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of the  
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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, September 5, 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 Jody Parker called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Ann Holloway, Andy Lester, Toney Stricklin, Jay Helm, Jeff Hickman, Ron White, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Michael C. Turpen was not in attendance.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on June 27, 2019. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Parker shared his desire that the State Regents continue to work based on the recommendations of the various task forces and in coalition with the Governor to make Oklahoma a top ten state. He stated that it is necessary for the universities, colleges, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to embrace and adjust to change caused by demographic shifts, technology advancements, and similar causes, and that it is

important to find new and effective ways to work together to create a better, more prosperous, and more diverse future for Oklahoma.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson stated that he wanted to continue to work with the task forces and use collaborative efforts to implement their recommendations. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents, including the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. Regent Steven Taylor and Vice Chancellors Tony Hutchison and LeeAnna McNally were also in attendance for this event where Chancellor Johnson received the SHEEO Exceptional Leader award. Chancellor Johnson provided Regents with a copy of the remarks he made during this event. Chancellor Johnson also mentioned the Employee Recognition Event in August, thanking the four Regents who attended and stating that the number of staff recognized at this event and the longevity they had been with the State Regents spoke well about the agency.

6. **STUDENTS.** Ms. Rosa Teus, a student at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC), spoke about her higher education experience. Ms. Teus explained her background, coming from a single parent household with no higher education and how she herself became a single mother at a young age but knew that higher education was the key to fulfilling her dream of a better life for her and her child. She enrolled at OCCC and is seeking a degree in Psychology. She hopes to later pursue graduate school. She wanted to prove that being a single mother and a minority would not define her. She thanked OCCC and Bryon Dickens, Mentorship Director at OCCC who had accompanied her to the State Regents meeting, for uplifting and empowering her on her higher education career.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Science in Information and Science Technology in Tulsa, the Certificate in Engineering Leadership, the Graduate Certificate in Executive Management in Aerospace/Defense, via traditional and electronic delivery, the Graduate Certificate in Learning Design and Technology, the Certificate in Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Analysis via electronic delivery, and the Certificate in Restorative Justice, via electronic delivery.

Chairman Parker asked for discussion, at which time Regent Helm raised the issue of tabling the Bachelor of Science in Information and Science Technology at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa citing concerns that the agenda recommendation appeared to establish a full 4-year degree program at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa, which would conflict with Senate Bill 1426.

Dr. Debbie Blanke, senior vice chancellor for Academics and Student Affairs, recognizing Regent Helm's concerns, suggested that Academic Affairs could revise the agenda item concerning this program to clarify that Tulsa Community College (TCC) would offer the lower division coursework for the program, with the University of Oklahoma offering the upper level courses only, and bring the corrected item to the board for consideration at their October meeting.

Regent Lester asked if the agenda item could be amended. General Counsel Bob Anthony stated that the agenda item could not be amended and suggested a deletion of that specific program from the agenda item instead of tabling it.

Regent Helm moved to delete the portion of the item concerning the Bachelor of Science in Information and Science Technology in Tulsa, seconded by Regent Lester.

Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, and Stricklin.

Voting against the motion were Regents Hickman and Taylor.

Regent Helm further moved to approve the Certificates listed in the agenda item, Regent Holloway seconded. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Science in Dietetics, the Graduate Certificate in K-12 STEM Educator, and the Graduate Certificate in Effective Teaching in Elementary Schools. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin White, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

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

- a. A request from Carl Albert State College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Health Information Technology, the Associate in Arts in Communication, and the Associate in Arts in Visual and Performing Arts.
- b. A request from Connors State College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Radiologic Technologist.
- c. A request from Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City to delete the Certificate in Electric Power Technology – Relay Option.
- d. A request from Redlands Community College to delete the Associate in Arts in Art.

