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A G E N D A

Thursday, July 16, 2020 – 9 a.m.

Via Zoom Video

Chair Ann Holloway, Presiding

1. **Announcement of filing of meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.**
2. **Call to Order.** Roll call and announcement of quorum.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings.** Approval of minutes from the previous meetings.
4. **Comments from the Chairwoman.** A brief comment on current activities. (No Action, No Discussion.)
5. **Comments from the Chancellor.** Report of the Chancellor's activities on behalf of the State Regents. (No Action, No Discussion.)
6. **Student Advisory Board.** Presentation and acceptance of the 2020 Annual Report of the Student Advisory Board. Page 1.
7. **Updates.**
 - a. **Fiscal Viability Review.** Huron will present recommendations regarding the continued fiscal viability of state system institutions. Page 3.
 - b. **Budget Report and Revenue Update.** Report on the State budget, gross production tax, and revenue. Page 5.
 - c. **Legislative Update.** Update on legislative activity. Page 7.
 - d. **Task Force Reports.**
 - (1) **Online Education Task Force.** Report on the progress of the Online Education Task Force. Page 9.
 - (2) **State Regents Campus Safety and Security Task Force.** Report of the progress of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. Page 11.
8. **Contracts and Purchases.** Approval of FY21 Contracts and Purchases in excess of \$100,000. Page 13.

9. **Policy.** Posting of revisions to State Regents Policy 2.5 *State Regents' Committees*. Page 15.
10. **Consent Docket.** Approval/ratification of the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions.
 - 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). Page 25
 - b. **Operations.** Approval of contract renewal with the Attorney General. Page 29.
 - c. **Non-Academic Degrees.** Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award posthumous degrees. Page 33.
11. **Reports.** Programs. Current Status Report on program requests. Page 37. (Supplement)
12. **Announcement of Next Regular Meeting** – 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 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
13. **Adjournment.**

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AGENDA ITEM #6:

Student Advisory Board.

SUBJECT: Presentation and acceptance of the 2020 Annual Report of the Student Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Regents acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Annual Report of the Student Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND:

In 1988, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted House Bill 1801, creating the Student Advisory Board (SAB). The purpose of the Student Advisory Board is to communicate to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education the views and interests of all Oklahoma colleges and university students on issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing students, the Student Advisory Board combines the opinions of students with quality research to develop the best proposals and recommendations for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Seven members are elected annually by delegates to the Oklahoma Student Government Association. Members represent the public tier and independent colleges, and they serve a one-year term (May through April).

The Student Advisory Board policy requires the Student Advisory Board to submit an annual written report of activities to the State Regents.

POLICY ISSUES:

This action is consistent with the State Regents' Student Advisory Board policy.

ANALYSIS:

The recommendations are listed below. A copy of the report is attached, which includes other activities of the Student Advisory Board during the 2019-2020 academic year.

- The Student Advisory Board recommends that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education should require colleges and universities to offer all 4 types of accommodation for all classes hosted by the university. Accommodation types include 1) presentation, 2) response, 3) setting, and 4) timing/scheduling.
- The Student Advisory Board recommends that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education should commission a study on the four-year graduation rates of public higher education institutions. The study could determine if factors including, but not limited to financial stability, transfer student status, and community origin affect an Oklahoma Student's ability to graduate in four years.

- The Student Advisory Board recommends that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education form a board that contains diversity practitioners from higher education institutions from across the state and is chaired by an employee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. This board can be used as an advisory board to the State Regents, but it can also be used towards the higher education institutions that do not have the resources offices that focus on diversity, equity, or inclusion.
- The Student Advisory Board recommends that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have college campuses expand their health resources available to students. Due to recent events it is clear that health and safety of students should be a top concern when face to face classes possibly resume in the fall.
- The Student Advisory Board recommends that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education encourage colleges and university's boost efforts in green energy and sustainability.
- The Student Advisory Board urges the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to require member institutions to give mental health awareness training to new students to educate them on the importance of mental health and the resources that are available to them on the individual campuses.

Supplement available upon request.

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AGENDA ITEM #7-a:

Updates.

SUBJECT: Huron will present recommendations regarding the continued fiscal viability of state system institutions.

This is an oral presentation.

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AGENDA ITEM #7-b:

Updates.

SUBJECT: Report on the State budget, gross production tax, and revenue.

This is an oral presentation.

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AGENDA ITEM #7-c:

Updates.

SUBJECT: Update on legislative activity.

This is an oral presentation.

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AGENDA ITEM #7-d (1):

Updates.

SUBJECT: Report on the progress of the Online Education Task Force.

This is an oral presentation.

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AGENDA ITEM #7-d (2):

Updates.

SUBJECT: Report of the progress of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force.

This is an oral presentation.

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AGENDA ITEM #8:

Contracts and Purchases.

SUBJECT: Approval of FY21 Contracts and Purchases in excess of \$100,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Regents approve FY-2021 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000.

BACKGROUND:

Agency purchases are presented for State Regents' action. They relate to previous board action and the approved agency budgets.

POLICY ISSUES:

The recommended action is consistent with the State Regents' purchasing policy which requires State Regents' approval of purchases in excess of \$100,000.

ANALYSIS:

A number of agency purchases for equipment maintenance, network circuits, lease of office space, memberships, professional services, and postage must be in place on July 1st of each year due to vendor requirements for renewal or payments that must be made in July. Several of these purchases are in excess of \$100,000 and require State Regents' approval prior to issuing a purchase order.

Purchases Over \$100,000

OneNet

- 1) Dobson Technologies Transport and Telcom in the amount of \$250,000.00 for FY21 OCAN fiber optic relocation due to highway construction. Costs will be recovered through user fees. (Funded from 720-OCAN)

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AGENDA ITEM #9:

Policy.

SUBJECT: Posting of revisions to State Regents Policy 2.5 *State Regents' Committees*.

