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of the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015, in the State Regents' Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Friday, October 10, 2014. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Toney Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Jay Helm joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on June 25, 2015. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Stricklin stated that he was very pleased to assume the role of Chairman and would work to be mindful of the Regents personal time and to conduct the State Regents meetings in a timely manner without sacrificing content. He also thanked Chancellor Glen Johnson for his leadership and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's staff for their dedication and hard work.

Chairman Stricklin briefly discussed five topics to focus on in the coming year:

- Complete College America: As one of Governor Mary Fallin’s top state priorities, we must continue to strongly support CCA to increase the number of college degree holders over the duration of the program.
- Tuition: As Oklahoma currently ranks fifth nationally in college affordability, the State Regents’ long term goal should be to improve this ranking and strive to see Oklahoma ranked first in affordability.
- Student Debt: Although student debt isn’t desirable, Oklahoma is ranked fifth lowest in the nation and that is a positive story for Oklahoma. We should continue to support policies that reduce the amount of student debt.
- Strong Campus Safety: As leaders in the state’s education system we owe it to the students of Oklahoma to implement and support policies that make our campuses the safest in the nation. The State Regents Campus Safety and Security Task Force continues to work diligently with all of our institutions to improve the safety and security of our campuses.
- The State System: Although we don’t reflect on this topic frequently, we should recognize the great merit of our constitutional system. It is a highly recognized national model for higher education and it gives us the authority and strength to coordinate the higher education efforts across our state. This system is what enables Oklahoma to achieve high national rankings and the prime benefactor to this form of organization is the students. The State Regents must always remain cognizant of the constitutional system and every ounce of authority that we derive from our system to benefit all of our students.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Johnson thanked Chairman Stricklin for his comments and stated that the agency will continue to strive to provide a quality higher education at an affordable cost.

Chancellor Johnson distributed an article from *The Oklahoman* focusing on Western Oklahoma State College's positive report from the Higher Learning Commission. He also distributed an article from the *Tulsa World* regarding the Complete College America initiative. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents. Chancellor Johnson distributed a schedule of events for this coming fall with the following dates:

- Regents Education Program – September 22, 2015
- Council of Presidents Retreat – September 9, 2015
- STEM Summit – October 13, 2015
- Joint Reception with the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board – October 24, 2015
- Fall Legislative Forum – November 12, 2015

6. **GEAR UP.** Ms. JoLynn Horn, Assistant Vice Chancellor for GEAR UP, gave a brief report on two Oklahoma students' participation at First Lady Michelle Obama's Beating the Odds Summit. Ms. Horn stated that two students, Averie Hinchey of Guymon and Viktoria Smith of Ardmore, were chosen to participate in the Summit which focused on students who have overcome great odds to attend college many of which are first generation students.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

a. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Master of Education in 21st Century Teaching, the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering, the Graduate Certificate in Professional Applications of Interior Design, the Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management, and the Graduate Certificate in Project Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, the Master of Science in Business Analytics, and the Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the request from Northeastern State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and the Master of Business Administration in Professional Business Administration. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from Carl Albert State College to offer the Certificate in Physical Therapist Aide. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the request from Carl Albert State College to offer the Certificate in Computer Coding. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Energy Technologies/Natural Gas Compression, the Associate in Applied Science in Construction Technologies/High Voltage Lineman, the Associate in Applied Science in Diesel and Heavy Equipment/Aggreko SelecTech, the Associate in Applied Science in Diesel and Heavy Equipment/CAT Dealer Prep, the Associate in Applied Science in Diesel and Heavy Equipment/Komatsu ACT, the Associate in Applied Science in Diesel and Heavy Equipment/WEDA Technician, the Associate in Applied Science in

Diesel and Heavy Equipment/Truck Technician, the Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Service Technologies/Ford ASSET, the Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Service Technologies/General Motors ASEP, the Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Service Technologies/Chrysler MOPAR CAP, and the Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Service Technologies/Toyota T-TEN. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

g. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the request from Rose State College to offer the Certificate in Music Engineering and Industry. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

h. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the request from Connors State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

8. PROGRAM DELETIONS. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the following request for program deletions:

a. Eastern Oklahoma State College requested to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technology.

