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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 Friday, May 31, 2019, 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 September 18, 2018. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Jay Helm called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Toney Stricklin, Ron White, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Jeff Hickman and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Michael C. Turpen was absent.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on April 25, 2019. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Stricklin and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Helm stated that higher education had a better budget year, which included a 3.5 percent raise to faculty, full funding for concurrent enrollment and funding for the Section 13 Offset program. He recognized the institutions for their continued work in coping with the funding challenges in recent years.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson stated that he appreciated Governor Stitt and the State Legislature for the increase in higher education funding that was received this year. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents. He concluded his comments by recognizing Vice Chancellor for Administration Kylie Smith as a “*Journal Record*” honoree for the “Achievers Under 40” award.

6. **STUDENTS ADVISORY BOARD.**

a. Recognition of the outgoing Student Advisory Board (SAB) and installation of incoming members of the Student Advisory Board. Regent Lester made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the resolutions of appreciation to the outgoing members of the Student Advisory Board. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced the outgoing members of the SAB. Chairman Jay Helm and Chancellor Glen D. Johnson presented them with resolutions commending their service.

Dr. Blanke introduced the incoming SAB members. Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger administered the oath of office to the incoming SAB members.

b. 2019 Annual Report of the Student Advisory Board. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced the chairman of the Student Advisory Board (SAB,) Jake Mazeitis of the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Mazeitis provided Regents with an overview of the SAB Annual Report and recommendations. Recommendations addressed the following issues: increase in income eligibility requirements for Oklahoma’s Promise; support for Oklahoma’s Promise funding; formation of a Staff Advisory Board; establishment of a State Chief Diversity Officer;

telehealth for students; transfer of credits; transgender inclusivity; tuition costs; and maintaining the current law with regard to weapons on campus.

Regent Parker made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2019 Annual Report of the SAB, seconded by Regent Hickman. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

7. **STUDENTS.** Mr. Jerry Nelson, a student at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University, spoke about his higher education experience. Mr. Nelson is completing his bachelor's degree through the Reach Higher Program. Mr. Nelson explained that he is older than most college students and brought with him certain life experiences as he returned to college, including an appreciation for earning a degree. Although he started college after high school, he soon dropped out to get married and start a family and a career. After his children were grown, he discovered the Reach Higher program and decided it was time to go back to college. He praised the Reach Higher program for providing him with a path to achieve his dream of a college degree.
8. **E&G BUDGET.** Allocation of State Appropriated funds to institutions and programs for FY2020 and Acceptance of FY20 Budget Principles and Guidelines. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the allocation of state appropriated funds to institutions and programs for FY2020 and accept the FY20 Budget Principles and Guidelines. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.
9. **TUITION.** Approval of FY20 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Principles and Guidelines. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the FY20 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Principles and Guidelines. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker,

Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Approval of the FY2020 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the FY2020 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Regent Steven W. Taylor and Regent Jay Helm abstained from voting on that part of the item regarding American Telephone and Telegraph. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **INVESTMENTS.** Approval of investment managers. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve new investment managers and allocation of funds for the Endowment Trust Fund. The recommendation was for: Renaissance Institutional Equities Fund (RIEF) in the amount of \$4 million; Great Hill Equity Partners VII in the amount of \$7 million; and H.I.G. Middle Market LBO Fund III in the amount of \$7 million. Voting for the motion were Regents Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **NEW PROGRAMS**

a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University to approve the Certificate in Communications Sciences and Disorders and the Certificate in Digital Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Lester. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences to approve the Master of Science

in Physician Assistant Studies and the Master of Science in Global Health. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the request from the University of Oklahoma to approve the Bachelor of Science information and Science Technology and the Graduate Certificate in Archaeoastronomy and Astronomy in Culture. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the request from Oklahoma Panhandle State University to offer the Certificate in Welding Technology. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the following request for program deletion: Western Oklahoma State College to delete the Associate of Applied Science in Fire Technician program. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM.**

- a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the review schedule extension request for Intensive English Programs for the Language Company Edmond and The Language Center-Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin and White. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the English Language Center in Edmond as an Intensive English Program (IEP) for three years. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **POLICY.**

- a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the *Professional Programs* policy revisions. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regents reviewed the proposed revisions to the *Academic Program Approval* policy. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents action.
- c. Regents reviewed the proposed revisions to the *Teacher Education* policy. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents action.
- d. Regents reviewed the proposed revisions to the *Faculty Advisory Council* policy. This item was for posting only and did not require State Regents action.

16. **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the 2019-2020 Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Award Schedule. Voting for the motion were Regents Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway and Lester. 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 an executive session was not needed.
19. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the following consent docket items:
- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - b. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
 - c. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - d. Cooperative Agreements. Ratification of institutional requests regarding cooperative agreement programs from Rose State College with Gordon Cooper Technology Center.
 - e. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the Master of Science in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership and the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science through online delivery.
 - (2) University of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the Master of Social Work in Social Work through online delivery.
 - (3) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education through online delivery.
 - (4) Rogers State University. Approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN to BSN through online delivery.
 - (5) University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the Master of Business Administration in Business Administration through online delivery.
 - f. Prior Learning Assessment. Approval of the prior learning assessment matrix for technical education.
 - g. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000 for FY2019.
 - (2) Attorney General. Approval of a contract with the Office of the Attorney General for legal services.
 - (3) Personnel. Ratification of appointment of the Director of Student Performance Data.

- h. Non-Academic Degrees.
 - (1) Tulsa Community College. Ratification of request to award a posthumous degree.
 - (2) Oklahoma City Community College. Ratification of request to award posthumous degrees.
 - (3) Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Ratification of request to award a posthumous degree.
 - (4) Langston University. Ratification of request to award an honorary degree.

Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **REPORTS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to accept the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current status report on program requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Acceptance of the Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program 2018-2019 Year End Report.
 - (2) Acceptance of the Future Teachers Scholarship Program 2018-2019 Year End Report.
 - (3) Acceptance of the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program 2018-2019 Year End Report.
 - (4) Acceptance of the William P. Willis Scholarship 2018-2019 Year End Report.
 - (5) National Guard Tuition Waiver 2018-19 Year End Report and Institutional Reimbursement.
 - (6) Oklahoma High School Indicators Project.
 - a) High School to College-Going Rates by High School Site.
 - b) Developmental Education Rates of College Freshmen by High School Site.
 - c) Headcount, Semester Hours, and GPA by High School Site.
 - d) Mean ACT Scores by High School Site.

Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

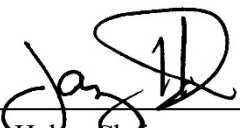
21. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

- 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.

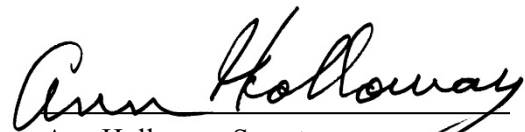
22. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Helm announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:



Jay Helm, Chairman



Ann Holloway, Secretary