

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

**Dr. William Wayne, Chair, Presiding**  
**March 12, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and Introductions – William Wayne**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Holly Avila, Ruth Boyd, Jerrid Freeman, Douglas Hallenbeck, Michael Harris, Amy Ishmael, Mike Jackson, Jason Johnson, Liz McCraw, Mike Mills, Terri Pearson and David Surratt were welcomed via video conference.

Will Wayne welcomed Mike Mills, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, as the new COSA representative for The University of Tulsa.

**2. Approval of February 13, 2020, Minutes – William Wayne**

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

**INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL**

**3. 2020 Census – Jeronimo Gallegos, Senior Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau**

Mr. Gallegos informed the council that census day is April 1, 2020. The purpose of the census is to count every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories. The data received from the census determines how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year, as well as how many seats in Congress each state is allowed. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of the population every 10 years as mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Jeronimo mentioned completion of the Census questionnaire is required by law. The questionnaire is available today online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov), by phone or by mail. He stressed the importance of completing the questionnaire and said Oklahoma had a 68-percent response rate in the 2010 census. Oklahoma will receive \$1,965 per person in federal funding and currently has five congressional representatives. The U.S. Census Bureau must present the total population count to the president by December 31, 2020.

Jeronimo also mentioned Census 2020 is currently hiring temporary employees throughout Oklahoma with pay ranging from \$14-\$20 per hour, depending on the position. He asked the council to share the website [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) on social media and to text Oklahomajobs to 313131 to have application information sent directly to a cell phone.

Jeronimo said the census information is private and workers take an oath to keep the information confidential. English and Spanish video guides to help complete the questionnaire are available on YouTube. Joining the Complete Count Committee is another way to engage your campus as to why the census is so important. Dr. Blanke asked for more detail on who census workers are contacting on campuses for multiunit housing counts. Jeronimo said they have three local census

offices with an office in Oklahoma City, Norman and Tulsa. Jeronimo said personnel from these offices contact an institution's student affairs office and housing personnel to determine how the count will be conducted; by the institution, by the individual student or allowing Census personnel to conduct one-on-one interviews with students.

Liz McCraw (SEOSU) informed Jeronimo of her recent interaction with census personnel. She said not everything that is asked on the questionnaire is directory information, and there is concern of the ability to share the information directly from the electronic version. Liz said she received seven phone calls from different census workers with no follow up. Jeronimo advised the council to contact him for the area census manger's contact information.

Zeak Naifeh (CU) said he has had the same experience as Liz with multiple phone calls from different census workers.

Chris Snoddy (OCCC) asked when the count ends. Jeronimo said they are looking at ending operations by July 30, 2020. Chris also asked about blended families and how to count children who live in two households. Jeronimo said there are instructions for this particular household category on the questionnaire.

Lance Newbold (RSC) asked if the expectation is for an institution to collect all information for students living on campus regarding race, sex, etc. Jeronimo said that is correct.

Jerrett Phillips (CU) asked about census workers going door to door in the face of coronavirus. Jeronimo stressed the importance of completing the questionnaire online, by phone, or mailing it to avoid this interaction.

#### **4. Coronavirus Update** – Mike Mannell, Epidemiologist, Communicable Disease Division, Oklahoma State Department of Health

Mike Mannell was unable to attend today's COSA meeting. William Wayne (OU) advised the council there are 1,321 COVID-19 cases in the United States as of today. He said there is so much unknown about this virus, but coronaviruses are actually very common. Will said COVID-19 is more dangerous because there is no immunity. He said we can anticipate community spread in our area and to continue washing your hands, wiping down surfaces, social distancing and not congregating in large crowds will make the largest difference in avoiding the spread of the virus. Will said OU policies are changing constantly and that OU decided this morning to institute online classes for two weeks after spring break.

Liz McCraw (SEOSU) asked what is the governor's office saying about any potential for this to get called outside of our jurisdiction. Debbie Blanke said the State Regents' office has not heard from the governor's office on this matter.

Jerrett Philips (CU) asked what is being done for students without broadband capabilities or technology when OU goes to online classes. Will did not have an answer but said the campus will not close. OU students can stay in their dorms and will be able to use a computer. Will said very few students will be without access. Debbie Blanke asked Douglas Hallenbeck what Oklahoma State University's plan is for online classes. Douglas said OSU is doing the same as OU. He also said they are advising students that local libraries have Internet broadband. Debbie

said Langston University will have online classes after spring break also. She suggested contacting Joshua Busby as to how they will address students without Internet.

