

STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Thursday, May 26, 2016

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Committee-of-the-Whole met at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in the Regents Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 20, 2015. A copy of the agenda had been posted as required by the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Participating in the meeting were Regents Toney Stricklin, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent White joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and Regent Helm joined at 10:48 a.m. Regent Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **MERCER-HAMMOND.** Ms. Beth Johnson and Mr. Ken Shimberg from Mercer-Hammond were present to facilitate a discussion regarding the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's (OSRHE) current investments. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Shimberg discussed the current market environment, current investment returns and recommendations.

They made a recommendation to invest \$20 million in Apollo Total Return and \$7 million in H/2 Capital Partners.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to go into executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

5. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Amanda Paliotta stated that the Oklahoma State Legislature has not approved an FY17 budget yet, but it is estimated the OSRHE will receive an \$810 million appropriation, a 15.92 percent reduction from FY16. Additionally, there may be a reduction in current fiscal year appropriations before year end due to an anticipated shortfall in oil gross production collections.
6. **SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB).** Vice Chancellor Tony Hutchison gave a brief presentation of the 2014-2015 SREB Indicators Report. He stated that among the four-year institutions in SREB states:
 - Oklahoma is the lowest in tuition and fees;
 - Third highest in degrees and certificates conferred;
 - Fifth highest in percentage of undergraduate instruction through e-learning; and
 - Next to last in faculty salaries.

In two-year institutions:

- Oklahoma ranks in the middle in tuition and fees;

- Sixth lowest in degrees and certificates conferred;
- Fifth highest in percentage of undergraduate instruction through e-learning; and
- In the middle in faculty salaries.

7. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Hollye Hunt stated that none of the weapons on campus bills were sent through the process. Additionally, HB 3058 that would allow the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to reconcile all state agency revolving funds and potentially take those funds did not make it through the process either.
8. **STATE HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (SHEEO).** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson stated that Oklahoma was asked to participate in a pilot Adult Promise program with possible funding from the Lumina Foundation. Vice Chancellor Hutchison and Associate Vice Chancellor Debbie Blanke attended a two-day meeting to discuss the details of the program and they will be working with SHEEO in the coming months to possibly implement this program in Oklahoma.
9. **COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA.** Chancellor Johnson stated that all institutions have been asked to give a brief presentation on their Institutional Degree Completion plans at the upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole meetings. The institutions presenting at the May meeting were: Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Northeastern State University, and Oklahoma City Community College.
 - a. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SE). President Sean Burrage gave a brief presentation on SE's CCA initiatives. President Burrage began by stating that SE is focused on college readiness, early alerts, intrusive advising, and encouraging adult learners to come back to college. Dr. Robin Plumb, Coordinator of Field Experiences, stated that SE has collaborated with both the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes to offer the Master of Science in Native American Leadership completely online. SE also offers the Bachelor of Science in Early Intervention and Child Development completely online, designed for working adults. SE's CCA goal is to graduate 25 additional students each year and they have surpassed that goal.
 - b. Northeastern State University (NSU). President Steve Turner gave a brief presentation on NSU's CCA initiatives. President Turner began by stating that NSU is focused on college readiness, math and English remediation reform through instructional labs, intrusive advising and early warning systems as well as accelerated degree pathways, and immersive learning principals. NSU's CCA goal is to graduate 55 more degrees per year and NSU has met that goal with an average 58.7 additional degrees.
 - c. Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC). President Jerry Steward gave a brief presentation on OCCC's CCA initiatives. President Steward began by stating that OCCC has taken a co-requisite approach with developmental math and English and are standardizing their online courses. OCCC had one advisor for every 2,000 students so they have contracted with existing faculty to work as advisors in their free time for a stipend. Additionally, 70 percent of OCCC students leave with no debt and those who do have an average debt of \$9,000. OCCC also implemented a mentor program for African American males. This program works with those students and in the pilot phase their GPA's increased from 2.0 to 3.0. OCCC is working to find a revenue source to continue and grow this program.

10. TASK FORCE REPORTS.

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor Blake Sonobe updated the State Regents on the status of the Online Education Task Force. He stated that NextThought has completed Phase 1 of their work on building an online education model in Oklahoma. Mr. Ken Parker, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of NextThought, is currently working on next steps and will present those at the next Online Education Task Force meeting.
- b. **State Regents Safety And Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor Angela Caddell updated the Regents on the status of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. She stated that the Campus Best Practices Workgroup is evaluating several different vendor options for campus safety smart phone apps and will make a recommendation to the Council of Presidents upon selection.

Additionally, she stated that the task force is preparing for the 2016 Campus Safety and Security Summit. It will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Reed Center in Midwest City and may have upwards of 400 participants. The planning group is identifying keynote, plenary speakers and breakout sessions.

11. **GRANT.** Associate Vice Chancellor Blanke stated that the OSRHE is partnering with the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education on the New Skills for Youth Initiative and grant. This is a multi-year grant focusing on career pathways and improving career-focused education that prepares students for competitive employment.
12. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the May 2016 update on institutional activities.
13. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:
 - Friday, May 27, 2016 – Reception for Regent Andy Lester – 8:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
 - Friday, May 27, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
 - Friday, June 3, 2016 – Employee Recognition Event – 3:30 p.m. at Langston University – Oklahoma City’s Auditorium.
 - Wednesday, June 29, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
 - Thursday, June 29, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Toney Stricklin, Chairman



Ron White, Secretary