

**OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
Wednesday, October 21, 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, September 2, 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, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass and Mike Turpen. Regents Ron White and John Massey joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and Regent Jay Helm joined the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Regent Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided.
- 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to go into executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

- 4. MERCER-HAMMOND.** Ms. Beth Johnson and Mr. Dick Anderson from Mercer-Hammond were present to facilitate a discussion regarding the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's (OSRHE) current investments. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Anderson discussed the current domestic markets, how China's stock market affects the United States and current recommendations.

They made a recommendation to invest \$32 million in Vanguard Total Stock Market Index, \$20 million in Vanguard FTSE All-World ex US Index, \$19 million in SailingStone Global Natural Resources Fund and \$13 million in Lazard Asset Management.

- 5. CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY.** Dr. Roger Webb, former University of Central Oklahoma President and consultant to the Campus Safety and Security Task Force, gave a brief update on campus safety and security efforts. Dr. Webb asked the Regents to focus their attention on the safety of Oklahoma's college campuses. He stated that it is the Regents' and presidents' responsibility to ensure a safe campus for Oklahoma students. Eight years ago, 33 people were killed at Virginia Tech University when a gunman opened fire in a classroom at the university. Several professors had noticed his behavior but nothing was done to prevent the incident. This incident became a case study on campus safety and it changed the way higher education systems in the United States view campus safety.

Dr. Webb stated that after the Virginia Tech incident, the Oklahoma Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force was formed to try to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening in Oklahoma. The current Campus Safety and Security Task Force has been very active and Dr. Webb believes that Oklahoma institutions are much safer today than eight years ago. He stated that college campuses are not designed to be safe places, with multiple points of entry, spread out campuses, and guests on campus every day. However, he credits better alert systems, more

effective use of lockdowns, better communication with legislators and increased training as improving campus safety in Oklahoma.

Dr. Webb listed three things that should be the focus of campus safety: 1) the dramatic increase of sexual assaults; 2) the increase in students with anxiety disorders; and 3) perhaps implementing mandatory freshman crisis preparedness training.

6. **ONENET.** Mr. Von Royal, Executive Director of OneNet, gave a brief update on OneNet operations. Mr. Royal provided a brief history of OneNet and how it began as a statewide talk-back television system operated by the OSRHE to the deployment and implementation of OneNet. OneNet is a unique public/private partnership with the private sector to deliver network access to its customers. It is governed by the OSRHE and the council on Information Technology provides leadership and strategic direction. OneNet provides many types of services, including internet access, web and email hosting, data storage, video conferencing and virtual machines and provides those services to over 1,300 agencies. Oklahoma state agencies are projected to save \$4.2 million collectively, annually, by using OneNet.

Mr. Royal stated that OneNet has over 2,000 miles of fiber infrastructure, core network facilities in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, storage facilities in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Lawton and easily supports all education, government and health care needs and requirements. Mr. Royal also spoke about the Oklahoma Community Anchor Network (OCAN). OCAN is a collaborative partnership between the OSRHE, OneNet, Oklahoma Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to deliver high-speed fiber across the state. OCAN services public schools, libraries, hospitals and state agencies. Mr. Royal finished by saying that OneNet also supports economic development efforts by removing geographic barriers, enabling research and grant opportunities, and building high performance computing resources.

7. **PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS.** Dr. Glen Krutz, Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives, at the University of Oklahoma (OU), stated that OU has contracted with Civitas Learning to use predictive analytics to increase student success. Mr. Charles Thornburgh, CEO at Civitas Learning, gave a brief introduction to predictive analytics. Mr. Thornburgh started by stating that there are over 1,000 predictive models; Civitas uses the Illume platform. The Illume platform consists of data from institutional leadership, advisors, faculty and students. Illume uses this data to create a profile for each student and uses predictors such as high school GPA, terms completed, classes withdrawn and days enrolled before term start to predict their success.

Mr. Thornburgh finished by stating that with the Illume platform, advisors can create student profiles and review their courses completed, track progress, review tuition cost, and predict their persistence.

8. **MATH SUCCESS.** Dr. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, stated that she will give a report on the Math Success Group initiatives at the October State Regents meeting on October 22, 2015.

