

# OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Thursday, May 25, 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 Thursday, May 25, 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, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Massey called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING.**
  - a. Regents reviewed the proposed changes to academic service fees for Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU). Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Amanda Paliotta stated that this fee would support the Doctor in Nursing Practice program and will support implementation of a new online software program to help students complete the program.
  - b. There were no public comments made on the academic service fee hearing.
4. **SIGNING CEREMONY.** Representatives from the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) were present to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) to collaborate on higher education programs within Oklahoma tribes. This collaboration will improve educational opportunities and outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Dr. Gloria Sly, Education Liaison for the Cherokee Nation and President of TEDNA, Mr. Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director of TEDNA, Chancellor Johnson and Chairman Massey all signed the MOU.

Dr. Sly stated that the TEDNA national organization works with tribes to develop tribal education programs and provides over 4,000 scholarships each semester. She stated that she hopes to help other tribes with their educational programs through this MOU. Mr. Roman Nose stated he hopes this agreement will help them move forward with education and take this model to other states and tribes.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Debbie Blanke introduced several other TEDNA members that were present for the ceremony:

- Mr. Phil Gover, Founding Director of Sovereign Schools Project, TEDNA;
- Ms. Tresha Spoon, Director of Education for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe;
- Ms. Catherine Parker, Director of Higher Education for the Comanche Nation;
- Mr. Jacob Tsoitigh, University of Oklahoma South Central Technical Assistance Center;
- Dr. Jerry Bread, University of Oklahoma Native American Studies, retired;
- Mr. Julian Guerrero, Associate Director of TEDNA;
- Ms. Chloe Roughface, Administrative Assistant for TEDNA – Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP);
- Ms. Sydney Wahkinney, Resource Coordinator for TEDNA-NYCP; and

- Mr. Dwight Pickering, Director of Indian Education for the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Additionally, Vice Chancellor Blanke recognized the following OSRHE staff for their work on facilitating the TEDNA partnership:

- Mr. Matt Higdon, Director of Student Preparation;
- Ms. Lisa Nelson, Assistant Director of Student Preparation; and
- Ms. Shiela Smith, Reach Higher Administrator.

5. **MERCER HAMMOND.** Ms. Beth Johnson, Mr. Tim Westrich, and Matt Reckamp from Mercer-Hammond were present to facilitate a discussion regarding the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education’s current investments. Ms. Johnson, Mr. Westrich and Mr. Reckamp discussed the current market environment, investment returns and investment manager recommendations.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, 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.

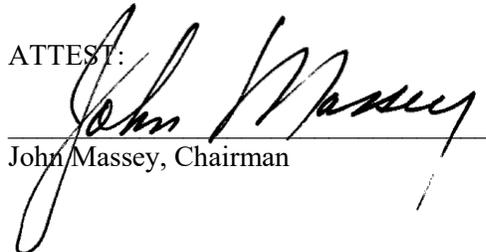
Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

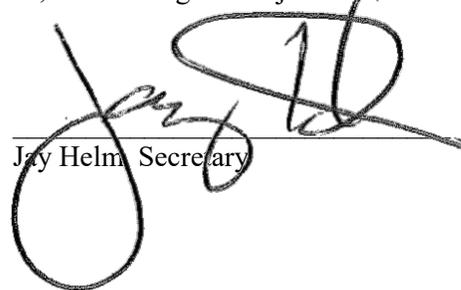
7. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Amanda Paliotta stated that there will most likely be a revenue shortfall in June from the two oil gross production funds and this shortfall will be prorated across the institutions. For the FY18 budget, she stated the debt service obligations will be taken care of first and the cut to the institutions will be 6.1 percent.
8. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Chancellor Johnson distributed the current list of legislation being considered at the State Capital.
9. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**
  - a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor Blanke stated that the next meeting of the Online Education Task Force will be June 29, 2017 and the year-end report will be presented at that 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 task force is currently working with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to ensure campuses have access to mental health training opportunities.
10. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the May 2017 update on institutional activities via e-mail.
11. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:
  - Thursday, May 25, 2017 – State Regents Task Force on the Future of Higher Education meeting – 1:00 p.m. in the PHF Conference Center Colloquium Room.

- Thursday, May 25, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. at Bellini’s.
- Friday, May 26, 2017 – Reception for Regent Jeff Hickman – 8:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- 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.
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – State Regents Task Force on the Future of Higher Education meeting – 1:00 p.m. in the PHF Conference Center Colloquium Room.
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – location TBA.
- Thursday, September 7, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
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 John Massey, Chairman

  
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 Jay Helm, Secretary