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of the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
March 23, 2017**

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, March 23, 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 October 13, 2016. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman John Massey called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Toney Stricklin, Ron White, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester and Jimmy Harrel.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on February 2, 2017. Voting for the motion were Regent White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Massey made no remarks.
5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents and an article from *The Oklahoman* detailing Vice Chancellor Tony Hutchison's remarks on degree completion at the March 22, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.
6. **STUDENTS.**
 - a. Ms. Hanna Landry, a student at Redlands Community College (RCC), spoke about her higher education experience. Ms. Landry stated that she started taking concurrent classes

while attending Union City High School and when she graduated she had 18 college credits completed. She had 25 students in her class and only 4 of those students are still attending college. Ms. Landry stated that RCC was the right decision for her because it was a smaller college and she was concerned that a larger institution may be too overwhelming for her. She stated that she is very thankful for the opportunities she has had through higher education.

- b. Ms. Willow Gahr, a student at Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU), spoke about her higher education experience. Ms. Gahr stated that her family moved to the Carmen, Oklahoma area in 2000 to work on cell towers and NWOSU has been a part of her life since she moved there. She was a member of the Upward Bound program while attending Aline Cleo High School and they taught her how to apply for financial aid and the Oklahoma's Promise program. Additionally, Ms. Gahr received an internship at the Sea Turtle Conservancy in Costa Rica and the NWOSU Foundation and President Janet Cunningham helped pay for her flight. Due to her higher education involvement, both of her parents have decided to go back to college.

7. NEW PROGRAMS.

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, the Graduate Certificate in Literacy Specialist, and the Graduate Certificate in the Foundations of Business. Voting for the motion were Regent Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Sports and Coaching Science and the Bachelor of Science in Music Industry. Voting for the motion were Regent Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the request from Tulsa Community College to offer the Associate in Arts in English and the Certificate in Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. Voting for the motion were Regent Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

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

a. Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences requested to delete the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Document Examination.

b. The University of Central Oklahoma requested to delete the Master of Arts in General Studies.

c. Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City requested to delete the Associate in Science in Fire Protection and Safety Technology.

d. Redlands Community College requested to delete the Associate in Arts in Speech, the Associate in Applied Science in Dental lab Tech and the Certificate in Equine Science.

Voting for the motion were Regent Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

9. OKLAHOMA COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the Oklahoma College Savings Plan annual program update for 2016.

Voting for the motion were Regent Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Lester. Voting against the motion were none. Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants Bryce Fair stated that there are over 55,000 OCSP accounts and \$861 million in account assets, up from \$791 million in 2015. He also stated that there are more qualified withdrawals this year at \$57.1 million, up from \$52.3 million in 2015 and he expects it to continue to grow.

10. TEACHER EDUCATION. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the FY17 Funding Recommendations Elementary and Secondary Education Act,

Improving Teacher Quality grant awards in the amount of \$659,147. Voting for the motion were Regent Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Harrel. Voting against the motion were none.

11. STATE AUTHORIZATION. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the request to authorize private institutions operating in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regent Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

12. COURSE EQUIVALENCY PROJECT. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept the Course Equivalency Project for the 2017-2018 academic year. Voting for the motion were Regent White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

13. E&G BUDGET ALLOCATIONS.

a. Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the reduction in FY2017 allocations and ratification of revised budgets for institutions and programs. Voting for the motion were Regent Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of \$405,690.60 to the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center from revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Voting for the motion were Regent Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

14. TUITION.

a. Regents reviewed the posting of legislative tuition and mandatory fee limits for resident and nonresident undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs for Fiscal Year 2018 and institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2018.

This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents action.

- b. Regent White announced that the State Regents would be holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving views and comments on the subject of tuition, mandatory fees, and academic fees charged as a condition for enrolling at institutions in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The hearing will be held in the State Regents' offices on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 9 a.m.

15. MASTER LEASE.

- a. Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the listing of Equipment Projects for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight for the 2017 Equipment Program. Voting for the motion were Regent Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the listing of Real Property projects for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight for calendar year 2017. Voting for the motion were Regent Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

16. CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES. Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following purchases for amounts in excess of \$100,000:

- a. Dobson Technologies Transport and Telecom Solutions in the amount of \$513,715.26 for the purchase of an Indefeasible Right to Use for 24 strands of fiber optic cable for the Shawnee Consortium project.
- b. XAP in the amount of \$255,000 for the continued operation and maintenance of the Student

Voting for the motion were Regent Harrel, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Lester. Voting against the motion were none.