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

9. **INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve an extension of the review schedule for the ELS Language Centers in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for two months. Voting for the motion were Regents Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **ACADEMIC PLANS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to accept the 2019-2020 institutional academic plans. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker Holloway, and Lester. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to accept the 2019-2020 institutional degree completion plans. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **STUDENT ASSESSMENT PLANS.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve changes to the Student Assessment Plans for Rose State College and Tulsa Community College as required by the Assessment and Remediation policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **ACADEMIC POLICY.**
  - a. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve a request to modify approved terms of the policy exceptions for a pilot project proposed by Tulsa Community College (TCC) that allows TCC to admit Union Public Schools sophomores. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
  - b. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the revised University of Oklahoma admissions process for all first-time entering freshman who graduate from high schools in the United States. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.
  - c. Regents reviewed proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Transfer and Articulation



policy. This item was for posting only.

14. **OKLAHOMA TEACHER CONNECTION.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the proposed Oklahoma Teacher Connection Pre-Collegiate and Collegiate Program expenditures in the amount of \$56,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **REGIONAL UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to authorize twelve (12) freshmen scholarship slots for each institution participating in the Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship program for Fall 2020. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Lester made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the allocation of \$934,202.72 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$934,202.72 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) from revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Voting for the motion were Regents Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **MASTER LEASE PROGRAM.** Regent Lester made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the listing of projects for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight for the 2019A Master Lease Equipment Projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Lester. Voting against the motion were none.
18. **POLICY.** The Regents reviewed proposed revisions to the Tuition and Fees Policy. This item

was for posting only.

19. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

a. Regent Lester made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve FY2020 Purchases in excess of \$100,000.

- (1) Dobson technologies Transport and Telecom in the amount of \$100,000.00 for FY20 OneNet fiber locates.
- (2) KAMO Electric Cooperative Incorporated in the amount of \$169,762.00 for circuits to provide services to OneNet customers.
- (3) Blackboard in the amount of \$540,942.00 for the purchase of Blackboard Learn SaaS.
- (4) Gigapop Internet Services LLC in the amount of \$199,174.00 for a fiber construction project to provide services to the Oral Roberts University (ORU) campus in Tulsa.
- (5) Dobson Technologies Transport and Telecom in the amount of \$150,000.00 for FY20 fiber optic cable relocation due to road and highway construction projects.
- (6) Inside Track in the amount of \$159,037.50 to continue to provide foundational coach training programs to the GEAR UP Grant IV College Coaches.

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

b. Regent Lester made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to accept a grant for up to \$8,500 from the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation to support Student Preparation Workshops for FY2020. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **INVESTMENTS.** This item was deleted.
21. **STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor to approve the proposed 2020 State Regents meeting dates and provide authorization to file with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.
22. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Lester made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.
23. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Taylor, Stricklin, White, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
- Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.
24. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to approve the following consent docket items:
- a. Programs. Approval of institutional requests for program modifications.
  - b. Reinstatement. Ratification of approved institutional requests to reinstate suspended academic programs.
  - c. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests for degree program inventory

reconciliation.

- d. Cooperative Agreements. Ratification of Connors State College's request regarding cooperative agreement programs.
- e. Electronic Delivery.
  - (1) Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Psychology and the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies through online delivery.
  - (2) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the Bachelor of Arts in English through online delivery.
- f. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional request to renew participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- g. Prior Learning Assessment. Approval of the prior learning assessment matrix for technical education.
- h. Operations.
  - (1) Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000 for FY2019.
  - (2) Personnel. Ratification of the appointment of the Director of Academic Programs and Innovation.
  - (3) FY2020 Agreement with the Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education.

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

25. **REPORTS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Lester, to accept the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current status report on program requests. (Supplement)
- b. Final Report on the Connors State College Accelerate Concurrent Enrollment Pilot Project.

- c. Annual Reports.
  - (1) Annual report of program requests. (Supplement)
  - (2) Tuition and Fees Rate Book, FY2020. (Supplement)
  - (3) Student Cost Survey, FY2020. (Supplement)
  - (4) Cash Reserve Report for FY2020. (Supplement)
  - (5) Faculty Salary Report FY2019. (Supplement)

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

26. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

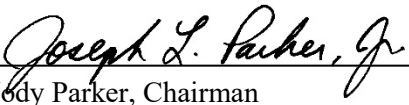
- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.
- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
-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

27. **NEW BUSINESS.** No new business was brought before the Board.

28. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Parker announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Jody Parker, Chairman

  
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Andy Lester, Secretary