

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
Regents' Conference Room
655 Research Parkway

Lance Newbold, Chair, Presiding
September 14, 2023
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Lance Newbold

COSA Chair Lance Newbold welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

2. Approval of July 13, 2023 Minutes – Lance Newbold

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as written.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL

3. Legislative Update – Dr. Jarrett Jobe, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, OSRHE

Jarrett mentioned the State Regents approved the 2024 legislative agenda last Thursday. He said Governor Stitt has called for a special session of the Oklahoma Legislature to begin October 3, 2023, based on tax policy and revenue.

Jarrett said he will be working on two House of Representatives interim studies by Representative Anthony Moore that impact higher education on October 16th and 17th. These studies will focus on Oklahoma's Promise and Concurrent Enrollment. He also mentioned a Senate Interim Study by Senator Rob Standridge will be October 18, 2023, and focus on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) spending on college campuses. Chancellor Garrett will present the higher education perspective.

Dr. Jerrid Freeman (NSU) asked if the data that was collected from the legislative committee that previously evaluated concurrent enrollment and the full report they did when the new group was formed would be used during the Concurrent Enrollment interim study. Jerrid said he felt some people were "left off the list" that are important voices to have at the table. Jarrett said he thinks this information will be included. He said Chairman Moore is running the interim studies and wants to uncover that study, what is being done internally and then what are the guiding principles institutionally.

Liz McCraw (SEOSU) asked if there is a feeling that some of the interest in moving to the freshman and sophomore level with concurrent has to do with trying to backfill teacher shortages. Jarrett said there are a number of motivating factors, i.e., efficiency path to degree, teacher shortages, academic preparedness, socially prepared, financial models and service areas. Dr. Doug Hallenback (OSU) said we have to be cautious of producing college graduates that are not emotionally and socially prepared to go into the workforce. Jarrett mentioned the continual need to address mental health and social preparedness of students enrolled in higher education, career tech and in the workforce. Lance Newbold (RSC) said the earlier students start, the more

hours they accumulate concurrently, the faster life decisions are going to hit them. He mentioned it being difficult for an 18-year-old coming out of high school, with no credit hours, to make a career decision and decide on a major are all nestled in with their emotional, mental and social abilities to be prepared. Jarrett said a great conversation was held with some of the K-12 partners and Representative Rhonda Baker last week. They discussed how to best serve this population on these issues.

Jarrett gave a brief review of the 2024 legislative agenda issues of interest:

- Oklahoma's Promise
- Adult degree completion
- Grow Oklahoma's STEM workforce
- Maintain campus infrastructure
- Staff salary support
- Enhance campus safety and security

4. Opportunities for Emerging Talent and Centene Internship Experience –

Dr. Keisia Sobers-Butler, Vice President of Population Health, Clinical Operations & Health Equity, Oklahoma Complete Health

Christopher Cameron, Chief Operating Officer, Oklahoma Complete Health

Dr. Keisia Sobers-Butler introduced Chris Cameron. Chris gave an overview of their organization. He said Oklahoma Complete Health is the local plan in Oklahoma for Centene Corporation. He mentioned they are the largest provider of managed care services to government-sponsored health care programs and gave the council their member statistics.

Keisia said their purpose is to transform the health of the community, one person at a time. She is looking to hire many nurses, social workers, public health majors and alumni. Keisia explained Centene's 12-week summer intern experience. This internship creates a space for students to share knowledge while learning tools to be successful in the next stage of their professional career. She said she would like to get involved and learn more about student populations, how to serve them, select and support them in internships, as well as some of their professional programs that are coming down the pipeline.

Chris told the council that Oklahoma Complete Health is actively hiring staff and mentioned the various positions available. He said they are looking to employ 600-700 individuals with most positions being remote within the state of Oklahoma. He said they have two hiring events scheduled, October 10th in Midwest City and October 11th and 12th in Oklahoma City.

Lance Newbold (RSC) asked how his staff, faculty and students interested in these areas can connect with Oklahoma Complete Health. Brandon Brown, OCH Director of Talent Attraction, answered Lance's question. He said he will provide contact information and also mentioned their partnerships with Handshake and Simplicity. Brandon said these organizations are connected with many institutions. He said he would love to get connected to student associations that connect to public policy or community health work and develop an on-campus presence.

Lindsay Echols (OSRHE) said she will share Oklahoma Complete Health's contact information with the council. She said this is a great opportunity, especially because the goal is to make sure our students matriculate through college and then graduate. She said this is an opportunity for students to find placement and also keep talented students in the state of Oklahoma.

5. Oklahoma Student Government Association Update – Halli Humphrey, 2023-24 OSGA President

Halli introduced herself and mentioned her education majors and previous student government positions. She said she is also serving as the director for the College Democrats of Oklahoma. She said her goals are very much in line with those established by past OSGA president Jakob Levicky. Halli said the first order of business was to restructure OSGA membership dues to make the fees more equitable among colleges and universities. She said she would like to build a better and stronger relationship with COSA and institutions and that the OSGA team will start offering in-person campus visits to any member institution, including one-on-one meetings with students.

