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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 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019, in Room 214 at the Tulsa Community College – Metro Campus in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on September 18, 2018 and amended on March 14, 2019. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Jay Helm called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Toney Stricklin, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Jeff Hickman and Michael C. Turpen. Regent John Massey was absent.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on January 24, 2019. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Helm stated that the Oklahoma economy is improving and he is hopeful the allocation for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) will also improve.
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 he also stated that Higher Education Day at the Capitol was held on February 12, 2019 with a great turnout and Oklahoma's Promise Day at the Capitol will be on April 9, 2019. He finished by thanking

Regent Helm for a wonderful dinner on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 and he thanked Tulsa Community College (TCC) for hosting the State Regents.

6. **RESOLUTION.** Regent Jody Parker read a resolution commemorating the life and contributions of former State Regent Bill W. Burgess, Jr. who passed away on February 8, 2019. Chancellor Johnson stated that the funeral service was very meaningful and was a wonderful tribute to Regent Burgess. Regent Stricklin stated that it would be an honor to deliver the resolution to Regent Burgess's family.
7. **STUDENTS.** Ms. Becca McLaughlin, a student at TCC, spoke about her higher education experience. Ms. McLaughlin began by stating that she has flourished at TCC and has met so many amazing people that have helped her grow. She graduated from Bristow High School and is the first of her seven siblings to go to college. Ms. McLaughlin finished by stating that she is certified as a suicide prevention counselor and is on the Student Wellness Advisory Board.
8. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
  - a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Graduate Certificate in Elementary Mathematics Specialist, the Graduate Certificate in Recreation and Leisure Management, the Graduate Certificate in Statistical Methods and Analyses in Educational and Behavioral Sciences, and the Graduate Certificate in Effective Teaching in Secondary Schools. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
  - b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the request from Carl Albert State College to offer the Associate in Arts in Exercise Science and Personal Training. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
9. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the following request for program deletions:

- a. Murray State College requested to delete the Associate in Arts in Art, the Associate in Science in Chemistry, the Associate in Science in Conservation and Wildlife Management, the Associate in Arts in History, the Associate in Arts in Mathematics, and the Associate in Arts in Language Arts.
- b. Oklahoma State University requested to delete the Certificate in International Competency.

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

- 10. COURSE EQUIVALENCY PROJECT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to accept the Course Equivalency Project (CEP) for the 2019-2020 academic year. Voting for the motion were Regents Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, gave a brief overview of the CEP. She began by stating that the project was established in 1995 and the Council meets each September to discuss 10-15 disciplines. The current course matrices have over 50 disciplines and 8,000 courses.
- 11. OKLAHOMA COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to accept the 2019 Oklahoma College Savings Plan (OCSP) program update. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Lester. Voting against the motion were none. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, gave a brief update on the OCSP. He began by stating that while the total assets of the program have decreased slightly, the withdrawals and contributions are still relatively high. He stated that it has been 18 years since the program was established and that is one reason the number of students benefiting from the withdrawals has increased. Mr. Fair finished by stating that the OCSP continues to be an attractive program.
- 12. FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the participation of Community Care College (CCC) in the Oklahoma Tuition

Equalization Grant Program (OTEG). Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

Associate Vice Chancellor Fair stated that OTEG is a scholarship program for non-profit institutions and as of 2015, CCC transitioned from a for-profit to a non-profit and is therefore eligible to participate in OTEG. He finished by stating that this will have a fiscal impact on the program with the standard amount of funds being distributed amongst more institutions.

13. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to accept the the modifications of the contract between the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to continue the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
14. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the request to authorize a private institution operating in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **ACADEMIC POLICY.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the proposed policy revisions to the *In-State/Out-of-State Status of Enrolled Students* policy. The legislation that prompted these policy changes went into effect March 1, 2019, therefore, OSRHE staff asked that it not require the customary one-month posting period. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the allocation of \$706,860.59 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 Regents Parker,

Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

**17. 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 2020 and institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2020. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents action.
- b. Chairman Helm 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 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

**18. MASTER LEASE PROGRAM.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the listing of projects for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight of the 2019 Master lease Equipment Projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

**19. POLICY.**

- a. Regents reviewed the proposed policy revisions to the Student Tuition and Fees policy. Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, stated that these revisions bring the policy into compliance with legislative changes in Senate Bill 1196 regarding how many concurrent hours high school students can take. This item was for posting only.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the proposed policy exception for Northern Oklahoma College (NOC). Voting for the motion were Regents Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.



- c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the proposed policy exception for Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU). Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Lester. Voting against the motion were none.
- 20. REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker to approve the transmittal to the Attorney General the Oklahoma State University Statement of Essential Facts for a 2019 A/B General Obligation Bond Issuance. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- 21. CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the following purchases for amounts in excess of \$100,000:
- a. Dobson Technologies Transport in the amount of \$125,000 for fiber construction in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  - b. XAP in the amount of \$267,750 for continued maintenance of the Student Portal.
- Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- 22. DELETED ITEM.**
- 23. COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
- 24. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Robert Anthony, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised Regents that an executive session was not needed.
- 25. CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the following consent docket items:
- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.

- b. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Electronic Delivery. Approval of request from East Central University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and the Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work via online delivery.
- c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests to renew participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- d. High School Courses for College Admission. Ratification of requests to approve high school courses for college admission.
- e. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology to consolidate academic schools.
- f. Agency Operations. Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000 for FY2019.
- g. Non-Academic Degrees. Ratification of a request from The University of Oklahoma to award honorary degrees.

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

**26. 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 Reports.
  - (1) Acceptance of Supplemental Pension Report, FY2019.
  - (2) Acceptance of the Spring 2019 Preliminary Enrollment Survey Report.

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


**27. 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.

**28. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Helm announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Jay Helm, Chairman

  
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Ann Holloway, Secretary