

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 15, 2005 – 3:00 p.m.
State Regents Office
2nd North Conference Room

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

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Spitz at 3:08 p.m. Jennifer Geren confirmed that the meeting had been posted and filed with the Secretary of States office.

Announcement of Quorum.

- Members present: Jamese Lewis, Jessica Hatlestad, Aleisha McCabe, Zack Spitz
- Members absent: Olaf Standley, Matthew Prieto
- Guests: Donna Combs, Associate Vice Chancellor for Board Relations, OSRHE; Dr. Trent Gabert, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts, OU

Approval of previous Minutes (August & September).

- Approval of minutes from August and September was moved and seconded.

Discussion of work plan items mentioned at previous meetings.

- GPA forgiveness- Patty Ritchie introduced Dr. Gabert from OU. Patty explained that after meeting with OSRHE staff, she has changed her issue to focus on allowing schools to admit students based on their retentive/graduation GPA, rather than their cumulative GPA. She felt this would help undergraduates wanting to return to school and specifically help students wanting to attend graduate school.
 - o Dr. Gabert shared that his college is designed for working adults and that the average age of their students is 39. Many were in school but quit and are coming back and would like another chance. 50 percent of their students have a GPA below 2.5, but with the proper documentation can be admitted with a 2.0. These students are highly

successful and do very well. He would like to advocate for allowing campuses to use the retentive/graduation GPA for admission rather than the cumulative. This would allow his school to accept more students into their graduate program.

- Jennifer Geren clarified that the cumulative GPA includes everything you have ever done, whereas the retentive/graduation GPA excludes activity courses and forgiven or replaced course work.

- Tax Credit- Jessica Hatlestad called Representative Cox and left a voice mail. She is trying to schedule a meeting to discuss last year's tax incentive resolution. Aleisha McCabe has volunteered to help her with this issue.
- OTEG- Zak Spitz explained that he wants to ensure that the State Regents consider OTEG a state program and promote it equally with OHLAP and OTAG. He would also like to encourage the Regents to perform a financial analysis to ensure that OTEG is indeed accomplishing what the private schools intended. He feels all of this will increase goodwill between the private schools and the State Regents office.

Finalize 2005-2006 SAB work plan.

- Jennifer Geren asked that each board member working on a specific issue draft a 3-5 sentence paragraph describing their issue and email it to Jennifer prior to the November meeting. At that meeting the board will edit each description and finalize the work plan.
- James Lewis mentioned a new issue she has encountered on her campus. Students would like for faculty evaluations to carry more weight. There seems to be a problem with faculty members who are smart, but cannot teach well. She reminded the board that OSGA discussed this issue at their 2005 spring conference.
 - o Jennifer Geren explained that this is a highly sensitive issue that comes up every year, including with last year's board. It is not something the Regents directly affect. However, through her research on the issue, Erin Means from last year's board, formed a partnership with the newly developed Faculty Development Consortium and ensured that the SAB will send a liaison to their meetings to ensure student input.

Student Leadership Retreat Planning Committee

- James Lewis volunteered to serve as the SAB representative to the 2006 planning committee.

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

- The board needs a volunteer to serve as liaison to the Faculty Development Consortium. Zak Spitz thought that Olaf volunteered for this at a previous meeting. Jennifer Geren will confirm with Olaf.
- Campus Visits- each board member needs to visit one campus this semester to 1) share what SAB is, 2) share the current issues SAB is discussing, and 3) listen to student issues in order to bring them back to the board.
- Zak Spitz asked each member to have their visit set by the November meeting. Each member should email the board as soon as they have their meeting set, so as not to duplicate efforts. Members will be reimbursed mileage for their visits.
- Zak Spitz encouraged everyone to look past the issues the board has been discussing and be open to other issues the board might need to consider.
- Jennifer Geren will not be at the November 20th meeting, but will ensure that a staff member is here to let them in and sit in on the meeting.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.