

Student Advisory Board

to the

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 25, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

University Center, Carl Albert Room

University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matthew Heggy at 1:08 p.m.

Announcement of Quorum

Members Present: Matthew Heggy, Josh Maxwell, Phyllis McLemore, Autumn Wiles, and Benjamin West. Furthermore, Ms. Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison, and Dr. Kermit McMurry, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, were also present.

Guests Present

The guests consisted of Vallon Williams.

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Chairman Heggy reviewed the previous meeting's minutes. No one found any problems and they were unanimously approved.

Overview of Key Functions of the State Regents

Due to Dr. Linda Mason's absence, the chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Discussion of Financial Literacy Task Force work, CLASS Task force work, and the Student Leadership Retreat

The Financial Literacy Task Force has had one meeting in which they stated they are laying down the framework on what they want to accomplish. They want a certain number of students at each university to attend a Financial Literacy workshop. They also stated that they do not want outside companies to be the one providing the Financial Literacy workshops. Instead, they want it to be accomplished internally.

The CLASS Task Force is currently in the process of doing a major survey of the Higher Education entities in Oklahoma. The purpose of this survey is to discover the needs of the universities in regard to mental health. This will help them in developing a budget. Homeland Security also has some money that they will match with the state. Also, this task force will end when Governor Brad Henry leaves office. Currently, there has been no discussion about reviving or revising the CLASS Task Force.

Dr. Kermit McMurry started the overview of the Student Leadership Retreat by acknowledging Ms. Debbie Terlip's and Ms. Marcia Clifton's hard work organizing this retreat. Ms. Debbie Terlip informed the Student Advisory Board that there were two hundred students present.

Eighty-one of these students filled out the evaluation form. Sean Griffin, the keynote speaker, received very positive ratings. Other popular events consisted of the Bafa Bafa Cultural Simulation Game and the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. The Quarter Life Crisis and the Administrative Evil and the Challenge to Ethics both received mixed reviews. However, the main complaints were that there were not enough student interaction and there was a lack of practical solutions offered in these breakout sessions. The Student Coffee House ran very smoothly. Some of the suggestions included opening the Coffee House a hour later, keeping Starbucks open later, and making the atmosphere more inviting.

Discussion of Members Activities

Benjamin West is considering visiting Oklahoma City Community College. While Phyllis McLemore wants to visit either Connors State College or Bacone College. Autumn Wiles expressed interest in visiting East Central University. Furthermore, Josh Maxwell is traveling to Rogers State University. Finally, Matthew Heggy is interested in going to Murray State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, or Carl Albert State College.

Discussion of Issues for Research

Ms. Debbie Terlip encouraged the Student Advisory Board to learn more about alcohol consumption on campuses and among minors. Benjamin West is still interested in studying Research Grants. He also expressed concerns about Oklahoma losing the brightest scholars due to the fact that the Academic Scholars Program is not fully funded. Mr. West wondered the affect this had on foreign exchange and international students. Ms. Debbie Terlip informed him that this information would be on the State Regent's website.

Discussion of and Vote on Addition to Student Advisory Board Special Rules of Order concerning Audience Participation

The Proposal on Audience Participation was amended. The word was changed from limited to determined in the sentence, "The length of such comments shall be *determined* by the chair." Furthermore, the phrase, "with a total duration not to exceed five (5) minutes" was removed from the proposal. Phyllis McLemore made a motion to accept the bill as amended. Benjamin West seconded the motion and the bill was voted upon. The bill was unanimously passed.

Determining of Agenda for Next Meeting

Phyllis McLemore informed the Student Advisory Board that she will report on the Non-Traditional Student meeting. The next meeting was scheduled on December 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the University Center, Carl Albert Room at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.