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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 Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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 2, 2022. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Michael C. Turpen called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Courtney Warmington, Steven W. Taylor, Joseph L. Parker, Jr., Michael C. Turpen and Jeffrey W. Hickman. Dustin J. Hilliary arrived at 9:03 a.m.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings in February 2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen highlighted the recent Higher Education Day at the State Capitol, where close to 400 students from state system institutions participated in the event. Additionally, announced the appointment by Governor Stitt of a new member, Mitch Adwon, who is currently serving as a member of the Tulsa Community College Board of Regents. He is also President of Adwon Properties. Regent Adwon will take over from Regent Jody Parker, who has been a dedicated member of the State Regents for 18 years. Chair Turpen took a moment to acknowledge and express gratitude for Regent Parker's exemplary leadership and service to the State Regents. He also explained that he and the Chancellor had been working with various groups including the Chickasaw Nation to provide scholarships at our State institutions.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Garrett acknowledged and commended the outstanding efforts of Regent Turpen, who has played a pivotal role in encouraging various groups to invest in our students. Furthermore, Dr. Jarrett Jobe was recognized for his exceptional work at the Capitol. During the update, Chancellor Garrett provided information on several ongoing projects, including the implementation of the SAS data warehouse, the commendable efforts of Angela Caddell and the communications team in developing a new State Regents website, and the group streamlining of the policy manual.

6. **ITEM DELETED.** Item #6 was deleted.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
 - a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Business Administration in Data Analytics and the Certificate in Fashion Design: Digital Product Creation Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education: Birth through Third Grade. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the Langston University to offer the Master of Science in Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems, Bachelor of Science in Plant Systems and Resource Sustainability, the Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Management, and the Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management and Allied Economics. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Master of Science in Applied Geographic Information Systems. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Item Deleted.
- f. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Tulsa Community College to offer the Associate in Science in Engineering Technology. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

8. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to delete the Bachelor of Arts in World Cultural Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **POLICY.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway to approve revisions to the Institutional Admission and Retention policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry to approve a policy exception request from the University of Oklahoma. Regent Hickman asked if we should continue to make it easier for unprepared students to enter college through concurrent enrollment. Regent Taylor echoed similar sentiments. Dr. Placido, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, explained that lowering the gates for students who may not typically attend college has a more significant impact than keeping a higher admittance bar for those who are better equipped. He further elaborated that various assessment models like ACT scores produce different outcomes, and it appears that a more holistic approach to evaluating a student's readiness might be a better method. Regent Turpen proposed the formation of a task force to conduct a thorough examination of concurrent enrollment. Chancellor Garrett acknowledged the importance of this suggestion, stating that a new concurrent enrollment task force would allow for a comprehensive review of all aspects of the program, including rigor, book and fee expenses, and location of instruction. Regent Warmington also expressed an interest in the topic and volunteered to participate in the newly formed task force. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **COURSE EQUIVALENCY PROJECT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry to approve the Course Equivalency Project for the 2023-2024 academic year. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway to approve to continue Oklahoma's membership in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocations to the allocation of \$355,126.06 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$355,126.06 the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) from revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **TUITION.**
 - a. Posting of legislative tuition and mandatory fee limits for resident and nonresident undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs for Fiscal Year 2024 and posting of institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2024. This item is for posting only.
 - b. Posting of announcement of public hearing on fees and tuition scheduled for April 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Rogers State University in Claremore. This item is for posting only.

14. **MASTER LEASE PROGRAM.**

- a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker to authorize for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight the 2023A Equipment Master Lease Series. The total projects from one institution totaling \$6,650,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker to authorize for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight the 2023 Real Property Master Lease Series. The total projects from four entities amount to approximately \$11.2 million. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary to certify to the Attorney General of Oklahoma that the Statements of Essential Facts for the Oklahoma State University's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A in an amount of approximately \$44,000,000 (tax-exempt) is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker to approve FY-2023 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Taylor and Hickman. Regent Hilliary abstained. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker to approve the recommendation to commit \$10,000,000 to the Intermediate Capital Group Strategic Equity Fund V. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Taylor, Hickman and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **DEGREES CONFERRED.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Parker to acknowledge receipt of the *2021-22 Degrees Conferred in Oklahoma Higher Education Report*. Dr. Stephanie Baird, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Planning and Evaluation, made a brief presentation covering key topics in the report. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Taylor, Hickman, Hilliary and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Casey to recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognitions on state and national projects. Those recognized were Dr. Melissa Brevetti, Dr. Goldie Thompson and Jess Tucker. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Taylor, Hickman, Hilliary, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
20. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:
 - a. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - b. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - (1) Northeastern State University. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours.
 - (2) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours.
 - (3) Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours.
 - c. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - d. Cooperative Agreements. Ratification of an institutional request from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology regarding cooperative agreement programs with Oklahoma Technology Centers.
 - e. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - f. Electronic Delivery.

- (1) Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Entrepreneurship.
 - (2) University of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Graduate Certificate in Social Work with American Indians.
 - (3) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery: Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance.
 - (4) Tulsa Community College. Approval to offer the Associate in Arts in Paralegal Studies, the Associate in Applied Science in Health Information Technology, and the Certificate in Paralegal Studies via electronic delivery.
- g. High School Courses for College Admission. Ratification of a request from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.
- h. Operations.
- (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Amendment to the agency's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Document.
- i. Non-Academic Degrees.
- (1) University of Oklahoma. Ratification of requests from the University of Oklahoma to award honorary degrees.
 - (2) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Ratification of a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to award an honorary degree.
 - (3) Western Oklahoma State College. Ratification of a request from Western Oklahoma State College to award a posthumous degree.

Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Taylor, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #20-h (1). Voting against the motion were none.

21. **REPORTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on program requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Acknowledge Receipt of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Update for 2022.

- (2) Acknowledge Receipt of the Annual Student Assessment Report.
- (3) Acknowledge Receipt of the Supplemental Pension Report, FY2022.

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

22. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

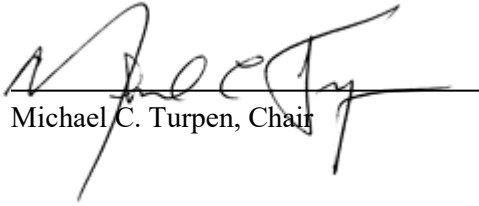
- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.
- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- 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. **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.


24. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Turpen announced that the next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Shangri La Hotel and Conference Center in Afton, Oklahoma and Friday, April 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Rogers State University's Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center in Claremore, Oklahoma. A Tuition Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Rogers State University's Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center in Claremore, OK and via Zoom.

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

ATTEST:



Michael C. Turpen, Chair



Dennis Casey, Secretary