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of the  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
March 6, 2014**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the Conference Center at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on December 11, 2013. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Regent Harrel called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Toney Stricklin, Ron White, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Jimmy Harrel, Mike Turpen and John Massey.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' Committee-of-the-Whole and the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on January 29, 2014, and January 30, 2014. Voting for the motion were White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **Report of the Chairman.** Regent Harrel thanked President Randy Beutler for hosting the March State Regents meetings.
5. **Report of the Chancellor.** Chancellor Glen Johnson thanked President Beutler for being an outstanding host for the March State Regents meetings. He also distributed a recent article from *The Oklahoman* written by Kathryn McNutt focusing on the Oklahoma State University Riata Center that helps disabled veterans start and grow businesses. Chancellor Johnson provided

Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents. He also stated that Higher Education Day at the Capital was held on February 11<sup>th</sup> and it was a great opportunity to speak with legislators and highlight higher education. Chancellor Johnson also announced the National Governors Association Summit would be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Devon Energy Center. Each institution's governing board chairs are invited and Chancellor Johnson will be presenting in the afternoon. Lastly, he announced that on April 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a tuition hearing at 9:00 a.m. immediately followed by the April State Regents meeting

**6. RECOGNITION OF SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY.**

- a. President Beutler gave appreciation to the State Regents for holding their March meeting at SWOSU. President Beutler thanked them for their service to the state and their total support of SWOSU and their mission. He then introduced several SWOSU faculty and staff members. He stated that SWOSU is one of the most affordable institutions compared to in-state and out-of-state peer institutions. He also stated that SWOSU is proud to have had several graduates work for NASA as well as a recent White House student intern, Mr. Blaine Boyd. Mr. Boyd, Student Government Association President gave brief remarks regarding his time at SWOSU. President Beutler finished by highlighting several recent accomplishments by faculty and staff at SWOSU.
- b. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve a resolution honoring the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SWOSU's College of Pharmacy. Voting for the motion were Helm, Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

**7. NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Athletic Training in Athletic Training.

Voting for the motion were Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the request from Redlands Community College to offer a Certificate in Enterprise Development, the Certificate in Equine Sciences, the Certificate in School Age Children and the Certificate in Artificial Insemination. Voting for the motion were Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

**8. PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following requests for program deletions:

- Oklahoma State University requested to delete the Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Broadcasting and the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Broadcasting.
- The University of Oklahoma requested to delete the Master of Education in School Counseling.
- The University of Central Oklahoma requested to delete the Master of Arts in Communication.
- Seminole State College requested to delete the Associate of Science in Office Management.

Voting for the motion were Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

**9. COURSE EQUIVALENCY PROJECT.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the Course Equivalency Project for the 2014-2015 academic year. Dr. Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, noted that as of the 2013-2014 academic year, 45 disciplines were participating covering a total of 8,200 courses. Voting for the motion were Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Harrel. Voting against the motion were none.

**10. E&G BUDGETS.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the

allocation of \$1,312,742.32 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center from revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway Harrel and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

**11. REVENUE BOND.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the transmittal to the Attorney General of Oklahoma, that the Statement of Essential Facts for the University of Oklahoma's General Obligation Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2014C in the amount of approximately \$88,020,000 is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

**12. ENDOWMENT.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve a substitute account at the request of the University of Oklahoma. The original allotment will not change, but results in a transfer from an approved account to the addition of a new account being approved through this request. Voting for the motion were White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

**13. TUITION AND FEES.**

a. Regents reviewed the posting of legislative tuition and mandatory fee limits for resident and nonresident undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs for Fiscal Year 2015 and institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2015.

This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents action.

b. Regent Harrel announced that the State Regents would be holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving views and comments on the subject of tuition, mandatory fees, and academic fees charged as a condition for enrolling at institutions in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The hearing will be held in the State Regents' offices on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 9 a.m.



**14. GEAR UP.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve a partnership contribution to Connors State College and Rogers State University in support of summer expanded learning opportunities for students in designated GEAR UP schools. Voting for the motion were Helm, Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

**15. CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the following purchases for amounts in excess of \$100,000:

- Aurora Learning Community Association in the amount of \$182,387 to provide a longitudinal data system to all 24 GEAR UP school sites.
- IBM in the amount of \$200,000 for N-Series Storage equipment to upgrade the OneNet storage cluster in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.
- Student Outreach Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$85,000 as a result of a contract amendment adding federally required FFEL default aversion services performed on behalf of the Oklahoma College Assistance Program. This is an increase, which will bring the total contract amount to \$668,333.33.
- Sallie Mae, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500,000 due to significantly increased successful collection efforts in comparison to original estimates. This is an increase, which will bring the total contract amount to \$9,565,000.

Voting for the motion were Parker, Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

**16. INVESTMENTS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve a new investment manager and allocation of funds for the endowment trust fund. Voting for the motion were Holloway, Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **POLICY.** Regents reviewed the revisions to the *Compliance* policy, which would enhance enrollment report responses and unitized data system capacity. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.
18. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Harrel, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **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.
20. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the following consent docket items.
  - a. Programs.
    - (1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
    - (2) Program Suspension. Approval of institutional requests.
  - b. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
  - c. Program Reinstatement. Approval of institutional requests.
  - d. Post Audit. Approval of institutional requests for final approval and review schedule extensions for existing programs.
  - e. Electronic Delivery. Approval of request to offer existing degree programs via online delivery for Oklahoma City Community College.
  - f. Career Tech Contract. Acceptance and ratification of the agreement with the Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education for FY2014.
  - g. Agency Operations. Approval of ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
  - h. Non-Academic Degrees.
    - (1) Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award a posthumous degree.

- (2) Ratification of a request from East Central University to award a posthumous degree.

Voting for the motion were Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Harrel. Voting against the motion were none.

**21. REPORTS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the following reports:

- a. Programs. Status report on program requests.
- b. Annual Reports.
  - (1) Low Productivity Programs Report.
  - (2) Oklahoma College Savings Plan. Annual Program Update for 2013.
  - (3) Teacher Education Admission Survey Report.
  - (4) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project Reports.
    - a) ACT Report.
    - b) College Going Rate Report.
    - c) Remediation Report.
  - (5) Supplemental Pension Report FY2013.

Voting for the motion were Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Harrel and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

**22. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.
- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- c. Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

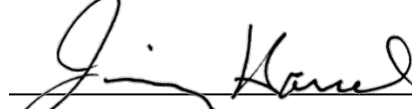
d. Investment Committee. The Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

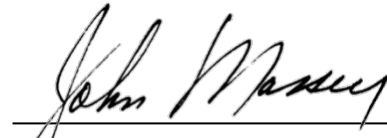
23. **NEW BUSINESS.** No new business was brought before the Regents.

24. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Harrel announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 9 a.m. with a tuition hearing and at 10:00 a.m. with a regular State Regents meeting at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

25. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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James D. Harrel, Chairman

  
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John Massey, Secretary