

# MINUTES

of the

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL  
COLLEGES

for the

MARCH 4, 2016

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE  
OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES, MARCH 4, 2016

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON OCTOBER 26, 2015.

The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges met in the Council Room, 412 Student Union, on the campus of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, on March 4, 2016.

Those present: Mr. Joe Hall, Chairman; Ms. Lou Watkins, Vice Chair; Mr. Calvin J. Anthony; Mr. Douglas E. Burns; Mr. Rick Davis; Mr. Andy Lester; Mr. Tucker Link; Dr. Trudy J. Milner; and Mr. Jim Reese.

Absent: None.

Others present: Mr. Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Robert White, Health and Higher Education Policy Analyst; Ms. Jessica Russell, Director, State Government Relations; Mr. Steve Stephens, General Counsel; Ms. Michelle Finley, Chief Audit Executive; Ms. Shari Brecht, Executive Assistant to the CEO; and Ms. Cherilyn Williams, Executive Administrative Associate.

After the Chief Executive Officer announced a quorum was present and affirmed that all documents had been filed, the meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE  
OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES  
OF INTEREST TO ALL THE COLLEGES  
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2016

Order of Business

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Watkins seconded to approve the Order of Business as presented.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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Approval of Minutes

Regent Lester moved and Regent Davis seconded to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Approval of Future Board Meetings

Chairman Hall announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled to convene on April 22, 2016, in the Regents Room of the A. D. Stone Student Union on the campus of Connors State College, Warner, Oklahoma.

For consideration of approval is the meeting scheduled for June 17, 2016, in Conference North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor-Student Center, on the campus of Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, 900 North Portland, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Regent Lester moved and Regent Link seconded to approve the meeting scheduled for June 17, 2016, in Conference North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor-Student Center on the campus of Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, 900 North Portland, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Recognition of New Board Member Jarold Callahan

Chairman Hall said since the last meeting of the Board of Regents, Governor Mary Fallin appointed Jarold Callahan as a member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges for a term beginning May 17, 2016. This appointment is contingent upon confirmation by the Oklahoma State Senate. Copies of the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath signed by Mr. Callahan have been obtained and will be placed in the official files of the Board of Regents. It is customary, if the Board so chooses, to recognize the appointment of Board members and to acknowledge that these documents will be placed in the official files of the Board of Regents. He said a motion to recognize the appointment of Jarold Callahan to the Board of Regents would be appropriate at this time.

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Regent Davis moved and Regent Anthony seconded to recognize the appointment of Jarold Callahan to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and to acknowledge that the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath signed by Mr. Callahan will be placed in the official files of the Board of Regents.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Chairman Hall said the Board is glad to have Mr. Callahan and looks forward to his service and friendship.

Adoption of Memorial Resolution for Former Regent Jack M. Givens

Chairman Hall requested the adoption of a Memorial Resolution for former Regent Jack M. Givens to recognize his service. He said Mr. Givens passed on February 12, 2016. (The Memorial Resolution for Jack M. Givens is attached to this portion of the minutes as ATTACHMENT A.)

Regent Lester moved and Regent Burns seconded to adopt the Memorial Resolution for Jack M. Givens as presented.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Chairman Hall noted that Mr. Givens was a great servant to the State of Oklahoma and the A&M Colleges as well as southwestern Oklahoma.

In addition, Chairman Hall noted that on February 28, 2016, Regent Lester's mother, Marion Louise, passed at the age of 91. Her service is scheduled for March 5 in Edmond. Chairman Hall said he knows she was really proud of her son and lived a great full life with her lifetime companion. He said the Regents are sorry about Regent Lester's loss but honor her life. He said the Board's sympathy and thoughts are with Regent Lester. Regent Lester expressed thanks for the remarks. He said she did have a wonderful life and will be missed.

