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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 a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020, via Zoom videoconference. This special meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on July 10, 2020. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairwoman Ann Holloway called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting via Zoom videoconference were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Jay Helm joined the meeting in progress via videoconference at 9:06 a.m. Regent Jeff Hickman joined the meeting in progress via videoconference at 9:09 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on June 24, 2020. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN.** Chairwoman Holloway began by stating that she had hoped that the meeting would be able to take place in-person, but that she is looking forward to a productive year. She concluded her remarks by stating that she hopes the meeting in September is able to be held in person as she misses the camaraderie with her fellow State Regents.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson began by thanking Regent Parker for his work and leadership as Chair for the previous year and stated that he was looking forward to working with Chairwoman Holloway and that they have already had a very active start. He then focused on COVID-19, updating the State Regents on meetings that he and the OSRHE staff have with the Council of Presidents, noting that they have been meeting every other week as they begin preparations for reopening and for the Fall 2020 semester. He stated that his work on the Southern Regional Education Board COVID-19 Task Force, along with four of the Presidents also serving on the Task Force, has been very helpful in assisting the Council of Presidents employ best practices for a safe reopening for the Fall 2020 semester. He stated their preparation to ensure a safe learning environment for students and their concern for the safety of all students, faculty, staff, and community members, has been extraordinary.

6. **STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Annual Report of the Student Advisory Board. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

Dr. Debbie Blanke, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced the outgoing and incoming SAB members present on the Zoom videoconference call.

7. **UPDATES.**

a. **Fiscal Viability Review.** Mr. John Curry, Mr. Glenn McLaurin, and Ms. Lilly Leyh-Pierce from Huron Consulting Group presented their recommendations regarding the continued fiscal viability of state system institutions. Mr. Curry began by discussing the vision and goals of an established System Innovation Committee. He stated that they are

proposing working with the System Innovation Committee, along with a Project Management Office and Huron Support Team, to select a small cohort of institutions. He stated that Huron and System Office Project Management Office staff will conduct meetings with institutional leadership, request supplemental data, and that leadership from all participating institutions in the pilot cohort will engage in a retreat to further identify opportunities for collaboration.

Mr. Glenn McLaurin then discussed collaboration opportunities with cohort participants. He focused on four common categories of significant collaboration opportunities: administrative service delivery, academic program offerings, enterprise system and IT strategy, and spend management. Mr. Curry discussed that the Innovation Committee and pilot cohort will help refine selected financial and non-financial metrics to be used to assess institutional health. Mr. Curry then discussed the pilot cohort and the phased options, discussing that it is up to the State Regents to decide how long they want Huron to continue their engagement and that there may come a time that the State Regents believe that Huron can disengage or change the scope of its services.

A discussion then began about the proposed approach to the institutions, their governing boards and leadership and that it was important to stress that this is a collaborative effort. Mr. Curry then discussed Huron's history of large-scale projects and how those projects were accomplished. There was then discussion that the steps that will be recommended are to address both existing issues and issues that have come up due to the onset of COVID-19.

BREAK. Five minutes break for videoconferencing meeting. Following the break, the meeting was called back to order and the roll was called. Participating in the meeting were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, and Taylor. Regent Hickman joined the meeting in progress at 10:33 a.m.

- b. **Budget Report and Revenue Update.** Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Ms. Sheri Mauck stated that the State has not yet issued their final FY20 Revenue report and that the final report for FY20 will be available at the September meeting, as will the first month's report for the new fiscal year, FY21.
- c. **Legislative Update.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Ms. LeeAnna McNally stated that the House and Senate are currently reviewing submitted interim studies requests and will release a list of those approved interim studies by July 24, 2020. She stated that House members submitted 88 requests this year, down from 2019 when 145 requests were submitted. Members of Senate submitted at least 50 interim studies requests this year, compared to 2019 when 72 interim studies were submitted. She stated that during an election year there are typically less interim studies requested. Ms. McNally noted that there are several general interim studies submissions regarding blended and online learning as well as on the impact of COVID-19 on the work force. She added that construction continues the State Capitol and therefore the House and Senate will only have one room each to complete these interim studies, so the OSRHE will provide any assistance they can regarding blended and online learning. Ms. McNally concluded by stating that Senator Stanislawski and Chairman Thompson's Distinguished Service Awards are planned for the September State Regents' meeting and that Representative Baker and Senator Boren will be scheduled after September to complete the Distinguished Service Awards.
- d. **Task Force Reports.**
- (1) **Online Education Task Force.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke began by providing a brief background on the Online Education Task Force, the Council for Online Learning Excellence (COLE), and the creation of the Online Consortium of Oklahoma (OCO) for the

new Regents. Dr. Blanke then provided an update on the OCO and stated that they are in the process of creating a new website, OCOlearnOK Portal, which will contain content regarding membership, priorities and initiatives, events and professional development opportunities, recognitions, and getting connected. She also stated that they are developing learning courses for staff. Dr. Blanke also mentioned that in moving to online learning this past spring, there was concern regarding laboratories and she stated that they created the OCO STEM Virtual Academy, which is a five-week academy with one math faculty, one science faculty, and one e-learning professional, who are working together to learn how to make sure they are providing lab experiences in a virtual environment that are as effective as face-to-face. She stated that this is being offered at no-cost to member institutions and that it will also probably be offered again in the fall. Dr. Blanke concluded by mentioning an online proctoring grant, as there was concern about how to ensure there is no cheating during virtual learning, noting that any member institution can apply up until August 1, 2020 for the \$2000 grant.

- (2) **State Regents Campus Safety and Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications Ms. Angela Caddell shared that after meetings with partners for the planning for the Campus Safety and Security Summit for the Fall, the partners have agreed that it is not viable to have a summit in the Fall while maintaining social distancing and that they would have to limit participation. She stated that the partners discussed holding the summit virtually, but that they decided that it would diminish the summit's value to hold it virtually so they decided to cancel the summit until Fall 2021. Ms. Caddell stated that in the interim, they will hold virtual trainings throughout the year until they can hopefully host the summit again. She concluded by stating that the next Campus Safety and Security Task Force meeting will be September 9, 2020.



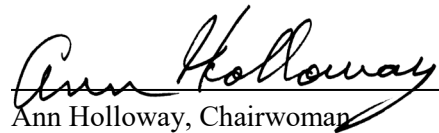
8. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve FY 2021 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
9. **POLICY.** The Regents reviewed the posting of revisions to State Regents Policy 2.5 *State Regents' Committees*. This item was for posting only.
10. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm to approve the following consent docket items:
- a. Electronic Delivery. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Associate in Arts in Psychology and Sociology, the Associate in Science in Elementary Education, the Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing, the Associate in Science in Physical Education, the Associate in Science in Sports Management, the Certificate in Accounting (Less Than One Year), and the Certificate in Accounting (Less Than Two Years).
  - b. Operations. Approval of contract renewal with the Attorney General.
  - c. Non-Academic Degrees. Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award posthumous degrees.
- Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **REPORTS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept the Current Status Report on program requests. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion

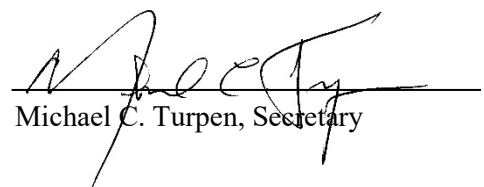
were none.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chairwoman Holloway announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
Ann Holloway, Chairwoman

  
Michael C. Turpen, Secretary