## OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

655 Research Parkway, Oklahoma City

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, June 22, 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 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 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 September 28, 2021. 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 Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Dustin Hilliary, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven Taylor. Regent Hickman called the meeting to order and presided.

## 3. TUITION.

- a. **TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES REVIEW.** Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Ms. Sheri Mauck began by stating that nine system institutions are recommending that there are no increases in their resident tuition and mandatory fee rates and eight of them are requesting no changes from FY22. She stated that the systemwide average for those proposing increases is an average of 2 percent, which equates to an annualized increase of \$126.42 for thirty credit hours for undergraduate resident students. She added that even when including the proposed increases, the systemwide average for resident tuition and mandatory fee rates remains below the regional and national peers at a level of 77.7 percent.
- b. **PRESIDENTS' PRESENTATIONS.** The Presidents of the State System institutions were invited to provide Regents with a summary of their tuition, mandatory fees, and academic service fees requests for the 2022-2023 academic year. The schedule of speakers is shown as an attachment to these minutes.

## 4. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) to discuss the employment of the Director of Academic Programs and Innovation, the Vice Chancellor for Budget & Finance, and the Associate Vice Chancellor for IT and Research Information Systems and 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning: (1) Shepherd v. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, et al., CJ-2020-2383, Oklahoma County District Court; and (2) Black Emergency Response Team, et al. v. O'Connor, et al., Case No. CIV-21-1022 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; if the board, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Regent Turpen moved, 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 Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Enter into executive session.
- c. Open session resumes.
- d. Vote to exit executive session. Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- 5. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Ms. Sheri Mauck provided Regents with a budget and revenue update. Ms. Mauck stated that April was a record setting month for revenue for the state as it was the first time it has been over \$1 billion, and that May was also a good month as it was above the monthly estimate. She stated that looking at the full eleven-month revenue collection, they have been up \$1.6 billion or 25.9 percent. She stated that tax collections and corporate taxes netted a gain of \$100.4 million or 71.1 percent above the May estimates. She added that sales tax collections were up \$27.3 million or 14.3 for the month, and that gross production collections were up \$71.9 million or 124.1 above the estimates for May, so it was another healthy month.
- 6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Dr. Jarrett Jobe provided Regents with the legislative update. He noted that they had an extended legislative session this year and stated that were a couple of special sessions that were still open such as the ARPA special session, as there were still projects coming through. He added that there were still some potential applications that may be heard later but that they were taking a break for primary election season and that there would be a special session in mid- to late-August. He noted that there had been a little debate about the tax relief and inflation session. He provided an update on the Distinguished Service Awards and noted that the awards will be handed out in the fall in their home districts or at Higher Ed Day in the early session so they can have several touch points with legislators. Discussing legislation that had passed this past session, Dr. Jobe stated that there was positive movement on the Free Speech Committee process, that they had met with the National Guard, and they had also met with members regarding the Tulsa Reconciliation Scholarship and that they needed to get rules promulgated. Dr. Jobe stated that moving forward he and Chancellor Garrett had discussed listening sessions and that in the late summer and fall they would be meeting with legislative leaders to talk about policy they want to move forward.
- 7. STATE REGENTS CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE UPDATE. Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications Ms. Angela Caddell provided an update on the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. She began by introducing a new member of the Communications team. She stated that the Campus Safety and Security Task Force would spend time in the summer updating their online campus resource repository and that their next meeting will be in September. She stated that the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services had extended their partnership through FY23 and that the campuses have free access to the Department of Mental Health's suicide prevention course modules. Ms. Caddell added that they did expect some changes to Title IX and that she hoped to have one of their experts available at the September meeting to discuss these changes. She stated that this fall they will be busy planning next year's Campus Security Summit. She discussed active shooter training at the campuses.

- 8. **"BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION."** Regents received the June 2022 update on institutional activities via e-mail on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.
- 9. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** The calendar of events was distributed in written form to the Regents.
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jeffrey Hickman, Chair