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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 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022 in the Council Room of the Student Union at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on April 19, 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 March 24, 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 commenting on the presentations from the Committee-of-the-Whole, specifically those tied to workforce needs and he stated that it is apparent that higher education is incredibly important in addressing those needs. He also commented on the Free Speech Bill that was passed by the legislature and he thanked the legislature

for giving higher education the authority to figure out what to do to complete this bill. He also mentioned work by the Concurrent Enrollment Task Force and thanked those who have been involved in that task force. Chair Hickman concluded his remarks by discussing a working committee that will address strategic planning that will be chaired by Regent Warmington and expressing his thanks to President Shrum for hosting the meetings.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett reiterated the thanks to President Shrum and her team and expressed her thanks to OSRHE staff members who helped arrange the State Regents' meetings. She briefly highlighted legislative updates and added that their focus has been to respond to questions from the legislature and to emphasize accountability and stewardship in higher education. She stated that their key message to the legislature continues to be to please fund base operations as well as look at key initiatives surrounding workforce. She also provided an update on revisions to the policy manual, key staffing hires that are in the works, and an update on data gathering performed by Vice Chancellor for Administration Kylie Smith and the SPA team.

Chancellor Garrett also provided an update on ARPA requests, noting that they were initially encouraged to submit a nursing request for the entire system for \$260 million. She stated that they were then asked to present a more limited request for \$104 million, which represented 14 institutions, and that they were asked to present the budget model as well. She added that the Governor's office has asked them to do some modifications and re-present on nursing funding but that currently they are not sure where they will land as far as funding for nursing and allied health. Chancellor Garrett added that there were also requests for teacher education for \$50 million, a workforce development request coming in a little over \$50 million, and a request that would allow higher education to further build out online capabilities across the system through open educational resources. She added that OneNet and OCAN had a combined request for

equipment for just under \$8 million.

6. **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME.** Oklahoma State University President Kayse Shrum began by welcoming guests and stating that she and her staff had enjoyed having everyone on campus and that she hoped the tours had been pleasurable. She added that she hoped that the State Regents had an opportunity to see and visit with some of the students on campus.

6.1 **STATE SYSTEM INSTITUTIONAL UPDATE.** Tulsa Community College President Leigh Goodson began by stating that she appreciated the opportunity to update State Regents’ on activities at Tulsa Community College (TCC). President Goodson stated that Tulsa Community College’s purpose is to serve as a bridge to either a university experience or to a family-sustaining wage. She added that they recently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary and that based on headcount, they have the third largest institution in the state. She stated that although enrollment has been declining in recent years, TCC has seen an increase in the number of credentials they have awarded. She highlighted and discussed TCC’s core values. President Goodson also highlighted and explained the four modalities of dual enrollment – dual enrollment, High School Plus One, the Dual Credit to College Degree, and Earn a Degree Graduate Early Program (EDGE), formerly known as Early College High School. President Goodson also highlighted TCC’s transfer initiatives, discussing their partnerships with OSU and NSU.

7. **COUNCIL FOR ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to ratify the Council for Online Learning Excellence Awards. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Warmington was absent for the vote.

8. **NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the presentation of the 2022 Newman Civic Fellows Awards. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Parker was absent for the vote.

9. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request Oklahoma State University to offer the Graduate Certificate in Fashion Merchandising. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Master of Arts in Public Relations, the Certificate in Fundamentals of Accounting, the Certificate in Tax Compliance, the Certificate in Business Basics, the Certificate in Small Business, the Certificate in Project Management, the Certificate in Quality Management, the Certificate in Soft Skills, the Certificate in Digital Marketing, and the Graduate Certificate in Special Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Sherry was absent for the vote.

10. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to delete the Master of Education in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning. Voting for the motion Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **POLICY.**

a. Approval of Early College Programs. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the following requests to institute Early College High School programs:

- (1) A request from Connors State College to institute an Early College High School program.
- (2) A request from Murray State College to institute an Early College High School program.
- (3) A request from Oklahoma City Community College to institute an Early College High School program.
- (4) A request from Tulsa Community College to institute an Early College High School program.

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

b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen to approve the proposed revisions to the Academic Program Approval policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the University of Oklahoma's request for an exception to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway to approve Cameron University's request for an exception to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the 2022-2023 COVID-19 Policy Guidance Document, to provide flexibility in Academic Affairs policy. Voting for



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

- f. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the revisions to the In-state/Out-of-state Status of Enrolled Students policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
  - g. Posting of revisions to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. This item is for posting only.
12. **ACT AGREEMENT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the 2022-2023 ACT Agreement. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to re-authorize out-of-state institutions to operate with a physical presence in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
14. **OKLAHOMA COLEGE SAVINGS PLAN.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan 2021 Update. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **E&G ALLOCATION.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the allocation of \$1,122,216.09 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$1,122,216.09 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) from

revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$99,044,693.45. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **EPSCoR.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve an allocation of \$250,000 to participating universities for the Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (OK-INBRE) grant awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **GRANT ACCEPTANCE.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to accept the National Science Foundation (NSF) Campus Cyberinfrastructure (CC\*) Award #2126285 in the amount of \$414,595. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
18. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve FY2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the recommendation is to commit \$10 million to The Column Group (TCG), splitting the commitment so \$5 million goes to The Column Group Fund V and \$5 million to Ponoj Fund III. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to invest \$3.0 million to the Sona Credit Master Fund. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **COMMUNICATORS COUNCIL BYLAWS.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve amendments to the Communicators Council bylaws in section 2.19 of the Policy and Procedures Manual. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Casey, 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. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of an institutional request.
- c. High School Courses for College Admission. Ratification of a request to approve high school courses for college admission.
- d. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of an institutional request for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- e. Operations.
  - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
  - (2) Ratification of a technical assistance grant for the Complete College America Policy-Equity-Practice Initiative.
  - (3) Personnel.
- f. Resolutions.
  - (1) Approval of a resolution honoring an outgoing member.

- (2) Approval of a resolution honoring a retiring staff member.

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

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

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement).
- b. Annual Reports.
  - (1) State Regents' Policy Reporting Requirements Survey.
  - (2) Current Operating Income and Expenditures, Oklahoma State Colleges and Universities, Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
  - (3) Spring 2022 Preliminary Enrollment Survey.

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

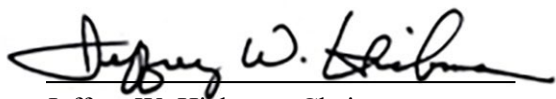
24. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning: (1) Shepherd v. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, et al., CJ-2020-2383, Oklahoma County District Court; and (2) Black Emergency Response Team, et al. v. O'Connor, et al., Case No. CIV-21-1022 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; if the board, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Regent Helm moved, seconded by Regent Parker, 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 Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Turpen was absent for the vote.
- b. Enter into executive session.
- c. Open session resumes.
- d. Vote to exit executive session. Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Regent Warmington was absent for the vote.

25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Shangri La Resort, 57301 E. OK-125, Afton, OK 74331 and Friday, May 27, 2022 at 9 a.m. at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, 200 I St. NE, Miami, OK 74354.

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

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair

Handwritten signature of Steven W. Taylor in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Steven W. Taylor, Vice Chair