Resolution  
JACK M. GIVENS

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that former Regent, Mr. Jack M. Givens, was claimed by death on February 12, 2016, at the age of 93; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Givens, a long-time resident of Mangum, Oklahoma, was born into a family of farmers with his family being named the first Oklahoma Farm Bureau Family of the Year in 1958 and where he had a successful farming operation raising cotton, alfalfa, wheat, and cattle; and,

WHEREAS, he attended Oklahoma A&M College where he served in the ROTC and later entered World War II where he received a Purple Heart, five Bronze Service Stars, and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge; and,

WHEREAS, he will be remembered by generations of Oklahomans for his outstanding achievements and exemplary service to local, state and national organizations including serving as Chairman of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service and Farm Bureau State President and on the boards of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association, the National Cotton Council, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Oklahoma Arts Institute, and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, he was recognized for his many contributions by receiving numerous awards including the Alpha Gamma Rho Distinguished Alumni Award, the OSU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Governor's Outstanding Achievement Award in Agriculture; and,

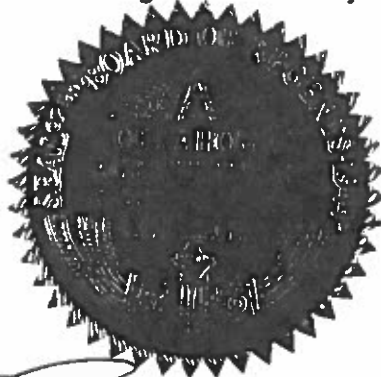
WHEREAS, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a Regent from 1997 to 2003, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and,

WHEREAS, in his passing, the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and the Oklahoma institutions of higher education it governs have suffered the loss of a true friend and devoted citizen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board takes this method to express respect to his memory and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the family of Mr. Givens and a copy spread upon the official minutes of the Board as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary service and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Board of Regents this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



  
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 Joe Hall, Chairman  
 Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
 Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges

ATTEST:

  
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 Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer

March 4, 2016

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY, GOODWELL, OKLAHOMA

Dr. David Bryant, President, appeared before the Board of Regents to present the business of Oklahoma Panhandle State University and review the Agenda for members of the Board.

Dr. Bryant said he would like to thank President Hargis and his staff for their continuing outstanding hospitality at OSU-Stillwater. He said it is always a pleasure to visit the campus and this part of the State.

Dr. Bryant reported that he is appointing Diane Murphey, Dean of the School of Business and Technology, to serve as Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs and Outreach while Dr. Wayne Manning is on leave from April through June, 2016. He noted that Dr. Manning will retire at the end of June.

Items of information reported by Dr. Bryant included the success of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual OPSU Performance Test. He said there were 66 bulls that sold for a total of \$262,900, an average of \$3,983 in comparison to last year in which 56 bulls were sold for a total of \$187,600. Dr. Bryant also reported that the OPSU Men's Rodeo Team hosted its annual Top Hand Auction and raised \$24,500 for the rodeo program and scholarships.

Dr. Bryant said the Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction will be held this evening. This involves art created by OPSU students, faculty, and alumni that will be auctioned with proceeds funding student scholarships.

Approval of OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management

Dr. Bryant requested Board approval of the proposed OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management. He said this policy has been reviewed and approved by Board Legal Counsel. It was also discussed during the meeting of the Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee at its meeting this morning. (A copy of the OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management is on file in the Board of Regents' Office as Document No. 2-3-4-16.)

Regent Watkins said the Committee met with the administration of Oklahoma Panhandle State University regarding approval of the OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management. She said the Committee acted to recommend Board approval of the administrative recommendation, pending the correction of any typographical errors and editorial concerns.

Regent Watkins moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve the OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management, pending the correction of any typographical errors and editorial concerns.



Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Balance of Agenda

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Watkins seconded to approve the balance of the Agenda, subject to the availability of funds and/or the limitations of the budget. (The Agenda is attached.)

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Chairman Hall said a few of the Regents have been to Goodwell a few times recently in connection with the OPSU Presidential search process. He said the small group meetings and the Regents' interaction on campus continue to solidify and reinforce what mark Dr. Bryant has left on the University the last several years. There is a broad base of support, pride, and interest in the OPSU campus, and he said it has been a real pleasure to interact with the leadership on campus. Chairman Hall said the OPSU Presidential Search Committee is working hard to find a quality replacement and is narrowing in on that process, but most of all he expressed "thank you" to President Bryant for what he has accomplished there through the years. He said the Board is glad to see Dr. Bryant today and is glad to know he is feeling better.

Dr. Bryant said it has been a labor of love and he could not have done it without this excellent Board. He said the Board is comprised of a tremendous group of people.

The business of Oklahoma Panhandle State University being concluded, Dr. Bryant was then excused from the meeting.

