

# OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, March 2, 2016

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Committee-of-the-Whole met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the Regents Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on February 25, 2016. A copy of the agenda had been posted as required by the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Participating in the meeting were Regents Toney Stricklin, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, and John Massey. Regent Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS.** Dr. Scott Wilson, Director of Innovative Technologies at the University of Oklahoma (OU) K-20 Center, and Dr. Robert Terry, Professor of Psychology at OU, gave a brief presentation on OU's College and Career Readiness Dashboard using predictive analytics. Dr. Wilson began by stating that the goal of the dashboard was to analyze how students' academic and behavioral choices predict their success. OU formed a partnership with Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Norman public schools, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Education to create a longitudinal data set for the dashboards foundation. The data set is a multi-cohort design, contains over 20,000 students and contains several outcome variables including GPA, persistence rates and enrollment.

Dr. Terry stated that the dashboard has several data models used for predictive analysis and includes many variables such as academic performance, enrollment and attendance, student demographics and behavior, and school level demographics. These models can help determine, for example, what a student's estimated GPA will be at a state research institution, given their high school GPA and whether or not they complete an above-level math course during their ninth grade year.

Dr. Terry finished by giving a demonstration of the dashboard.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to go into executive session for confidential communications between a public body and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

5. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Amanda Paliotta, stated that the State Regents will hear a full budget report at their meeting on March 3, 2016. She also updated the Regents on the current fiscal year budget reductions, general revenue budget reductions and estimates of oil gross production tax decreases.
6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Hollye Hunt, stated there were not many bills moving through the legislative process that would affect higher education. Ms. Hunt stated that there were a few bills proposed to change the Oklahoma's Promise program requirements, but those bills are not moving through the process.

7. **COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson stated that all institutions have been asked to give a brief presentation on their Institutional Degree Completion plans at the upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole meetings. The institutions presenting at the March meeting were: Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma and Cameron University.
- a. Oklahoma State University (OSU). Dr. Gary Sandefur, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave a brief presentation on OSU's CCA initiatives. Dr. Sandefur began by stating that OSU's degree completion, retention and graduation rates have increased and the graduation rate is at an all-time high. He also stated that OSU has several student success initiatives, such as academic alert system, ALEKS math placement exam, undergraduate advisement, Finish Orange for transfer students and Finish in Four degree maps.
  - b. The University of Oklahoma (OU). Dr. Glen Krutz, Professor of Political Science and Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives, gave a brief presentation on OU's CCA initiatives. Dr. Krutz began by stating that OU's first time full time freshman enrollment is up to 4,200, compared with 3,724 in 2010 and their retention rate is up to 86.1 percent. He also stated that OU has several readiness initiatives including GEAR UP for Success and the Oklahoma Writing Project. OU has implemented a revised developmental math system, a reverse transfer initiative with Rose State College, flat-rate tuition, and a master's growth incentive program.
  - c. Cameron University (CU). President John McArthur, gave a brief presentation on CU's CCA initiatives. President McArthur began by stating that CU has implemented a co-requisite approach that delivers remediation alongside a college level course in certain programs, started offering structured scheduling and reverse transfer, and offering freshman-only sections of courses that have high withdrawal and failure rates. CU has met their CCA goals every year and, in 2015, exceeded their goal by 335 degrees and certificates.

8. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor Blake Sonobe updated the Regents on the status of the Online Education Task Force. He stated that NextThought will present their final report to the State Regents at their meeting on March 3, 2016.
- b. **State Regents Safety And Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor Angela Caddell, updated the Regents on the status of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. She stated that the Campus Best Practices is evaluating several different vendor options for campus safety smart phone apps and will make a recommendation to the Council of Presidents upon selection.

Additionally, she stated that the task force is preparing for the 2016 Campus Safety and Security Summit. It will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Reed Center in Midwest City and may have upwards of 400 participants.

9. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the March 2016 update on institutional activities.

10. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

- Wednesday, March 2, 2016 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – Deep Fork.

- Thursday, March 3, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – State Regents Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Reception Honoring Regent Ike Glass – 6:00 p.m. – Quail Creek Golf and Country Club.
- Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Tuition Hearing – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, April 21, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, May 26, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, May 26, 2016 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – TBA.
- Friday, May 27, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Toney Stricklin, Chairman

  
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Ron White, Secretary