OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, October 16, 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, October 16, 2013, in the Regents Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 1. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on October 2, 2013. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
- 2. CALL TO ORDER. Participating in the meeting were Regents Toney Stricklin, Ron White, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, Jimmy Harrel, Mike Turpen, and John Massey. Regent Harrel called the meeting to order and presided.
- 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to go into executive session for confidential communications with attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions and discussion on the employment of the Vice Chancellor for Administration. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

MERCER/HAMMOND. Mr. Dick Anderson and Mr. Dave McMillan of Mercer/Hammond presented an overview of the State Regents' investment portfolio margins over the last quarter. The State Regents reviewed their options of investment managers of managers Cedar Rock Capital and Oaktree US Senior Loan Fund which were suggested by Mercer/Hammond.

5. INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

- a. Oklahoma City Community College's (OCCC) Math Remediation Program. President Sechrist presented an update on OCCC's efforts to reduce the number of students required to take math remediation as they enter college through the Developmental Math Redesign Program. He explained that OCCC's developmental mathematics is designed to integrate study habits and alternative methods of learning into the mathematics curriculum. He noted that since 2009 when the program was initiated that the need for Math remediation has dropped.
- b. University of Central Oklahoma's (UCO) Reverse Transfer Program. President Betz and Dr. Jay Corwin discussion UCO's efforts to improve their completion rates through their Pathways to Reverse Transfer Program. Their reverse transfer program involves the utilization of credits from the student's current institution back to the community college they previously attended in combination with their current university in order to award an Associate's degree. The program has been highly successful and nationally recognized.
- c. The University of Oklahoma's (OU) Flat Rate Tuition Model. Mr. Rick Hathaway, OU's vice president of Administration and Finance presented an update on the success of OU's Flat

Rate Tuition Model which was implemented in the fall 2013. The rate is based on OU's current 15-credit hour rate of tuition and mandatory fees. This program allows full-time undergraduate students to enroll in up to 21 credit hours and only pay for 15. Students registered in fewer than 12 hours will continue to pay on a per credit hour basis. The program was designed to allow students to graduate earlier and to reduce student loan debt. Mr. Hathaway said that the university had 1,000 more students take 15 or more credit hours fall than in years past. OU estimates that due to the tuition model the university could achieve an increase of 5 percent in their graduation rates.

- d. Tulsa Community College's (TCC) Accelerate Program. Dr. Ric Baser, vice president and chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the impact of the EXCELerate Pilot Project on the Tulsa area. The program is a five-semester pilot project designed to broaden the concurrent enrollment program to a wider range of students in the Tulsa metro area. He reported that a total of 990 juniors and seniors took TCC classes at either Union High School or one of the Tulsa Public Schools high schools during the first two years of the program. The program has successful seen student enrolled in the program follow up with enrollment at TCC to further their pursuit of a degree.
- e. Oklahoma State University's (OSU) Lasso Program. Dr. Brenda Masters gave a brief description of the program. The LASSO program strives to promote academic success by offering individualized academic advising tailored to the student's needs, as well as by encouraging all OSU students to take advantage of the free tutoring available through the LASSO Center. Academic advisers also see that students complete any required remediation of curricular or basic academic skills deficiencies. After remediation of any deficiencies and completing one semester with a 3.0 GPA or two semesters with a minimum 2.0 GPA, students may generally transfer to their academic college of choice depending on their college and department's individual requirements. Last year over 9,500 student appointments were made through their tutoring program, resulting in over 10,000 hours of one-on-one instruction, provided by our 90+ student tutors.
- **6. STUDENT SUCCESS/COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA.** Mr. Tony Hutchison, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning and Analysis provided and update on the Dashboard program.
- 7. **BUDGET REPORT.** Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Information Technology, Telecommunications, and OneNet, provided Regents with an update on the FY2015 budget outlook.

8. TASKFORCE REPORTS.

- a. Online Education Task Force. Dr. Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided Regents with an update on the State Regents' Online Education Task Force. He discussed the sub-committees activities on tuition and fees as well as admissions. Dr. Sonobe reported that the E-Core subcommittee continues discussions regarding course quality and academic integrity.
- b. Safety and Security Task Force. Ms. Angela Caddell, Interim Director of Communications, provided Regents with an update of the work of the State Regents' Safety and Security Task Force. The three workgroups: campus best practices; issue monitoring and advocacy research; and training and plan development had met to discuss future activities.

- **9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Ms. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs, provided Regents with an update on the interim studies.
- **10. "BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION" REPORT.** Regents received the May 2013 update on institutional activities.
- 11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Chancellor Johnson review the calendar of Regents' events for the remainder of the year.

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

ATTEST:

Tames D. Harrel, Chairman