

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 26th, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center

Call to Order

In the absence of an SAB chair the meeting was called to order by Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, at 1:01 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: Krista Beasley, Audery DePre', Robin Ladd, Michael Merit, Eli Potts, and Linda Savinova.

Members absent: Matt Sitton.

A quorum was present.

Guests Present

OSGA President Sarah Cook, OSGA and other members of the OSGA Board of Directors, and OSGA Operations Director C.J. Cavin.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

No minutes were compiled from the May, 2012 swearing-in of four of the SAB members.

Swearing-In of New Members

Board Members Krista Beasley and Linda Savinova were administered the oath of office by Vice Chancellor Kermit McMurry.

Overview of Key Functions of the State Regents

Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, distributed information on and discussed the state student financial aid programs that are managed by the State Regents' office. The Oklahoma's Promise, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant/Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant, and Academic Scholars programs were the center of discussion. He indicated that state appropriations for student financial aid grew from \$28 million to nearly \$100 million between fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2013. This 256% increase is mostly attributable to the growth in the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship. He stated that as a percentage of higher education's total state appropriation, student aid funding has more than doubled from 3.6% to 9.9% over this

period of time. Mr. Fair also discussed recent statutory changes in the academic eligibility standards for Oklahoma's Promise.

Update on OSGA and COSP

Ms. Sarah Cook, President of OSGA, briefly discussed the planning for Fall Congress. The date is set for Saturday, October 27, 2012, at the State Capitol. She said they were planning to serve lunch on-site. Ms. Cook introduced Mr. C.J. Cavin, the Operations Director, and said in his capacity he would provide continuity and bring knowledge and experience to the OSGA functions. The OSGA will organize the Council of Student Presidents.

Overview of Key Functions of the State Regents

Mr. Jarrod Cordova, Applications System Analyst for Strategic Planning and Analysis, talked about the current business pressure on the higher education establishment to successfully produce people for the workforce, and the emphasis on workforce development. Higher education holds a significant role in economic development, and he briefly reviewed the programs that operate under the auspices of the State Regents that work to strengthen the connection between higher education and economic development.

Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, talked about his role within the State Regents' office and several key programs that he works with. He described the State Regents Council on Student Affairs, and distributed its handbook.

Discussion of SAB Role at the Upcoming Student Leadership Retreat and the Campus Vote Initiative

Ms. Terlip and Dr. McMurry then collaborated in orienting the board of the responsibilities and goals, which included the meeting calendar. The board discussed required campus visits and topics for research and recommendation, such as textbook costs, student financial aid, campus safety and emergency response, and veterans issues.

Ms. Debbie Terlip briefly talked about the Student Leadership Retreat and its origin. The retreat will be October 4-5, 2012, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City. The theme is civic engagement. Special speakers include OCU President Robert Henry, federal Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange, State Regent Mike Turpen, and OU Regent Kirk Humphreys. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and President Henry will kick off the Student Coffee House following the opening dinner. She mentioned the responsibility of the SAB Chair to speak at the Retreat opening, and touched upon duties the SAB members fulfill at the Retreat. Ms. Terlip also described the Oklahoma Campus Compact initiative to encourage campuses to work with students to register to vote, pursue voter education, and participate in voting in the 2012 general election.

Discussion of Election of 2011-2012 SAB Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Terlip gave an overview of the duties of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Student Advisory Board, and asked the SAB members to elect their officers at the September, 2012 meeting.

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

In discussing next month's agenda, the SAB members expressed an interest to hear about veterans issues.

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The next SAB meeting will be September 30, 2012 at the Oklahoma State Regents offices. The SAB and OSGA Board of Directors will meet jointly with Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, then meet separately. There being no new business, the SAB was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.