Halli announced Fall Congress has been tentatively scheduled to take place November 10-12, 2023, at the University of Tulsa, with registration opening within the next couple of weeks. She said member institutions will receive a discounted price. Halli provided a handout with QR codes for leadership opportunities at Fall Congress and throughout the year with the president's cabinet.

Lance Newbold (RSC) thanked Halli and said COSA definitively wants to work with OSGA. Liz McCraw (SEOSU) also thanked Halli and appreciated the timely correspondence received regarding Fall Congress.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

6. State Regents' Update – Dr. Robert Placido, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, OSRHE

Robert reiterated Jarrett Jobe's comments regarding concurrent enrollment. He said the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will adopt changes effective November 1, 2023, regarding concurrent enrollment and allow OSRHE to be more flexible. He mentioned the four following areas:

- Remove barriers
- Improve quality models of delivery and standards
- Funding models
- Oversight and accountability

Robert said the concurrent enrollment advisory committee will include the established Council on Instruction concurrent working group, along with numerous other persons to include K-12 state superintendents, representatives from OSSM, CCOSA, SREB, NACEP, state engagement personnel, OSRHE staff, three State Regents and Chancellor Garrett. He also mentioned the two new concurrent enrollment positions at OSRHE will be filled soon.

Caleb Mosburg (NWOSU) asked Robert about adding student affairs personnel to the concurrent enrollment advisory committee. He said he has enrollment management duties and spends a lot of time working directly with concurrent enrollment. Robert said this was an oversight and will bring it up at the kickoff meeting being held tomorrow. Caleb said he will be happy to be part of this committee. Dr. Jerrid Freeman (NSU) said he would like to see some movement in this area and have a voice at the table. Robert asked Caleb and Jerrid to email him of their interest.

Robert updated the council on the remaining policy edits of Chapter 3 - Academic Affairs. He said the second portion of the policy edits were approved on September 7, 2023. The three final policy edits were posted September 7th and will be sent for approval in October.

7. Campus Compact Restructuring – Lindsay Echols, Executive Director of Campus Compact and Director of Student Affairs, OSRHE

Lindsay attended the meeting via Zoom, as she was attending the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Student Success Summit in Atlanta, GA. She reminded the council that the national office of Campus Compact is eliminating their state offices. She said this will benefit Oklahoma institutions because they do not participate in offerings of the national entity other than Newman Civic Fellows. Lindsay said she met with Dr. Robert Placido, and they would like more of a student affairs lens added to the restructured Oklahoma Campus Compact (OCC) with the creation of a cohort of undergraduate students in an effort to have a more in-depth mentorship program.

Lindsay said she will be meeting with individuals from Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, University System of Georgia Student Advisory Council and South Carolina Commission of Higher Education while she is in Atlanta to discuss best practices and how to make OCC more impactful. She said she will be calling on COSA members to help form a collective entity for restructuring OCC. She said OCC will not be participating in Newman Civic Fellows but instead creating an Oklahoma Civic Fellows and will share more information on this initiative soon.

Liz McCraw (SEOSU) said it would be helpful if Lindsay shared what Campus Compact has done in the past, as some council members may or may not have these responsibilities on their campus. Lindsay mentioned the voter registration drive and said this was stopped because the number of students that actually voted was very low. She said dues will not be collected this year and more information will be sent to COSA.

8. Student Leadership Retreat Update – Lindsay Echols, Executive Director of Campus Compact and Director of Student Affairs, OSRHE

Lindsay told the council that the Student Leadership Retreat will not be held at Oklahoma City Community College on October 13th due to some institutions being on fall break on that date. She said OCCC has a few dates available in February 2024, and will send more information to the council in the next two weeks. Lindsay asked the council to be thinking of leadership books to donate as student door prizes. Lance said Rose State College has started doing book giveaways at their President's Leadership Class and has received positive feedback from students.

9. Announcements – Lance Newbold

- Lance reminded the council that the next COSA meeting will be held Thursday, October 12, 2023.
- Jerrid Freeman (NSU) asked if Oklahoma College Student Personnel Association (OCSPA) will host a conference this year. Liz McCraw (SEOSU) said Dr. Jerrett Phillips (CU) was one of the committee members to revive the organization and thought he might be working on this. Jerrett will be contacted for information regarding the OCSPA

conference. Kristin Partridge (OU) asked if the OCSPA conference was usually hosted in the spring. Liz said SEOSU hosted theirs in the spring.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.

Upcoming Events of Interest to the Council

- September 22, 2023 – OSRHE 16th Annual Reading Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond
- October 17, 2023 – 2023 Oklahoma Statewide Transfer Student Success Conference, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
- October 20, 2023 – DaVinci Institute Fall Forum, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha
- October 26, 2023 – Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference, University of Oklahoma, Norman
- November 6-8, 2023 – NASPA IV West Regional Conference, Oklahoma City
- November 7, 2023 – 2023 Campus Safety & Security Summit, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond
- November 17, 2023 – 2023 Oklahoma Women in Higher Education (OKWHE) Fall Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond