

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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 28, 2018, 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 October 12, 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, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Jeff Hickman joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Regent White called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.** Dr. Brit Kirwan had a personal conflict and was unable to give this presentation. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
4. **UPDATE ON THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.** Secretary of State and Secretary of Education and Workforce Development Dave Lopez gave a brief update on the state of Oklahoma. Secretary Lopez shared three observations of the Task Force on the Future of Higher Education recommendations:
 - a. Creating broad access to higher education. Secretary Lopez stated that Oklahoma higher education has made great progress and he encouraged the system to keep making progress towards that mission. He also highlighted the percentage of the following ethnicities in the higher education population compared to the percentage in the state population:

Ethnicity Category	Higher Education Population	General Oklahoma Population
Native American	7.5 percent	7.8 percent
African American	8.0 percent	7.8 percent
Asian	2.8 percent	2.2 percent
Hispanic	8.0 percent	10 percent

Secretary Lopez stated that in the last six years the amount of Hispanic students in the higher education population has grown by 38 percent. He also stated that he appreciates the State Regents keeping concurrent enrollment open as an opportunity for students that improves the affordability of a higher education in Oklahoma.

- b. Strengthen and showcase the partnership between higher education and economic development. Secretary Lopez stated that the progress between higher education and economic development is stunning and higher education's partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) is exemplary. Secretary Lopez applauded the partnership with ODOC to develop the 100 critical occupations and emphasized the importance if apprenticeships and internships. He stated that there may be funding in the near future to fund pilots for apprenticeships, and currently, there is legislation pending to

ask the ODOC to serve as a registry for these paid opportunities. The initial funding request is \$850,000 to support pilots.

- c. Keep the faith and enhance the narrative. Secretary Lopez stated that the Oklahoma higher education situation is very clear but it is also very evident how higher education is still fulfilling its initiatives with very low funding. He encouraged the State Regents to change the narrative and talk about what the system has done to cut back and how it will be poised in the future to be more productive.

Secretary Lopez finished by stating that higher education plus workforce development equals human development, which is the purpose of higher education.

5. **STUDENT SUCCESS.** President Jerry Steward gave a brief presentation on the Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) Students Connecting with Mentors for Success (SCMS) program. President Steward began by stating that this program was created for African American male students at OCCC to help raise their GPA and be successful in their college career. He stated that this group had the lowest GPA of any demographic on campus and after completing the SCMS program, they had the highest average GPA of any group measured at OCCC.

Mr. Bryon Dickens, Director of Students Connecting with Mentors for Success program, stated this program is changing lives. Each student has a mentor that meets with him, forms a relationship with that student, and helps facilitate academic success. He also stated that 100 percent of the students who have graduated from the SCMS program have gone on to a four-year university to continue their education. He also thanked President Steward for his vision in creating this program and his leadership.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Helm 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, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

7. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Amanda Paliotta stated that this will be the first year since 2015 that 100 percent of the general revenue estimate has been met which is very good news. Additionally, the February collections are on target to meet annual estimates. The collections have brought in 104 percent of the estimates which means there should be enough to make a deposit in the Rainy Day Fund as well as have cash on hand.

8. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations LeeAnna McNally gave a brief update on legislative activity. Vice Chancellor McNally highlighted the following legislation:

- SCR16 – Requires the OSRHE to submit a list of employees with courses and hours taught by institution as well as institutional tenure policies to the legislature.
- HB2918 – Allows concealed carry without a license.
- SB1196 – Allows students eligible for certain concurrent enrollment to participate in a program offered by any institution with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- HB3592 – If a student withdraws from a class in which he or she has received an award from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, the awarded funds shall remain available for the student to use to enroll in classes for a five-year period.

9. 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 March 29, 2018 and they will discuss the 2018 Learning Innovations Summit, receive an update on the Summit awards, and discuss follow up on 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. The Save-the-Date and the call for proposals have been issued for the Summit and the deadline for proposal submission is May 14, 2018.

Additionally, the Campus Best Practices Work Group has partnered with the Council on Student Affairs to develop a speakers bureau. It will be launching very soon and will have 14 trainings in 9 key areas.

- 10. “BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the March 2018 update on institutional activities via e-mail.

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

- Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – Council of Presidents’ Senate Leadership Dinner – 6:30 p.m. at Iron Star in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 4, 2018 – Council of Presidents’ House Leadership Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. at Faculty House in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, April 4, 2018 – State Regents’ Forum on Free Speech– 1:00 p.m. in the Colloquium Room of the Presbyterian Health Foundation Conference Center.
- Monday, April 16, 2018 – Oklahoma’s Promise Day at the State Capitol – 11:30 a.m. luncheon, 12:30 p.m. program – 2nd Floor Rotunda in the State Capitol.
- 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 – 6:00 p.m. – TBD.
- Thursday, April 26, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – Tuition Hearing – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, April 26, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 10:00 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 – 6:00 p.m. – TBD.

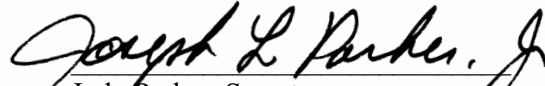
- Friday, May 25, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:



Ron White, Chairman



Jody Parker, Secretary