

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS**  
**Regents' Conference Room**  
**655 Research Parkway, Suite 200**  
**Via Zoom Video**

**Lance Newbold, Chair, Presiding**  
**April 25, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and Introductions – Lance Newbold**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am. Chair Newbold welcomed attendees and recognized the following new COSA members:

- Dr. Kyle Foster, Vice President of Student Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma State College
- Brooks McMullan, Director of Student Affairs, Randall University
- Dr. Denver Stickrod, Vice President for Enrollment Management, East Central University
- Kelly Vongnarath, Vice President of Student Affairs, Carl Albert State College

Lance also recognized Dr. Jerrett D. Phillips, Vice President of Student Affairs, Rogers State University, as a current member of COSA. Dr. Phillips was previously employed at Cameron University.

**2. Approval of January 11, 2024 Minutes – Lance Newbold**

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

**INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL**

**3. Finally! A Better Mousetrap – Jane E. Jarrow, Ph.D., President of Disability Access Information and Support (DAIS)**

Dr. Jarrow's presentation focused on issues that surround students with disabilities in higher education, including Section 504, the ADA (Titles II and III), and the FHAA/HUD guidance regarding emotional support animals (updated to include the guidance released 1/28/2020). She mentioned issues surrounding approval for emotional support animals, concerns that arise regularly on higher education campuses and the process of documentation received and requested to have ESAs in campus housing. Dr. Jarrow advised the council the new Request for Information Re: Emotional Support Animal form should be used to gather information in support of a student's request for an ESA.

This meeting was recorded. Please contact Debbie Myrick [dmyrick@osrhe.edu](mailto:dmyrick@osrhe.edu) if you would like the Zoom recording information.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **4. Student Leadership Retreat Recap – Lindsay Echols**

Lindsay gave a brief recap of the SLR held at Oklahoma City Community College on February 29, 2024. She thanked those at OCCC for hosting and said there were 297 registrations with Langston University registering the most (31). The student evaluation revealed overall very high remarks. She said students loved the interactive portions and high energy of the event. Lindsay said the planning committee will need to consider a sensory room for the next SLR. This was mentioned by a student who said they were not as high energy and would like to have a place to relax after that level of engagement.

Lindsay asked the council members to consider hosting the 2025 SLR and to let her know by way of email of their intent by mid-May. Sheppard McConnell said USAO would be more than willing to host. Dr. Wendy Yoder (SWOSU) also is interested in hosting. The planning committee will discuss the timing of the next SLR (spring or fall). Lance (RSC) mentioned the previous concern of moving the SLR from fall to spring but felt spring was great due to the high registration number and is on board for a springtime SLR from now on.

Lindsay asked those that have not paid their SLR invoices to please do so quickly. Dr. Yoder thanked Lindsay and Debbie for their work in preparing for the event. She said the students loved Lindsay's energy on stage, keeping everyone laughing and energy level up.

### **5. Announcements – Lance Newbold**

- COSA does not meet in the month of May. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Regent's conference room. Election of officers will be held at that meeting. Lance stressed the importance of serving on the executive committee. He said Lindsay and Debbie make it easy for a person to serve on the committee.
- Lance asked if COSA members would like to meet for lunch after the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at a local restaurant in Oklahoma City. Debbie will send a Doodle Poll to see if there is interest in attending a lunch.
- Kristen Partridge (OU) announced she will be making a career shift to become a partner at a leadership training firm in Norman. Her last day at OU will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. She said COSA was one of the best parts of her professional career. Kristen said to feel free to contact her for help with training or coaching. She will teach at OU and continue to receive email at [kpartridge@ou.edu](mailto:kpartridge@ou.edu). Kristen said she hopes to stay in touch with COSA.

### **6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.