RECOMMENDATION:

**It is recommended that the State Regents post revisions to State Regents' Policy 2.5
State Regents' Committees.**

BACKGROUND:

Given the changing landscape of higher education, at their meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2017, the State Regents approved the formation of a citizens' Task Force on the Future of Higher Education to undertake an extensive planning initiative that will position the Oklahoma state system of higher education to better meet current and future challenges. The efforts of the Task Force emphasized the state system's focus on modernization, efficiencies, and innovation.

The State Regents appointed membership to the Task Force on the Future of Higher Education at their meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017. The Task Force was comprised of the State Regents, private citizens, college and university representatives, and the designees of Governor Mary Fallin, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Charles McCall, and Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Schulz. Citizen members of the Task Force were well-respected Oklahomans who come from a variety of professional and educational backgrounds and represent different geographic regions within the state.

Dr. William E. "Brit" Kirwan, Chancellor Emeritus of the University System of Maryland, served as lead advisor to the task force. Dr. Kirwan is a senior fellow at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) and previously served as president of The Ohio State University and the University of Maryland. Dr. Sally Mason, President Emerita of the University of Iowa, and Mr. Ken Kneeven also served as AGB consultants to the Task Force.

The Task Force convened in May 2017 to begin discussion on the development of recommendations that best position Oklahoma's state system of higher education to meet the future challenges of maintaining accessibility and affordability without compromising educational quality.

The work of the Task Force was primarily conducted through four subcommittees:

- College Degree Completion and Workforce Development Initiatives
- Academic Program Innovations and Online Education
- System Structure
- Fiscal Solutions, Efficiencies, Affordability, and Technology.

Members were assigned to one of these four subcommittees, which met regularly from June through November 2017. During subcommittee meetings, members studied best practices across the nation and in

Oklahoma and discussed how to develop recommendations that could be successfully implemented in Oklahoma. Subcommittee progress reports were provided during meetings of the full Task Force on September 6, 2017 and October 18, 2017.

While each subcommittee had a specific focus, certain common themes emerged from the work of the subcommittees. These included:

- The power of predictive analytics.
- Development of microcredentials to meet workforce needs in real time.
- Increased financial support from the Legislature for the concurrent enrollment program to advance degree completion efforts.
- Dedicated focus on adult student programs, scholarships, and credit for prior learning.
- Scaling delivery of online education.
- Consolidation of administrative structures and functions.
- Reemployment of cost savings to support the mission of the institution.

After months of study and deliberations, the Task Force unanimously voted to approve all subcommittee recommendations and the full report at its meeting on January 31, 2018. At their meeting on February 1, 2018, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education unanimously accepted the Task Force on the Future of Higher Education's *Report on the Future of Higher Education*, which outlines the Task Force's assessment process and recommendations to strengthen Oklahoma public higher education.

The Task Force on the Future of Higher Education's *Report on the Future of Higher Education* aligns with current national trends focusing on innovation in higher education in an effort to adapt higher education to a changing business model in light of fiscal challenges, increased demand for workforce-aligned programs, and greater calls for accountability and transparency. These trends focus on innovations such as:

- Educational delivery methods,
- Academic initiatives,
- Internal processes for business or service,
- Business model needs,
- New markets or existing markets served in new ways, and
- Establishment of partnerships with corporations and other institutions.

POLICY ISSUES:

State Regents' Policy 2.5 *State Regents' Committees* outlines the authority of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to establish standing committees to "serve as focus tools of the State Regents and a constructive resource of the Chancellor." According to Policy 2.5, committees do not take official action.

The State Regents' Chair appoints members of committees annually, with standing committees consisting of four members: a chairman and three members. The State Regents' Chair holds ex officio status on all standing committees.

State Regents' Policy 2.5 outlines the responsibilities of each standing committee. Current standing State Regents' committees include:

- Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee
- Budget and Audit Committee
- Investment Committee
- Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Students Services Committee (commonly referred to as just Academic Affairs Committee)

While special or ad-hoc committees do not require revisions to State Regents' policy and may be established as needed by the State Regents' Chair and dissolved when their purpose is accomplished, new standing committees are required to be incorporated into official State Regents' policy.

ANALYSIS:

As part of the Task Force recommendations, the State Regents contracted with Huron Consulting in 2019 to conduct fiscal reviews and long-term viability assessments with for all 25 state system institutions. In the *OSRHE Comprehensive System Report: Financial Fiscal Review and Long-term Viability Assessment Discussion Document* presented at the May 28, 2020, State Regents meeting, Huron Consulting concluded that in order to minimize the burden of future revenue declines, institutions will need to significantly cut expenditures, dip into reserves, or begin consideration of the following strategies:

- Mergers and/or closures,
- Reduction/realignment of academic programming
- Reorientation of programs towards job markets,
- Mission right-sizing'
- Administrative cost reduction strategies, and
- Space utilization analyses.

Based upon discussion with the State Regents following the conclusion of the institutional fiscal reviews and long-term viability assessments conducted by Huron Consulting, it is recommended that the State Regents establish a new standing committee, the System Innovations Committee, to focus exclusively on implementing the recommendations produced by the 2018 Task Force on the Future of Higher Education; analyzing data produced by the institutional fiscal viability reviews conducted by Huron Consulting as well as other sources of institutional performance indicators; and researching and reviewing national trends in higher education and making recommendations for state system changes as appropriate.

2.5.2 E. System Innovations Committee

This committee will provide guidance for the State Regents and Chancellor regarding recommendations for innovative changes to the State System of Higher Education that improve institutional and system viability and performance.

The following matters will be included under the purview of the System Innovations Committee:

1. Establish key performance indicators (e.g. fiscal viability, retention rates, graduation rates, employment outcomes, etc.) that can be used to assess institutional and state system performance.
2. Review and use predictive analytics data on at least a quarterly basis to assess state system performance.
3. Interact on a regular basis with state system institutions, governing boards, and senior staff regarding key performance indicators.
4. Direct State Regents' staff to assist state system institutions on an as-needed basis to interpret predictive analytics data to identify key trends and engage in data-driven decision making.

