

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, April 19, 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 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 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 April 14, 2017. 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, and John Massey. Regent Jay Helm joined the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Regent Massey called the meeting to order and presided.
- 3. HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY.** Dr. Bob Dauffenbach, the University of Oklahoma, gave a brief presentation on higher education and the economy. Dr. Dauffenbach started by stating that he is concerned with economic trends and how they affect Oklahoma. Specifically, since 1992 the United States workforce has grown by a third but workers who have a high school degree or some college have remained the same while workers with some type of college degree has only increased by 30 million in 25 years. However, there has been a 32 million gain in employment growth by college graduates while high school graduates, associate degree graduates and those with some college have remained relatively the same over the last 25 years. Additionally, those with a bachelor's degree or higher have an extremely low unemployment rate and much higher mean annual earnings per year. Oklahoma is the second highest state in the nation in shares of the adult population with a high school diploma or less, only behind Arkansas.

Dr. Dauffenbach ended by stating that Oklahoma is doing well but does need improvement in its capacity to produce a college educated workforce.

Regent Parker asked if he had an economic theory that would be beneficial for this situation. Dr. Dauffenbach stated that the importance needs to be placed on, for instance, educating more students to become engineers, instead of welders.

Regent Turpen asked Dr. Dauffenbach what he thought about online classes versus face-to-face classes. Dr. Dauffenbach stated that he questions online education because there is no way to validate that any learning has taken place.

- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** State 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, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

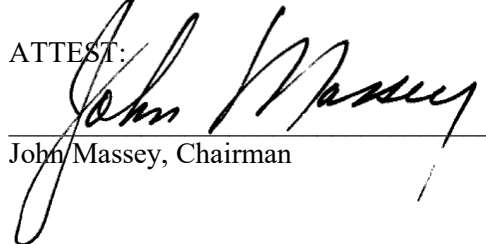
- 5. BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Amanda Paliotta stated that the April monthly collections increased slightly and she will continue to monitor discussions on the FY 18 budget.

6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Todd Pauley stated that the Oklahoma's Promise Day at the Capitol went extremely well. The original author of the Oklahoma's Promise bill, Senator Maxine Horner, was in attendance as well as several other legislators. He stated that SB 529 would raise the Oklahoma's Promise income limit from \$50,000 to \$60,000 over the next three years.
7. **ANNUAL REPORT.** Associate Vice Chancellor Angela Caddell, gave a brief update on the 2016 Annual Report. The report contains an overview of public higher education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's public agenda, key initiatives and outlines programs and services in several areas. The report also includes a profile for every public higher education institution in the state and lists some of the most popular fields of study. Associate Vice Chancellor Caddell stated that the report also details the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for Oklahoma institutions and shows Oklahoma ranking fourth lowest for average student cost at a public four-year institution in the nation.
8. **ADULT PROMISE.** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Debbie Blanke stated that she submitted an application to SHEEO for the Adult Promise program. If awarded, the grant would be a \$775,000 match and would be adult-focused.
9. **REACH HIGHER PROGRAM.** Vice Chancellor Blanke stated that the Reach Higher Program Graduation Reception was held April 8, 2017 at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum and was well attended with 38 students from 16 institutions.
10. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**
 - a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor Blanke stated that the next meeting of the Online Education Task Force will be April 20, 2017. She also stated that the Online Education Task Force is working on the Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit sessions.
 - 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 gathering training opportunities and their next meeting will be on June 7, 2017.
11. **"BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION" REPORT.** Regents received the April 2017 update on institutional activities.
12. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson discussed several upcoming events:
 - 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. – Deep Fork Grill.
 - 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.
 - Thursday, May 25, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.

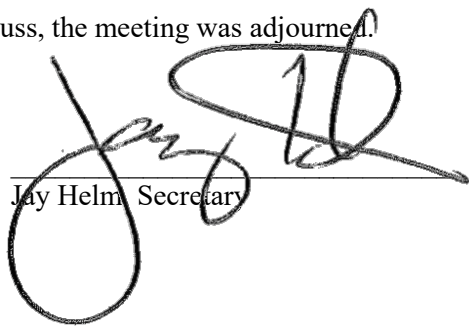
- Thursday, May 25, 2017 – The Task Force on the Future of Higher Education meeting – 1 p.m. – in the PHF Colloquium Room
- Thursday, May 25, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – location TBA.
- Friday, May 26, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, June 28, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, June 28, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – location TBA.
- Thursday, June 29, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 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