

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 30th, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.
University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jack Test, Chair of the SAB, at 1:00 p.m. Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison, confirmed that the meeting had been posted and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Announcement of Quorum

Members present: Andrew Bertolasio, Jessica Craig, Matthew Heggy, Myka Sederis, Jack Test, Thomas Schneider, and Autumn Wiles.

Members absent: None

Guests Present

CJ Cavin, Van Alston, Matthew Sitton, Renee Morse Heenan, Steve Sichterman, Crystal LaGrone, and Blake Scott of the Oklahoma Student Government Association. Dr. Houston Davis and Ms. Hollye Hunt, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Swearing in of New Member Andrew Bertolasio

Dr. Houston Davis swore new member Andrew Bertolasio into office as a Student Advisory Board member representing two-year institutions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 30, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Overview of Key Functions of the State Regents - Dr. Houston Davis

Dr. Houston Davis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, discussed the budgetary functions of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Dr. Davis covered the process for the State Regents appropriations request to the state legislature and covered the current request for the funding of the state higher education system. Dr. Houston also touched briefly on the history and purpose of the decision to leave tuition setting authority with the State Regents within the statutory limitations, and the effect that it might have should that capacity be moved to the state legislature. Finally, Dr. Davis briefly mentioned the funding formula, and the possibility of changes to its structure and function.

Overview of Key Functions of the State Regents – Ms. Hollye Hunt

Ms. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, discussed the current legislative agenda for the state higher

education system. Currently the State Regents are watching many, many bills that may or may not progress through committee and onto the floor. She noted that it is still early in the legislative session and there are many redundant bills and shell bills still on the list, the purpose of some are still unknown. In the coming weeks many of these bills will be withdrawn or will die in committee and the State Regents office will have a much better idea of the legislative landscape for the year. A few of the issues that definitely concern the State Regents and higher education institutions at this time are concealed weapons carry on campus and tuition setting authority.

Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

Thomas Schneider reviewed his visit to Langston University, and the board further discussed the questions of academic advising as it relates to each university. Autumn Wiles discussed her decision to visit USAO. The rest of the board also discussed different possibilities for visits. The board briefly discussed the possibility of again doing a resolution with the Faculty Advisory Council opposing concealed weapons carry on college campuses.

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The next SAB meeting will be on February 27th, 2011 at the Nigh University Center at UCO. The SAB discussed inviting individuals from the State Regents staff or outside organizations to discuss higher education academic advising.