5. Identify special programs or pilot projects for implementation that can enhance institutional and state system student outcomes.
6. Consider proposals for innovation from outside stakeholders.

In addition to this revision to State Regents' Policy 2.5, it is recommended that State Regents' Policy 2.5.2 also be revised to change the required number of State Regents on each standing committee to allow greater flexibility in committee assignments and to accommodate other obligations held by the State Regents outside their voluntary service on the board.

2.5.2 Standing Committees

The chairman and members of standing committees will be appointed annually by the Chairman with recognition of both continuity and new member factors. Standing committees will consist of ~~four~~³⁻⁴ members: a chairman, and ~~three~~²⁻³ members. The State Regents' Chairman holds ex officio status on all committees.

A copy of all proposed revisions to State Regents' Policy 2.5 is attached.

2.5 STATE REGENTS' COMMITTEES

2.5.1 Authority

State Regents' committees will serve as focus tools of the State Regents and a constructive resource to the Chancellor. All action will be taken by the full board. The committees will take no action.

2.5.2 Standing Committees

The chairman and members of standing committees will be appointed annually by the Chairman with recognition of both continuity and new member factors. Standing committees will consist of ~~four~~³⁻⁴ members: a chairman, and ~~three~~²⁻³ members. The State Regents' Chairman holds ex officio status on all committees. The State Regents' Chairman holds ex officio status on all committees. Current standing committees and their responsibilities are:

Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee

This committee will provide guidance for the State Regents and the Chancellor:

1. Long-range planning for the State Regents and the State System, in planning of retreats, and in formulating strategies to implement goals and programs of the State Regents;
2. Personnel and organizational matters and annual performance evaluations; and
3. Review the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual and recommend changes as necessary.

This committee will also provide guidance for the State Regents and the Chancellor:

1. The operation and strategic use of OneNet. The Committee will review and guide the development of an annual OneNet business plan and the setting of annual strategic goals. The committee will review the annual OneNet budget and its quarterly reports to ensure consistency of goals and expenditures. The Committee will receive and recommend appropriate Regents' action on recommendations from the Chancellor and the OneNet Advisory Committee. The Committee will monitor OneNet operations and applications and receive regular reports.
2. Enhancement of academic offerings and student services. The Committee will monitor and guide the development of plans and strategies for using technology to enhance academic and student services for students. The committee will recommend assistance (policy; financial; staff assistance for statewide licenses, consortia formation, benchmarking/best practices, grant writing, etc.) to institutions and students, as appropriate.
3. Administrative and financial issues. The Committee will review and forward recommendations on administrative and financial issues relating to OneNet and to institutional initiatives. This will include such issues as developing a comprehensive plan for technology equipment replacement and "merger" of

administrative and other functions (computing and systems support, personnel management, purchasing, financial aid, and other student services).

4. Enhancing higher education quality, efficiency, effectiveness, and flexibility through the use of technology. The Committee will monitor and recommend technology standards, policy, and practices to improve the competitiveness of Oklahoma higher education programs and services delivered via technology.
 - a. Linking technology investment to state economic development priorities. The committee will monitor and recommend strategies and initiatives that will use OneNet to drive state economic development.

B. Budget and Audit Committee

This committee will provide guidance for the State Regents and the Chancellor:

1. Development of budget needs of the State System for presentation to the Governor, the Legislature, and the general public;
2. Determination of budget needs for each institution and program in the State System;
3. Allocation of appropriated and revolving funds for each institution and program in the State System.
4. Administration of fiscal aspects of the endowment program, academic scholars program, and other student financial aid programs.
5. Administration of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.
6. Fiscal and resource management of the State Regents' agency operations, including review of agency financial reports.
7. Development and implementation of systemwide fiscal policies.
8. Determination of appropriate rates of tuition and fees.
9. Review of Campus Master Plan and capital priorities for the system.
10. Establish the scope of work in issuing requests for proposals from auditing firms.
11. Review proposals for independent audit services and make recommendations to the Regents for the employment of an auditor.
12. Review annual audits of the State Regents' office as well as annual and/or special audits of all components of the State System as appropriate, and make reports and recommendations to the State Regents. The review should include timely discussions with the independent auditor regarding
 - a. all critical accounting polices and practices;

- b. all alternative treatments of financial information with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosure and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor;
- c. other material written communications between the independent auditor and management, including the management letter.
- d. Review performance of independent auditor and recommend continuation or removal, if appropriate.
- e. Resolve any disagreements between the independent auditor and State Regents' staff and review any audit problems or difficulties and staff's response.
- f. Establish and maintain procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting, or auditing matters.
- g. Establish and maintain procedures for the submission by employees regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters that will assure protection of the employee in accordance with the provisions of 74 O.S. §840-2.5 (2001).
- h. Facilitate coordination with the State Auditor and Inspector as appropriate.

C. Investment Committee

The Investment Committee's responsibilities are as follows:

1. Review and recommend to the Regents an appropriate Investment Policy.
2. Ensure that the Investment Policy is being implemented.
3. Recommend to the Board appropriate Investment Policy guidelines, to include:
The spending rate and calculation thereof.
 - a. The Endowment's real return need (i.e. sum of spending rate, management costs and desired growth rate, if any.)
 - b. New guidelines as appropriate.
4. Establish appropriate implementation guidelines, to include:
 - a. The time horizon for the portfolio.
 - b. The acceptable level of volatility for the portfolio.
 - c. The acceptable asset classes for investment (e.g. U.S. large-cap stocks, U.S. small-cap stocks, emerging markets stocks, etc.)
 - d. The allocation of assets among the available asset classes (e.g. 15% to U.S. large-cap stocks, 10% to U.S.

small-cap stocks, etc.)

