

Student Advisory Board
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 31, 2016
1:00 p.m.

University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center, Mary Fallin Room (304)
100 North University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034

1. Call to order

Chair Matt Chuning called the meeting to order

2. Announcement of Quorum

Members Present: Alex Byron, Matt Chuning, Taylor Gregory, Haley Griggs, Anna Rouw, and Sarah Stewart. One of the seats representing 2-year institutions is vacant. A quorum of 6 members were present.

3. Recognition of Invited Guests

Ms. Heather Wallace, President, Oklahoma Student Government Association

Mr. Daniel Archer, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Mr. Kyle Foster, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Projects, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Approval of December 6, 2015 Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting was considered. Haley Griggs made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Anna Rouw, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Update on Oklahoma Student Government Association/Council of Student Presidents Activities and Spring Congress – Heather Wallace, President, OSGA

Congress is next month, February 26th and 27th. The two speakers at the event will be OSGA alumni. Contact your school and encourage them to participate and submit legislation.

6. Academic Strategies: Advisement, Remediation, Prior Learning Assessment, Online Curriculum and Competency-Based Learning – Mr. Daniel Archer, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

There are 25 public institutions in the state system and each of these primarily uses one of three approaches to advising: faculty advisors, professional advisors, and the blended method. Faculty advisors involve someone who has specific expertise in that particular area of study and are typically professors. A disadvantage to faculty advising is that undecided majors are often left unattended, additionally, faculty advisors may not have enough time to advise their students on top of other responsibilities. Professional advisors are more readily available, but they do not have expertise in the student's particular field of interest. The blended method involves both academic advising at a general level and a major specific advisor.

The NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) and OACADA (Oklahoma's branch of NACADA) have recently held enrollment management workshops that focus on addressing student needs during the advising process.

Currently, 29% of students are enrolled in an online course with 11% of students taking exclusively online classes. Oklahoma State Regents are working on incorporating more online capabilities and pushing for the Online Books Initiative to encourage lower book fees for students.

Competency based education is something Oklahoma (and many other states) has not expanded into very much yet. It's self-paced learning that allows you to receive a credit when you demonstrate a certain level or number of "competencies". Unfortunately, financial aid does not cover these courses.

7. Access and Persistence: Course Transfer/Course Equivalency Project and Student Veterans Resources & Issues – Mr. Kyle Foster, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Projects, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Each major has a course matrix for course equivalencies now. Over 8,000 courses already on this matrix and available for course transfer among public schools within Oklahoma. Faculty meet every couple of years and make changes if necessary to the matrix based on the understanding of the courses offered.

Military connected student issues: We have a lot of people who are ex-military and many are here on the GI Bill. Counseling and student organizations are an active and integral part of the campus experience for veterans as well as the veteran's center resources.

8. Consideration of and Vote on Resolution in Support of Oklahoma's Promise – Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Discussion over the intent of the drafted resolution to address legislation in the state legislature. After considerations of the implications of the resolution, the Board agreed to a vote with the understanding and intent to draft a follow-up resolution addressing changes the board wishes to see to OHLAP funding policies. The board discussed and generally came to a consensus that opinions regarding OHLAP policies need to be further discussed in detail and considered however it's imperative to maintain the "promise" component of Oklahoma's Promise.

Haley Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alex Byron. Anna, Sarah, Haley, Alex, Matt, and Taylor voted 'yes' to adopt the resolution supporting Oklahoma's Promise.

9. Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

The Board finalized proposed campus visit locations, resolved to meet with these campuses prior to the next meeting and also determined research points for each member.

10. Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

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

No new business proposed at this time.

12. Adjournment