

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 2nd, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eli Potts at 1:10 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: Krista Beasley, Audery DePre', Michael Merit, Eli Potts, Will Robinson and Linda Savinova.

Members absent: Robin Ladd

A quorum was present.

Guests Present

OSGA President Sarah Cook, OSGA and other members of the OSGA Board of Directors, and Ms. Hollye Hunt, Dr. Kermit McMurry, and Ms. Debbie Terlip, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the November 18, 2012 were not available, and were deferred until the January 27, 2013 meeting.

Higher Education 2013 Legislative Agenda and Appropriations Request

Ms. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, stated the State Regents had recently focused on learning about the new members of the state House and Senate, and distributed lists of the turnover in these legislative bodies. She next discussed Chancellor Glen D. Johnson's schedule for the Regional Legislative Tour, and gave an overview of its purpose, which is primarily to raise awareness of higher education's budgetary needs and legislative agenda among the college and greater communities. She then turned to an overview and brief discussion of the FY 2014 appropriations request, which is an almost 10% increase over the current year. She noted the requested increases were tied to the Complete College America initiative. Ms. Hunt said that the State Regents had no specific legislative requests this year, and planned to adhere to their positions on banning weapons on campuses, keeping the tuition-setting authority with the State Regents, and protecting tenure.

In response to Eli's question about how students can help to support the budget request and positions on various legislative issues, and make their voices heard, Ms. Hunt responded that she felt that the legislators were responsive to parents and students, and that direct emails and phone calls were more effective than resolutions received in the mail. She suggested that student groups invite local legislators to meet with them on campus, and offered to return to visit with the SAB late in the legislative session to give them an update on the legislative session. Eli asked for an overview of the new higher education funding formula, and Ms. Hunt noted that it mostly only applied to any new funds, and that campuses were guaranteed a certain base funding. She said the legislators liked the new focus on outcomes like completion, as opposed to the past emphasis on inputs like enrollment. Ms. Hunt noted that the new formula was essentially created by the Council of Presidents. In closing, Ms. Hunt announced that Higher Education Day at the State Capitol had tentatively been scheduled for February 12, 2013.

Update on OSGA and COSP Activities

Ms. Sarah Cook, President of OSGA, announced that the Board of Directors Vice President had resigned, that the BoD was interviewing 2 applicants for the position today, and planned to nominate a candidate to the Council of Student Presidents. She next discussed the planning for Spring Congress at Cameron University in Lawton. The date will probably be in late February to allow for more time to transition and train the new board.

Work Plan and Campus Visits

The SAB members discuss planned campus visits and the purpose of the work plan, which was to help focus on certain issues when visiting with student leaders on other campuses, and to build toward recommendations to the State Regents next May. Dr. McMurry said that the Council on Student Affairs would be forming a committee to study the issue of student substance abuse and asked who on the SAB might want to work with them on a state survey? Audery, Mike and Eli all volunteered.

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

In discussing next month's agenda, the SAB members expressed an interest to hear about nonprofit colleges, and a meeting with Dr. Bird, Vice President of Student Affairs at Oklahoma State University, to gain more insight on issues like student substance abuse and gun control. The members asked if the March 10, 2013 meeting could be relocated from the planned site in Norman to UCO. Ms. Terlip said it shouldn't be a problem.

There being no other new business, the SAB was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.