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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 a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022 in the Calcagno Family Ballroom of the Bruce Carter Student Union at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on May 17, 2022. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jeffrey W. Hickman called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on April 28, 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Hickman began by thanking Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College President Stafford for the hospitality and allowing the State Regents to host their meeting at their campus. He added that the State Regents have enjoyed seeing various campuses and meeting with students around the states during these meetings and that they have enjoyed

seeing the partnerships between the campuses and their local communities.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett reiterated thanks to President Stafford and his team and also thanked the team from the State Regents' office who have worked hard the past few months to put on meetings outside of the office. She stated that she very much enjoyed the presentation and discussions led by Dr. Stephen Pruitt of the Southern Regional Education Board during the State Regents' retreat the previous day. She added that she has had the privilege of speaking at four different institutions' commencement ceremonies and that she has very much enjoyed visiting those campuses and celebrating the students and their achievements. Chancellor Garrett stated that they will be discussing how to distribute additional funding that is coming and that she was delighted that the legislature has invested in higher education. She concluded her remarks by thanking all those who have engaged with the legislature this year.

6. **STATE REGENT.** Due to a scheduling conflict, the newest member of the State Regents was unable to attend the meeting so this item will be carried over to the June State Regents' meeting.

7. **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.** Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College President Kyle Stafford began by welcoming the State Regents and Chancellor to the campus and stated that he was looking forward to sharing more about their campus and the community of Miami. He provided a brief history of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO) and then introduced members of his senior team. President Stafford then discussed the local community, highlighting that there are ten federally recognized tribes in the area, 27 percent of their students are Native American, and that NEO is designated as a Native American non-tribal serving institution which makes them eligible for Title 3 funding. He then discussed some of the grants they have been awarded under Title 3 and what they have been able to do with that funding.

President Stafford stated that 40 percent of NEO students graduate with debt and he highlighted some of the services that NEO provides to students. He added that for the last two years, NEO has remained flat on their tuition and fees and that they remain cognizant of the cost to students and that they want to be able to continue affordable access to higher education. President Stafford then highlighted NEO's athletic and academic programs. He discussed some of their workforce ready programs, specifically noting their nursing, construction management, medical lab technician, and early childhood development programs. He concluded by describing NEO's agriculture programs, their articulation agreements with institutions in Kansas and Missouri, their pathway programs with Missouri State and Oklahoma State University, and their partnerships with the tribes, Career Tech, and the local community.

8. **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONAL UPDATE.** Northeastern State University President Steve Turner provided an update on activities at their campus. President Turner began by highlighting Northeastern State University's (NSU) recent accomplishments, noting that they recently produced 1,900 degrees and that this past October they had their Higher Learning Commission accreditation site visit and that they easily passed, marking 100 years of accreditation. He stated that they have completed or are currently working on \$41 million worth of capital projects, noting that most of these projects are being paid for with private donations and cash and that they do not have debt on these projects. President Turner highlighted NSU's initiative with Quiktrip and sixteen other workforce initiatives that NSU is beginning in the fall. He discussed NSU's College of Optometry and their plan to expand to a state-of-the-art optometry complex. President Turner discussed the impact of state appropriations on NSU in recent years and stressed the importance of restoring operational dollars. He also briefly discussed the impact of COVID-19 on NSU's enrollment and their online offerings.

9. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the allocation of state appropriated funds to institutions and programs for FY2023 and acceptance of FY23 Budget Principles and Guidelines. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Parker was absent for the vote.

10. **POLICY.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve an extension of one year on the two-year pilot for a exception to the Tuition and Fees Policy that was set to expire Summer 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **TUITION.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve FY23 Tuition and Fee Approval Guidelines for dissemination to state system presidents and governing boards. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to accept the National Science Foundation (NSF) Campus Cyberinfrastructure (CC*) Grant in the amount of \$942,263. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**
 - a. Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve contracts over \$100,000 for FY2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Taylor voted to approve all items but abstained from the AT&T item.

- b. Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve contracts over \$100,000 for FY2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
14. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the recommendation to commit \$10 million to Neuberger Berman Private Debt, Fund IV. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker to approve the recommendation to commit \$10 million to Audax Direct Lending Solutions, Fund II. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **NEW PROGRAMS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design and the Certificate in Cybersecurity. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to delete the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, and a request from Redlands Community College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture. Voting for the motion Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to re-authorize out-of-state institutions to operate with a physical presence in Oklahoma. Voting for

the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:

a. Programs.

(1) Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.

(2) Suspension. Ratification of an institutional request.

b. Electronic Delivery.

(1) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Master of Science in Accounting and Financial Analysis, Master of Business Administration in Professional Business Administration, and the Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

(2) University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery: Master of Science in Family and Child Studies.

(3) Redlands Community College. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery: Associate of Arts in Business Administration.

c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of an institutional request for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

d. Operations.

(1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.

(2) Personnel. Ratification of personnel appointments.

e. Non-Academic Degrees.

(1) Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award a posthumous degree.

- (2) Ratification of a request from Northeastern State University to award a posthumous degree.
 - (3) Ratification of a request from Cameron University to award a posthumous degree.
 - (4) Ratification of a request from Oklahoma City Community College to award a posthumous degree.
- f. Approval of a resolution honoring retiring staff.

Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **REPORTS.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

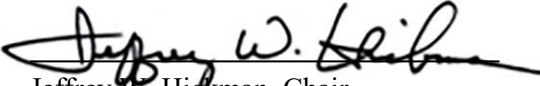
- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement).
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Academic Policy Exception Quarterly Report.
 - (2) Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program – Year End Report for 2021-2022.
 - (3) Future Teachers Scholarship Program – Year End Report for 2021-2022.
 - (4) The National Guard Tuition Waiver 2021-22 Year-End Report and Institutional Reimbursement.
 - (5) Fall 2020 High School Indicators Report.
 - (6) Item Deleted.

Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **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.
21. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was not needed.
22. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education office in Oklahoma City.
23. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair


Steven W. Taylor, Secretary