening their student government associations, considering and passing legislation which affect college students, and electing the 2019 - 2020 Student Advisory Board and OSGA Board of Directors.

The schedule consists of: Friday afternoon – orientation and workshops; Saturday – committee and floor consideration of legislation, with possible workshops mid-day; and, Sunday – elections for the student groups mentioned above. Members of the SAB have agreed to chair the committees.

6. Legislative Update – Ms. LeeAnna McNally, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
Ms. McNally spoke to the Board about upcoming legislation that will affect Higher Education, including: HB 1109, dealing with funding for higher education from school land funds administered by the Commissioners of the Land Office; legislation to expand benefits for concurrent enrollment to all high school students; HB 2312, which would expand and change provisions for higher education in the Tulsa area to allow four-year institutions to offer lower division courses; SB 152, to provide free access to official transcripts despite institutional holds; SB 211 to provide tuition waivers for children of veterans with a disability rating of 50% or more; a bill to provide tuition waivers for the children of Oklahoma educators; a bill to address free speech outdoor forums in public institutions of higher education; HB 1921, the “virtually everywhere act” on telecommunications and virtual presence; SB 183 on merging the governing boards for two-year institutions, and several other bills concerning the higher education system and voluntary mergers; and, HB 2261 to expand the teacher education incentive program beyond STEM majors. She also answered queries about gun and firearm legislation, saying HB 2597 would maintain the exemptions currently applied to higher education. In response to a query about Oklahoma’s Promise, she said there is legislation to make teachers’ children eligible.

7. Inclusion and Diversity

- General Policy and Support Discussion - Ms. MeShawn Conley, Director, Office of Inclusion and Diversity, University of Central Oklahoma

Ms. Conley spoke to the Board about her role in providing equal access to education at UCO. She noted the University of Central Oklahoma’s commitment to transformative learning, saying this included cultural competence, but that the Office of Diversity and Inclusion had mainly focused on racial and ethnicity issues. She asked for a discussion, and queried the SAB members about the way their institution defined diversity and inclusion on campus. The responses seemed to indicate that large campuses had resources for separate offices for racial/ethnic diversity and LGBTQ+ inclusion, while the functions were addressed through a single office on smaller campuses. It was noted that some institutions also had student groups for LGBTQ+ students. Ms. Conley said that at UCO administrators use intentionality as a big component of their work plan to move forward to an accepting college atmosphere. When asked for most effective methods to increase diversity on campus, the SAB members mentioned the importance of being intentional in hiring diverse faculty and staff, and addressing housing and tokenism in cultural events. The SAB also mentioned more student involvement with administrative and governing decisions. Ms. Conley closed with the warning that things can move slowly in institutions, and that problems typically do not get solved overnight. She reiterated that equality is not necessarily equity, and that outreach for inclusion is important.

- LGBTQ+ Issues and Support Services – Mr. Jordan Weaver, Program Coordinator and Advisor, LGBTQ Programs, University of Oklahoma (invited)  
Jake Mazeitis, filled in for Mr. Weaver, as he also works in the Gender and Equality Office at OU. Jake led a discussion about gender and equality issues on campus, in

particular issues affecting transgender students. Following the meeting, an electronic copy of his handout along with other materials, was distributed to the members.

8. Discussion Topics for Recommendation and Campus Visits

The members discussed the visits they had had, and planned to have, with student leaders from other higher education institutions. Debbie Terlip emphasized that the visits must take place before the members finished and approved their recommendations, as the purpose for the requirement to visit other students was to enhance their capability to represent student concerns to the State Regents.

The members briefly discussed the subjects they were interested in making recommendations on. Jake has established a google doc to list the campus visits and potential recommendation topics.

9. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The members planned to devote the March meeting to working with rough drafts of their recommendations.

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

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.