

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, December 2, 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, December 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, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, Jimmy Harrel, and John Massey. Regent Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Harrel, to go into executive session for discussion of the performance review of the Chancellor and confidential communications between a public body and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Harrel, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

4. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVEUE UPDATE.** Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Information Technology, Telecommunications, and OneNet stated that the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) released its revenue report showing that October collections were down compared to both the estimate and previous year's collections. Because of September collections, there were sufficient funds to make the full monthly allocation to state agencies, and there is still \$82 million available in cash sources. Ms. Paliotta stated that the State Board of Equalization will meet on December 21, 2015 to redo the estimates for Fiscal Year 2016 and provide an estimate for Fiscal Year 2017.
5. **MATHEMATICS PATHWAYS TO COMPLETION PROJECT.** Chancellor Johnson stated that Oklahoma has been selected as one of only five states to work with Dr. Uri Treisman and the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin as part of the Mathematics Pathways to Completion project. Mr. Tony Hutchison, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning and Analysis and Workforce and Economic Development, stated that the Oklahoma's participation in the project complements the state system's Complete College America (CCA) degree completion initiative through addressing readiness, remediation and pathways. Dr. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, provided an overview of the Mathematics Pathways to Completion project. There are two goals to the project – 1) increase and accelerate student success in math and 2) teach math content that is important to students' lives. The project consists of four components – 1) there will be multiple math pathways that are rigorous and relevant, 2) accelerate students to complete a college-level math course more quickly than the traditional remediation sequence, 3) use strategies to help students develop skills as learners, and 4) design curriculum and teaching based on proven practice. Dr. Stuart stated that the Mathematics Pathways to Completion project will have three phases of implementation resulting in the implementation of a multi-year statewide plan in 2018-18. It is expected that 25 percent of institutions will implement at least two math pathways, 50 percent of majors will be aligned to

the appropriate pathway, 25 percent of eligible students will have enrolled in a math pathway, and remedial and gateway course pass rates will double.

6. **FINANCIAL AID REPORT.** Chancellor Johnson stated that while appropriations have declined or remained flat over the last decade, we have seen a steady increase in the amount allocated by the State Regents for scholarships and financial aid. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, provided the Regents with a report on system-wide financial aid. He stated that since 2000, the amount of funding for scholarships and financial aid has increased from \$28 million to approximately \$100 million despite declining state appropriations. Mr. Fair stated that the OSRHE now has a system in place to track student financial aid at the individual level by semester and institution. He review the 2013-14 data with the Regents.

7. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.**

- a. Review of the Legislative Forum. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with an update on the Legislative Forum, which was held on November 10, 2015.
- b. Update on Interim Study. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with an update on Representative Harold Wright's interim study on November 2, 2015, concerning governance issues.

Ms. Hollye Hunt, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, provided Regents with dates for upcoming Legislative Tour events and the date for Senator Stanislawski's Distinguished Serve Award presentation in January 2016. Ms. Hunt also distributed the list of legislative deadlines for the 2016 legislative session.

8. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

- a. **ONLINE EDUCATION TASK FORCE.** Dr. Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, updated the Regents on the status of the Online Education Task Force. Dr. Sonobe stated that the three working committees – the Professional Development Committee, the Technology Committee, and the Affordable Resources Committee – are working to identify ways that the system can work together collectively to reduce costs, make services more available to students, and help faculty performance in online education. The working groups are currently in the process of interviewing faculty to determine faculty and institutional needs. A final report is expected to be presented at the Online Education Task Force meeting on January 28, 2016.
- b. **STATE REGENTS SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE.** Ms. Angela Caddell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications, updated the Regents on the status of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. Ms. Caddell stated that the Training and Development workgroup has been working to develop a compendium of low cost resources and tools for institutions. She state that compendium is now available online for institutions to access. The Campus Best Practices workgroup is in the process of reviewing campus safety smart phone apps. Finally, Ms. Caddell stated that the task force has started the planning process for the 2016 Campus Safety and Security Summit, which is expected to be held in October 2016.

9. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the December 2015 update on institutional activities.

10. CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

- December 7, 2015 – Legislative Tour – 11:00 a.m. at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma.
- December 8, 2015 – Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Education Budget Hearing – 9:30 a.m. at the State Capitol.
- December 14, 2015 – Legislative Tour – 11:00 a.m. at Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- December 16, 2015 – Legislative Tour – 11:30 a.m. at the University Center at Ponca City, Ponca City, Oklahoma.
- December 17, 2015 – Legislative Tour – 11:30 a.m. at Northwestern Oklahoma State University at Alva, Oklahoma.
- January 19, 2016 – Legislative Tour – 11:00 a.m. at Northeastern State University at Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.
- January 19, 2016 – Distinguished Service Award for Senator Stanislawski - 3 p.m. – Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- January 21, 2016 – Legislative Tour – 11:00 a.m. at Rogers State University at Claremore, Oklahoma.
- January 22, 2016 – Legislative Tour Southeast Region– 11:30 a.m. at Pete’s Place in Krebs, Oklahoma.
- January 27, 2016 – State Regents Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.
- January 27, 2016 – Dinner – 6 p.m. - TBA.
- January 28, 2016 – State Regents Regular Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.
- January 28, 2016 – Online Education Task Force Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents’ Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:


Toney Stricklin, Chairman


Ron White, Secretary