

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
Regents' Conference Room
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200

Dr. Douglas Hallenbeck, Vice Chair, Presiding
Via Zoom Video
October 8, 2020
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Douglas Hallenbeck

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Douglas Hallenbeck welcomed new COSA member Dr. Dare Chronister, Interim Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities, University of Tulsa.

2. Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes – Douglas Hallenbeck

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL

3. Enrollment Growth – Dr. Tim Boatmun, Vice President for Enrollment Management/Adjunct Instructor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Dr. Boatmun shared his PowerPoint presentation with the council. He said in Fall 2016 with state funding struggles SEOSU's enrollment was at 50-year low at 3,725 and trending downward. As of October 2020, their enrollment has grown to 5,490. The growth has been primarily with graduate online programs. He mentioned student credit hours are going down in relation to head count with graduate students taking more summer classes. In 2018, the focus was looking at price point for undergraduate students when graduate students want the total all in cost. They have focused on their niche programs (Safety and Aviation) for the past 10 years but found they could not grow enrollment without Business and Education.

In 2016 SEOSU did a business process review with an online program manager. SEOSU examined every action and reaction from the time the student is interested to enrollment and beyond. They also examined their admission requirements. This business process pointed out they were not good a marketing graduate or online programs.

SEOSU's on-model is as follows:

- Make admission requirements a competitive advantage while maintaining integrity
- Speed to admission
- Tuition/Fees and Pell ($\$6,345/24=\264 $\$6,345/30=\211)
- Six starts a year and create course carousel (2- to 7-week starts within standard term)
- No such thing as a closed class (teaching assistants)
- Invest in instructional design (faculty and instructional designers)
- Must have a General Studies degree and multiple emphasis areas
- Authority to recruit in contiguous and high-population states

- Invest in Admissions, Registrar, Advising, and Financial Aid
- President mandate and empowered campus lead in Academic Affairs

4. Campus Compact 2020 Voter Registration Contest – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay reminded the council of Campus Compact’s 2020 Voter Registration Contest. A new category of Most Creative Voter Registration Event has been added this year due to the unique ways that were exhibited through social distancing and/or virtual presentations. Lindsay said the COSA Executive Committee will vote on this category. Registration contest forms are due by October 30, 2020. The goal is to encourage students to not only register to vote but also engage in the process of voting.

5. Engaged: Oklahoma Higher Education Network Conference – Lindsay Echols

Lindsay also mentioned the Engaged: Oklahoma Higher Education Network Conference will be held Friday, November 13, 2020. This is a free virtual event but registration is required. This conference is to share best practice research, and to develop statewide, regional, and place-based action plans to promote equity and a commitment to civic responsibility and community engagement with a focus on inclusivity in teaching, learning, and research, and on how race and ethnicity, along with diversity, equity, and inclusion components and related frameworks, can be integrated inside and outside of the classroom, and in the community.

6. Show What You Know - Oklahoma Website – Angel Icenhour

Angel demonstrated the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education Show What You Know – Oklahoma website <https://showwhatyouknowok.org/>. This website is full of resources students can use to see how their previously earned college credit, licenses, certifications, military study and training and advanced standing scores can be applied toward a degree program. There are currently four categories:

- Adults with previous college credits interested in completing a degree program.
- Someone who attended a career technology center or holds industry-recognized credentials.
- A member or veteran of the Armed Services who has completed military study and training.
- High school graduate looking to pursue advanced standing scores for college credit.

Angel asked the council to please share this website with their colleagues.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. Election Preparations Discussion – Douglas Hallenbeck

Douglas asked the council to share what preparations they have in place for the upcoming election.

- Cole Stanley (UCO) – Their Community Engagement Office created a master list of notaries on campus for those that need their mail-in ballot notarized. They have also shared campus copy machine locations with students so they may make a copy of their

driver's license to submit with their ballot under the pandemic rules. UCO student government is also helping to educate on the mail-in voting process.

- Douglas Hallenbeck (OSU) – They have a team that meets biweekly to discuss how to push out social media messages on how to have conversations across differences and try not to make assumptions based on political affiliations. They are setting up “support groups” so students have a safe place to talk about their frustrations or concerns based on the election or viewpoints. The OSU Crisis Response Team already has a meeting scheduled for the morning November 4th to respond if needed. One of their Political Science faculty members will be doing a podcast on how to discern political information, what is fact and what is not fact.
- Joshua Busby (LU) – They continue to stress voter registration, education/engagement and mobilization. They are educating their out-of-state students that they can register to vote where they live. He said the main thing is students need to exercise their right to vote and participate in the democratic process. LU is preparing for the aftermath regardless of the outcome.
- Dare Chronister (UT) – They have also decided to prepare for the aftermath as well and will have a self-care week for students with various service departments providing engagement opportunities, such as places to go to talk, expressing their emotions in a healthy way through activities as coloring books, ax throwing, car bash, etc.
- William Wayne (OU) – They are pretty much doing the same as OSU, starting the dialog.

