

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Oklahoma State University – Student Union, Council Room 412

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

Thursday, May 26, 2022

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 Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the Holderman Ballroom at Shargri-La Hotel and Conference Center in Afton, Oklahoma for a “State Regents Retreat”. Notice of the special meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on May 17, 2022. 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 Michael C. Turpen, Jack Sherry, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, and Steven Taylor. Regent Hickman called the meeting to order. Regent Courtney Warmington joined the meeting in progress at 10:05 a.m.

3. **THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dr. Stephen Pruitt, president of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), lead the Regents through topics related to strategic planning for higher education and status of higher education in other states. Dr Pruitt presented information related to key higher education trends across the country and Oklahoma’s ranking within the 16 member states comprises SREB. Challenges currently facing higher education institutions include: declining birth rates and changing demographics, low college-readiness, the need to meet workforce demands in real time, public perceptions concerning the value of postsecondary education, college affordability, declining state support, and accountability mandates/requirements. Dr. Pruitt also reviewed higher education best practices across the SREB states related to admissions, preparation, innovation, attainment, workforce and performance funding.

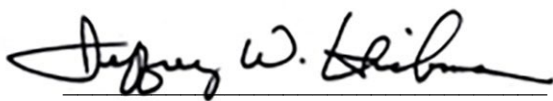
To guide discussion, Dr. Pruitt provided key considerations for strategic planning, including goal development, accountability metrics, performance incentives. Dr. Pruitt emphasized the value of developing non-monetary incentives (e.g., institutional designations, centers of excellence, etc.) to drive institutional behavior.

Regents discussed the following: higher education’s role in workforce development, especially in Oklahoma’s critical occupations; retention/persistence/graduation incentives and performance funding; alignment of Oklahoma’s educational pipeline; resources to help students transition from high school to college; concurrent enrollment; the value of shared services across institutions; higher education’s partnership with CareerTech; geographic service areas. Regents also discussed the need to review the 2018 Task Force on the Future of Higher Education recommendations to inform the strategic planning process.

4. **PERFORMANCE FUNDING.** Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Ms. Sheri Mauck provided the State Regents with an overview of the State Regent’s current Performance Funding Model. Her presentation included a brief review of the budget process, timeline for deadlines and details of the allocation process under the current funding formula.

5. **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke provided a review of the State System's geographic service area and how that influenced institutional offerings. Details of the areas were considered as a basic understanding of the higher education delivery system and the situation under which the functions of the tier institutions were performing. She also provided the maps and policy related to the subject. Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel, reviewed the statutes that may have impact on the subject of geographic service areas as well as the previous Office of Civil Rights (OCR) complaint related to program delivery in the Tulsa area. Mr. Stangl suggested that a review of statutes related to this issue were in order. He suggested that 70 O.S. § 4663 should be repealed since it has expired.
6. **STRATEGIC PLANNING.** Chairman Hickman opened the floor for discussion of the topics from the retreat and what the vision of the board should be as Regent Warmington and the Chancellor proceed with the Strategic Planning Committee. The Regents provided a list of topics which could be used as the Committee moves forward, as listed below:
- Institutional plans
 - Telling our story
 - Retention/persistence/graduation incentives
 - Revisit Task Force recommendations
 - Resources to help common education pipeline
 - More shared services
 - Explore Careertech relationships
 - Tulsa
 - Geographic service areas
 - Concurrent enrollment philosophy
 - Critical occupations/workforce
7. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair


Steven W. Taylor, Secretary