

**STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD TO  
THE OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Sunday, October 26, 2008

The regular meeting of the Student Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education was held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room of the Presbyterian Health Foundation Research Park at 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by the Chair. Rae Lynn Elsworth, Nicholas Harrison, Adam Lovell, Rosie Lynch, Alexandra Wilkes were in attendance. A quorum was deemed to be present.

The members of the Student Advisory Board introduced themselves and recognized all guests. Debbie Terlip informed the Student Advisory Board that the Chancellor could not be in attendance. However, he would be present in December to announce the State Regents' legislative agenda. The Student Advisory Board discussed the possibility of meeting in November during the OSGA Fall Congress.

Ms. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, spoke for just over one hour regarding the budgetary issues. She discussed increases in mandatory costs at state institutions, the administration of the guaranteed student loan programs, the development of best practices by administrators, the capital bond issue, the annual budget needs survey, the "tuition lock" program, external auditing, the endowment for chairs, and the annual budget request – taking questions from members of the Student Advisory Board.

Evan Schwenk arrived at 3:25 p.m. Adam Lovell left at 4:07 p.m. The Student Advisory Board recessed for ten to fifteen minutes at 4:24 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 4:37 p.m. The Student Advisory Board discussed issues for research.

Rosie Lynch discussed adding "sexual orientation" in the non-discrimination clauses of each college and university, opposing the Amethyst Initiative, opposing the bill allowing the concealed carrying of firearms on campuses, increasing funds for OTAG grants, and providing more mental health counselors. Nicholas Harrison noted that he supported the Amethyst Initiative and various members of the Student Advisory Board had differing opinions regarding the matter.

Rae Lynn Elsworth discussed opposing the bill allowing the concealed carrying of firearms on campuses. Alexandra Wilkes discussed a green initiative. Evan Schwenk discussed providing additional funding for Regents' Academic Scholars.

Nicholas Harrison discussed a state-administered supplemental loan program, examining the figures provided for the cost of attendance at colleges and universities, banning credit cards on campus, improving the transfer course policy, developing a system to handle professional misconduct complaints, and a variety of veterans' programs (offering in-state tuition for out-of-state residents in the guard, improving the tuition waiver program by making uniform standards and providing money for fees and graduate studies, creating a statewide listing of correspondence course offerings, and coordinating with the guard regarding class completion and withdrawals for deployments).

On several occasions, Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, informed the Student Advisory Board that several of these issues (notably the non-discrimination clause and the professional misconduct system) were outside the scope of the State Regents' authority. Nicholas Harrison responded that the State Regents had taken initiatives to ensure campus safety previously with the CLASS task force recommendations and these issues were no different.

Kermit McMurry and Debbie Terlip discussed feedback from the Student Leadership Retreat. They also discussed the members' official visits to other institutions.

The Chair discussed moving the meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the Student Advisory Board voted to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.