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Minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting 1 p.m.

Attending: Jon Sparks, SWOSU; Arlita Harris, SN; Tamie Willis, OC; Victoria Swinney, OCU; Anita Semtner, St. Gregory's; Susan Jeffries, NWOSU; Marty Thompson, OUHSC; Don Gilstrap, OU; Vicki Sullivan, ODL; Barbara King, OCCC; Nancy Draper, Hillsdale; Sharon Saulmon, Rose; Kelly Brown, USAO; Adrianna Lancaster, ECU; Dana Belcher, ECU; Evlyn Schmidt, OPSU; Michael Foote, MACU; Christine Dettlaff, Redlands; Sherry Young, CU

Off-site: Beth Freeman, OSU-Tulsa, Tom Messner, NEOSU-Broken Arrow; Alan Lawless, RSU; Anne Prestamo, OSU-Stillwater; Margaret Rigney, Connors; Jolene Armstrong, Connors; Mike Rusk, TCC; Bettye Black, Langston

Minutes from the January 22, 2009 meeting had not yet been posted to the OCALD website. Please check the website and provide any changes, corrections to Barbara King, bking@occc.edu (www.okhighered.org/ocald/minutes).

Regents' Report – Dr. Houston Davis: Dr. Davis talked about the Stimulus Bill that President Obama just signed. He discussed how it may affect higher education. He said the \$445,000 for PsycInfo and the newspaper database is the maximum the Regents will have. He hopes the bid process will bring good news and the databases are within the amount of funds available.

ODL Report – Ms. Sullivan reiterated what Dr. Davis said about the budget. She said the budget situation is not good news for the state. She said they anticipate a 5% cut plus an additional 10% in travel funds. She discussed how ODL wants to protect the federal dollars because that's what pays for the statewide databases.

ODL's fiscal year began last October but they do not yet have the total federal appropriations. They will move forward on the assumption it will be the same as last year. The awarding of the statewide contract for databases will be mid to late May and be effective July 1, 2009.

OLA Update – Ms. Saulmon discussed the upcoming OLA conference being held in Midwest City April 20-22, 2009. ALA's National Library Week slogan this year is "Worlds Connect @ Your Library". Mr. Rusk said there are programs this year that relate to the business community. Ms. Saulmon encouraged membership and said there was a member directory online at oklibs.org.

Merlot – Phil Moss: Dr. Phil Moss gave a PowerPoint presentation on Merlot. Dr. Moss has been active in a number of areas since his retirement from the Regents' Office but said Merlot is his primary project.

Dr. Moss discussed what Merlot is, who can participate and the wealth of information available. For further information about Merlot or the Merlot GRAPE Camp (webinar training series focusing on the peer review process) contact Dr. Moss at phil@merlot.org or pmoss@calstate.edu.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Bonnie McNeely: Beth Freeman inquired about posting OK-Share summary data on the OCALD website. No individual records will be posted. If you have objections contact Bonnie

McNeely at bmcneely@uco.edu. Don Gilstrap will be chairing the nominating committee for next year. If you're interested in serving or assisting, contact Dr. Gilstrap@ou.edu.

Database RFP's – Barbara King: Both RFP's are in the hands of the Regents' Business and Finance office. PsycInfo was submitted to the Regents' legal office for review and should be going out any time. The newspaper RFP should be ready for review by the committee very soon.

Assessment – Tamie Willis: Get registration for the workshop to Ms. Willis as soon as possible. Currently there are 34 signed up. The workshop needs OCALD support.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.