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Goodwell, Oklahoma

March 4, 2016

Board of Regents for Oklahoma A & M Colleges

Dear Board Members,

Subject to the budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board Approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Board Purchasing Office.

Part A---General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board

I am appointing Diane Murphey, dean of the School of Business and Technology, to serve as acting vice president of academic affairs and outreach while Dr. Wayne Manning is on leave from April through June 2016. He is retiring at the end of June.

Part B---Resolutions

None

Part C---Policy and Operational Procedures

Board approval is requested for the attached OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management. This policy has been reviewed and approved by Board legal counsel.

Part D---Personnel Actions

1. Board approval is requested for the hiring of Mr. Anthony Taylor as an Assistant Football Coach, Defensive Assistant I at an 11-month salary of \$27,000 effective January 25, 2016.
2. Board approval is requested to promote Daren Stephens from Visiting Instructor to Instructor effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Stephens received his Master of Agribusiness degree on December 11, 2015.

Part E---Instructional Programs

1. Board approval is requested to confer the honorary degree of Bachelor of Science in Professional Rodeo Sports for preeminence in the field of professional rodeo, on Mr. Robert Etbauer at the OPSU commencement on May 21, 2016, in recognition of his

outstanding contributions as a rodeo professional.

Mr. Etbauer attended OPSU for three years from 1981 to 1986 and left without completing a degree. During his time at OPSU, Robert competed on the rodeo team, earning a trip to the College National Finals in 1986.

After leaving OPSU, Robert continued on the professional rodeo circuit. Robert was named the PRCA Saddle Bronc Riding Rookie of the Year in 1985. He qualified for the National Finals Rodeo a dozen times (1988-92 and 1994-2000) and won back to back world championships in 1990 and 1991. Eleven times he finished in the top 10, and seven times in the top five. In 1992 Robert was the reserve world champion. His brother Billy finished ahead of him that year.

The Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, CO, inducted Robert, along with his brother Billy in 2012. Robert, Billy and brother Danny were also inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in 2013.

Robert currently lives in Goodwell where he has resided since his college days. He and his wife Sue have held the annual Deke Latham Memorial Bronc Riding school for young men interested in learning what it takes to be successful in the event, in addition to making his own indoor arena available to OPSU students and others who want to improve their skills. Since 2002 Robert has recruited and helped the program identify potential rodeo student-athletes on a volunteer basis.

Robert became OPSU's assistant rodeo coach in 2011 and took on the role of interim head rodeo coach in 2015.

The format of the diploma to be awarded is attached.

2. Board approval is requested to delete the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice-Collegiate Officer Program. Interest in the program was high in the first three years and has steadily declined since 2012. There were no graduates in 2015 and no interested majors in 2015.

With the restrictions set by CLEET (graduates have to work for the state of Oklahoma for at least one year upon graduation) and the lack of reciprocity with other states concerning training hours, interest in the program has steadily declined. In addition the cost of the program compared to the number of students does not justify retaining the program.

The Associate of Science in Criminal Justice will remain along with the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Part F---Budgetary Actions

None

Part G---Other Business and Financial Matters

None

Part H---Contractual Agreements (other than construction and renovation)

None

Part I---New Construction or Renovation of Facilities

None

Part J---Purchase Requests

None

Part K---Student Services/Activities

None

Part L---New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted

None

Part M---Other Information Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board

1. The Women in Ag & Business Conference was held on January 30, 2016, on the OPSU campus.
2. The bulls on the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual OPSU Performance Test were weighed off test on January 30, 2016. The sale was held on Monday, February 22.
3. Running back Chris McClendon and wide receiver/ return specialist Zacari Lavender were named to the All-Super Region Four Football Team.
4. OPSU is set to host a National Cheerleaders Association and Varsity Spirit Camp for area high schools June 28 – 30, 2016.
5. The OPSU Rodeo Team hosted their annual Top Hand Auction on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and raised \$24,500 for the rodeo program.

