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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 regular meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Seminole State College. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Wednesday, September 12, 2023 and amended on January 17, 2024. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
- 2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jack Sherry called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Michael C. Turpen, Jeffrey W. Hickman, Phillip Mitchell "Mitch" Adwon and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Courtney Warmington and Regent Dustin J. Hilliary were absent.
- 3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings in December 2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- 4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Sherry expressed gratitude to East Central University for their hospitality and acknowledged the strong support of higher education from the Chickasaw Nation. He extended appreciation to Seminole State College for graciously hosting the February meeting on their beautiful campus. Additionally, he reminded everyone about Higher Education Day at the State Capitol, scheduled for February 8, 2024.

- 5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR. Chancellor Garrett expressed gratitude to President Reynolds for her leadership at Seminole State College and her dedicated service as chair of the Council of Presidents. Chancellor Garrett highlighted the Governor's Taskforce on Artificial Intelligence (AI), which is convening today, emphasizing that our State System is among the pioneers nationwide in establishing an AI committee to consider the implications of this innovative technology. She also extended appreciation to the individuals behind the successful legislative tour events and conveyed thanks to the team responsible for developing the dashboards, which are set to launch today.
- 6. **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.** President Lana Reynolds extended a warm welcome to the Seminole State College campus, acknowledging her team for their preparations for the meeting. She also commended the students present at the meeting. President Reynolds introduced Benjamin Parker, President of Seminole's Student Government Association, who shared his personal journey from high school to the workforce and highlighted the transformative educational experience he underwent at Seminole State College. Additionally, President Reynolds discussed the rich history of Seminole State College and its collaborative partnership with the city of Seminole to offer a quality higher education to students in the area. She also applauded the commendable efforts of the Seminole State College Foundation in funding various campus and community enhancements.
- 7. **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONAL UPDATE.** President Reynolds discussed Blueprint 2030 and Seminole State College's efforts to align their strategic plan efforts with the plan.

8. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the request from the University of Oklahoma to offer a Master of Science in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the request from the University of Oklahoma to offer to offer a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Regent Hickman inquired about the criteria set for online health programs, particularly focusing on the proficiency of healthcare

providers in effective communication. Dr. Robert Placido, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, clarified that the online programs underwent a rigorous assessment against national standards and successfully met them. Voting for the motions were Regents Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motions were none.

- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the request from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to offer a Master of Business Administration in Business Administration. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer a Master of Science in Community Health. Voting for the motions were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motions were none.
- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the request from Murray State College to offer an Associate in Science in Conservation and Wildlife Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

Note: Regent Taylor suggested and the Regents agreed that going forward, New Program items should address each individual program request individually.

9. **SUMMER ACADEMIES.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve 20168

a modification to the allocation for Full STEM Ahead grants. At the December 2023 meeting, the State Regents approved allocating \$60,000 from the Summer Academy budget to fund Full STEM Ahead pilot grants. This modification provides an additional \$6,100 in funding to support two additional programs, one at Murray State College and one at Rogers State University. The funding for the two additional programs will come from one-time carryover funds. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

- 10. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to delete the Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering and the Master of Arts in Applied Linguistic Anthropology. No students will be negatively impacted by this action. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- 11. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from New York University to open a physical location in Tulsa. Regent Adwon requested more information about this being authorized in other states. Regent Taylor asked where this would be located. Dr. Placido, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, indicated that their location would be in downtown Tulsa. Regent Hickman clarified that it would be located at the Tulsa Community College campus. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Taylor and Sherry. Regent Adwon abstained. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **ACADEMIC POLICY.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology for an exception to the Concurrent Enrollment policy to allow students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirements to participate in Concurrent Enrollment. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University for an early college program partnership with Yukon Public Schools. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- 13. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the allocation of \$780,246.90 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and \$780,246.90 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center from revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$110,358,266.27. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- 14. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University for the reallocation and reconciliation of endowment accounts. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- 15. **EPSCoR.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve an allocation for EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition dues in the amount of \$37,500 for the calendar year 2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
- 16. **GRANT.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to authorize acceptance of Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) II funds in the amount of \$11,348,455 sourced from Reverted Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools (EANS) Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to support specific academic programs as proposed to the Governor and the U.S. Department of Education. The acceptance and expenditure of the funding under this authorization of the State Regents will be contingent on the execution of an interagency agreement with the Executive Office of the State of Oklahoma, the State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher

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

- 17. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve contracts and purchases over \$100,000 for FY2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- INVESTMENTS. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve DFJ Growth Fund V in the amount of \$10,000,000 as a new investment manager. This private equity fund will invest in growth equity investments in North American technology companies. This fund is expected to invest in 20 to 30 portfolio companies with commitments ranging from \$20 million to \$80 million per investment. Regent Hickman commended the work of both Mercer and Regent Taylor on increasing the investment income. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **POLICY.**

- a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the revisions to Chapter 4 (Budget and Fiscal Affairs) of the OSRHE Policy and Procedures Manual. The proposed revisions are the result of a request for a policy audit by the Chancellor and conducted by OSRHE staff under the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Budget and Fiscal. These revisions were previously posted at the last State Regents meeting. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the proposed revision to Chapter 5 (Student Financial Aid and Scholarships) of the OSRHE Policy and Procedures manual. The proposed revisions are the result of a request for a policy audit by the Chancellor and conducted by OSRHE staff under the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. These revisions were previously posted at the last State Regents meeting. Voting for the motion were

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

20. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.**

- a. Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the proposed permanent rule revisions to Administrative Operations APA rules to Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 610 (State Regents for Higher Education), Chapter 1 (Administrative Operations), Subchapter 7 (Rules of Operation). The revisions address general rules for State Regents meetings and align with the policy revisions already approved. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the proposed permanent rule revisions related to authorization of non-exempt private and out-of-state public degree-granting institutions pursuant to 70 O.S. § 4103. The proposed rules set authorization fees, establish the formula to calculate payments into the Tuition Recovery Revolving Fund, and require the State Regents to establish policies and procedures to assess and administer the fees and payments. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Hickman and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
- 21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Taylor 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. High School Courses for College Admission. Ratification of a request to approve high school courses for college admission.
 - b. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - c. Operations. Ratification of purchases exceeding \$25,000.

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

- 22. **REPORTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to acknowledge receipt of the Reports.
 - a. Programs. Acknowledge receipt of the Current Status Report on program requests.
 - b. Annual Reports
 - (1) Acknowledge receipt of the ACT Annual Report.
 - (2) Acknowledge receipt of the 2022 High School Indicators Report.
 - (3) Degrees Conferred. Acknowledge receipt of the 2022-23 Degrees and Certificates Conferred in Oklahoma Higher Education Report.

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

23. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.

- a. Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee. The Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee 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.

- 24. **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.
- 25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Sherry announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Oklahoma and Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma.
- 26. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jack Sherry, Chair