5. Recommend and evaluate the Investment Consultant.
6. Establish investment practices, including:
 - a. Determine criteria for hiring and terminating investment managers (e.g. past performance relative to benchmark, within allowable tracking error, etc.)
 - b. Determine the portfolio's rebalancing rules.
7. Monitor, review and evaluate investment results in the context of predetermined performance standards.
8. Monitor the performance of the individual fund managers, recommend manager changes to the Regents as appropriate.
9. Ensure that adequate and appropriate research is being conducted concerning the future performance of the portfolio and its investments.
10. Confer at least quarterly to review the performance of the portfolio and the managers, interface with the administration and Consultant to address current issues, and develop recommendations for policy changes to be reviewed and presented for adoption to the Regents.
11. Report regularly on the status of the Endowment to the Regents.

D. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committee

This committee will provide guidance for the Regents and the Chancellor on matters of policy and procedures relating to the agency's constitutional and statutory responsibilities in the area of academic affairs. The following academically related matters will be included (among others) within the purview of the Academic Affairs Committee:

1. Standards for admission to, retention in, and graduation from institutions of the State System,
2. Functions of institutions,
3. Program review and approval, including both degree and non-degree programs of instruction, research, and outreach,
4. Degrees and other forms of academic recognition,
5. Accreditation and authorization to offer college-level courses, programs, and degrees in the State of Oklahoma,
6. Coordination of academic calendars,
7. Cooperative academic ventures, including ventures between public colleges and universities and between public institutions and other entities,
8. Review of quality initiative proposals,
9. Coordinating of teacher education and other special programs,

10. Matters related to the Academic Common Market,
11. Coordination of comprehensive academic planning with financial and fiscal planning

This committee will also provide guidance for the Regents and the Chancellor on all matters relating to student services and with social justice implications with the goal of enhancing both individual well-being and the common good.

1. Matters within the purview of the committee are:
 - a. Enhancing participation of all academically able persons at the highest attainable level of academic life regardless of their race, ethnic background, sex, age, religion, disability, income level, or geographic location
 - b. Fair and equitable treatment of all individuals and systematic positive adjustments until equity is attained.
 - c. Promoting multicultural diversity throughout all State Regents' actions, particularly those relating to teaching, academic programs, preparation of teachers, and other standards of education.
 - d. Periodic review of existing social justice programs and efforts to determine if they are achieving desired results.
 - e. Design and review of student services programs operated by the State Regents such as scholarship and grant programs, Summer Academies, and Welfare-to-Work programs.
 - f. Advancing the Regents' "student success" theme through special projects, studies, and initiatives that will improve services, opportunities, and awareness for students.

E. System Innovations Committee

This committee will provide guidance for the State Regents and Chancellor regarding recommendations for innovative changes to the State System of Higher Education that improve institutional and system viability and performance.

The following matters will be under the purview of the System Innovations Committee:

1. Establish key performance indicators (e.g. fiscal viability, retention rates, graduation rates, employment outcomes, etc.) that can be used to assess institutional and state system performance.
2. Review and use predictive analytics data on at least a quarterly basis to assess state system performance.
3. Direct State Regents' staff to assist state system institutions on an as-needed basis to interpret predictive analytics data to identify key trends and engage in data-driven decision making.

4. Identify special programs or pilot projects for implementation that can enhance institutional and state system student outcomes.
5. Consider proposals for innovation from outside stakeholders.

F. E. Special Committees

Committees may be established as needed by the Chairman which will be dissolved when their purpose is accomplished.

Approved August 28, 1989. Revised May 27, 1994, February 8, 1995, January 26, 1996, September 5, 1997, ~~and~~ October 21, 2010, and XX, 2020.

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AGENDA ITEM #10-a:

Electronic Delivery.

SUBJECT: 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).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Regents approve Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College's requests 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).

BACKGROUND:

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEOAMC) is currently approved to offer the following degree programs via electronic delivery:

- Associate in Science in Business Administration (008);
- Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration Technology (032);
- Associate in Arts in General Studies (110);
- Certificate in Management and Marketing (Less than Two Years) (082);
- Certificate in Management and Marketing (Less than One Year) (100);
- Associate in Arts in Enterprise Development (675)
- Associate in Science in Enterprise Development (676)
- Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice (013)
- Associate in Arts in Early Childhood Education (120); and
- Associate in Arts in Social Sciences (044).

NEOAMC's governing board approved offering the existing Associate in Arts in Psychology and Sociology (041), Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing (037), Associate in Science in Physical Education (040), the Associate in Science in Sports Management (122), the Certificate in Accounting (Less than One Year) (087), and the Certificate in Accounting (Less than Two Years) (066) online at their April 24, 2020 meeting, and the existing Associate in Science in Elementary Education (016) online at their December 7, 2018 meeting. NEOAMC requests authorization to offer these existing programs via electronic delivery, as outlined below.

POLICY ISSUES:

These actions are consistent with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Distance Education and Traditional Off-Campus Courses and Programs policy. This policy allows institutions with approved online delivered programs or grandfathered status to request programs through an abbreviated process. The process calls for the president to send the following information to the Chancellor: 1) letter of intent, 2) the name of the program, 3) delivery method(s), 4) information related to population served and demand, and 5) cost and financing.

ANALYSIS:

NEOAMC satisfactorily addressed the requirements in the Distance Education and Traditional Off-Campus Courses and Programs policy as summarized below.

Associate in Arts in Psychology and Sociology (041)

Demand. The Associate in Arts in Psychology and Sociology (044) program is designed to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in psychology, sociology, social work and other related programs. In Fall 2019, NEOAMC had 45 students in the psychology and sociology major. In addition, students in other majors take psychology and sociology courses to meet the general education requirements. Currently, four psychology and sociology courses are offered in an online format. Enrollment in these courses fills quickly every fall, spring, and summer semester. Students are requesting that additional courses be offered in an online format in order to complete the degree program online.

Graduates with a psychology and sociology degree may pursue a number of occupations in various fields with promising projections for employment. For example, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) data suggest that employment of social and human services assistants will grow 11 percent, and employment of psychiatric aides will grow 14.2 percent from 2016 to 2026. In addition, the OESC projects that employment in local government agencies, excluding casinos, casino hotels, education and hospitals, will grow 10.1 percent over the next few years.

Associate in Science in Elementary Education (016)

Demand. The Associate in Science in Elementary Education (016) program is designed to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in elementary education. Current NEOAMC students majoring in elementary education are requesting that all courses be available in an online format. OESC data suggest that employment for elementary school teachers will grow 7 percent in northeast Oklahoma, and 7.4 percent statewide, with 1,280 average annual openings from 2016 to 2026. Elementary school teacher is listed by Oklahoma Works as one of the top 100 critical occupations in Oklahoma.

Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing (037)

Demand. The Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing (037) program is designed to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in nursing. More than 50 percent of students in the Pre-Nursing program are also enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (038) degree program at NEOAMC as a double major. These students desire to become registered nurses while simultaneously preparing to pursue a four-year nursing degree. There are also students in the Pre-Nursing (037) program who are already licensed as registered nurses, who need additional coursework to apply for admission to a four-year nursing program. Students in the Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing (037) program are requesting that the program be offered online, so that they can more easily take the Associate in Applied

Science in Nursing (038) courses concurrently, finish the program, then begin practice as a registered nurse or continue working as registered nurses despite varied work schedules.

Oklahoma Works lists registered nurse (RN) as one of the 100 top critical occupations in Oklahoma. According to OESC data, employment for registered nurses is projected to grow 10.1 percent statewide and 6.9 percent in northeast Oklahoma from 2016 to 2026. The demand for RNs with a bachelor's degree is growing. A bachelor's degree in nursing prepares nurses for career advancement in management positions and for graduate programs.

Associate in Science in Physical Education (040)
Associate in Science in Sports Management (122)

Demand. The Associate in Science in Physical Education (040) and Associate in Science in Sports Management (122) programs are designed to prepare students for transfer to bachelor's degree programs in physical education, recreation, wellness, sports management, and related programs. Select courses in these programs are currently offered online. Students request additional courses to be offered electronically to provide needed flexibility with their school and work schedules.

Students who complete these degree programs may go directly to work in wellness programs, recreation settings, and/or start their own businesses. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of coaches and scouts is projected to grow 11 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations due to increasing participation in high school and college sports. Additionally, OESC data suggest that employment in the leisure and hospitality industry will grow 14 percent and employment for coaches and scouts will grow 10.7 percent from 2016 to 2026. Considering the high employment demand and wide-ranging transfer options, there will be great student interest in online delivery of this program at NEOAMC.

Certificate in Accounting (Less Than One Year) (087)
Certificate in Accounting (Less Than Two Years) (066)

Demand. These certificate programs are designed to prepare students for entry-level accounting, bookkeeping, and auditing positions and are embedded in the Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration Technology (032) program, which has previously been approved for electronic delivery. Students have requested to be able to complete the programs totally online. OESC projects that there will be 1,860 bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerk openings in northeast Oklahoma from 2016 to 2026.

Delivery method. Courses required for these programs will be delivered through Canvas. Features used will include, but will not be limited to, announcements, modules, discussions, assignment upload, quizzes/exams, email, calendar of due dates, and the syllabus. Students can also access Smarthinking online tutoring through Canvas. NEOAMC faculty adopted ProctorU as the proctoring service for proctored exams from a distance. Additionally, faculty have a Zoom Pro account that may be used for synchronous conferencing.

Funding. The existing programs will be funded through existing allocations and the tuition and fee structure and no new funding from the State Regents will be required to deliver the existing degree programs through online delivery.

Duplication and impact on existing programs. A system wide letter of intent was communicated by email on May 1, 2020. None of the State System institutions notified State Regents' staff of a protest to the proposed delivery method of the existing programs. Due to employment demand, approval will not constitute unnecessary duplication.

Based on staff analysis and institutional expertise, it is recommended the State Regents approve NEOAMC's requests to offer the existing degree programs through online delivery, as described above.

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AGENDA ITEM #10-b:

Operations.

SUBJECT: Approval of contract renewal with the Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Regents authorize the Chancellor to enter into a renewal contract (attached) for legal services with the Office of the Attorney General for Fiscal Year 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Since September 2001, the State Regents have contracted with the Office of the Attorney General for legal services. The contract has been renewed annually thereafter. Upon the departure of Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Lisa Davis to become General Counsel to Governor Brad Henry, the contract was modified (and approved by the State Regents on February 13, 2004) to substitute the half-time services of an AAG assigned by the Office of the Attorney General. From 2004 to 2010, the Assigned Attorney was AAG Gretchen Harris; from 2010 to 2013, AAG Regina Switzer; and from 2013 to 2014, AAG Julie Ezell. For Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 the Assigned Attorney was Matt Stangl. For Fiscal Year 2021, the Assigned Attorney will again be AAG Matt Stangl. Mr. Stangl was a staff attorney in the Office of the General Counsel for the University of Oklahoma from 2007 to 2013. Due to the retirement of the current OSRHE Associate General Counsel on July 1, 2020, the agency is requesting that Mr. Stangl be assigned full-time to the OSRHE.

POLICY ISSUES:

Contracts for legal services between the Office of the Attorney General and certain named agencies, specifically including the State Regents, are authorized by 74 O.S. 2001, § 18I as amended. This is a renewal of an existing contract.

ANALYSIS:

The contract provides considerable value to the State Regents and to the State System.

