

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 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 November 28, 2017. 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, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Jeff Hickman joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Regent White called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Amanda Paliotta stated that October was a very good month financially and had strong gross production and sales tax revenue. She also stated that the Board of Equalization meeting is December 20, 2017 and will provide much more information on the state's overall financial position.

Additionally, Vice Chancellor Paliotta stated that she has been working with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and they have confirmed that their accounting practices allow June collections to be applied to the current fiscal year, whereas, they were previously applying them to the next fiscal year.

4. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Todd Pauley gave a brief update on legislative activity. He stated that he has been attending the Oklahoma State Chamber 2030 Regional Forums and is in the process of planning the upcoming legislative tours. Additionally, the State Regents will present Senator Jason Smalley with a Distinguished Service Award at the December State Regents meeting on December 7, 2017. Vice Chancellor Pauley finished by stating that he will continue to be focused on the outcome of the anticipated second special session.
5. **UPDATE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS.** United States Senator James Lankford gave a brief update on federal legislative activity. Senator Lankford began by stating that the United States House of Representatives has an education bill and is also working on tax legislation focused on reducing and simplifying rates. He also stated that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) issue could be resolved by February due to legislation filed on immigration. Regent Lester asked Senator Lankford about addressing higher education administrative overreach and he stated that he is currently reviewing that issue. Regent Helm asked about the progress of the budget and Senator Lankford stated that the United States Congress is operating on a continual budget process with a continuing resolution which doesn't always lead to an on time budget. He continued stating that he would like to move to a two-year budget cycle.

Senator Lankford finished by thanking Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and the State Regents for all they do and for the opportunity to provide an update.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys

concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

7. TASK FORCE REPORTS.

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Debbie Blanke stated that the next meeting of the Online Education Task Force will be December 7, 2017 and they will discuss the 2018 Learning Innovations Summit and seeking external funding for the continued work of the Council for Online Learning Excellence.
- 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 task force is currently preparing for the 2018 Campus Safety and Security Summit on November 1, 2018 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. She stated that the Midwest City Police Department will conduct a live shooter exercise and the Summit will also have concurrent sessions.

8. “BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT. Regents received the December 2017 update on institutional activities via e-mail.

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

- Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Tentative - Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – State Regents Task Force on the Future of Higher Education meeting – 1 p.m. in the PHF Conference Center Colloquium Room.
- Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6 p.m. – TBD.
- Thursday, February 1, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – Higher Education Day at the State Capitol – 2:00 p.m. in the House Chamber of the State Capitol.
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6 p.m. – TBD.
- Thursday, March 29, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6 p.m. – TBD.

- Thursday, April 26, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – Tuition Hearing - 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, April 26, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 10 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, May 24, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, May 24, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6 p.m. – TBD.
- Friday, May 25, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:



Ron White, Chairman



Jody Parker, Secretary