

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

MINUTES

Sunday, January 25, 2009

The regular meeting of the Student Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education was held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 1:00 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 1:06 p.m. by the Vice Chair. Rae Lynn Elsworth, Nicholas Harrison, Adam Lovell, Evan Schwenk and Alexandra Wilkes were in attendance. Rosie Lynch was not present and she did not count towards quorum. However, she joined in the discussions by speakerphone. A quorum was deemed to be present.

Debbie Terlip offered several amendments to the minutes for the previous meeting on Sunday, December 7, 2008. After a period of discussion, the minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

Kermit McMurry was recognized to give a report on Higher Education Day. The event was scheduled for noon on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the State Capitol. Hollye Hunt was leading the planning committee and Debbie Terlip was involved from the students' aspect.

The Student Advisory Board discussed some of the issues currently pending before the State Legislature. Debbie Terlip and Nicholas Harrison described: (1) appropriations and the current budget situation, (2) proposed revisions to tuition-setting authority, (3) the bill allowing the carrying of concealed weapons on campus, (4) the tuition lock program, (5) Oklahoma's Promise program, (6) research and endowment funding, and (7) the Rainy Day Fund.

The Student Advisory Board then discussed issues for research.

Evan Schwenk mentioned that he was continuing work on Regents' Scholars. Alexandra Wilkes described some of the work she was doing with online student networking and green campus issues. Debbie Terlip said that UCO was a real leader on that issue and OU was starting to do a lot as well. Adam Lovell mentioned that he was continuing work on safety and security issues regarding the CLASS task force.

Nicholas Harrison described some of the recent articles about the Student Advisory Board appearing in the *Oklahoma Daily*. Rosie Lynch discussed possible responses to the articles. Adam Lovell emphasized that the response needed to include input from the entire board. The Student Advisory Board agreed to prepare a joint response.

Nicholas Harrison also raised the issue of a joint meeting with the Council on Student Affairs (COSA) and informed the Student Advisory Board that he had extended an invitation to that

body, on the Chair's behalf, to collaborate on various issues. Kermit McMurry informed the Student Advisory Board that the Student Advisory Board had been placed on COSA's agenda at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

The Student Advisory Board briefly turned to the discussion of members' activities. Adam Lovell had been working on visits to Northeastern Oklahoma State A&M and Oklahoma Panhandle State. Also, Rosie Lynch has been working on visits to NSU and Rogers State. The Student Advisory Board agreed to set up campus visits by the February meeting.

Rosie Lynch asked to return to discussion on issues for research. She had been looking at ways to increase student input from private institutions.

Rosie Lynch also called for a discussion of issues to be presented at the February COSA meeting. Animated discussion ensued and Kermit McMurry emphasized the importance of the Student Advisory Board being well-prepared before addressing COSA members. Adam Lovell emphasized that the presentation needed to include input from the entire board. Kermit offered to move the Student Advisory Board to a later COSA agenda if they were not prepared. Nicholas Harrison interjected that he thought the Student Advisory Board would be prepared for the February meeting, and that he viewed it as an opportunity to collect insight and solicit collaboration.

The Student Advisory Board continued with its discussion of member activities. Debbie Terlip mentioned that an SAB member had visited NEO A & M last year, and suggested that since Adam Lovell wanted to visit institutions rarely visited, such geographically-isolated schools as Western Oklahoma State College at Altus, Eastern Oklahoma State College at Wilburton, or Carl Albert State College at Poteau might be possibilities. Evan Schwenk discussed visiting Langston University and Oklahoma City University. The Student Advisory Board again emphasized setting up campus visits by the February meeting and possibly completing one before then.

The Vice Chair announced that the next meeting of the Student Advisory Board would be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2009. At the next meeting the Student Advisory Board would discuss feedback from the COSA meeting and everyone would try to bring in basic summaries of their proposals so that the Student Advisory Board could begin formulating its recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:23 p.m.