

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Douglas Hallenbeck, Chair, Presiding
Via Zoom Video
October 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Douglas Hallenbeck

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

2. Approval of September 9, 2021 Minutes – Douglas Hallenbeck

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as written.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL

3. House Bill 1775 Update – Matt Stangl, General Counsel, OSRHE

Matt read the higher education portions of HB 1775. He mentioned this bill required the State Regents to draft administrative rules to interpret the statute. Matt discussed the current draft emergency rule and exceptions. He said the main pushback received is where ineligibility would result in the loss of federal funds to an institution. Doug Hallenbeck (OSU) asked if the pushback on loss of federal funds was an institution not wanting the federal government to tell them what to do. Matt said the legislature and governor's office is of the opinion that, even if it causes loss of federal funds, the law says what it says. Debbie Blanke (OSRHE) will email the draft to the council after the October 21st State Regents meeting.

4. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS)/ Kognito Suicide Prevention Education Partnership –

Aiden Jung, Senior Client Success Manager, Kognito
Dr. Darren Jones, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, Kognito
Daniel Statter, Regional Director, Kognito
Angela Caddell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications, OSRHE

Angela spoke about the partnership OSRHE has with ODMHSAS and Kognito to offer free access to online suicide prevention training to campuses. This training is to help campus personnel and students recognize warnings signs of psychological distress. The complimentary access has been extended through June 30, 2022. Angela introduced the Kognito representatives, Aiden Jung, Daniel Statter and Dr. Darren Jones.

Daniel explained that Kognito is a platform where one can practice having some of the most difficult conversations talking about mental health and suicide ideation with a virtual human. He said Kognito gives a student the ability to identify signs of psychological distress in themselves and others and have the confidence to address and engage in a conversation once those signs

have been identified. Daniel also mentioned there is a program for faculty and staff that focusses on identifying distress and linking them to the appropriate support services.

Darren informed the council the outcome is how to change the behavior and cultivate a community of care and a student's sense of belonging on campus. Aiden said Kognito creates a baseline understanding of the fundamental components and technical skills to identify signs of distress in oneself and/or their peers so they can provide appropriate support services on campus, through community or personal practices of selfcare.

5. Connecting and Collaborating with Girl Scouts –

Ashley Beaird, STEM Specialist, Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma

Jaime Walton, STEM Strategist, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma

Rachel Bates introduced Ashley Beaird and Jaime Walton. Jaime explained the Eastern and Western councils have their own resources and work on different initiatives. She said their mission is to build a girl's courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place through service projects. Ashley said they want girls to experience higher education and be able to step onto a college campus well before she actually begins to apply. The Girl Scouts would like to partner with campuses across the state system regarding STEM. They also have a general need for volunteers with expertise in many areas.

Zeak Naifeh (CU) informed the council that faculty member Dr. Sheila Youngblood hosts a women's STEM conference in the spring each year. He mentioned Council on Instruction faculty members might have other opportunities and contact information for Ashley and Jaime.

Ina Agnew (OSUIT) mentioned COSA may want to get involved with the STEM initiative. She said OSUIT has hosted a special event with the Girl Scouts in the past. Debbie Blanke (OSRHE) said leadership is a key component and spoke about leadership programs and OSRHE's Summer Academies. Doug Hallenbeck (OSU) suggested COSA partner with COI as a possible opportunity.

6. Legislative Update – Joel Dean, Government Relations and Workforce Development Coordinator, OSRHE

Joel gave a brief update of various interim studies directly related to higher education. A few of the studies he mentioned were the ongoing teacher shortage, market-based pay study for state employees, and workforce issues.

Debbie Blanke reminded the council of Senator Mary Boren's interim study, Supporting Pregnant Women and Expectant Fathers in High School, CareerTech and College With Improved Accommodations. She mentioned the survey was not sent to COSA due to lack of time. Debbie said basic information on Title IX, ADA, pregnancy act, affordable care act were presented. She thanked Rose State College for their Single Mother Academic Resource Team presentation. Debbie said she did not think Senator Boren was accusing institutions of discriminating against pregnant women or parenting males but wanted to bring attention to this topic and make sure students have access to all policies.

7. Concurrent Enrollment Panel Workshops – Lisa Nelson, Director of Student Preparation, OSRHE

Lisa gave a brief history of OSRHE's Student Preparation team role in helping PK-12 educators and parents effectively prepare students for college readiness, provide 10th grade preACT to all public and private schools and oversee the Summer Academies for rising 8-12th grade students. She encouraged council members to participate in the Student Preparation concurrent enrollment panel during their fall workshops held each September. She specifically asked institutions to partner with recruitment and/or admissions office on their campuses to offer a counselor only day in conjunction with the concurrent enrollment panel in an effort to avoid scheduling conflicts.

