

# OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, April 20, 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 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 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 April 8, 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, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to go into executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

4. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Amanda Paliotta stated that March was the first time the incoming state revenue had met the estimated amount but it was still 18 percent lower than the original March estimates. She also stated that she is working with the Oklahoma Tax Commission to establish reliable estimates for oil gross production taxes. She stated that these taxes are divided into three revolving funds and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education receives two of those revolving funds.
5. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor Hollye Hunt gave a brief legislative update highlighting the following legislation:
  - HB 3098 – This bill would allow an Oklahoma resident 21 years or older and not a convicted felon or involved in a crime to carry a handgun concealed or open without a self-defense act license.
  - HJR 1009– This ballot question would affirm the second amendment as a fundamental right. Regulations by the state on the right to keep and bear arms would be subject to strict scrutiny.
  - HB 3058 – This bill would allow the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to reconcile all state agency revolving funds following the reconciliation criteria created by the Director of OMES by the first Monday of August each year, then potentially take those funds.

Ms. Hunt stated it would be preferable for these bills to be sent to conference.

6. **ANNUAL REPORT.** Associate Vice Chancellor Angela Caddell, gave a brief update on the 2015 Annual Report. The report contains an overview of public higher education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's public agenda, key initiatives and outlines programs and services in several areas. The report also includes a profile for every public higher education institution in the state and lists some of the most popular fields of study. Ms. Caddell stated that

the report also details the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for Oklahoma institutions and shows Oklahoma ranking third lowest for average student cost at a public four-year institution in the nation.

7. **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson presented Speaker of the House Jeff Hickman with the Higher Education Distinguished Service Award, on behalf of the State Regents and Council of Presidents, for his leadership and to recognize his support higher education. Speaker Hickman stated he was honored and thanked the State Regents for the award.
8. **COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA.** Chancellor 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 April meeting were: Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Carl Albert State College, Connors State College and Tulsa Community College.
  - a. Northern Oklahoma College (NOC). President Cheryl Evans gave a brief presentation on NOC's CCA initiatives. President Evans began by reviewing their mission, vision, locations and recent rankings and acknowledgments, specifically being ranked for the third time by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation. NOC's CCA goal is to add an additional 21 new degrees per year and they have surpassed that goal each year. NOC has a reverse transfer program, a gateway program at Oklahoma State University, partnerships with 15 area high schools, improved remediation models, and improved academic advising, all structured to help advance their CCA goal.
  - b. Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU). President David Bryant gave a brief presentation on OPSU's CCA initiatives. President Bryant began by stating that OPSU has a Hispanic Student Services program that targets the 70 percent Hispanic population in Guymon Public Schools as well as Upward Bound grants. Additionally, OPSU offers concurrent enrollment, a tutoring lab, the University College, and programs for adult learners. OPSU's CCA goal is to add an additional 7 degrees per year and they have surpassed that goal each year.
  - c. Carl Albert State College (CASC). President Garry Ivey, gave a brief presentation on CASC's CCA initiatives. President Ivey began by stating that because 70 percent of students coming to CASC have at least one deficiency, they have implemented intrusive advising, academic planning, an early alert system, reverse transfer with eight institutions, and student gap funding. He also stated that only 21 percent of CASC students graduate with student debt, at an average of \$1,653 per student.
  - d. Connors State College (CSC). President Tim Faltyn, gave a brief presentation on CSC's CCA initiatives. President Faltyn began by stating that CSC graduation rates have increased to 78 percent, and 40 percent of their majors are general education. CSC has focused on readiness, reworked scholarship awards and has reverse transfer programs with other institutions. He stated that allied health is the largest growing program at CSC. Their CCA goal is to add an additional 11 degrees per year and they have surpassed that goal each year.
  - e. Tulsa Community College (TCC). President Leigh Goodson, gave a brief presentation on TCC's CCA initiatives. President Goodson began by stating that TCC's CCA goal is to add an additional 71 degrees each year and they have surpassed that goal each year. TCC has focused on concurrent enrollment, college readiness, remediation reform,

guided pathways, the Reach Higher program, the Tulsa Achieves program and the EXCELErate program to boost their degree completion.

9. **REVERSE TRANSFER.** Dr. Jay Corwin, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), gave a brief report on Operation Degree Completion. Dr. Corwin began by stating that Operation Degree Completion is a two-step program: 1) tracking down students who have not graduated but have completed almost all of their requirements and guiding them through to graduation and 2) identifying transfer students who have enough credits to receive an associate's degree and completing a reverse transfer. UCO has reverse transfer initiatives with Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City and Rose State College. Since 2012, over 2,100 degrees or certificates have been awarded through reverse transfer from these institutions. Additionally, UCO has awarded an additional 1,427 through the “Almost Grad” outreach bringing the total to 3,592. Dr. Corwin finished by stating that funding this initiative in the future is a concern as their grant ends May 31, 2016.

10. **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 the third annual Online Quality Summit was held on April 8, 2016 and over 160 people attended. It was held at Northeastern State University – Broken Arrow and 20-23 institutions were represented.
- 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 Workgroup 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.

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

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

- Thursday, May 26, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Friday, May 27, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, June 29, 2016 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City.
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13. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Toney Stricklin, Chairman

  
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Ron White, Secretary