8. Implementation of New Title IX Regulations – Douglas Hallenbeck

Douglas asked the council to share any Title IX concerns or questions they have had since the new regulations have been in place. Liz McCraw (SEOSU) said the Regional University System adopted the same Title IX plan. She said the first few cases could have issues that initiate as a Title IX complaint but do not qualify for that under the new regulations and then are moved to Conduct. She mentioned student issues occurring off campus, a complaint does not meet Title IX, and how to track these. Liz said, even if it is Conduct, they are still offering interim measures that they would have done under Title IX. She said this is not an automatic piece of the check sheet but is done because it is the right thing to do. Liz said all staff trained on Title IX need to know they can continue to offer those sorts of services as Student Services. Douglas said the OSU Faculty Counsel is currently looking at Title IX complaints from a faculty standpoint.

9. State Regents' Update – Debbie Blanke

- Oklahoma Student Government Association (OSGA) Fall Congress will be held virtual November 6-7, 2020. Information will be sent out soon.
- The Test Optional Pilot Program template was distributed October 1st. There will be a technical assistance Zoom meeting at 3:30 p.m. on November 4th. Proposals are due between December 15, 2020, and May 1, 2021.
- State Regents Policy Guidance has been extended through the 2020-21 academic year.
 - Heidi Hoskinson (RSU) said P and NP optional grading is not included but asked if everything else is included. Dr. Blanke said P/NP grading is still included, as all items in the guidance document, however, the intent for P/NP grading is for students experiencing difficulty or if there is another abrupt transition during the semester.

- Monica Trevino (USAO) asked about someone working with isolation and quarantine. Dr. Blanke said this needs to be done on an individual basis. The bottom line is to help the student.
- The next State Regents meeting will be October 22, 2020. It has not been decided if it will be in person or via Zoom.
- The State Regents Budget Meeting will be November 5, 2020.
- The Legislative Forum will be held virtual on November 17, 2020.

10. Announcements – Douglas Hallenbeck

- Lindsay (OSRHE) mentioned friendly reminders for those still needing to pay their Campus Compact dues will be going out soon.

Spring Break Discussion:

- Douglas (OSU) – It was announced that OSU will start a week late and not have a spring break. He said student mental health is an issue that needs to be discussed.
- Joshua (LU) had a conversation with their student leaders. The students said they need the break with all that has occurred in the fall. Joshua said the concern is public health. LU may be able to give those five days back to the students throughout the year if they cancel spring break. He would like to discuss resources in November.
- Cole (UCO) recently had conversations with student government leaders about the impact on their mental health. He said another issue is the Oklahoma City metro area public schools have not mentioned canceling spring break. He said this could be a big impact for parents that are students with children in the school system, as they will need to adjust their schedule for the public school calendar. He said we need to be thinking about talking to faculty about relaxing the attendance policy, or exercising sensitivity when exams are given while parent students could be managing children at home with different child care options.
- Liz (SEOSU) said their commuter rate is very high and spring break is no different than a Thursday or Friday for them. They are not as confident that students will head to Florida to party. She said it may not be as disruptive for commuter campuses.
- Joshua (LU) said students could actually leave at any time using their laptops, other than those having a lab that requires them to come to class. He said LU did have students leave over the Labor Day holiday and return with positive COVID cases.
- Heidi Hoskinson (RSU) asked how to mitigate staff that is off the week of spring break. Joshua (LU) said the “burn out” is not just for the students and staff need time off as well. Heidi asked if the cancelled spring break days would be added back in with the holiday break. Joshua said their classes start January 25th, and they could look at staff teleworking that week. Liz (SEOSU) said they may have staff take off one day a week instead of an entire week.
- Christopher Snoddy (OCCC) said they have gone to A and B weeks to split up the days off. They have also had positive COVID cases but operations have not suffered much.
- Douglas asked the council to email Debbie Myrick what their plan is for spring break and also any agenda items they may have for the November COSA meeting.
- Douglas thanked the council on behalf of students, parents, state and the world, as there has been no other time that has been more important for student affairs professionals to do this work and help institutions figure this out.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Upcoming Events of Interest to the Council

- Reach Higher Month: October 2020
 - Governor's Proclamation
 - Reach Higher CoachConnect Sessions by Zoom:
 - Beginner Sessions – October 13
 - Advanced Sessions – October 23 & 30
 - Reach Higher Summit 2020: Supporting Underserved Student by Strengthening Equity in Oklahoma (October 12, 20, 21, 28, & 29)
 - Reach Higher ReConnect – recruiting events (in-person or virtual)
<https://www.reconnectok.org>
- November 13, 2020 - Engaged: Oklahoma Higher Education Network, Inaugural Annual Symposium virtual event.