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of the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 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 2, 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, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Steven W. Taylor, Courtney Warmington and Michael C. Turpen. Regent Dustin Hilliary arrived at 9:05 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings on December 8-9, 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Taylor, Warmington and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen announced that Higher Education Day at the State Capitol was scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Chair Turpen also thanked the Strategic Planning Committee who volunteered their time and expertise to develop the plan.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett highlighted higher education projects across the state including the UpskillOK initiative, the SAS data warehouse transition, the OSRHE website redesign, Higher Education Day at the State Capitol, and institutional collaborations. She also provided an update on the Amanda Winge Scholarship.

6. **FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

a. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Robert Placido introduced Wesley Reddish, Assistant of Professor of Science at Redlands Community College, to present the 2022 Faculty Advisory Council Annual Report.

b. Membership. State Regents recognized outgoing Faculty Advisory Council members who have completed their service and incoming new members elected by the Faculty Assembly to represent serve on the Council.

Research Universities

Gina Peek, Oklahoma State University
Amy Bradshaw, University of Oklahoma
Nedra Wilson, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
Lynn Jefferies, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Regional Universities

Mary Riegel, Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Charla Lewis, Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Jennifer Barger Johnson, University of Central Oklahoma
Amanda Evert, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Community Colleges

Lizzie Boger, Rose State College
Yasminda Choate, Seminole State College
Marcia Shotenkirk, Redlands Community College
LuAnne Kuelzer, Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City

Independent Colleges

Ram Mohan, The University of Tulsa
Scott McMurry, Mid-America Christian University

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from Connors State College to offer an Associate in Science in Multidisciplinary Studies in STEM. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from Murray State College to offer the Certificate in Veterinary Assistant. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker and Holloway.
- e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Oklahoma City Community College to offer the Certificate in Leadership. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway and Casey.

8. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve institutional requests from the University of Oklahoma to delete the Certificate in Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Analysis and the Certificate in Restorative Justice and from Northeastern State University to delete the Certificate in Long Term Care Administration.

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

9. **POLICY.** Regent Turpen advised the board that Item #9 is a posting of revisions to the Institutional Admission and Retention policy. These revisions will add additional English language assessments to the approval list of acceptable measures of English language acquisition for admission to the State System institutions. This item was for posting only.

10. **AMINISTRATIVE RULES.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve and adopt the proposed administrative rule revisions for the Oklahoma’s Promise – Oklahoma Higher learning Access Program. The proposed permanent rule revisions incorporate the statutory change to create three levels of income eligibility based on the number of dependent children in the family. The new income limits became effective for the 2022-2023 academic year. The change is expected to increase enrollment in the program by about five percent. The first students eligible to enroll under the new limits will graduate high school in 2024. The proposed revisions also remove outdated language, update a citation and reorganize a paragraph for increased clarity. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman and Turpen.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve and adopt the proposed administrative rules to the Oklahoma National Guard Education Assistance Program. During the 2022 session, the Oklahoma Legislature approved Senate Bill 1418 creating the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program. The new Program will replace the State Regents' Oklahoma National Guard Tuition Waiver program. Under the new Program, institutions will receive funding for 100 percent of the educational benefit costs. The proposed administrative rules address these changes. Voting for the motion

were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen and Warmington.

- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve and adopt the proposed administrative rules for the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program. The proposed permanent rules are necessary to comply with legislation from 2022. These rules provide guidance to OSRHE staff, institutions of higher education and prospective and enrolled students for the successful implementation of the “Inspired to Teach” Program. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington and Taylor.

11. **OKLAHOMA FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the appointment of Advisory Committee members for the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program as listed in the agenda item. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor and Sherry.

12. **OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request to acknowledge receipt of the 2021-2022 Oklahoma’s Promise Year-End Report. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Grants and Scholarships, presented the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry and Hilliary.

13. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of \$2,203,010.13 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and \$2,203,010.13 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 \$104,513,534.28. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary and Parker.

14. **EPSCoR.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to ratify the payment of annual EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition dues in the amount of \$37,500 for the 2023 calendar year. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker and Holloway.

15. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to certify that the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center's Statement of Essential Facts for a 2023A/B General Revenue Bonds for an amount up to approximately \$50,000,000 is substantially accurate. Following approval, the certification will be transmitted to the Attorney General. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker and Holloway.

16. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve FY23 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Parker, Holloway and Casey. Regent Hilliary abstained.

17. **POLICY.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve revisions to the investment policy. These changes will update the responsibilities of the Chancellor and Staff to sell assets at the recommendation of the Consultant, permissible asset classes and their corresponding comparative indices. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry,

Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey and Hickman. Regent Warmington had left the room.

18. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve new Investment Managers. The recommendation is for GenStar Capital Partners XI in the amount of \$10,000,000. This firm will pursue a thesis-driven strategy to invest in high quality, upper middle-market, US-based companies. The fund will be deployed to four core industry verticals of financial services, software, industrial technology and healthcare. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey and Hickman.

19. **STRATEGIC PLAN.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the State Regents' new Strategic Plan – Blueprint 2030: Innovating and Elevating Oklahoma Higher Education for Tomorrow's Workforce. Regent Warmington, who served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee discussed the importance of having a strategic plan to define the system's future. She described this as a bold plan to provide a framework for the future of higher education. Chancellor Garrett presented the plan which is anchored by four fundamental goals: 1) Produce workforce-ready graduates; 2) Grow the student pipeline; 3) Focus on student success; and 4) Improve system efficiency and effectiveness. A video was presented to support the Strategic Plan roll-out. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman and Turpen.

20. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Casey to recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognitions on state and national projects. Those recognized were Dr. Rachel Bates, Dr. Melissa Brevetti, Sara Lorenzen, Dr. Goldie Thompson, Jess Tucker, and Sonja Wall. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Warmington, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey and Hickman.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Warmington 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.
 - (1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - (2) Program Suspension. Ratification of institutional request.
- b. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours. Ratification of institutional request.
- c. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
- d. Reinstatement. Ratification of institutional request.
- e. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- f. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Connors State College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Associate in Applied Science in Nursing, Associated in Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant, Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing, Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant, Certificate in Certified Nursing Assistant, and the Certificate in Licensed Practical Nurse.
 - (2) Murray State College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Applied Science in Veterinary Nursing via electronic delivery.
 - (3) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the existing Certificate in Childhood Development via electronic delivery.
- g. Operations. Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
- h. Non-Academic Degrees.

(1) Langston University. Ratification of a request from Langston University to award an honorary degree.

(2) Oklahoma City Community College. Ratification of a request from Oklahoma City Community College to award a posthumous degree.

i. Resolutions.

(1) Honoring retiring staff.

(2) Posthumous resolution honoring former interim Chancellor Daniel Hobbs.

Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen and Warmington. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #21-g.

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

a. Programs. Current Status Report on program requests.

b. Annual Reports.

(1) Acknowledgement of receipt of the 2022 ACT Annual Report.

(2) Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Fall 2021 High School Indicators Report.

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

23. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.

- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
 - c. Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
 - d. Investment Committee. The Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
24. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was not needed.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair 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.
26. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Michael C. Turpen, Chair

Dennis Casey, Secretary