

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES

Sunday, October 28, 2007

3:00 p.m- Library Conference Room 2nd Floor State Regents Office
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City

Call to Order. Notice that meeting has been filed and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Chair Standley call meeting to order at 3:05 pm

Announcement of Quorum: List names of all members present, members absent
Everyone was present except for Jeremy Bennett (Connors State College) and Jason Hines (University of Central Oklahoma)

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the 9/30/07 SAB meeting had not been distributed, and will be considered at the 12/2/07 meeting

Introductions were made of all our guests:

Greg Sawyer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance

Donna Combs, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Board Relations

Ben Hardcastle, Director of Communications

Kenah Nyanat, University of Oklahoma SA President

Alex Wilson, University of Oklahoma SA Coordinator of State and Federal Research

Mr. Greg Sawyer was recognized to brief the SAB on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Legislative Agenda and Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request. He distributed a handout and highlighted some aspects, which included a request for 11.15% increase in funding over the current year. Mr. Sawyer said the State Regents were interested in the involvement of students to represent higher education's needs this year. Josh Kalfas asked for written background information on the budget to be developed for the students, in order to more effectively involve the students in the process of making the Legislature aware of higher education's needs. Olaf Standley asked for briefing material for students use to be placed on the SAB website for easy access. Mr. Sawyer agreed, and noted that the format for the annual Higher Education Day at the Capitol may be reformatted, with plans to involve the students more. Chair Standley indicated that Mr. Sawyer would be invited back to discuss lobbying techniques as the 2008 legislative session approached.

Chair Standley recognized Josh Kalfas to discuss the SAB rules and operating procedures. Mr. Kalfas discussed the data that is currently on the SAB website, and briefed the SAB on the need for revision in order to comply with the state Administrative Code. The members asked Mr. Kalfas to bring proposed revisions to the next meeting. Consideration will also address whether the procedures adopted should be “permanent” or for only the current year (SAB). Both Mr. Sawyer and Ms. Terlip recommended a core group of permanent rules. The group agreed informally that the SAB should have a vice-chair, which will be in the proposal.

Reports of SAB Member Activities:

Sean- Met with Dr. Roger Sorochty, the current chair of the Council on Student Affairs, and Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services at Tulsa University, about his role regarding representation of private institutions of higher education. Mr. O’Brien reported that he might pursue study of the current qualifications for the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant, in view of liberalizing or removing the requirement to have graduated from high school within the past five years. He noted that the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant had no such restriction.

Olaf- noted that he attended the State Regents October meeting, and noted the SAB members who went to the Student Leadership Retreat.

Mr. Ben Hardcastle, Director of Communications for the OSRHE mentioned the State Regents interest in involving students more in addressing higher education’s needs to the legislature. The SAB informed him that they had asked for some student-directed briefing material to be placed on their website. Mr. Hardcastle offered his cooperation.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 2, 2007 at 3 p.m.

Justin made motion to adjourn, Sean seconded that motion.

Adjourned 5:00 p.m.