

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 22, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.
State Regents Office, State Regents 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 2:00 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: Nicholas Harrison, Adam Lovell, Rosie Lynch and Evan Schwenke. Raelynne Elsworth listened by telephone from out-of-state. Members Absent: Islam Abdul-Moneim, Vacancy for Two-Year Position.

Guests Present

The following members of the Oklahoma Student Government Association Board of Directors joined the Student Advisory Board (SAB) for orientation: Daniel McClure and Trent Castleberry.

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

Dr. McMurry began by asking the SAB and OSGA members to introduce themselves, and give some information about their institutions, academic majors, and why they were interested in student government.

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson was unable to attend due to a death in his family, and will be invited to present at a later SAB meeting.

Dr. Jeffrey L. Hale, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration, related his background and interest in higher education. After touching on the State Regents responsibilities, he listed the following challenges for the advancement of higher education in Oklahoma: the state's relative youthfulness in comparison to other states, and correspondingly, it's higher education institutions' youthfulness; the fact that Oklahoma is behind the average in proportion of adults with college degrees, although it has increased it's standing to 42nd over the past 6-7 years; a recent history of flat enrollment rates, although in the past 6-7 years the enrollment rate has averaged a growth rate of 2%; the fact that Oklahoma's history as a populist state has place greater stress on access than on excellence, and the implications for financial sustainability for a number

of institutions that is high in comparison to other similar states; and, a cultural barrier that undervalues higher education. Dr. Hale noted that in recent years Oklahoma's graduation rate has increased by 25%, which indicates that efforts in retention and other policies which address the college going, retention, and completion rate have been successful.

Dr. Houston Davis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, reviewed the extensive responsibilities that the State Regents hold and exercise in the realm of academic affairs. He briefly reviewed his background and discussed some prevalent issues.

Ms. Hollye Hunt, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, briefly reviewed her background, then described her duties and touched upon some of the legislative issues that most affect students, such as tuition lock policy.

Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, touched briefly upon his duties, then turned the meeting to other business.

Administrative Business

Noting that only four members were present, he said that the election of officers would wait until the August meeting, when all seven members of the SAB could be present. He asked Daniel McClure for an update on the status of selection of the vacant position, which is representing a two-year college, and Daniel replied that he was in the process of discussing it with a student at Rose State and hoped to have the selection made by the next SAB meeting.

Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison for the State Regents, next discussed the meeting schedule for the entire year. Rosie Lynch made a motion, and all four members agreed unanimously to meet regularly on or near the last Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in order to coincide with the Oklahoma Student Government Association and the Council of Student Presidents at the OSRHE offices. Some exceptions are made for August, November and December, due to holidays, and for April and May, due to finals and the State Regents meeting schedule. The approved schedule is attached.

Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Work

Debbie Terlip briefly reviewed the OSRHE administrative areas that were presented at this meeting, and listed the areas to be covered in the next meeting for orientation. Primarily, the SAB will hear about the budget and higher education finance, the student scholarship programs, legal issues and policies, and public relations.

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

Debbie Terlip noted the upcoming State Regents meeting on June 26, 2008. Several SAB members mentioned they might be able to attend.

Adjournment

Rosie Lynch moved adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.