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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 a special meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022 in the Ranger Room of the Student Union at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Notice of the special meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on March 14, 2022. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jeffrey W. Hickman called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on February 9, 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Hickman began by stating that it was nice to be able to welcome everyone to Alva, where he had grown up. He thanked State Regents staff for helping put on the meetings on the road and also thanked Northwestern Oklahoma State University for hosting.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett also thanked Northwestern Oklahoma State President Janet Cunningham and her staff for hosting the meetings at their campuses. She introduced State Regents to Mr. John Hennessey, OneNet Executive Director and Higher Education Chief Information Officer, and Ms. Sonja Wall, Senior Director of Operations. Chancellor Garrett then spoke about on-ramps to channel more people into higher education and the work of the Concurrent Enrollment Task Force. She also discussed on-ramps for adult education such as Complete College America, the decline in international students, and upcoming work with the tribes.

6. **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a resolution for Northwestern Oklahoma State University President Cunningham. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. State Regents presented President Cunningham with the resolution. President Cunningham welcomed State Regents to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva campus and provided remarks on some of Northwestern’s programs such as teacher education and social work, their fundraising efforts and the endowed chairs program, and their rodeo team.

6.1 **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS.**

a. Northern Oklahoma College President Clark Harris began by introducing himself and discussing his background in education. He then presented on some of Northern Oklahoma College’s recent recognitions and accomplishments and highlighted their performing arts program. President Harris also mentioned Northern Oklahoma College’s other campuses and highlighted some their facilities, discussing some remodeling projects. He also highlighted Northern’s program partnership with Oklahoma State University and discussed

their budget.

- b. Oklahoma Panhandle State University Interim President Ryan Blanton began by discussing his background and some of Oklahoma Panhandle State's recent recognitions and accomplishments. He noted their increase in enrollment, particularly among the Hispanic population, and noted that Oklahoma Panhandle State is the only public Hispanic serving institution in the state. President Blanton also discussed some recent grants that have been awarded to the institution, programs and scholarships they are developing, their partnership with career tech, and facility improvement projects.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request Oklahoma State University to offer the Certificate in Accounting, Systems, and Auditing, the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology in Mechatronics and Robotics, the Certificate in Family Financial Planning at OSU-Tulsa, and the Master of Public Health in Public Health at OSU-Tulsa. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from University of Oklahoma to offer the Graduate Certificate in Construction Management and the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Regent Helm abstained from the vote.

Voting against the motion were none.

- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership – Principal and the Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership – Superintendent. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

8. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from Connors State College to delete the Associate in Science in Physical Science, a request from Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City to delete the Certificate in Electronics Engineering Technology, and a request from Western Oklahoma State College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Applied Technology. Voting for the motion Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **POLICY.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the proposed revisions to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway to approve the proposed revisions to the Professional Programs policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Posting of revisions to the Academic Program Approval policy. This item is for posting only.

10. **COURSE EQUIVALENCY PROJECT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the system faculty's 2022-2023 Course Equivalency Project. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
11. **PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the prior learning assessment matrix for technical education. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
  
12. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to reauthorize private and out-of-state institutions to operate with a physical presence in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
  
13. **TUITION.**
  - a. Posting of legislative tuition and mandatory fee limits for resident and nonresident undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs for Fiscal Year 2023 and posting of institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2023. This item is for posting only.
  - b. Posting of announcement of public hearing on fees and tuition scheduled for April 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. This item is for posting only.
  
14. **MASTER LEASE PROGRAM.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve authorize for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight the 2022 Real Property Master Lease



Series. The total projects from twelve entities amount to approximately \$93 million. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to certify to the Attorney General of Oklahoma that the Statements of Essential Facts for the Oklahoma State University's General Obligation and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A in an amount of approximately \$53,186,000 (tax-exempt) is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
  
16. **ENDOWED CHAIRS.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the reallocations of accounts within the portfolio as requested by the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Regent Helm abstained from the vote. Voting against the motion were none.
  
17. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve FY2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
  
18. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the recommendation is to commit \$10,000,000 to Abacus Multi-Family Fund VI. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent

Parker, to approve the recommendation to commit \$7,000,000 to Noble Hospitality V. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **COMMUNICATORS COUNCIL BYLAWS.** Posting of amendments to the Communicators Council bylaws in section 2.19 of the Policy and Procedures Manual. This item is for posting only.

20. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.**

a. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve and adopt the proposed administrative rules for the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve and adopt proposed permanent administrative rule revisions for Oklahoma's Promise – Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

c. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve proposed permanent administrative rules revisions and revocations for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

d. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve and adopt permanent rule revisions for Administrative Operation – Purchasing. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:
- a. Programs. Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
  - b. Suspension. Ratification of institutional request.
  - c. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of institutional request.
  - d. Electronic Delivery. Approval of institutional requests.
    - (1) University of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Master of Arts in Native American Studies, Master of Education in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum, and the Master of Science in Management of Information and Technology.
    - (2) Connors State College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Associate in Arts in Arts and Letters, Associate in Arts in General Education, and Associate in Arts in Pre-Elementary Education.
    - (3) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Science in Elementary Education via electronic delivery.
  - e. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
  - f. Operations.
    - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
    - (2) Personnel. Ratification of appointment for OneNet Executive Director and Higher Education Chief Information Officer and OneNet Senior Director of Operations.

Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement).
- b. Quarterly Policy Exception Report.
- c. Annual Reports. FY2021 System-wide Report on Value of Institutional Supplemental Pension Obligations and Cost of Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.

Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. 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.

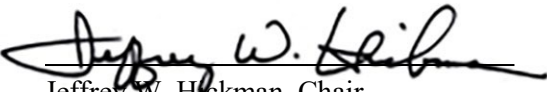
24. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was not needed.

25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the

next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

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

ATTEST:

  
Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair

  
Steven W. Taylor, Secretary