

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

Joshua Busby, Chair, Presiding
March 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Joshua Busby

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of February 9, 2023 Minutes – Joshua Busby

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

INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL

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

Joel mentioned the OSRHE legislative team is actively tracking 150 bills. He said SB550 (Higher education: subjecting certain private and out-of-state institutions of higher education to certain standards) and SB93 (Schools; requiring completion of Free Application for Federal Student Aid to graduate from public high schools; providing exceptions) will be heard on the Senate floor today, as well as HB2559 (Teacher Scholarships; Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program; renaming to Inspired to Teach Program) and HB2555 (Scholarships; creating the Oklahoma Critical Industries Scholarship Program). Joel said a more comprehensive legislative budget will be emailed to the council when that information is available.

Joshua thanked Joel for the work he and other OSRHE staff did during Higher Ed Day at the Capitol. Joel mentioned the great turnout and thanked the council for their participation.

4. National Donor Marrow Program – Ryan Dixon, Account Manager, Be the Match

Ryan gave a brief history of Be the Match. He said their goal is to help save lives of those diagnosed with different types of blood cancers or blood diseases by finding matching donors through their national stem cell and marrow registry. Ryan mentioned physicians believe college-age students are the perfect demographic for patients needing a life-saving marrow transplant. He said Be the Match will set up on campuses to register students and perform cheek swabs, which takes less than five minutes. Ryan said they have an initiative “Get in the Game” where they partner with athletics, fraternities, sororities, and other organizations on campus to help get the word out to students. Ryan shared his contact information in the Zoom chat rdixon@NMDP.ORG. Joshua asked Ryan to send either Lindsay or Debbie (OSRHE) a flyer that can be emailed to the council.

Caleb Mosburg said NWOSU has a student who is involved with Be the Match. He thanked Ryan for the information. Joshua said he planned to register and found out he was already on the registry from 2003, when he was a sophomore at Langston University. He said he has never been contacted as a match. Ryan said many patients do not find a match, even with a national registry of 10 million people in the database. Amy Ishmael said she registered in 2008 when NEO had a campus drive, and she was contacted last fall as a potential match. Ryan said potential donors are listed on the registry until they reach age 61.

5. NASPA IV West Regional Conference– Joshua Busby

Joshua announced the NASPA IV West Regional Conference will be held November 6-8, 2023, at the Sheraton Hotel in Oklahoma City. He will serve as the conference chair and is excited to have the conference in OKC. Joshua said positions are available on the conference planning team and that Dr. Robert Goltra, III, Rogers State University, serves as the Oklahoma membership chair and is a co-chair of the local planning team. The planning meetings will be held each Friday. Joshua asked the council to let him know if they would like to participate in the planning of the conference.

6. OSRHE Study Abroad Portal –

Lindsay Echols, Executive Director of Campus Compact and Director of Student Affairs and Diversity, OSRHE

Angel Icenhour, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Student Success Initiatives, OSRHE

Angel reminded the council of the OSRHE Study Abroad Portal and the meeting held with portal users a few months ago. This group decided to convene three times a year (spring, summer and fall) to share information with each other. A concern with the portal was brought up during the initial meeting on how to share trip information with students. Angel suggested creating a flyer and shared the flyer she created with general information, her contact information and a QR code that can be scanned to allow the user to go directly to the portal. Angel mentioned four study abroad trips were added to the portal during the initial meeting. There are now five trips on the portal. She said she is currently working with the University of Oklahoma to add their Mexico trip to the portal. Angel thanked the council for sharing their campus contact information with her to bring this group together. Lindsay echoed Angel's thanks to the council and asked them to continue to encourage the use of the portal.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. OSGA Committee Discussion – Lindsay Echols, Executive Director of Campus Compact and Director of Student Affairs and Diversity, OSRHE

Lindsay asked Michael McClendon (TU) to share information from the recent OSGA committee meeting with the council. Michael said the committee reviewed the OSGA constitution, standing statutes, bylaws and documents. The committee decided it would be best for Michael to reach out to the OSGA president, Tyler Owens, at the Presidents Retreat that would be held February 25, 2023, at The University of Tulsa. Michael spoke with Tyler and said Tyler was amenable to additional oversight and open to adding a statute that would clarify a more explicit role and having that statute voted on during Spring Congress at the State Capitol April 21, 2023. Michael also spoke with Cole Stanley (UCO) who said Tyler reiterated this information to him.

The OSGA committee will set up a meeting with Tyler and other OSGA board members to propose legislative language for the statue in an effort to more explicitly tie OSGA to OSRHE, and potentially COSA, in terms of advisement, guidance, practice and professionalism, with the goal of operational transparency. Michael asked the council to encourage their Student Government Association students to attend Spring Congress, be educated on the statue, the reason for it to come to the floor for a vote and the importance of attending.

Lindsay asked the council to let her know how many representatives from their institution attended the recent Presidents Retreat.

