

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES

Sunday, December 7, 2014

1:00 p.m.

**University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center, Mary Fallin Room (304)
100 North University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034**

1. Call to Order. Notice that meeting has been filed and posted in accordance with Open Meetings Act Sean Baser call the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Announcement of Quorum

Mr. Baser announced a quorum of six Student Advisory Board members: Baser, Boutwell, Carroll, Fiedler, Puckett, and Stiles. Byrd was absent.

3. Recognition of Invited Guests

Guests in attendance were Jake Neighbors, President, and Dave Short, Communications Director, of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, and Kermit McMurry and Debbie Terlip of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

4. Swearing In of New Member – Chelsea Fiedler

Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, swore Chelsea Fiedler into office representing the four-year institutions.

5. Election of New SAB Vice Chair

Following the presentation by Ms. Angela Caddell, the SAB asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Austin Carroll nominated himself, and was elected unanimously.

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Approval of October 26, 2014 Minutes

Following the presentation of Ms. Angela Caddell, the minutes of the October 26th, 2014 SAB meeting were considered and approved.

7. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Activities – Jake Neighbors, President, OSGA

Jake Neighbors, President, and Dave Short, Communications Director, of the Oklahoma Student Government Association recapped the success of the OSGA Fall Congress and discussed plans for

Spring Congress, which will be hosted at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. No firm date has been set yet.

8. Campus Safety and Security Task Force – Angela Caddell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Ms. Caddell reviewed the work of the Task Force’s predecessor, the Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force, which functioned from 2007 through 2010 following the Virginia Tech massacre to review and evaluate current safety and security plans and student counseling services already in place for higher education and career technology institutions and to make recommendations for any needed changes. The current Campus Safety and Security Task Force was established in 2013 to continue this work. Primarily the Task Force functions to monitor and respond to safety and security issues, advocate for prudent practices and policies, promote implementation of good practices, such as drills for active shooter scenarios, and work toward compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). A primary focus has been successful opposition to state legislation over the past 7 years to allow carrying of guns on campus at institutions of education by anyone other than authorized law enforcement and people approved by the institution’s president. The Task Force works to assist small colleges with limited resources in campus safety planning and recently hosted a Campus Safety Summit. Ms. Caddell recommended the SAB members contact their campus representatives from the Summit and see how they are progressing in implementing best practices.

9. Consideration of and Vote on Resolution to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Opposing Guns on Campus, and in Conjunction with a Faculty Advisory Council Resolution as a Possible Joint Resolution

The SAB considered a resolution to oppose any legislation that would allow carrying guns on campus. Ms. Fiedler asked for an amendment to ensure that there are exceptions for approved law enforcement officers, which the members approved. Mr. Baser made a motion to approve the resolution with the amendment. The motion was seconded and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Debbie Terlip said the Faculty Advisory Council would be meeting December 16th, and would consider the resolution. The SAB members approved joining with the FAC as authors of the resolution if the FAC did not make any substantive changes to the resolution. Brooke Boutwell asked about the ability to react to any possible developments during the legislative session. Ms. Terlip reminded the SAB that they would make their final recommendations to present to the State Regents at the May, 2015 meeting, and noted that any further considerations could be addressed at that point.

10. College and University Student Substance Abuse Issues – Kara Niccum, Coordinator, University Counseling Center, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center, Oklahoma State University

Ms. Niccum distributed the hard copy of a powerpoint presentation on alcohol abuse by students, and led the SAB members through some exercises to explore and discuss campus practices and cultures. The perception of the various SAB members was that alcohol abuse was not much of an issue on campuses with mostly commuter students, such as those without residence halls and Greek social organizations, and community colleges. But campuses with large resident populations and active participation in Greek organizations experienced abuse, particularly in terms of underage drinking and binge drinking. Ms. Niccum gave some data and noted that alcohol is the #1 date rape drug. She then led the SAB in consideration of the various consequences of alcohol abuse, which included poor decisions, relationship issues, cost, hospital emergency visits, missed classes, damaged reputation, etc.

She said that the CORE alcohol and drug survey is the best source for data, and noted that the human pre-frontal cortex is not fully developed until 25 years of age. After reviewing some strategies for keeping drinking to a low risk, she briefly discussed other substances abused on campus, such as the prescription drug Adderall and marijuana.

11. Student Financial Aid and Planning – Kelli Kelnar, Outreach Services Specialist, Oklahoma College Assistance Program, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Ms. Kelnar presented information on financial planning for college that the State Regents College Assistance Program distributes to secondary students in Oklahoma. Included in her information were the facts on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the senior checklist.

12. Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

The SAB members briefly discussed connecting with student leaders from institutions not directly represented on the SAB.

13. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The SAB members will continue to focus on their work plan.

14. New Business. Consideration of other matters not known or not reasonably foreseen prior to the time of agenda posting.

There was no new business.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.