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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, January 28, 2016, 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 November 20, 2015. 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, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, Jimmy Harrell, Mike Turpen and John Massey.
3. **OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC STANDARDS.** Dr. Matt Hollrah, Chair, Department of English at the University of Central Oklahoma and Ms. Stacey Weinand, Teacher, Norman North High School, gave a brief presentation on the process of creating the Oklahoma Academic Standards. Dr. Hollrah began by stating that the English team included several members from higher education, common education and curriculum experts and over the last seven months they have created standards that have more clarity, accuracy, measurability and an improved design. The standards have vertical grade level progressions, standard objectives, an updated glossary, companion materials, genre guidance and a grammar companion. Dr. Hollrah stated that the team has received over 50 letters of support for the revised standards and will be working on implementation support for teachers and principals.

Ms. Weinand began by stating that the goal of the math standards team was to develop exemplary math standards that prepare students to be college and career ready. The standards include an improved design, strengthened vertical and horizontal alignment, an increased focus and clarity, an increased alignment with ACT and ensured measurability.

Dr. Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated that the English and math standards are college and career ready, will reduce the need for remediation and will increase success in post-secondary education. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the standards. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrell, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on December 3, 2015. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
5. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Stricklin stated that he is looking forward to the most important part of the year, the legislative session. Oklahoma higher education is a good news story, with outstanding affordability, low student debt and increased campus safety and that is the story the legislators need to hear. Chairman Stricklin finished by stating that everything is about the students and that should be the focus during the upcoming legislative session.
6. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen Johnson echoed Chairman Stricklin's comments and stated that during the upcoming legislative session, the State Regents should focus on one consistent message: no another entity in Oklahoma has a higher return on investment than higher education. In order to meet the Complete College America degree completion goals, it is imperative that budget cuts to higher education be minimized.

Chancellor Johnson distributed an article from *The Oklahoman* detailing the upcoming bills at the legislature including the consolidation of Oklahoma's two-year colleges under a single governing

board, Oklahoma's Promise family income limit and weapons on campus and he also provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents.

7. NEW PROGRAMS.

- a. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences and the Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Information Science. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the request from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Advanced Nursing Practice. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to approve the request from Rose State College to offer the Certificate in Child Development and the Certificate in Mobile Design. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the request from Oklahoma City Community College to offer the Certificate in Advanced Emergency Technician and the Certificate in Vehicle Service Advisor. Voting for the motion were Regents Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.

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

- a. Cameron University requested to delete the Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology.

- b. Southeastern Oklahoma State University requested to delete the Bachelor of Science in Art Education and the Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design/Visual Media.
- c. Carl Albert State College requested to delete the Certificate in Business Technologies.

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

9. POLICY.

- a. Regents reviewed revisions to the *Institutional Admission and Retention* policy. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.
- b. Regents reviewed revisions to the State Regents' *Administrative Operations* policy regarding delegation of authority to the Chancellor. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.

10. OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, provided Regents with an update on the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrell, to accept the Oklahoma's Promise 2014-2015 Year-End Report. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

11. ACADEMIC PLANS. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrell, to accept the 2015-2016 institutional academic plans. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

12. DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to accept the 2015-2016 institutional degree completion plans. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

13. E&G BUDGET. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the reduction in FY2016 allocations and revised budgets for institutions and programs due to the

declaration of a revenue shortfall from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **REVENUE BOND.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve and transmit to the Attorney General of Oklahoma for the University of Oklahoma's Statement of Essential Facts for the Series 2016 Refunding Revenue Bonds. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **FINAL SUMMER ACADEMIES ALLOCATION.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrell, to approve the final distribution of 2016 Summer Academy grants. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve new investment managers and the allocation of funds for the endowment trust. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **POLICY.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrell, to approve amendments to the Communicators Council Policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Harrell, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.
18. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass and Harrell. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, 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 Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrell and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

20. CONSENT DOCKET. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following consent docket items:

- a. Programs.
 - (1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - (2) Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Approval of Northeastern State University's request to offer the Master of Science in Criminal Justice online.
 - (2) Approval of Oklahoma State University's request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Marketing online.
 - (3) Approval of the University of Central Oklahoma's request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership online.
- c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- d. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of the University of Oklahoma's institutional request to create the Department of Native American Studies.
- e. GEAR UP. Ratification of GEAR UP Partnership support to Oklahoma Institutions of Higher Education in support of implementing a College Liaison/Coach at six Community College sites.
- f. Agency Operations. Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
- g. Non-Academic Degrees. Ratification of Oklahoma State University's request to award a posthumous degree.

h. Resolution. Approval of a resolution honoring a retiree.

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

21. REPORTS. Regent Harrell made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept the following reports:

a. Programs. Status report on program requests.

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

22. 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.

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

24. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING. Regent Stricklin announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:


Toney Stricklin, Chairman


Ron White, Secretary