9. **BUDGET.**

- a. Update on Monthly Collections. Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, gave a brief update on the monthly collections. Ms. Paliotta stated that the September collections did fall short; however, the state has enough funds to cover October's appropriations.
- b. Update on October 19<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting. Ms. Paliotta stated that on October 19, Chancellor Johnson, Regent Stricklin and she attended a meeting with Secretary of

Finance, Administration and Information Technology Preston Doerflinger, House Appropriations and Budget Committee Chair Earl Sears, and Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Clark Jolley as well as other agency heads to discuss the anticipated budget deficit for FY17.

10. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Ms. Hollye Hunt, Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs, distributed a schedule of upcoming Distinguished Service Awards and legislative tours.
11. **COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA.** Chancellor Johnson stated that all institutions have been asked to give a brief presentation on their Institutional Degree Completion plans at the upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole meetings. The institutions presenting at the October meeting were: Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Rogers State University and Seminole State College.
  - a. Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU). President David Bryant gave a presentation on OPSU's CCA initiatives. President Bryant began by stating that OPSU has been increasing their Hispanic student services since the population in nearby high schools is 70 percent Hispanic. Additionally, OPSU is working on remediation reform by opening a tutoring lab and University College. President Bryant stated that OPSU will be introducing new certificate and associate degrees in the coming months focusing on wind, oil and gas energy and emergency medication services. OPSU is making progress in number of degrees granted, with 322 awarded in FY2015, the highest in 5 years. President Bryant finished by stating that OPSU has received several honors with their rodeo, equine and crops judging team.
  - b. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO). President Jeff Hale gave a presentation on NEO's CCA initiatives. President Hale began by giving a brief history of NEO, their service area and their student count and top majors. He stated that in 2014-2015 NEO conferred 454 degrees and certificates, slightly down from last year at 497. NEO has met their CCA target at 170 percent by awarding 204 additional degrees and certificates above their goal. NEO has piloted a math booth camp, started a 5-day introductory Algebra course, reverse transfer agreements with surrounding institutions and curriculum redesign in their Nursing and Physical Therapist Assistant programs to meet their CCA goals.
  - c. Rogers State University (RSU). President Larry Rice gave a presentation on RSU's CCA initiatives. President Rice began by stating that RSU is strengthening relations between TRiO Talent Search, target schools and agencies, partnering with Google to deliver the AEROGames STEM competition, and promoting concurrent enrollment. Additionally, they are implementing an early alert system and adding two new positions to increase retention and increasing tutoring opportunities in their remedial gateway writing course. RSU has articulation agreements with Tulsa Community College and is working to develop certification programs with Mid-America Industrial Park. President Rice finished by stating that some challenges to meeting CCA goals include funding, stagnant salaries, cost of emerging technologies and declining high school graduation rates.
  - d. Seminole State College (SSC). President Jim Utterback and Dr. Tom Mills, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave a presentation on SSC's CCA initiatives. Dr. Mills began by stating that SSC is working to grow a campus-wide culture that facilitates student engagement, completion and success. That process starts with new-student advising, degree program mentoring and increasing retention and graduation rates. Their three-year goal is to increase retention and graduation rates by three percent each year compared to the previous three-year average. Dr. Mills stated that SSC is working to

help students complete their remediation in one year so they can quickly move on to credit bearing courses.

12. **ONLINE EDUCATION TASK FORCE REPORT.** Chancellor Johnson stated that this report would be presented at a future State Regents meeting.
13. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the October 2015 update on institutional activities.
14. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

October 29, 2015 – Distinguished Service Award for Representative Justin Wood – 9:30 a.m. - Shawnee High School, Shawnee Oklahoma

November 5, 2015 – Reception with the Council of Presidents – 9:30 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office, Library Conference Room.

November 5, 2015 – Regents Special Budget Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.

November 9, 2015 – Distinguished Service Award for Senator Jason Smalley – 2 p.m. at Seminole State College, Seminole, Oklahoma.

November 10, 2015 – Distinguished Service Award for Representative Mike Christian – 2:30 p.m. at Oklahoma City Community College in Oklahoma City.

November 12, 2015 – Fall Legislative Forum – 8:30 a.m. at the Jim Thorpe Museum in Oklahoma City.

November 18, 2015 – Legislative Tour – 11:00 a.m. at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma.

December 2, 2015 – State Regents Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.

December 2, 2015 – Dinner – 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

December 3, 2015 – State Regents Regular Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.

December 3, 2015 – Online Education Task Force Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.

December 7, 2015 – Legislative Tour – at 11 a.m. at Cameron University, Lawton Oklahoma.

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

ATTEST:

  
Toney Stricklin, Chairman

  
Ron White, Secretary