- The contract provides a strong connection with the Office of the Attorney General, current information about its thinking on a variety of legal issues, and links to its advice to other agencies on issues of common concern.
- The contract has enabled the State Regents to provide legal services support to small institutions that do not have ready access to legal services. This is consistent with the State Regents' preventive law philosophy.

- Mr. Stangl's prior experience in the Office of the General Counsel for the University of Oklahoma is especially relevant to the State Regents' needs with respect to both the agency and the State System.

The annual cost of the contract is \$131,050.08 annually, and will be billed at \$10,920.84 per month. This includes the assigned AAG's salary, benefits, and non-salary costs incurred in connection with the provision of legal services pursuant to the contract. The annual cost of the contract for FY 20 was \$65,525.04, so there has been no increase in the annual cost of the half-time contract for the past five fiscal years. A copy of the proposed contract is attached. The contract provides that the assigned AAG, if requested by the State Regents, shall provide quarterly reports to the State Regents setting forth the time expended and the work performed by that AAG. The Legal Department will continue to request such quarterly reports. The contract also provides that the State Regents, acting through the Chancellor or his designee, reserve the right to determine the scope of the assigned AAG's activities on behalf of the State Regents. The Chancellor will direct that the assigned AAG not include within the scope of the activities any matters pertaining to the University Center of Southern Oklahoma (f/k/a Ardmore Higher Education Program) or the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability. The contract also provides that it may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice. Approval of the contract is recommended.

CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

FISCAL YEAR 2021

1. **PARTIES:**

This Agreement is between the Office of Attorney General and the OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (“OSRHE”), and the authorized signatures below bind the parties to the terms set out hereafter.

2. **AUTHORITY:**

This Agreement is authorized by virtue of 74 O.S. 2011, §18/.

3. **CONTRACT DURATION:**

This Agreement commences July 1, 2020, and covers fiscal year 2021 ending June 30, 2021.

4. **CONSIDERATION:**

(a) The Attorney General’s Office (“AGO”) shall provide the legal services of the Assigned Attorney for and on behalf of OSRHE during the contract period, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$131,050.08 annually, with monthly payments in the amount of \$10,920.84. This sum is comprised of the salary and benefits of the Assigned Attorney non-salary costs incurred in connection with the provision of legal services pursuant to this contract. The OSRHE will be billed monthly for the monthly amount set forth above. Should the OSRHE desire that the Assigned Attorney have additional training, any costs associated with such training shall be paid by the OSRHE. The OSRHE shall reimburse the Assigned Attorney pursuant to the Travel Reimbursement Act for travel undertaken by the assigned Attorney on behalf of OSRHE outside the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

(b) The scope of legal services to be provided by the Assigned Attorney includes matters pertaining to the OSRHE’s official duties, particularly including representation in legal proceedings, provision of legal advice and assistance, appearance at meetings as necessary and other legal needs, consistent with the provisions of Paragraph 6.

(c) The AGO, if requested by the Board at the beginning of the contract period, shall provide quarterly reports to the OSRHE setting forth the work performed by the Assigned Attorney. These reports shall be furnished by October 15, January 15, April 15 and July 15.

(d) It is explicitly recognized, however, that the consideration paid herein by the OSRHE is in the nature of a retainer that enable the AGO to employ and ensure the availability of the Assigned Attorney equivalent to 1.0 FTE for the OSRHE regardless of whether the Assigned Attorney are in fact utilized. It is agreed by the parties that the Assigned Attorney’s obligation to provide legal services to the OSRHE will be fulfilled by the availability of the of the Assigned Attorney for the

purposes provided for in this Agreement, regardless of the number of hours actually used by the OSRHE.

5. OFFICE LOCATION:

The Assigned Attorney will maintain an office with the AGO, to facilitate delivery of legal services.

6. SUPERVISION:

The Assigned Attorney will be expected to coordinate his/her activities on behalf of the OSRHE with the OSRHE General Counsel. The OSRHE, acting through the Chancellor and his designee, reserve the right to determine the scope of the Assigned Attorney's activities on their behalf. However, the supervision of the Assigned Attorney and his/her work product, and its consistency with AGO policies, shall remain the prerogative of the AGO.

7. TERMINATION:

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice.

8. AGENCY DESIGNEES:

The authorized agent and designee for the Office of Attorney General is Niki Batt. The authorized agent and designee for the OSRHE is Glen D. Johnson.

**OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: _____
Glen D. Johnson
Chancellor

By: _____
Niki Batt
Chief, General Counsel Division

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

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AGENDA ITEM #10-c:

Non-Academic Degrees.

SUBJECT: Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award posthumous degrees.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Regents ratify Oklahoma State University's request to award posthumous degrees.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

A request has been made from Oklahoma State University (OSU) to award a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in Agricultural Leadership degree posthumously to Mr. Ryan Matthew Prindle, and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree posthumously to Ms. Charlene C. Lovelace.

State Regents' Granting of Degrees policy states that posthumous degrees can be awarded "recognizing the meritorious but incomplete earned work of a deceased student, generally a student who was deceased in the last semester of work."

At the time of his death, Mr. Prindle was in good academic standing, had completed 108 hours towards his degree, and was known for his investment in the lives of others and for his passionate commitment to the agricultural industry.

At the time of her death during finals week in 2019, Ms. Lovelace was enrolled in 12 credit hours, was in good academic standing with 90 hours earned towards her degree, and was anticipating entering her final year of study at the age of 74 while also holding down a full-time job.

POLICY ISSUES:

The requests for posthumous degrees are consistent with State Regents' policy which states such degrees are generally given to a student deceased in their last semester of study.

The proposed diplomas for the posthumous degrees are attached for State Regents' ratification.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education acting through

Oklahoma State University

have admitted

Ryan Matthew Prindle

to the degree of

**Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Agricultural Leadership**

Awarded Posthumously

and all the honors, privileges and obligations belonging thereto,

and in witness thereof have authorized the issuance of

this Diploma duly signed and sealed.