Mike Harris (OPSU) asked how dining halls will be handled. Will said OU will not have any self-serve items and will offer prepackaged meals. Liz (SEOSU) said their provider will offer food pick up from windows, as well as stocking pantries in residents' halls for easy grab and go.

Debbie Blanke mentioned the State Regents will have the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) information on their webpage.

Liz asked if student work studies would continue. Will said OU will try to hold students harmless and also mentioned low-paid workers that cannot go without a paycheck will be an issue. Douglas said student workers at OSU will be allowed to work if work is available. They will not stop stipends for graduate assistants. Douglas said they are also starting to think about what the summer will look like, summer conference, etc.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **5. State Regents' Update – Debbie Blanke**

- Debbie Terlip's replacement will be announced soon. The new OSRHE employee will be introduced at the April 9th COSA meeting.
- Reach Higher CoachConnect workshops that were scheduled to be held at Oklahoma City Community College and Tulsa Community College have been canceled due to low enrollment. These may be rescheduled for April or possibly offered as webinars. Debbie asked if there would be interest in an administrator's session.
- Reach Higher RECONNECT week is scheduled for April 4-9, 2020.
- Student Government Association resolutions for current law on weapons on campus are still being requested. Please email these to LeeAnna McNally or Debbie Blanke.
- Oklahoma Promise Day at the Capitol is scheduled for April 7.
- OSGA Spring Congress was held this past weekend. The students are very concerned about their safety on campus, environment, and diversity and inclusion. Debbie will provide the passed legislation when she receives it. Camp OSGA will be held in April. Zeak and Liz attended spring congress. They feel COSA needs to address their role in OSGA at the April COSA meeting. Debbie Blanke feels the 2020-2021 OSGA board may be less engaged. She will invite the new OSGA President, Jacob Harmon, to the June COSA meeting. Zeak said the delegates want committee meetings to write legislation. He suggested their meeting times change.

### **Education Bills**

- **Senate Bill 1405 (Senator Nathan Dahm and Representative Charles Ortega)** Grants the Governor the authority to remove and appoint board members.  
This was passed by the Senate and moved to the House.
- **House Bill 3400 (Representative Rhonda Baker)** Requires all public high schools, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, to make a minimum of four Advanced Placement courses available to students in every district in Oklahoma.  
This was passed by the House and moved to the Senate.

- **House Bill 3389 (Representative Rhonda Baker)** Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Regents for Higher Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education, to conduct a study on high school requirements.  
This was passed by the House and moved to the Senate.
- **House Bill 3454 (Representative Todd Russ and Senator Brenda Stanley)** Creates the Oklahoma Sex Trafficking Prevention Act authorizes a school district board of education to adopt a policy regarding sex trafficking and exploitation prevention and education programs for students. The measure provides that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are to allow nonprofit organizations that specialize in outreach and education programs on sex trafficking and exploitation to present a series of in-depth prevention and education programs regarding sex trafficking and exploitation to all freshmen students.  
This was passed by the House and moved to the Senate.
- **House Bill 3255 (Representative Jadine Nollan)** Changing the waiver amounts to the lesser of: 1) the actual amount of resident tuition for the credit hours enrolled, or 2) the average amount of resident tuition of all the community junior colleges in the state.  
This was passed by the House and moved to the Senate.

Chris Snoddy asked the status of the bill proposed regarding student conduct practices with an attorney representing a student. Debbie will follow up with Chris.

## 6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

### Upcoming Events of Interest to the Council

- March 28-29, 2020 – NASPA Undergraduate Student Conference, Austin, Texas
- March 29-April 1, 2020 – 2020 Campus Compact National Conference, Seattle, Washington
- March 30-April 10, 2020 – 2020 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit via Zoom
- April 4-9, 2020 – Reach Higher RECONNECT Week on multiple campuses
- April 7, 2020 – Oklahoma’s Promise Day, Oklahoma State Capitol
- April 7, 2020 – Oklahoma Momentum Year, Academic Focus Areas Webinar
- April 25, 2020 – Reach Higher Reception, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- May 1, 2020 – Oklahoma Momentum Year, 15 to Finish Webinar
- May 13, 2020 – Oklahoma Momentum Year, Pro-active Advising Webinar
- May 29-30, 2020 – National Community College Conference on Service Learning & Community Engagement, Salt Lake City, Utah
- August 2020 - Students Vote Summit, University of Oklahoma, Norman
- September 25, 2020 – 2020 Student Leadership Retreat, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City