6. The annual Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction will be held at the Pickle Creek Event Center in Guymon, on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Art created by OPSU students, faculty and alumni will be auctioned with proceeds funding student scholarships.
7. The January and February President's Update Newsletters are attached.
8. The January 2016 Summary of Out-of-State Travel report is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.A. Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

David A. Bryant  
President

*The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
Acting Through The*

# Oklahoma Panhandle State University

*Have admitted*

**Robert Etbauer**

*to the degree of*  
**Bachelor of Science**  
Professional Micro Sports  
(Honorary)

*and all the honors, privileges and obligations belonging thereto, and in witness  
thereof have authorized the issuance of this diploma duly signed and sealed.*

*Issued at the Oklahoma Panhandle State University  
at Goodwell on the twentieth day of May, 2016*

FOR THE STATE REGENTS

*James S. ...*

CHIEF

*Ronald ...*

SECRETARY

*Blair Johnson*

CHANCELLOR

FOR THE UNIVERSITY

*John ...*

CHAIR, BOARD OF REGENTS

*DA Bryant*

PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY

*Wayne Morris*

VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



# President's Update

A monthly newsletter from the Office of the President

January 2016

## *2015 in Review*

Three individuals and one team were inducted into the **Aggie Hall of Fame Class of 2014** on Jan. 16 including Paul Wilcox, Jr. (golf), Mike Lee (football), Joe Piccininni (football) and the 1981 Football team.

Three of OPSU's concert band members were selected to participate in this year's **Oklahoma Intercollegiate Honor Band** during the Oklahoma Music Educators Association's convention in Tulsa Jan. 21-23 including Jasmine Brown-Jutras, Sandra Guerrero, and Tye Stephens.

Once again the annual **Top Hand Auction** hosted by the Panhandle State Rodeo Team on Feb. 7 was nothing short of amazing. The evening profited around \$28,000. All proceeds from the Top Hand Auction serve as the financial foundation of the OPSU Rodeo Team.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University joined the **Lone Star Conference** as an affiliate member in football as announced by the league in February. The Aggies begin LSC play this fall.

The **63rd Annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University Performance Tested Bull Sale** was held Feb. 23, 2015. Fifty-six bulls brought \$187,600 for an average of \$3,350.

OPSU student Dalia Estrada had the experience of a lifetime as she traveled south to attend **Universidad Nacional de Villa Maria (UNVM)** located in Córdoba Province, Argentina last spring.

Two Aggie athletes were selected to represent Oklahoma Panhandle State University on the **Heartland Conference's 2014-2015 All-Conference Men's and Women's Basketball teams**. Sade Tutson and Antonio Manns, Jr. each received All-Heartland Conference Honorable Mention recognition.

This year's **Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction** held March 6th and hosted by the OPSU Art Department was one to remember with featured musical guest and Nashville Independent Artist of the Year Billy Dawson and the presentation of the portrait of a fallen soldier, Marine Corp Lance Corporal Aaron Austin, to his father, Doug Austin. The portrait was painted by OPSU Associate Professor of Art Brent Shoulders, a Sunray, Texas native.

The Texas County Commissioners received the **Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award** from the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education in recognition of their partnership with OPSU.

The work of the OPSU Art faculty members was exhibited at the **Fire House Art Center** in Norman, Okla. from April 3- May 23.

The OPSU Programming team attended the **Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) National Collegiate Conference (NCC)** in Omaha, Neb. held April 5-9 bringing home their 106th top ten award in regional and national competitions.

The **Oklahoma Panhandle State University Crops Judging Team** placed second in the nation at the National Crops Judging Contest held in Moline, Ill. during the 2015 NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) Judging Conference held April 8-10.

Rex and Mima Hale and Melyn Johnson were honored as this year's **Ambassador Hall of Fame Inductees** at the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends 2015 Annual Meeting and Banquet held April 11.

The Heartland Conference released its 2015 **All-Conference Softball team** with junior Ashley Jarzombek representing OPSU. The short-stop from Las Vegas, Nev. was named to the All-Heartland Conference Softball, Second Team as an infielder.

Madison Hughes represented Oklahoma Panhandle State University and the OPSU Equestrian Team at the **Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's National Horse Show** in West Springfield, Mass. on May 2nd. Competing in the Individual Open Reining division, Hughes finished tenth at the national championships.

Jacob Murphy was elected to the Lieutenant Governor position in **Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (OIL)** during the spring semester session of OIL held at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City in April.

It was a great year of sports at Oklahoma Panhandle State University with several record-breaking performances from some very talented young athletes; pitcher Samantha Arledge and quarterback Caleb Holbrook were named the **OPSU student-athletes of the year**.

2015 OPSU Graduate Ryan Bryant was named this year's **J.R.P. Sewell Award** recipient during OPSU Commencement on May 16.

