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of the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
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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, December 3, 2015, 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 Friday, 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.** Chairman Toney Stricklin called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Ike Glass, Mike Turpen and John Massey.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Massey, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on October 22, 2015. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Stricklin stated that it has been a good month for higher education and that he has had the opportunity to participate in many activities with Chancellor Johnson. He stated that the Legislative Forum was very well attended by many regents, presidents, and staff, and it provided an opportunity to formulate ideas for the upcoming year. Chairman Stricklin stated that it will be a challenging year but that higher education has a good plan. He complimented Chancellor Johnson and the OSRHE staff for organizing the Legislative Forum.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen Johnson thanked Chairman Stricklin for his comments and commented that the priorities of the State Regents and the state system of higher education are to provide a high quality education at a very affordable cost and to produce civically engaged citizens. Chancellor Johnson distributed an article from *The Oklahoman* focusing on Oklahoma's selection to participate in the Mathematics Pathways to Completion project sponsored by the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin. He also provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents. Chancellor Johnson concluded by stating that he will present the State Regents' Public Agenda, Legislative Agenda and Budget Request later in the meeting.

6. **OKLAHOMA CAMPUS COMPACT.**

a. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented the winners of the 2015 Oklahoma Campus Compact Annual Voter Registration Contest. The 2015 contest winners were Eastern Oklahoma State College and runner-up Western Oklahoma State College for the red category, East Central University and runner-up Northern Oklahoma College for the white category, and the University of Central Oklahoma and runner-up University of Oklahoma for the blue category. The University of Oklahoma won the award for registering the most out-of-state students and Murray State College won the award for registering the highest proportion of out-of-state students. Representatives from the winning institutions were in attendance to receive their award. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent White to accept the presentation on 2015 Oklahoma Campus Compact Annual Voter Registration Contest winners. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Dr. Blanke presented the winners of the Oklahoma Campus Compact State Awards. Dr. Blanke stated that the following award recipients were in attendance to receive their award:

- Dr. Jorge Atiles, from Oklahoma State University, and Ms. Lindsay White, from Tulsa Community College, both received the Community Engagement Professional of the Year award;

Dr. Jennifer Jones, from Oklahoma State University, received the Excellence in Community-Based Teaching & Scholarship award but was unable to attend the meeting. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen to accept the presentation on Oklahoma Campus Compact State Awards. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

7. FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

- a. Regents received the 2015 Annual Faculty Advisory Report. Dr. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, introduced Dr. Edgar O’Rear to discuss the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) work plan. Dr. O’Rear highlighted faculty workload, communication with faculty, and improved student preparation for college as important issues in the FAC work plan.
- b. Regents recognized FAC members who completed their terms of service. Regents also recognized newly elected FAC members, who are elected by the Faculty Assembly to represent faculty from both independent and State System institutions. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen to accept the 2015 Annual Faculty Advisory Report and recognize FAC members. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Massey, Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.

- 8. 2016 PUBLIC AGENDA.** Chancellor Johnson presented the 2016 Public Agenda. The 2016 Public Agenda outlines the goals of the OSRHE, which include increasing the number of college graduates, enhancing access to higher education, and strengthening the ability of college graduates to compete and succeed in a global economy.

9. **2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Chancellor Johnson presented the State Regents' 2016 Legislative Agenda. The 2016 Legislative Agenda sets a list of issues of interest to the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education that may be brought before the Legislature during the 2016 legislative session. The issues outlined in the Legislative Agenda for 2016 are the Complete College America initiative, maintaining the current law with regard to weapons on campus, and protecting the Oklahoma's Promise program as one of the most successful college access programs in the country.

10. **E&G BUDGET NEEDS FOR FY2017.**

- a. Chancellor Johnson presented the State System of Higher Education's budget needs for FY2017. Chancellor Johnson recommended a flat budget request for FY2017 in the amount of \$963,412,106 due to the projected state budget shortfall for FY2017. Chancellor Johnson also highlighted several cost saving initiatives that are being implemented at state system institutions in an effort to address the anticipated budget reductions.
- b. Chancellor Johnson presented an addendum acknowledging a total budget need increase of \$22,000,556 for institution operations due to fixed cost increases.

Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the 2016 Public Agenda; the 2016 Legislative Agenda; the appropriations request for FY2017 in the amount of \$963,412,106; and the addendum to the FY201 budget request in the amount of \$22,000,556.

Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, and Turpen.

Voting against the motion were none. Regent Massey left the meeting.

11. **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENTS.** State Regents heard comments from President Cheryl Evans, current chair of the Council of Presidents, in support of the State Regents' FY2017 budget request. President David L Boren, the University of Oklahoma, and President Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University, provided comments via video.

12. NEW PROGRAMS.

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Certificate in Sustainable Business Management. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to approve the request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the via distance education the Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Informatics, the Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education, and the Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Administration. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.