8. Reach Higher CoachConnect Update – Brittany Blake, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Initiatives, OSRHE

Brittany gave a brief overview of the CoachConnect workshops that are hosted by Reach Higher and facilitated by the OU Academic Life Coaching Team. The workshops were started in 2018 with over 200 faculty, administrators and staff trained on these coaching skills. She informed the council of the upcoming virtual Reach Higher CoachConnect Administrator Workshop to be held November 11, 2021, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be live demonstrations and participants will be given the opportunity to begin work on a proposal to address key structural elements including the selection of campus coaches, training requirements, and identification of student populations that would benefit most from a retention-based coaching initiative.

Jarrett Phillips (CU) asked if there would be an alternative date due to the NASPA conference and Veteran's Day being November 11th. Brittany said they do not have an alternate date at this time, but this could be a possibility. Debbie Blanke said the conference will be recorded and available to those who are not able to attend. The plan is to have institutions be able to create this coaching internally without the expense to Reach Higher.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

9. Oklahoma Statewide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meeting Update – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay said the OSDEI meeting had a great turnout with 102 participants register and 86 attend the meeting from 2-year, research and regional 4-year and private institutions. Matt Stangl, OSRHE General Counsel, spoke about HB1775. A meeting link will be emailed to the participants to continue conversations and also an email will be sent to those who were not able to attend the meeting.

10. Leadership Academy – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay said the LA application link will be emailed to the council on October 18th with applications due back to her by October 27th. The selected participants will be notified by November 3rd with a welcome and introductory session on November 19th. COSA members are asked to let Lindsay know if they would like to present a topic. She said all sessions will be held on Fridays virtually this year with a possible wrap-up meeting in person.

Zeak Naifeh (CU) suggested a session on professional wellbeing and mental health with an invitation to Kognito to present this topic. Lindsay will add this to the schedule and reach out to Kognito.

11. Affinity Groups – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay said a GroupMe will go out October 20th for applications with the deadline date of November 3rd and sessions beginning the week of December 6-10. The lead facilitator will create their own meeting schedule.

12. Student Advisory Board – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay announced the six members of the 2021-2022 SAB:

Research Tier – Naomi Tamez, OU; Audrey Fleschute, OSU
Regional Tier – Christian Coleman, UCO; Celois Moore, LU
Community College Tier – Grace Newton, RSC; still need another representative
Private Tier – Grace Minter, OBU

13. Oklahoma Student Government Association Fall Congress – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay said she received a call this morning advising her that OSGA Fall Congress will be hosted by Rose State College November 6-7, 2021. She thanked Lance Newbold for hosting.

14. State Regents' Update – Debbie Blanke

- Debbie Blanke reminded the council that the SAB needs another 2-year representative as soon as possible.
- Rachel Bates reminded the council of the virtual, paid math tutor opportunities with funding through 2024. Applications are due tomorrow. The flyer will be emailed to the council.
- The State Regents have hired a full-time grant coordinator, Christine Fisher.
- Function Change/Mission Expansion exception request deadline is tomorrow.
- ARPA funding opportunities.
- Chancellor-Elect starts November 8th. Chancellor Johnson's retirement dinner has been changed to November 9th.

15. Announcements – Douglas Hallenbeck

Brandon Hill (ECU) mentioned the NASPA Region IV-West planning team has invited COSA members to the graduate student luncheon after the COSA meeting November 9th. RSVP to bhill@ecok.com by the close of business tomorrow.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Upcoming Events of Interest to the Council

- October 20, 2021 – Energy Careers 2021, Virtual Career Event from the Center for Energy Workforce Development
- October 26, 2021 – Reach Higher CoachConnect 2.0 Part I, Virtual Workshop
- October 28 – Reach Higher Lunch & Learn Series via Zoom
- November 1, 2021 – Campus Safety & Security Summit Virtual Kick-off and Keynote
- November 2-17, 2021 – Campus Safety & Security Summit Series of Virtual Workshops
- November 3 & 10, 2021 – Reach Higher Lunch & Learn Series via Zoom
- November 4, 2021 – Reach Higher CoachConnect 2.0 Part II, Virtual Workshop
- November 18, 2021 – Annual Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Fall Conference, Virtual via Zoom
- December 1, 2021 – Reach Higher Lunch & Learn Series via Zoom