*Issued at the Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Oklahoma on the
ninth day of May, one thousand twenty*

For the Regents

Joseph L. Baker, Jr.

Chairman

Walter W. Leib

Secretary

Robert Johnson

Chairman

For the University

Frank Gil

Chairman, Board of Regents

V. Bruce Stuegi

Chairman of the University

Walter G. Lee

Chairman of Regents



The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education acting through

Oklahoma State University

have admitted
Charlene C. Lovelace

to the degree of

Bachelor of Arts

Liberal Studies

Awarded Posthumously

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AGENDA ITEM #11:

Reports.

SUBJECT: Programs. Current Status Report on program requests.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND:

The Status Report on Program Requests tracks the status of all program requests received since July 1, 2019 as well as requests pending from the previous year.

POLICY ISSUES:

This report lists requests regarding degree programs as required by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Academic Program Approval policy.

ANALYSIS:

The Status Report on Program Requests lists all program requests received by the State Regents and program actions taken by the State Regents within the current academic year (2019-2020).

The current status report contains the Current Degree Program Inventory and the following schedules:

1. Letters of Intent
2. Degree Program Requests Under Review
3. Electronic Delivery for Existing Program Requests Under Review
4. Approved New Program Requests
5. Approved Electronic Media Requests
6. Requested Degree Program Deletions
7. Approved Degree Program Deletions
8. Requested Degree Program Name Changes
9. Approved Degree Program Name Changes
10. Requested Degree Designation Changes
11. Approved Degree Designation Changes
12. Cooperative Agreements
13. Suspended Programs
14. Reinstated Programs
15. Inventory Reconciliations
16. Net Reduction Table

Supplement available upon request.

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MINUTES

Eight Hundred and Seventh Meeting



June 24, 2020

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**Minutes of the Eight Hundred and Seventh Meeting
of the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
June 24, 2020**

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 10:00 a.m. on June 24, 2020, via Zoom videoconference. Notice of the original meeting had been filed for June 25, 2020 on November 21, 2019 and was cancelled due to COVID-19. This special meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on June 19, 2020. 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 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 10:05 a.m. Regent Jeff Hickman joined the meeting in progress via videoconference at 10:08 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on May 29, 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. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Parker began by stating that this had been a long and tumultuous year. He stated that he had done his best to adapt to the extraordinary circumstances and that he was very grateful to all of his fellow Regents for their support as he has attempted to fulfill his responsibilities. He thanked his fellow Regents and the Chancellor for all they have done to support him personally and for all they have done for higher education for the State of Oklahoma.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson echoed Regent Parker's remarks that this had been a difficult year and thanked Regent Parker for his service as Chairman of the Board of Regents. Commenting on the upcoming presentations and discussions by the presidents on budget, tuition and fees, and student debt, Chancellor Johnson stressed that it was important to reflect on the fact that policy leaders did everything they could to minimize the budget cut given the current state of the economy, and highlighted the 3.95 percent budget reduction and the backlog for the Endowed Chairs program which he hopes will be addressed next session. Chancellor Johnson then mentioned his work as Co-Chair for the SREB COVID-19 Task Force, mentioning that they have had very active, frequent meetings and discussed the work that this task force has focused on. He thanked President Joe Harroz from the University of Oklahoma, President Burns Hargis from Oklahoma State University, President Jeanie Webb from Rose State College, and President John McArthur from Cameron University for their participation on the task force.

6. **TUITION REVIEW.**

- a. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson began by highlighting that over the last decade, the Oklahoma state system institutions have had an average annual increase of less than 5 percent, emphasizing that the State Regents have made college affordability a top priority. He stated that if the numbers that have been submitted by the institutions are approved, the state system of higher education will have only an average 1.3 percent increase in tuition and mandatory fees for the 2020-2021 academic year. Chancellor Johnson finished by stating that Oklahoma ranked tenth in the nation for lowest student loan debt, with 53 percent of students graduating without any student loan debt.
- b. The Presidents of the State System institutions were invited to provide Regents with a summary of their tuition, mandatory fees, and academic service fees request for the 2020-2021 academic year. The schedule of speakers is shown as an attachment to these minutes.

7. **E&G BUDGET.**

- a. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the final allocations and approve the FY 2021 budgets for institutions, constituent agencies, higher education centers, special programs and other governance operations of the state system. The State Regents authorize the Chancellor to certify the budgets to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. 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.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve an allocation of \$1,421,661.68 from Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Revenue for both Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$89,089,365.43. 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.

- c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a grant allocation in the amount of \$40,000 for year one of a renewable five-year commitment through 2025 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for support of the Higher Education Archives project and approve an Inter-Agency agreement. 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.

8. **TUITION.**

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve all institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2021 as reported in the supplemental schedules. 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.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the FY21 Mandatory Fees and Tuition. 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.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a one-time exception to policy to waive certain academic service fees for the Fall 2020 semester in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

10. **EPSCoR.**

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve an allocation of \$250,000 to participating universities for the National Institutes of Health OK-INBRE grant award. 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.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$163,000 to participating institutions for NASA EPSCoR projects. 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.
- c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$48,000 to the University of Oklahoma for the third year of a three-year Department of Energy EPSCoR award. 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.
- d. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve an agreement with Oklahoma State University to serve as the fiscal agent for matching funds for the National Science Foundation (NSF) EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Award (RII) and allocation of \$800,000 for this program for FY 2021. 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.
- e. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the 2020 Oklahoma EPSCoR Advisory Committee's Annual report. 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. **CAPITAL.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to authorize the transmittal of institutional capital improvement plans for the eight (8) fiscal years 2021-2029 to the State of Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Commission. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen and Taylor.
12. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Holloway 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.
13. **INVESTMENTS.** This item was deleted.
14. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following request for a program deletion: a request from Rose State College to delete the Certificate in Administrative Office Professional. 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.
15. **POLICY.**
 - a. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the proposed revisions to the Professional Programs policy. These revisions were posted at the May 29,