13. PROGRAM DELETIONS. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the following request for program deletions:

- a. Carl Albert State College requested to delete the Certificate in Specialized Studies.
- b. Northern Oklahoma College requested to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Photography and Digital Imaging and the Associate in Arts in American Indian Studies.

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

14. POLICY.

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to adopt permanent rule revisions for Oklahoma's Promise – Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and complete the permanent rule-making process. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Glass, to adopt permanent rule revisions for the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Program and complete the

permanent rule-making process. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **SUMMER ACADEMIES.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the 2016 Summer Academy grants in the amount of \$869,352. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **TEACHER EDUCATION**

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Improving Teacher Quality, Title II, Part A allocation of state grant program funds from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$691,072. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program benefit of \$14,362 for each eligible teacher by 2016. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the allocation of \$1,450,839.96 to the 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 Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, White, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
18. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a distribution of 4.5 percent of the June 30 market value totaling the amount of \$24.9 million for fiscal year 2015 and \$36.9 million for prior years' carryover for institutional expenditure from eligible Endowment Trust Fund accounts and approve the corresponding account reports for the

year ending June 30, 2015. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- 19. MASTER LEASE PROGRAM.** Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve submission to the Council of Bond Oversight the 2015C Equipment Master Lease Series. The projects from all institutions total \$1,580, 610. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, and Glass. Voting against the motion were none.

20. EPSCoR

- a. Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve an allocation in the amount of \$30,000 to Northeastern State University for the annual Regional University Research Day. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to ratify payment of the annual EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition dues in the amount of \$32,500 for calendar year 2016. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the EPSCoR Advisory Committee to serve until December 2017:
 - Robert Bible, College of the Muscogee Nation;
 - Michael Caroline, Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology;
 - Kelvin Droegemeier, University of Oklahoma;
 - Janet Haggerty, University of Tulsa;
 - Jason Kirksy, Oklahoma State University;
 - John McArthur, Cameron University;

- Stephen McKeever, Oklahoma State University;
- Stephen Prescott, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation;
- Scott Rollins, Selexys Pharmaceuticals;
- Kenneth Sewell, Oklahoma State University;
- Blake Sonobe, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; and
- James Tomasek, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, and White.

Voting against the motion were none.

21. REVENUE BOND

- Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve and transmit to the Attorney General of Oklahoma that the Statement of Essential Facts for the University of Central Oklahoma, Series 2016, in the amount of approximately \$11,000,000 is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, White, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve and transmit to the Attorney General of Oklahoma that the Statement of Essential Facts for Oklahoma City Community College, Student Facility Bonds, Refunding Series 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$6,020,000 is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, White, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

22. CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES. Regent Glass made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the following purchases for amounts in excess of \$100,000:

- Telco Supply in the amount of \$115,000.00 to extend the fiber optic cable route from the current OneNet hub site at the existing University Center of Southern Oklahoma

location in Ardmore Oklahoma to its new building location in Ardmore, Oklahoma.
(Funded from 718-OneNet).

Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, and Glass.

Voting against the motion were none.

23. INVESTMENTS. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve new investment managers and the allocation of funds for the endowment trust. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Parker, Holloway, Glass, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

24. POLICY. Regents reviewed proposed amendments to the Communicators Council Policy, section 2.18 of the Policy and Procedures Manual. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents' action.

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

26. 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.

27. CONSENT DOCKET. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the following consent docket items:

a. Programs.

(1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.

(2) Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.

- b. Electronic Delivery. Approval of requests to offer existing degree programs via online delivery for Murray State College.
- c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Ratification of institutional requests to participate in the SARA.
- d. Post Audit. Approval of institutional requests for final approval and review schedule extensions for existing programs.
- e. Academic Scholars Program. Authorization of freshmen Institutional Nominees for Fall 2016.
- f. Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarships. Authorization of freshmen scholarship slots for Fall 2016.
- g. Agency Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Audit. Acceptance of the FY2015 Annual Audit Reports.
- h. Resolution. Approval of a resolution for a retiring employee.

Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Glass, Turpen, Stricklin, and White.

Voting against the motion were none.

28. REPORTS. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the following reports:

- a. Programs. Status report on program requests.
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) 2014- 2015 Academic Scholars Year End Report.
 - (2) 2014-2015 Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Year End Report.
 - (3) 2014-2015 Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Year End Report.
 - (4) 2014-2015 Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarships Year End Report.
 - (5) Preparing for College Mass Mailing.
 - (6) Tuition. Acceptance of the FY2016 Tuition Impact Analysis Report for submission to the Governor, President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House as required by statute.

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

29. 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.

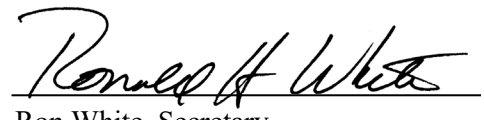
30. NEW BUSINESS. No other business was brought before the State Regents.

31. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING. Regent Stricklin announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:


Toney Stricklin, Chairman


Ron White, Secretary