b. Carl Albert State College requested to delete the Associate in Arts in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management, the Associate in Arts in Telecommunications, the Associate in Science in Mathematics, the Associate in Science in Physical Sciences and the Associate in Science in Biological Science.

c. Langston University requested to delete the Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

9. POLICY.

- a. Regents reviewed proposed permanent rule revisions to the Oklahoma's Promise – Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.
- b. Regents reviewed proposed permanent rule revisions to the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.
- c. Regents reviewed proposed revisions to the *Assessment* and *Remediation* policies. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.
- d. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm to approve revisions to the *Brad Henry International Scholarship Program* policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey to approve revisions to the State Regent's *Administrative Operations* policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

10. GRANTS.

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the grant of \$72,585 to support the Single Mothers Academic Resource Team. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the proposed Oklahoma Teacher Connection budget of \$177,884 to fund Pre-Collegiate and Collegiate

grant programs. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **STUDENT TRANSFER.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the articulation agreement with Viet Nam University – Ho Chi Minh City. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **ACT ANNUAL REPORT.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the 2015 ACT Annual Report. Dr. Cindy Brown, Director of Student Preparation, provided Regents with an overview of the annual report on the ACT scores for the 2015 graduating class. She noted that mathematics continues to be Oklahoma’s lowest score decreasing to 19.8 in 2015 from 20.1 in 2013. However, Oklahoma’s Reading scores increased from 20.7 to 21.5 which is one point above the national score. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **E&G BUDGET.**
 - a. Regent Helm, made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the allocation of \$989,601.80 to the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center from revenue collected from the taxes places on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
 - b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a renewal grant allocation for \$60,000 for year two of a renewable five-year commitment through 2019 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for support of the Higher Education Archives project. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to certify to the Attorney General of Oklahoma that the Statements of Essential Facts for the University of Oklahoma's General Obligation Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2015C in an amount of approximately \$196,920,000 and Series 2015D (taxable) in an amount of approximately \$42,155,000, is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve new endowment accounts with EDGE Transfer residual funds. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **POLICY.** Regents reviewed proposed amendments to the Chapter 4 – Budget and Fiscal Affairs Tuition and Fee policy. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.
17. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the following purchases for amounts in excess of \$100,000:
- (1) Telco Supply in the amount of \$180,000 to construct a fiber optic cable route in Tulsa.
 - (2) Telco Supply in the amount of \$150,000 to construct a fiber optic cable spur in Tulsa.
 - (3) Telco Supply in the amount of \$188,000 to construct a strand fiber optic cable in Norman.
 - (4) Dobson Technologies in the amount of \$390,000 to relocate the OCAN fiber optic cable in Woodward.
 - (5) Copper River in the amount of \$130,000 for the purchase and installation of a new Adva Optical Reconfigurable Optical Add Drop Multiplexer node in Vinita.
- Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

- 18. DELETED ITEM.**
- 19. STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the 2016 schedule of regular meetings for filing with the Office of the Secretary of State. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrel, Turpen and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
- 20. COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrel, Turpen, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
- 21. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Robert Anthony, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised Regents that there was not a need to go into executive session.
- 22. CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the following consent docket items.
- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - b. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional request for program reconciliation.
 - c. Electronic Delivery. Approval of the University of Oklahoma's request to offer the existing Master of Education in Special Education through online delivery.
 - d. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - e. Agency Operations. Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - f. Resolution. Approval of a resolution honoring retiring staff for service.
- Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrel, Turpen, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
- 23. REPORTS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following reports:
- a. Programs.

- (1) Status report on program requests.
- (2) Annual Report of Program Requests.
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Tuition and Fees Rate Book, FY2016.
 - (2) Student Cost Survey, FY2016.
 - (3) Cash Reserve Report for FY2016.
 - (4) Faculty Salary Report FY2015.
 - (5) Policy Exception Quarterly Report.

Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Harrel, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

24. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.

- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.
- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- c. Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- d. Investment Committee. The Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

25. NEW BUSINESS. No other business was brought before the State Regents.

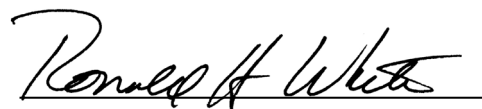
26. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING. Regent Stricklin announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

27. ADJOURNMENT. With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Toney Stricklin, Chairman



Ron White, Secretary