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of the  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
October 16, 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, October 16, 2014, in the State Regents' Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on October 10, 2014. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Regent Turpen called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Toney Stricklin, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, Mike Turpen and John Massey. Regent Ron White joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and Regent Jay Helm joined at 9:20 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' Committee-of-the-Whole and the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on September 3, 2014, and September 4, 2014. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Turpen discussed several ways institutions are trying to reduce student debt. He recently visited Cameron University where only 30 percent of students have student debt and he spoke about the Debt-Forgiveness Program at The University of Oklahoma's Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education. For each year a student teaches in Oklahoma, their student loans will be forgiven up to \$5,000 per year for up to 4 years. Additionally, Regent Turpen discussed a new partnership between Oklahoma City Community

College (OCCC), the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) and Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS). This program guarantees student loan forgiveness for any OKCPS student, who graduates from OCCC or UCO with a teaching degree and commits to three years of teaching in the OKCPS system.

- 5. REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen Johnson provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents. He also discussed several upcoming events including:

- November State Regents Meeting – November 6, 2014;
- Fall Legislative Forum – November 19; and
- Several legislative tours scheduled for November and December.

Chancellor Johnson also gave a brief update on the Oklahoma Complete College America (CCA) goals. Oklahoma's goal is an additional 1,700 degrees or certificates per year to meet the CCA goal. In year two, Oklahoma exceeded the goal with 3,577 new degrees and certificates.

**6. NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to approve the request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the request from Northeastern State University to offer the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, the Master of Science in Education in Special Education – Autism Spectrum Disorders, and the Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Science in Native

American Leadership. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- d. Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the request from Rogers State University to offer the Bachelor of General Studies in General Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Holloway and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the request from Connors State College to offer the Certificate in Certified Nursing Assistant and the Certificate in Licensed Practical Nurse. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Holloway, Glass and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City to offer the Certificate in Electronic Engineering Technology. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Holloway, Glass, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

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

- Eastern Oklahoma State College requested to delete the Associate in Science in Pre-Professional.

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

**8. OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve Oklahoma’s Promise’s official funding estimate for FY2016. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

**9. PRIORITY ACADEMIC STUDENT SKILLS (PASS).** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey to approve the report on the review of the Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Chancellor Johnson gave a brief overview of the report and started by stating that the process began in May when HB 3399 repealed the Oklahoma Common Core State Standards. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) staff began assembling two groups of subject matter experts and those groups met several times to review the PASS standards. Additionally, the OSRHE engaged the services of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to provide consultants for the review. The SREB consultants, Sheila Byrd Carmichael and Dr. Janie Schielack conducted an independent analysis of the process and the findings. Chancellor Johnson stated that the committees concluded that, if mastered, the Math and English/Language Arts standards would adequately prepare a student for college level courses. However, both committees had recommendations to further strengthen the standards.

Dr. Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, commended the faculty groups, the SREB facilitators and OSRHE staff for their excellent work on the review. Additionally, Mr. Dave Spence, SREB President, stated that SREB's goal is for every state to have the highest standards and he believes Oklahoma is on the right path. He thanked Chancellor Johnson and OSRHE staff for asking SREB to be a part of the review process.

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

**10. POLICY.**

a. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve changes to the Tuition and Fee Policy which incorporate the Oklahoma Student Veteran Leave of Absence Act of 2014. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the proposed permanent rule revisions to the Regents Purchasing Policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Holloway and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the transmittal to the Attorney General of Oklahoma, that the Statement of Essential Facts for The University of Oklahoma’s General Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A in the amount of approximately \$30,435,000 and Series 2015B in the amount of approximately \$5,115,000 is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Holloway, Glass and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the Endowment Trust Fund Investment Performance Report and annual distribution schedule. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Holloway, Glass, Turpen and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **GRANT.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to accept the College Access Challenge Grant Program funds totaling \$1,421,322 and approve non-federal matching funds of \$710,661 for FY15. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
14. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the following purchases for amounts in excess of \$100,000:
- VI Marketing and Branding in the amount of \$115,000 for a statewide advertising campaign that will include a new creative package for Reach Higher.
  - Staplegun Design in the amount of \$100,000 for an Oklahoma’s Promise media campaign.
  - Dobson Technologies Transport and Telecom Solutions in the amount of \$150,000 for a lease of four strands of dark fiber to connect Choctaw Memorial



Hospital in Hugo and Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Idabel to the Oklahoma Community Anchor Network.

- Expenditure request for \$34,583 for OneNet to purchase four new service vehicles.

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

**15. DELETED ITEM.**

**16. INVESTMENT.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to accept the approval of new investment managers and allocation of funds for the endowment trust fund. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

**17. COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

**18. 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.

**19. PERSONNEL.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to ratify the following appointments:

- Ms. Mary Heid as Executive Director of the Oklahoma College Assistance Program; and
- Ms. April Goode as Director of OneNet Strategic Planning and Communications.

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

**20. SUPPLEMENTAL POST EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve and adopt a formal plan document that mirrors existing

State Regents policy and agency practice regarding retired employees' health, dental and vision insurance benefits. Voting for the motion were Regents Massey, Stricklin, White, Helm, Holloway, Glass and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

**21. CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Massey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following consent docket items.

- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Electronic Media. Approval of The University of Oklahoma's request to offer the existing Master of Science in Natural Gas Engineering and Management in Natural Gas Engineering and Management via electronic media.
- c. Agency Operations. Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.

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

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

- a. Programs. Status report on program requests.
- b. Annual Reports. FY2014 Financial Operations Report, June 30, 2014.

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

**23. 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.

**24. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Turpen announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 9 a.m. 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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Michael C. Turpen, Chairman

  
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Toney Stricklin, Secretary