

**STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**  
to the  
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## **Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, August 24, 2008 – 3:00 p.m.  
State Regents Office  
Library Conference Room

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, at 3:00 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: Islam Abdul-Moneim, Raelynn Elsworth, Nicholas Harrison, Adam Lovell, Rose Lynch, Evan Schwenk, and Alexandra Wilkes.

### **Completion of Swearing-In of Members**

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), swore in Islam Abdul-Moneim and Alexandra Wilkes, who were not present at the May, 2008 OSRHE meeting when most of the Student Advisory Board members were sworn in to office.

### **Overview of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Student Advisory Board**

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson began by asking the Student Advisory Board (SAB) members to introduce themselves, and give some information about their institutions and academic majors. Following this, he touched upon current events and issues. The Chancellor noted that public higher education in Oklahoma was the third most affordable in the country. Saying that the students had an opportunity to shape the future of the state, the Chancellor listed the OSRHE major goals of more graduates and a stronger economy. Chancellor Johnson said he hoped more students would choose to stay in state after graduation. Nicholas Harrison mentioned the brevity of time allotted to the SAB on the State Regents agenda in May, and asked about the best way for students to communicate. Chancellor Johnson responded that it was always possible to gain more time on the agenda, but that students should be aware of all the communication opportunities, and not limit themselves to the State Regents formal meeting agenda as the only window of interest to the State Regents. Rosie Lynch brought up the subject of additional help for non-traditional students. The Chancellor noted that the State Regents and staff are in the process of looking at the income eligibility standards in the Oklahoma

Tuition Aid Grant, and considering a request for more funding for scholarships for the adult degree completion program.

Mr. Ben Hardcastle, Director of Communications, next reviewed his responsibilities with the OSRHE, and touched specifically on current projects. He mentioned the Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force (CLASS)'s work last year and noted the SAB members' participation in the subcommittees' work.

### **Election of Officers**

In the selection of officers for the 2008-09 SAB, Raelynn Elsworth nominated Rosie Lynch, and Islam Abdul-Moneim nominated Nicholas Harrison, for the position of Chair. The vote was as follows: Rosie Lynch – 4 votes- Raelynn Elsworth, Rose Lynch, Evan Schwenk, and Alexandra Wilkes; Nicholas Harrison – 3 votes - Islam Abdul-Moneim, Nicholas Harrison, and Adam Lovell. Rosie Lynch was selected as Chair. Rosie Lynch nominated Nicholas Harrison for the position of Vice Chair, and he was elected by unanimous consent.

The SAB agreed to begin consideration of ideas for research at the next meeting, September 28, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.