

## OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

### MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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, April 25, 2018, 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 19, 2018. 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, Jeff Hickman and John Massey. Regent Mike Turpen joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m. Regent White called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **UPDATE ON OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.** Representative Kevin Wallace was present to give a brief update on the 2018 legislative session. Representative Wallace began by stating that the general appropriations bill, SB1600, passed out of the House of Representatives and was scheduled to be heard on the Senate floor Wednesday, April 25. He went on to say that there are more needs than dollars; however, the concurrent enrollment initiative is extremely important to him. He stated that the FY19 budget for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) has \$7.5 million included for concurrent enrollment.

Chancellor Johnson asked Representative Wallace for advice on how to frame OSRHE budget requests. Representative Wallace encouraged the State Regents to stay engaged, invest their monies wisely, build relationships with new legislative members and take notice of the turnover. He finished by stating that the budget looks good for next year and is encouraged.

4. **COUNCIL FOR ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE.** Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated that the Council for Online Learning Excellence (COLE) held their annual Learning Innovations Summit in April and announced the winners of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Awards. The following award recipients were present to accept their award:
  - a. Innovation Category: The Online Learning Department at Tulsa Community College led by Mr. Randy Dominguez.
  - b. Teaching Category: Dr. Stacy Southerland, University of Central Oklahoma.
  - c. Leadership Individual Category: Dr. Gary Dotterer, Rogers State University.
  - d. Leadership Team Category: The Office of Information Technology at the University of Oklahoma including: Courtney Kneifl, Eddie Huebsch, Zena Chatman Madi, and Kevin Buck.
5. **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.** President Kayse M. Shrum, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), gave a brief update on the Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital additional site. President Shrum began by stating that the mission of OSU-CHS is to educate osteopathic primary care physicians with an emphasis on serving rural and underserved Oklahoma. OSU-CHS has partnered with the Cherokee Nation to provide

medical care to rural Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker is passionate about this mission as well. President Shrum stated that OSU-CHS has three sites: (1) the Center for Sovereign Nations at OSU-Stillwater; (2) the Office of American Indians in Medicine and Science; and (3) the additional site at the Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah. President Shrum stated that OSU and the Cherokee Nation have partnered to create the new site at W.W. Hastings Hospital that will add 50 new medical student slots at that site who will receive an OSU education in a state of the art environment.

Chief Baker added that the Cherokee Nation had 1.2 million patient visits in their medical system last year, stating that healthcare is at a crisis. This new site will create 850 new jobs as well as adding new primary care physicians which are critically needed.

Chancellor Johnson asked how this partnership got started. President Shrum stated that she saw the need and started looking at OSU's partnerships and reached out the Cherokee Nation.

Dr. Jason Sanders, Senior Vice President and Provost at the OU Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), gave a brief overview of the HSC campus. He began by stating that the OUHSC is dedicated to training nursing, medical and research students and pushes to develop new ideas and new research. The OUHSC has the largest National Institutes of Health funding in the state and is in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile in the nation for patient satisfaction. Additionally, the OUHSC research programs are working on commercializing new drugs and technologies with companies such as Selexys, Pure Protein and Moleculara. The Stephenson Cancer Center, located on the OUHSC campus was the number one leading center in clinical trials in 2017. It is also a Designated Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute.

President Shrum and Dr. Sanders also gave a brief update on funding for the OSU-CHS and OUHSC. President Shrum stated that both campuses receive waiver funding through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide care to Medicaid patients. Between both campuses, they provide care to almost a third of Oklahoma's Medicaid population. In March 2017, OUHCS and OSU-CHS began working with CMS to create new language for federal rules to allow states more freedom to design waiver programs. After making much progress, they were notified that the program would end in December 2017. President Shrum stated that they began working with the Oklahoma legislature to maintain the program and the legislature provided funding for the next two years. Both campuses are still working with CMS to hopefully keep the program moving forward.

6. **UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA.** Mr. Daniel Pullin, Dean of the College of Business, gave a brief update on the Gene Rainbolt Graduate School of Business. Dean Pullin began by stating that in the late 1990's, the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business started facing external and internal criticisms. The College of Business was declining in rankings, sustaining tremendous budget cuts and low fundraising. In 2013-2014, Price College began holding external and internal conversations with stakeholders to get a sense of where they were. Price College was not connecting with its stakeholders at the right level and its legacy mission statement was generic and did not reflect the purpose for which the college existed.