The **Walt Garrison Award**, given through the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) each year, highlights numerous qualities that are part of the cowboy code of ethics including loyalty, commitment, honesty, perseverance and most importantly, leadership. OPSU's own Shelbie Weeder was named the 2015 Walt Garrison award winner.

At the **College National Finals Rodeo**, Clay Elliott won the Saddle Bronc Riding National Championship. Randi Buchanan was the Reserve National Champion Breakaway Roper and finished third in the women's all-around race.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University linebacker Tanner Hallford was one of ten Oklahoma college football players honored as a **College Player of the Year** at the 31st Annual All Sports Scholar Athlete Awards Luncheon on June 16, 2015 at the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and Jim Thorpe Museum.

The OPSU Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) organization is no stranger to the national spotlight and the 2015 **National Leadership Conference (NLC)** in Chicago June 24-27 proved to be no different as a number of OPSU PBL members finished in the top 10 in their respective competitive event.

OPSU student-athlete Anyssa Barbosa had the opportunity to compete in the 2015 **Hispanic College Quiz Show (HCQ)** July 30 in Chicago. Barbosa won the competition and earned a \$3,000 dollar scholarship.

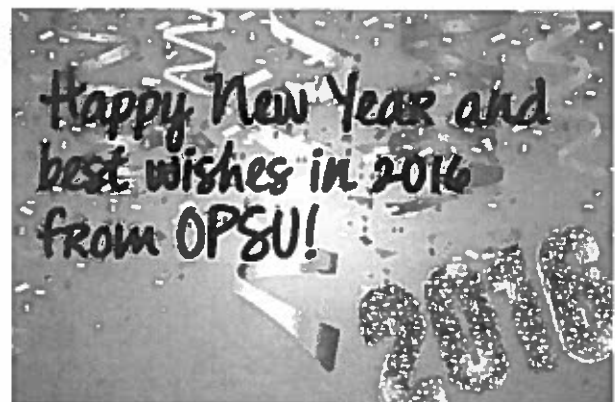
Once again the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Volleyball team put the "student" in student-athletes as they were recognized for the sixth consecutive year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) as one of 752 teams to receive the **AVCA Team Academic Award** for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The family of Ora and Opal DeSpain was selected by the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends as the **2015 Honored Family**.

Panhandle State Foundation held its annual donor appreciation banquet on Nov. 12. The Guymon Lions Club and Mr. Leland Robertson of Buffalo, Okla. were the 2015 inductees to the **Distinguished Contributor Honor Roll**.

The **OPSU Department of Communications** presented "Driving Miss Daisy" under the direction of Tito Aznar. Dr. Sara Jane Richter played Miss Daisy and the production also featured students, Jake Barnes and Melvin Jackson.

After serving 13 years as **President of Oklahoma Panhandle State University**, Dr. David A. Bryant announced his plans to retire at the end of the spring 2016 semester.



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*David A. Bryant*  
David A. Bryant, President



# President's Update

A monthly newsletter from the Office of the President

February 2016

## Campus Events

- Feb. 17** Baseball vs. Fort Hays State University, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 17** Sexual Assault Awareness & Self-Defense Class, Student Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 20** Baseball vs. University of Sioux Falls, 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.
- Feb. 21** Baseball vs. University of Sioux Falls, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Feb. 22** 64th Annual Bull Sale, OPSU Farm
- Feb. 22** Reception for Anyssa Barbosa, 2015 Hispanic College Quiz Champion, McKee Library, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24** Baseball vs. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 25** Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Texas A&M International, 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27** OPSU Senior Day for high school seniors, registration at 10 a.m. Program begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 27** Baseball vs. Wayne State College, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Feb. 27** Women's & Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Feb. 27** Men's & Women's Golf, Guymon, Okla.
- Feb. 28** Baseball vs. Wayne State College, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- March 1** Deadline for Panhandle State Foundation Scholarships
- March 2** Softball vs. New Mexico Highlands University, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- March 3** OPSU Winter Concert, Centennial Theatre, 7 p.m.
- March 4** Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction, Pickle Creek Event Center, 6 p.m.
- March 14-18** OPSU Spring Break

## News

The Panhandle State Foundation is currently accepting applications for 2016-2017 scholarships! The application deadline is Monday, March 1, 2016 and applications can be picked up in the Foundation Office or found online at [www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu).

