

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, October 24, 2018

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Committee-of-the-Whole met at 10:44 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, in the Regents Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on October 12, 2017. A copy of the agenda had been posted as required by the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Participating in the meeting were Regents Ron White, Jody Parker, Andy Lester, Michael C. Turpen, and John Massey. Regent Hickman joined the meeting at 11:45 am and Regents Toney Stricklin, Jay Helm and Ann Holloway were absent. Regent Parker called the meeting to order.
3. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, gave a brief budget report. She stated that the current fiscal year budget is going well and the September collections were well above last year.
4. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Ms. LeeAnna McNally, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, gave a brief legislative report. She began by stating that she is monitoring several interim studies, continually meeting with legislators, and preparing for the upcoming legislative tours as well as the Legislative Forum on November 13, 2018.
5. **REACH HIGHER.** Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, gave a brief update on the Reach Higher program. She began by stating that the Reach Higher program started in 2007 as a bachelor's degree and the associate's degree was added in 2010. Since then, 5,400 students have graduated from the program with flexible and non-traditional formats for working adult students. Every institution offering the Reach Higher program has coordinators that are vital and offer key supports and resources to the students.

Additionally, Oklahoma was selected as one of five states for a Lumina Foundation grant to create an Adult Promise program called Reach Higher: DirectComplete. This program links every degree with the Oklahoma Works' 100 Critical Occupations list and is available for students age 25-49, an income level up to \$75,000, and work already completed towards a degree. She stated that several institutions and community entities are partnering with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the official partnership signing will take place at the Oklahoma State Capitol on November 14, 2018.

6. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** United States Representative Frank Lucas gave a brief update on federal legislative activity. Representative Lucas began by stating that the United States House of Representatives is currently in recess awaiting the outcome of the November elections and will convene on November 13, 2018. He stated that he has served four presidents and six speakers of the house and this year has been the most dramatic with turnover and changes in public policy.

He finished by stating that he is a farmer by trade but is also very passionate about science and hopes that farm and science legislation will pass during this session in addition to a dramatic tax reform bill.

7. **HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.** The State Regents presented a distinguished service award to Senator Jason Smalley. Chancellor Johnson introduced Senator Smalley and he gave a few brief remarks.

8. **STATE HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.** Dr. Rob Anderson, President of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) gave a brief presentation on Oklahoma's higher education landscape. Dr. Anderson began by stating that SHEEO was founded in 1954 to be the defender of state higher education systems and currently has 61 members in all 50 states. He also highlighted several areas in which Oklahoma is a policy leader, including work on guided and math pathways, co-requisite remediation, concurrent enrollment and Adult Promise. Dr. Anderson also stated that Oklahoma is a leader in financial aid and affordability by being one of the most affordable states in the nation and among the lowest in tuition and student debt at graduation.

Dr. Anderson finished by giving some opportunities for Oklahoma higher education to consider: 1) reduce gaps for opportunities among ethnicities; 2) focus on helping students with debt; and 3) implement open educational resources to reduce textbook costs.

9. **REGENTS EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Chancellor Johnson stated that the 2018 Regents Education Program took place on October 9th and was well attended.

10. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Debbie Blanke stated that the Online Education Task Force will meet on October 25 2018, and will discuss the academic consortium and the work of the Council of Online Learning Excellence.

b. **State Regents' Function Change and Mission Expansion Subcommittee.** Chancellor Johnson stated that the next meeting of this subcommittee will be on November 7, 2018 and will start work on a draft policy.

c. **State Regents Campus Safety and Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor Angela Caddell updated the Regents on the status of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. She stated that the Campus Safety and Security Summit will be held on November 1, 2018, at the Reed Center in Midwest City. The Summit will cover topics such as cybersecurity, active shooter, earthquake preparedness, drill exercises, mental health services, and business continuity.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Parker, Lester, Turpen, and Massey. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

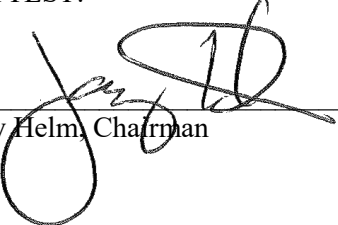
12. **"BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION" REPORT.** Regents received the October 2018 update on institutional activities via e-mail.

13. CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Chancellor Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

- Tuesday, October 30, 2018 – Governor Fallin’s STEM & Entrepreneurship Summit – 9:00 a.m. at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, November 1, 2018 – Campus Safety and Security Summit – 9:00 a.m. at the Reed Center in Midwest City.
- Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – State Regents’ Fall Legislative Forum – 9:00 a.m. at the *Jeaneen and Bob Naifeh Family & Bud Wilkinson Event Center (formerly Jim Thorpe Museum), located at 4040 N. Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City.*
- Wednesday, November 28, 2018 – Higher Education Legislative Tour – 11:30 a.m. at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.
- Wednesday, December 5, 2018 - State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6:00 p.m. – Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, December 6, 2018 – Distinguished Service Award Reception and Presentation to Representative Harold Wright – 8:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Thursday, December 6, 2018 – State Regents Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
- Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – New Legislative Member Orientation – 9:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Health Foundation Conference Center in Oklahoma City.
- Friday, January 18, 2018 – Higher Education Legislative Tour – 11:30 a.m. at Pete’s Place in Krebs.

2. ADJOURNMENT. With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Jay Helm, Chairman



Ann Holloway, Secretary