

**OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
Wednesday, April 17, 2013

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 17, in the Student Union at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 6, 2012. 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 Ron White, Stuart Price, Jody Parker, Ike Glass, Jimmy Harrel, Mike Turpen, and John Massey. Regent Glass called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Price, to go into executive session for confidential communications between a public body and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents Price, Parker, Glass, Harrel, Turpen, and Massey. Voting against the motion were none. Regent White was not present for the vote.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

4. **OKLAHOMA COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OCAP).** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrel, to temporarily adjourn for a facility tour of the Oklahoma College Assistance Program, located in Building 840 of the Presbyterian Health Foundation complex.


Following the tour of OCAP, Regents returned to open session.

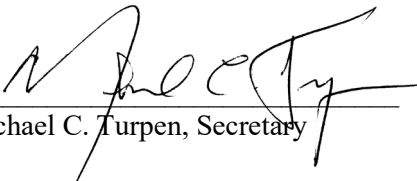
5. **PATHWAYS TO DEGREES.** Dr. Ric Baser, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Tulsa Community College, provided Regents with an overview of Tulsa Community College's plan for student success. Tulsa Community College engaged in a course offerings analysis to review accessibility and efficiency of course offerings, class schedules, section capacity, and other potential barriers to student success. Using the data collected through the analysis, TCC can then check individual student progress and recommend a preferred enrollment list to students prior to enrollment each semester. Regent Massey commended TCC and suggested that all institutions develop ways to provide a more efficient roadmap to students for degree completion.
6. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BUDGET OFFICERS (NASBO) REPORT.** Regents discussed the NASBO report on "Financing and Management Strategies". Chancellor Glen D. Johnson noted that Oklahoma is currently engaging in a majority of the suggested strategies and suggested that Oklahoma is leading the nation in student access and success.
7. **ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT PRESENTATION.** Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with an overview of the economic impact report prepared by Battelle Technology Partnership Practice. The report shows public higher education to have a \$9.22 billion impact on the state economy each year. The return on investment for public higher education was estimated to be as

much as \$4.72 for every dollar of state funding. Additionally, Oklahomans with a Bachelor's degree contribute to state revenue two-times more than Oklahomans with only a high school diploma. The report was sponsored by the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma Business Roundtable, and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

8. **COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA AND ALIGNING OUR DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS.** Dr. Debbie Blanke, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided Regents with a summary of institutional degree completion plans. The submitted plans focused on college readiness, remediation, pathways to degrees, adult degree completion, and performance incentives. Many institutions also focused on first generation students, single parent students, and other special student populations.
9. **TASKFORCE REPORTS.**
  - a. Online Education Task Force. Dr. Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided Regents with an update on the work of the Online Education Task Force. He noted that the task force had discussed the expansion of the Reach Higher program and the utilization of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) online college.
  - b. Safety and Security Task Force. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with a list of members of the State Regents' Safety and Security Task Force. It was expected that the task force would convene its first meeting in early-to-mid May.
10. **BUDGET UPDATE.**
  - a. Debt Service. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with an update on the request for debt service. The potential shortfall is approximately \$23,950,000. State Regents' staff have been in contact with institutions notifying them of their approximate cut in budget if the debt service funding is not approved by the legislature.
  - b. Update on the Budget Outlook. Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Information Technology, Telecommunications, and OneNet, reported that revenues remain at estimated levels with only one quarter of the year remaining. She also noted a small dip in income tax collections.
11. **"BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION" REPORT.** Regents received the April 2013 update on institutional activities.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ike Glass, Chairman

  
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Michael C. Turpen, Secretary