Liz McCraw (SEOSU) asked about the current Student Advisory Board positions and if the State Regents need to hear student voices differently while the OSGA statue is being proposed. Lindsay said this is an item to be placed in the statue so the State Regents can oversee the application process. Michael (TU) said he does not have time in this academic year to facilitate SAB at this point with OSGA being the only electing entity. Joshua thanked the committee and Lindsay for their input and efforts.

8. Update COSA Bylaws – Joshua Busby

Joshua said OSRHE is updating their website and needs COSA to formally update the language in the bylaws by removing “North Central Association”. (The NCA was dissolved in 2014.) Joshua asked the council to review the bylaws for other changes. Further discussion of the bylaws will resume at the April 13th meeting.

9. 2022-23 COSA Workplan Discussion – Joshua Busby

Joshua reminded the council of updating the COSA workplan. He said one recommendation was received from the council, which was to create a new workplan. Doug Hallenbeck (OSU) agreed with creating a new workplan. Liz McCraw (SEOSU) said some of the items on the workplan are no longer essential to the work of Student Services and agreed to creating a new workplan. Lance Newbold (RSC) mentioned being very particular about focusing on things that can be accomplished instead of just adding to an existing list. The general consent is to create a new workplan. Joshua asked the council to reach out to Lindsay or Debbie (OSRHE) if they would like to participate on a committee to create a new workplan. Adam Johnson (SWOSU) said the workplan looks like a list of topics and asked what are the various action steps taken, tasks or assignments and what is the next level? Liz gave examples and said some were to make changes in policy, education or professional development needs on campuses, looking specifically at legislation and how COSA could advocate for changes at the state level, and working on policies on respective campuses. Doug said it often became a list of thoughts and ideas to think about at some point. Joshua said every item on the list is important, but there is no way to start checking items off the list. He said COSA needs to look at directing resources at a higher level with funds flowing to public institutions to influence as a united front. Calleb (NWOSU) said Oklahoma State University was helpful in pulling resources across the state with the 2014-15 Title IX training.

Jarrett Phillips (CU) said one thing missing from the workplan is no direct correlation or alignment with Council on Instruction’s workplan. He said he realizes not everyone has enrollment management responsibilities but many in this group do have that responsibility. Jarrett suggested the council members have a good conversation with their academic partners on

how COSA's workplan aligns with their strategic initiatives or how COI's workplan aligns with student affairs priorities.

Joshua said he would like to have the workplan finished by the June meeting in order to "hand" it over to the new COSA chair in July. He said he would like to have a conversation with Dr. Placido about how to build the COSA and COI workplans together. Lindsay mentioned Dr. Placido has said he is very much in favor of supporting COSA as an advisory council. She will speak with him regarding this item.

10. Hunger-Free Campus Act Pilot Program – Lindsay Echols, Executive Director of Campus Compact and Director of Student Affairs and Diversity, OSRHE

Lindsay advised the council the Oklahoma Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program online application is now live with a deadline of March 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. She reviewed the application and said she will email the link to the council today. Lindsay mentioned each submission will be evaluated by the Oklahoma Hunger-Free Selection Committee, comprised of OSRHE Staff, a Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (RFBO) Appointee, and a designated Community Member. Six public institutions (non-research) will be selected from the applications to serve as the first round of pilot program sites. Institutions will apply for a matching grant of \$26,667.00. Lindsay mentioned a few of the requirements such as uploading a letter of support from their institutional president or designee, describing the food pantry's mission, define who the pantry serves and to include photographs.

Joshua had a prior commitment and left the meeting. Lance Newbold, Chair-Elect, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Adam Johnson (SWOSU) asked about policing photos with identifying school logos to keep the submissions anonymous. Lindsay said the photos will be used at a later date, and she will make sure photos are not given to the selection committee. Adam also mentioned SWOSU is more of a food and resource pantry and asked if this was permitted. Lindsay said that does not matter, as some pantries give out animal food. She said students will often feed their animals before they feed themselves. Lance thanked Lindsay and is excited to see this program turn into fruition.

11. Announcements – Lance Newbold

Lance mentioned Oklahoma's Promise Day is scheduled for April 11, 2023, at the Oklahoma State Capitol, and the next COSA meeting will be April 13, 2023.

Michael McClendon (TU) asked if the voter registration contest will occur. Lindsay said the voter registration drive was a program with Campus Compact, which is currently restructuring. Oklahoma will create its own entity in the future. Lindsay said she is not in favor of voter registration contests because institutions have great success at getting students registered to vote but results in the past have indicated that less than 12% of students actually vote. She said they are trying to come up with ways to encourage voter registration along with voter turnout.

Alicia McCullar (MACU) advised the council the link for the new leadership academy through the University of Oklahoma has the incorrect year listed (2022). She contacted OU to inform them of this and was told it is the correct link but the title could not be changed.

Lindsay said OSRHE is hosting a forum today via Zoom, Discussions about Serving Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. She also mentioned Oklahoma City Community College will host an in-person conference June 21, 2023, Breaking Barriers, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Summit.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

Upcoming Events of Interest to the Council

- October 17, 2023 – 2023 Oklahoma Statewide Transfer Student Success Conference, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater