

# OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, November 30, 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 Wednesday, November 30, 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, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Jay Helm joined at 11:08 a.m. Regent Massey called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **LEGISLATIVE WELCOME.** Speaker Charles McCall was present to provide an update on the upcoming legislative session. Speaker McCall began by stating that higher education is vitally important. It is a relationship business and Oklahoma is in need of a better workforce and a better economy. He also stated that there would be 32 new legislative members this session and it will be a challenge to educate them on the priorities and issues before the start of the legislative session. Speaker McCall stated that he has a good understanding of what his constituents want and need and he was proud of two institutions in his area that are sharing resources: Murray State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University share a Chief Financial Officer between campuses. He also stated that the legislative budgeting process could be improved and he would like to see higher education be a part of that process.

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson asked Speaker McCall how to more persuasively make the case that higher education is a priority. Speaker McCall stated that most legislators think higher education is a priority but they may place other priorities ahead of higher education. He thinks that higher education and the legislature need to have an open conversation about the budget process, how higher education is saving money and the possibility of campus closures in the future if needed.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** All Regents voted to enter 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. **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 October meeting were: Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Rose State College, Rogers State University, Seminole State College and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
  - Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU). President Janet Cunningham gave a brief presentation on NWOSU's CCA initiatives. President Cunningham began by stating that NWOSU had 2,590 students for the 2015-2016 year and that 75 percent of students are in state and 25 percent out-of-state. NWOSU's top five majors are nursing, business administration, education, health and sports science and psychology. President

Cunningham stated that the NWOSU Foundation has raised \$25 million and they have 58 endowed chairs. Additionally, NWOSU was awarded a \$1 million student support services grant aimed at working with first-generation, low income and disabled students in a one-on-one environment. NWOSU has been working on improving retention rates for at-risk students, implementing intrusive advising strategies, re-designing gateway courses, and participating in the 15 to Finish Initiative.

- Rose State College (RSC). President Jeanie Webb gave a brief presentation on RSC's CCA initiatives. President Webb began by stating that RSC has met their CCA goal for FY2016 by conferring 987 degrees and certificates. RSC is addressing challenges such as being an open door institution, having many low income, first generation students as well as single parent students. RSC is implementing an early alert advising system, developing large-scale single day orientation events and standardizing curriculum in developmental courses.
- Rogers State University (RSU). President Larry Rice gave a brief presentation on RSU's CCA initiatives. President Rice began by stating RSU is focusing on promoting concurrent enrollment for area high school juniors and seniors, partnering with Google to sponsor the AeroGames, facilitating articulation agreements through partnerships, and implementing RSU's first graduate-level program, the Master of Business Administration. Additionally, President Rice detailed the challenges at RSU, including funding and increasing reliance on adjunct faculty.
- Seminole State College (SSC). President Jim Utterback gave a brief presentation on SSC's CCA initiatives. President Utterback began by stating that 83 percent of students in SSC's target schools qualify as low-income, 80 percent of SSC students are potential first-generation college graduates and SSC serves ten Native American area tribes. President Utterback stated that SSC has redesigned their zero-level courses and their retention rate has increased to 55 percent for the 2015-2016 year.
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU). President Randy Beutler gave a brief presentation on SWOSU's CCA initiatives. President Beutler began by stating that SWOSU's undergraduate enrollment is up 9.6 percent and graduate enrollment is up 5.8 percent. Additionally, their retention rate is up to 69 percent from 66 percent last year and the number of degrees conferred is up 16 percent from 973 to 1,100. President Beutler stated that the online nursing program is the largest growing program at SWOSU.

6. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Amanda Paliotta stated that FY17 collections are slightly below estimates but with increasing oil prices, there may not be a gross production shortfall like last year.

7. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Hollye Hunt stated that the 2017 legislative tours will start in January and they will be smaller this year, concentrating more on discussions with area legislative members. Additionally, the Distinguished Service Award for Senator David Holt will be held on December 1, 2016 at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's office.

8. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

- **Online Education Task Force.** Interim Vice Chancellor Debbie Blanke stated that the next meeting of the Online Education Task Force will be December 1, 2016 and Mr. Ken Parker, CEO of NextThought, will give a brief update.
- **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 2016 Campus Safety and Security Summit held on Monday, November 7 was a success with 280 attendees. The feedback received from the Summit was positive and the keynote speakers and concurrent sessions were very timely and relevant.

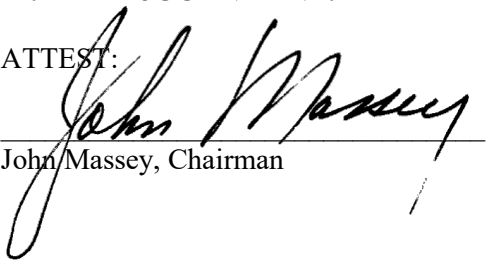
9. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the December 2016 update on institutional activities.

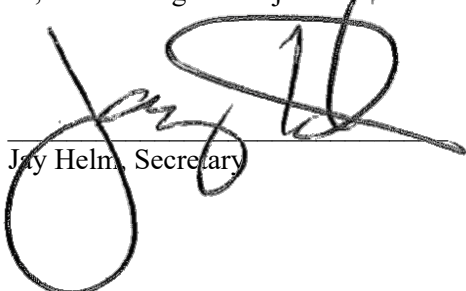
10. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

- Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – Staff Holiday Party – 11:30 a.m. in the PHF Conference Center.
- Thursday, January 5, 2017 – Redlands Community College Legislative Tour – 11:30 a.m. at Redlands Community College in El Reno.
- Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – Northwestern Oklahoma State University Legislative Tour – 11:30 a.m. at Northwestern Oklahoma State University – Enid Campus.
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – University of Central Oklahoma Legislative Tour – 12:00 p.m. at the University of Central Oklahoma Executive Conference Room, Nigh University Center.
- Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – Oklahoma City Community College Legislative Tour – 12:00 p.m. at Oklahoma City Community College - LTBA.
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – State Regents Distinguished Service Award Presentation to Representative Katie Henke – 3:30 p.m. at Tulsa Community College, Metro Campus.
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – Tulsa Community College Legislative Tour – 6:30 p.m. at Tulsa Community College - LTBA.
- Friday, January 27, 2017 – State Regents Distinguished Service Award Presentation to Representative Weldon Watson – 10:00 a.m. at University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Faculty Staff Lounge.
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – State Regents Meeting– 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – location TBA.
- Thursday, February 2, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
John Massey, Chairman

  
Jay Helm, Secretary