

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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, February 1, 2017, 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 October 13, 2016. 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, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Andy Lester, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Massey called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.** Lieutenant General Lee Levy was present to provide an update on Tinker Air Force Base workforce needs. General Levy began by stating that Oklahoma needs a long term strategy to change the course of education in the state. Tinker Air Force Base wants the best trained airman and Oklahoma does not produce enough graduates with STEM credentials to meet Tinker's workforce need. General Levy stated that he has to recruit trained workers from other states to meet the need and he has to vigorously compete for these graduates as they can make more money working somewhere else. He wants to recruit the best trained Oklahoma graduates and to do that Oklahoma institutions have produce those graduates.
4. **MERCER HAMMOND.** Ms. Beth Johnson and Mr. Tim Westrich 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. Westrich discussed the current market environment, investment returns and investment manager recommendations.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, 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, Lester, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.
6. **SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD'S (SREB) COMMISSION ON COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY FINAL REPORT.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson gave a brief presentation on the SREB'S Commission on College Affordability Final Report. He stated that the Commission met five times during 2014-2015 to review research, policy and state practices on college affordability and have eight recommendations for SREB states to increase their affordability. Chancellor Johnson distributed the findings to the State Regents for their review.
7. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Amanda Paliotta stated that the State Equalization Board will meet soon to discuss the need for mid-year budget cuts. She also stated that gross production is doing well and there may not be a gross production shortfall like last year.

8. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs Todd Pauley stated that the 2017 legislative tours have been doing very well as well as the Distinguished Service Award presentations and Legislative Network meetings.

He stated that there are several pieces of legislation that may impact the OSRHE, such as allowing guns on campus, Oklahoma's Promise program changes, freezing tuition rates, salary caps and tax and finance bills.

9. **HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION.** Mr. Bob Anthony, General Counsel, gave a brief update on the new Higher Learning Commissions' (HLC) Obligations of Affiliation. Mr. Anthony stated that part of the new document states that any HLC accredited institution would indemnify HLC for any claim brought by the institution against them or any third party entity who has worked with the institution. Oklahoma institutions cannot indemnify HLC according to their constitution and Mr. Anthony stated he is working with HLC and other institutional General Counsel to determine what will happen if these new Obligations are adopted.

10. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Debbie Blanke stated that the next meeting of the Online Education Task Force will be February 2, 2017 and Mr. Ken Parker, CEO of NextThought, will give a brief update.
- 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 task force is currently working on creating the 2017 Training Calendar.
11. **"BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION" REPORT.** Regents received the January 2017 update on institutional activities.

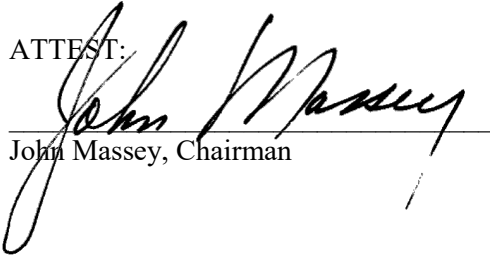
12. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

- Monday, February 6, 2017 – Governor Fallin's State of the State Address – 12:30 p.m. in the House Chamber at the State Capitol.
- Wednesday, February 14, 2017 – Higher Education Day at the State Capitol – 2 p.m. in the House Chamber at the State Capitol.
- Friday, February 17, 2017 - Conference on Serving Military-Connected Students in Higher Education – 8:15 a.m. in the Presbyterian Health Foundation Conference Center.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – location TBA.
- Thursday, March 23, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Oklahoma's Promise Day at the State Capitol (tentative) – time TBD.

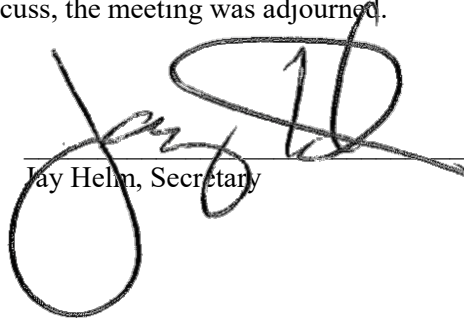
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – location TBA.
- Thursday, April 20, 2017 – Tuition Hearing – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, April 20, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:



John Massey, Chairman



Jay Helm, Secretary