17. INVESTMENTS. Item Deleted.

18. **TASK FORCE.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the formation of a State Regents' Task Force to examine every aspect of system operations, including college degree completion and workforce development initiatives; academic program innovations and online education; system structure; and fiscal solutions, efficiencies and technology to ensure they are properly aligned and defined to best serve the students and the state. The Task Force will present their findings and recommendations to the State Regents. Voting for the motion were Regent Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Harrel. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **MATH SUCCESS.** Former Tulsa Community College President Tom McKeon, Dr. Michael Oerhtman, Oklahoma State University (OSU), and Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships Debra Stuart gave a brief update on the Math Success Initiative. President Tom McKeon stated that he was one of two presidents on the initial Complete College America (CCA) planning team along with President Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, over five years ago and it is remarkable how far the Oklahoma higher education system has come since then. He went on to say that CCA has evolved and become operationalized with strong faculty and staff ownership in CCA. Oklahoma has seen remarkable success in the last five years with no financial investment from the state. He finished by stating that Math is the single largest barrier for college students to succeed and Dr. Oerhtman has been doing great work in trying to correct that. Vice Chancellor Debra Stuart stated that since Oklahoma joined CCA there has been some kind of work every year towards that effort. The most recent was to convene a Math Success group of 35 faculty and staff in Oklahoma who created a sustainable strategic plan. One of the goals that came out of group was to create four working groups that would work on strategic priorities such as improving course placement and creating multiple pathways standardized by discipline. Dr. Oerhtman stated that OSU has created new math pathways for students that are not STEM or technology majors. College algebra was originally designed for students moving onto Calculus courses so OSU created other pathways for students not headed

towards calculus. Additionally, to address remediation, they put students into the credit bearing course they need remediation in with additional supports to help them pass and this has been successful so far. They are succeeding at the same rate as those students who didn't need remediation.

Vice Chancellor Stuart finished by stating that the next steps for the groups are to refine content of entry-level math courses, identify course equivalencies for student transfer and evaluate the effectiveness of 12th grade interventions, remediation reform and math pathways.

20. COMMENDATIONS. Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regent Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel and Massey. 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 an executive session was not needed.

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

a. Programs.

(1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.

(2) Program Suspensions. Ratification of institutional requests.

b. Reconciliation. Ratification of an institutional request for program reconciliation.

c. Electronic Delivery.

(1) University of Oklahoma. Approval of request to offer the master of Accountancy in Accounting through online delivery.

(2) East Central University. Approval of request to offer the Master of Education in Educational Leadership through online delivery.

(3) Western Oklahoma State College. Approval of request to offer the Associate in Arts in Social Science through online delivery.

- d. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - (1) Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - (2) Ratification of institutional requests to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- e. Agency Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000.
 - (2) Approval of amendment to Supplemental Retirement Plan.
 - (3) Personnel. Ratification of appointment of director of student performance data.
- f. Non-Academic Degrees. Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award posthumous degrees.

Voting for the motion were Regent White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

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

- a. Programs. Current status report on program requests.
- b. Annual Report.
 - (1) Academic Policy Exception Quarterly Report.
 - (2) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project.
 - (a) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project Report: High School to College-Going Rates for Oklahoma Public High School Graduates Attending Oklahoma Colleges.
 - (b) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project Report: Developmental Education (Remediation Rates) for Oklahoma Public High School Graduates in Oklahoma Public Higher Education.
 - (c) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project Report: Headcount, Semester Hours, and GPA Report.
 - (d) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project Report: Mean ACT Scores of Oklahoma High School Graduates.

- (3) FY2016 System-wide Report on Value of Supplemental Pension Obligations and Cost of Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.
- (4) Annual Report on Degrees Conferred in Oklahoma Higher Education.
- (5) Regents Education Program Annual Report.

Voting for the motion were Regent Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Harrel, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

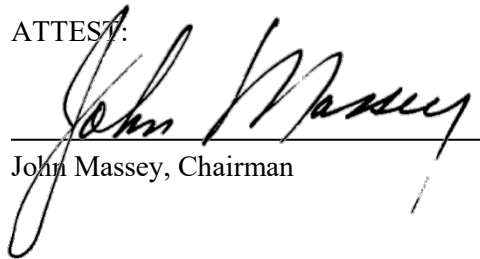
24. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.

- b. 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.
- c. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- d. Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- e. Investment Committee. The Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

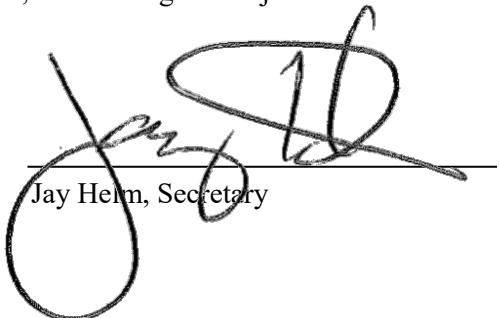
27. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING. Regent Massey announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:



John Massey, Chairman



Jay Helm, Secretary