

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, January 28, 2015

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, January 28, 2015, 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 10, 2014. 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, Ike Glass, Jimmy Harrel, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Jody Parker joined at 10:38 a.m. and Regent Jay Helm joined at 11:04 a.m. Regent Turpen called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA.** Chancellor Glen Johnson stated that all institutions have been asked to give a brief presentation on their 2014-2015 Institutional Degree Completion plans at the spring 2015 Committee-of-the-Whole meetings. The institutions presenting at the January meeting were: Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Tulsa Community College.
 - a. Oklahoma State University (OSU). President Burns Hargis and Dr. Gary Sandefur, Provost and Senior Vice President, gave a brief presentation on OSU's Complete College America (CCA) initiatives. President Hargis began by stating that OSU's first goal is to increase their college graduates. Dr. Sandefur stated that OSU has been focusing on college readiness, remediation reform, pathways to success, degree completion and rewarding performance. OSU has many initiatives underway to assist with these goals such as a P-12 Academic Partnerships office, a math placement system, reverse transfer initiatives, and restructuring alignment of advisors. Dr. Sandefur finished by stating that OSU is improving and growing.
 - b. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU). President Randy Beutler gave a brief presentation on SWOSU's CCA initiatives. President Beutler began by stating that SWOSU has several initiatives underway including creating an honors program, an intrusive advisement program and analyzing data to see why students leave the university. SWOSU has also created the Bulldogs Angels fund that helps students who are one financial crisis away from having to withdraw. Additionally, the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Rural Health Network has partnered with pharmacies across the state to place a SWOSU Pharmacy student at their location for Medication Therapy Management Services.
 - c. Tulsa Community College (TCC). President Leigh Goodson gave a brief presentation on TCC's CCA initiatives. President Goodson stated that as part of Achieving the Dream, TCC has had the opportunity to focus on degree completion, improving college readiness, strengthening pathways, remediation and increasing adult completion. President Goodson also mentioned the TCC EXCErate program for concurrent high school students as well as the reverse transfer partnerships with several regional institutions as a factor in TCC's degree completion success. Additionally, President Goodson stated that the Tulsa Achieves program is a good investment for Oklahoma degree completion,

providing full tuition and fees for every high school student who graduates from a Tulsa County high school.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Robert Anthony, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents' for Higher Education, advised Regents that there was not a need to go into executive session.
5. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Information Technology, Telecommunications, and OneNet stated that Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) staff attended the January 2015 meeting of the Oklahoma Board of Equalization. She stated that there is a 4-5 percent revenue deficit which will most likely get larger but it is still too early to speculate on the governor's budget.
6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Ms. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, gave a brief legislative update. Ms. Hunt started by saying that all of the legislative tours were well attended and she reviewed several pieces of legislation.
 - HB 2180 – This bill would require an Oklahoma's Promise student to complete 30 hours per academic year and extend the application eligibility to the end of a student's 11th grade year.
 - SB 137 – This bill would develop an appeals process for students denied an Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
 - SB 177 – This bill would increase the income eligibility for Oklahoma's Promise to \$55,000.
 - SB 504 – This bill would allow the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship to be used for an online institution.
 - SB 557 – This bill would allow faculty who have a valid handgun license to carry a licensed weapon on campus.
 - SB 461 – This bill would allow any individual with a valid handgun license to carry a licensed weapon on campus.
 - SB 212 – This bill would require every institution to publicly post their firearm policy.
 - SB 1265 - This bill would allow any individual with a valid handgun license to carry a licensed weapon on a private college campus.
 - HB 1733 – This bill would create a trust fund to cover a student's tuition and fees at a two year institution.
 - HB 1732 – This bill would allow funds from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Fund to be used for endowed chairs.
 - HB 2081 – This bill would require the OSRHE to establish a transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities.
 - SB 589 – This bill would require private institutions to publicly post the cost and transferability of their courses.

Ms. Hunt stated that the list will grow as the session continues.

7. **SREB.** Chancellor Johnson briefly summarized his presentation at the recent Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Commission on College Affordability meeting. He stated that he discussed Oklahoma's ranking among the nation in affordability and best states for recent graduates. He also discussed Oklahoma's formula for college affordability - a favorable economic climate, lower cost of living and low unemployment.

8. TASKFORCE REPORTS.

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Dr. Blake Sonobe gave a brief update on the work of the State Regents' Online Education Task Force. Dr. Sonobe stated that at the next meeting, Mr. Ken Parker, Chief Executive Officer of NextThought, will give a presentation regarding Oklahoma's next steps in digital education. Additionally, the task force is planning an Online Summit on April 17, 2015 for online educators.
- b. **State Regents' Campus Safety and Security Task Force.** Ms. Angela Caddell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications, gave a brief update on the work of the State Regents' Campus Safety and Security Task Force. Ms. Caddell stated that the three work groups are currently working on projects.

The Campus Best Practices workgroup is working with the Council on Student Affairs to provide Title IV training.

The Training and Plan Development workgroup is working to develop top training needs for all staff.

The Issue Monitoring Advocacy and Research workgroup will be working closely with Ms. Hollye Hunt on the composition of the legislature and support during the legislative session.

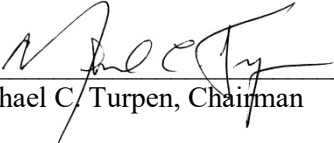
- 9. "BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION" REPORT.** Regents received the January 2015 update on institutional activities.

- 10. UPCOMING EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events this spring:

- a. January 30, 2015— Higher Education's Distinguished Service Award presentation to Senator John Ford — 10:00 a.m. at Arvest Bank in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.
- b. February 5, 2015 — Higher Education's Distinguished Service Award presentation to Representative Jon Echols — 2:30 p.m. at Oklahoma City Community College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- c. February 10, 2015— Higher Education Day at the Capitol — 2:00 p.m. in the House Chamber at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.
- d. March 4, 2015— State Regents' Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting— 10:30 a.m. at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.
- e. March 5, 2015— State Regents' Regular Meeting —9:00 a.m. at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.
- f. March 5, 2015— Online Education Task Force — 10:30 a.m. at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

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

ATTEST:



Michael C. Turpen, Chairman



Toney Stricklin, Secretary