In 2013, Price College adjusted their mission statement, adopted a purpose statement and began reinventing Price College for the 21st century. Price College administration decided it had to grow and diversify by connecting the community and capitalizing the college. In doing that, Price College expanded to Oklahoma City and Tulsa in addition to the Norman campus and worked on recognizing a changing external environment. Dean Pullin stated that Price College has reinvented itself and can now recruit world class talent and continue to strengthen its academic curriculum and drive student growth and success.

Chancellor Johnson asked about the profile of the Endowed Chairs program at Price College of Business. Vice President Pullin stated that from 1928-2013, donations for the Endowed Chairs program was \$10 million. From 2013 to present, they have received over \$14 million in gifts.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, 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, Hickman, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

8. **NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY.** Dr. Doug Penisten, Dean, Oklahoma College of Optometry (OCO) at Northeastern State University (NSU) gave a brief overview of the NSU Optometry Program. Dr. Penisten began by stating that the NSU Optometry Program is one of only 23 programs in the United States and accepts 28 students to the program per year. The first class to graduate was in 1979 and the program is housed in a former hospital. It is the only optometry doctoral program in the country located in a rural setting and providing health care to a federally designated underserved population. The OCO has 34 faculty, 30-40 percent of whom graduated from NSU, as well as 22 residents. The OCO has 11 sites in northeastern Oklahoma and provides daily optometric services with outpatient services at the W.W. Hastings Hospital. Dr. Penisten stated that the OCO curriculum is regularly reviewed, assessed, and modified to assure the highest level clinical training. The OCO also provides postgraduate continuing education for practicing optometrists and also trains other institution faculty.

Chancellor Johnson asked how many OCO students stay in Oklahoma after graduation and Dr. Penisten stated that 60-70 percent stay in the state.

Regent White asked Dr. Penisten if he were given the opportunity to expand, how he would expand the program. Dr. Penisten stated that he would like to accept 40-45 students each year instead of 28.

9. **FREE SPEECH FORUM.** Chancellor Johnson stated that State Regents Free Speech Forum was held on April 4, 2018 and was a great review of the current free speech issues. Regent Lester stated that Oklahoma higher education institutions are facing a free speech threat and have to remain steadfast. He thanked Chancellor Johnson and the Regents for sponsoring the Forum.

10. **DELETED ITEM.**

11. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, gave a brief budget report. She stated that the March collections are great, \$22 million above the estimate. Additionally, gross production met the authorization allocation for the first time in three years. She also stated that the FY19 general allocations bill used the mid-year allocation to base the budget off of, instead of the FY17 original budget amount.

12. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Ms. LeeAnna McNally, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, gave a brief legislative report. She began by reviewing the following legislation:

- General Appropriations Bill – Senate approved and the House is scheduled to vote on Friday.
- HB2632 – Adds "places of worship" to the list of places people can carry weapons.
- SB1212 – Amends statute to include wildlife refuges and management areas as places handgun permit holders can carry their gun without restrictions.

- SB1196 – Allows students eligible for certain concurrent enrollment to participate in a program offered by any institution with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- HB3592 – If a student withdraws from a class in which he or she has received an award from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, the awarded funds shall remain available for the student to use to enroll in classes for a five-year period.

Additionally, Vice Chancellor McNally stated that 448 people filed for 43 open legislative seats, which is 29 percent turnover. Additionally, 17 incumbents are term limited and 20 incumbents have no challengers.

### 13. TASK FORCE REPORTS.

- Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Debbie Blanke stated that the Online Education Task Force will not meet in April and will reconvene in May.
- 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 Safety and Security Summit will be held on November 1, 2018 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. The Summit will cover topics such as: cybersecurity, active shooter, and earthquake preparedness.

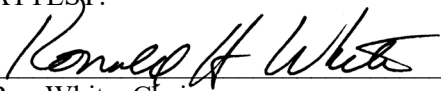
14. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the April 2018 update on institutional activities via e-mail.

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

- Thursday, May 24, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, May 24, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – TBD.
- Friday, May 25, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – TBD.
- Thursday, June 28, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – TBD.
- Thursday, September 6, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Ron White, Chairman

  
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Jody Parker, Secretary