2020 State Regents' meeting. 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.

- b. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a policy exception request for a pilot project proposed by Murray State College allowing the institution to admit certain high school juniors and seniors who do not meet policy minimum requirements for admission. 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.
 - c. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to extend the moratorium on consideration of any requests for function change/expansion and mission expansion through June 30, 2021, unless action is taken to further extend the moratorium's duration. 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.
 - d. The Regents reviewed the posting of revisions to the Student Assessment and Remediation policy. This item was for posting only.
16. **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the proposed 2020-2021 award schedule for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant program. 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.
17. **OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to make a finding of an emergency and adopt proposed emergency rule revisions for Oklahoma's Promise – the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (Oklahoma's Promise). 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.

18. **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the community college TANF allocations pursuant to the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. 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.

19. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.**
 - a. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Scholars scholarship contract renewal in the amount of \$934,686 and program contract in the amount of \$1,466,426. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor.

 - b. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the community college Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program FY21 allocations in the amounts set forth in the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. 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.

20. **TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: MODERNIZATION, EFFICIENCIES, AND INNOVATIONS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to extend the voluntary governing board merger/partnership deadline until June 30, 2021, to allow the State Regents time to fully evaluate the Huron fiscal viability reports for each

institution so that recommendations for mergers/partnerships will be based on a thorough and comprehensive analysis of unique institutional strengths, challenges, and operational contexts.

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.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the following consent docket items:

- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Suspensions. Approval of institutional requests.
- c. Reinstatement. Approval of a request from Seminole State College to reinstate a suspended program.
- d. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
- e. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice, the Associate in Arts in Early Childhood Education, and the Associate in Arts in Social Sciences.
 - (2) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Associate in Applied Science in Business Operations, the Associate in Arts in Childhood Development, the Associate in Science in Computer Science, the Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies, the Associate in Science in Psychology, and the Associate in Arts in Social Sciences.
- f. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of an institutional request to begin participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- g. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000 for FY2020.

- (2) This item was deleted.
- h. Non-Academic Degrees.
 - (1) Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award an honorary degree.
 - (2) Ratification of a request from Langston University to award a posthumous degree.
- i. Resolutions. Approval of resolutions honoring retiring staff.

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.

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on program requests.
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Report on Low Producing Programs
 - (2) Current Operating Income and Expenditures, Oklahoma State Colleges and Universities, Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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.

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 Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning Knox v. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, CJ-2020-2383, Oklahoma County District Court if the board, with 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.
- b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. 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.
- c. Following executive session discussion, open session resumes.
- d. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion via roll all were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

25. **OFFICERS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to submit the following

slate of State Regents' officers for the next fiscal year:

Chairperson: Ann Holloway
Vice Chair: Jeff Hickman
Secretary: Mike Turpen
Assistant Secretary: Steven Taylor

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.

26. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Parker announced that there will be a Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 16 at 9:00 a.m. either at the State Regents' Office or via Zoom. Regent Parker 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.
27. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jody Parker, Chairman

Jeff Hickman, Secretary

ATTACHMENT

TUITION PRESENTATIONS
June 24, 2020
10:00 a.m. via Zoom
Time Limit – 7 minutes per institution

<u>Institution</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
1. University of Oklahoma	President Joe Harroz	Zoom
2. Tulsa Community College	President Leigh Goodson	Zoom
3. Oklahoma City Community College	President Jerry Steward	Zoom
4. East Central University	President Katricia Pierson	Zoom
5. Northeastern State University	President Steve Turner	Zoom
6. Southwestern OK State University	President Randy Beutler	Zoom

BREAK. There was a five-minute break for the videoconference 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.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>10:45 a.m. (11:07 a.m.)</u>
7. University of Science and Arts of OK	President John Feaver	Zoom
8. Murray State College	President Joy McDaniel	Zoom
9. Rose State College	President Jeanie Webb	Zoom
10. Northern Oklahoma College	President Cheryl Evans	Zoom
11. Eastern Oklahoma State College	President Stephen Smith	Zoom
12. University of Central Oklahoma	President Patti Neuhold- Ravikumar	Zoom

Regent Helm left the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Regent White left the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

BREAK. There was a twenty-minute break for the videoconference meeting. Following the break, the meeting was called back to order and the roll was called. Participating in the meeting were Regents Sherry,

White, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Regent Turpen joined the meeting in progress at 1:01 p.m. Regent Helm joined the meeting in progress at 1:11 p.m.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>President</u>	11:30 a.m. (12:55 p.m.)
13. Southeastern Oklahoma State University	President Thomas Newsom	Zoom
14. Western Oklahoma State College	President Chad Wiginton	Zoom
15. Rogers State University	President Larry Rice	Zoom
16. Seminole State College	President Lana Reynolds	Zoom
17. Carl Albert State College	President Jay Falkner	Zoom
18. Cameron University	President John McArthur	Zoom

Regent Taylor left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

BREAK. There was a five-minute break for the videoconference meeting. Following the break, the meeting was called back to order and the roll was called. Participating in the meeting were Regents Sherry, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Regent Taylor joined the meeting in progress at 2:12 p.m. Regent White joined the meeting in progress at 2:19 p.m.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Via Zoom</u>	12:15 p.m. (2:05 p.m.)
19. Northwestern OK State University	President Janet Cunningham	Zoom
20. Oklahoma State University	President Burns Hargis	Zoom
21. Langston University	President Kent Smith	Zoom
22. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	President Kyle Stafford	Zoom
23. Oklahoma Panhandle State University	President Tim Faltyn	Zoom
24. Redlands Community College	President Jack Bryant	Zoom
25. Connors State College	President Ron Ramming	Zoom