

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 27th, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.
University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jack Test, Chair of the SAB, at 1:00 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: Jack Test, Thomas Schneider, Autumn Wiles, Andrew Bertolasio and Matthew Heggy.

Members absent: Jessica Craig

Guest Present:

Ms. Marian Anderson, Dr. Erin Taylor

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended by consent.

Overview of Academic Advising – Marian Anderson, Past Chair of the Oklahoma Academic Advising Association

Marian Anderson discussed the function of Academic Advising across the spectrum of the State Universities. She reviewed this history of advising and the move from an *in loco parentis* to the belief of student self sufficiency and self help. With emerging data that shows that academic advising may be one of the top retention factors for many students more emphasis has been placed on advising. The current systems employed by the universities are decentralized, faculty advising students, centralized, academic advising centers, split model, a system where some are advised in a center and some are advised by faculty.

She also reviewed current problems with academic advising which included diversity and transfers, problems with communication and paperwork, timing of both transfers and advising, lack of information provided by students, and first generation students with no experience in higher education systems. She also discussed the Statewide support organizations that are used for networking advisors and promoting research and resources for their use, and promote the model of advisors as advocates for students.

Overview of Current State of Textbook Cost Issues and Policies at Oklahoma Campuses – Dr. Erin Taylor, Coordinator of Academic Affairs Projects, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Dr. Erin Taylor first mentioned that the Student Veterans Conference will be held on November 3rd, 2011.

She then gave an overview of textbook costs and mentioned that currently the average cost for textbooks for a 12 hour semester is \$940. The State Regents are currently trying to review and provide statistics on how, when, and from whom campuses order their books. They are also encouraging the use of E-Readers and the possible financial benefit they could have for students. She also mentioned that the University of Virginia is providing all Class materials by attaching a fee to each students semester expenses.

The current problems with E-Books seems to be some possible ADA issues and well as the timing of adoptions on a school by school level, how they are timed, and who pushes their adoption.

Update on Council on Student Presidents (COSP) and Oklahoma Student Government Association (OSGA) Board of Directors

As the OSGA BoD meeting had been moved to Tulsa the previous week Matthew Heggy updated the SAB about both the COSP and the Board of Directors. The BoD is currently still preparing for congress which is scheduled for April 8-9th. The COSP adopted several measures at their last meeting as the legislative opinion of the OSGA. These included: concealed carry, Oklahoma's Promise, and others.

Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

The Board discussed, briefly, their intended topics for recommendation and the schools that still need to be visited. Andrew Bertolasio discussed visiting OBU, and Matthew Heggy discussed visiting Murray State and Tulsa University.

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The next SAB meeting will be on March 27th, 2011 at the Nigh University Center at UCO. The SAB discussed inviting individuals from the Faculty Advisory Council to discuss a joint resolution or other partnership.

The meeting was Adjourned at 3:23.