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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the PHF Conference Center located at 655 Research Parkway, 1st Floor in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Thursday, February 9, 2023. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Michael C. Turpen called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Courtney Warmington and Michael C. Turpen. Regent Jeff Hickman, Jody Parker and Steven W. Taylor were absent.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen announced that Higher Education Day at the State Capitol was scheduled for later today, Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Chair Turpen also thanked Chancellor Garrett for being a guest on "*Flashpoint*".
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett did not have any comments.

5. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health Sciences and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing. Dr. Robert Placido, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs presented the item and explained that the need for RN's would grow by 276,000 by 2030. He explained that the shortage in Oklahoma and the Stillwater area is acute. This program will be provided on the Stillwater campus only. Initial approval has been obtained by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. A systemwide letter of intent was communicated on June 22, 2022. The University of Central Oklahoma and Tulsa Community College requested a copy of the proposal. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Regent Casey asked if Oklahoma was making a positive stride forward in increasing nurses. The In response, Chancellor Garrett said that Oklahoma increased the production of degreed nurses by 25 percent over the last decade. However, this is still an insufficient number to address the need in Oklahoma. She said that Oklahoma's challenges in this field include a lack of clinical nursing opportunities across the state, a lack of student preparation and a lack of resilience in studying a program like nursing. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Warmington and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Master of Science in Applied Statistics, the Master of Science in Sustainability – Energy and Materials Management, the Master of Science in Engineering Leadership and Management, the Master of Science in Learning Experience Design and Technology, and the Graduate Certificate in Applied Research and Program Evaluation. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Turpen, Warmington, Sherry and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma of a function exception request and to offer the Doctor of Science in Forensic Science. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Turpen, Warmington, Sherry, Hilliary and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Certificate in Medical Coding. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Warmington, Sherry, Hilliary, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve a request from Carl Albert State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Environmental Science Technology. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Sherry, Hilliary, Holloway, Casey and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve a request from Murray State College to offer the Certificate in Child Development. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Hilliary, Holloway, Casey Turpen, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- g. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Biomanufacturing Technologies, the Certificate in Advanced Laboratory Practices, the Certificate in Laboratory Practices, and the Certificate in Laboratory Quality. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey Turpen, Warmington, Sherry and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- h. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Tulsa Community College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Cybersecurity. Regent Holloway noted that this field is very important and providing the opportunity for students to take these programs is vital. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey

Turpen, Warmington, Sherry, Hilliary and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

6. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:

- a. Certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours. Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificate of 15 or fewer credit hours.
- b. Certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours. Redlands Community College. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificate of 15 or fewer credit hours.

Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Warmington, Sherry, Hilliary, Holloway and Casey.

Voting against the motion were none.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Turpen announced that the next regular scheduled meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Regents' office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

Michael C. Turpen, Chair

Dennis Casey, Secretary