Once again the annual Top Hand Auction hosted by the Panhandle State Rodeo Team was nothing short of amazing with around \$24,500 raised. Profits are put towards scholarships, practice stock, facility upkeep and the professional rodeo schools.

Following the recent announcement of Dr. David Bryant's decision to retire, the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma A&M Colleges is accepting applications or nominations for the Presidency of Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Details regarding this process, as well as a nomination form, are available at <http://www.opsu.edu/presidentialsearch/>.

Oscar Williams, John Winchester and Betsy Skibyak-Ojanen each earned induction into the Aggie Hall of Fame Class of 2015 with their outstanding achievements and contributions to OPSU athletics.

The bulls on the 64th Annual OPSU Performance Test at Goodwell, Okla. were weighed off test Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 and will sell in the 64th Annual Bull Sale on Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at 1 p.m. CST in Goodwell.

Through partnership with Oklahoma Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) & Southern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), the OPSU Guymon Classroom recently finished a second successful Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course. The course was held at the Guymon Public Library in Guymon, Okla. and saw a total of 58 students.

## **OPSU Spotlight: Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends**

Many remember their college years as some of the best, and for alumni and friends of Oklahoma Panhandle State University the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends (PSAAF) is a great way to stay in contact with old classmates and continue making memories!

The purpose and aims for which the Panhandle State Association is organized and conducted are as follows:

- To aid and promote any project or projects designed to promote the general welfare of Oklahoma Panhandle State University.
- To foster fellowship among the graduates, former students, and friends of Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Panhandle State College, Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College, and Panhandle Agricultural Institute.
- To provide professional growth for students and alumni by utilizing alumni and OPSU as resources.

The Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends currently has over 1100 members. Although it is not known exactly when the Association structured a constitution, it is known that the PSAAF was active as far back as 1922.

Membership is open to any graduate; current or former student; faculty member (past or present), friend of Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Panhandle State College, Panhandle Agriculture and Mechanical College, or Panhandle Agricultural Institute interested in the aims of the Panhandle State Association. Lifetime (\$250 for an individual or couples), Annual (\$25), and Corporate (\$250) memberships are available. Payment plans (five or 10-month) are available for the lifetime membership. Current OPSU students may join the PSAAF for \$10 a year. Each member will receive a membership packet upon joining and regular mailings of the Panhandle State News published through the Alumni Office twice a year.

PSAAF has a number of annual projects. Each year the group sponsors a scholarship through the Panhandle State Foundation for an OPSU student with preference given to students with OPSU alumni in their family. In the fall, PSAAF sponsors a complimentary barbecue during Homecoming and after the parade serving over 700 people. A current project in process, it is the goal of the association to endow \$40,000 so that the interest earned on that endowment will cover the cost of the barbecue completely. Springtime brings the annual business meeting and banquet which is set for April 16, 2016 this year.

The Association regularly honors individuals and families that have contributed to OPSU and the community. Honored families are recognized annually during fall homecoming. The family is featured in the homecoming parade and recognized on the field during halftime of the homecoming football game. In the spring, the association chooses an ambassador or ambassadors to be inducted into the Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame at the annual meeting and banquet.

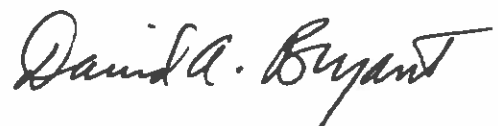
Throughout the year, the PSAAF Board of Directors meets quarterly. Current officers include Jessica Lofland (President), Zach Waugh (Vice-President), Nick Tuttle (Executive Director), and Russell Guthrie (Past President).

Over the years the Association has helped fund projects that beautify or better the campus. Donations from alumni and friends help in a large part to fund these projects and from time to time, the Association uses interest earned from the life memberships to help as well. Some of the projects the PSAAF have funded totally or in part include:

- The Plainsman sign on Highway 54 south of the main entrance to the campus,
- The clock tower and chimes in the center of the plaza
- The Alumni Solarium addition to the Student Union Building
- Memorials to alumni lost in the Oklahoma City bombing and America's military conflicts
- The purchase of 200 chairs and 25 banquet tables for the new Noble Cultural and Activity Center
- Three war murals created by the OPSU art department mounted outside the McKee Library
- The purchase of a digital video camera to document oral Histories for the Centennial Celebration in 2009
- Clock tower Chime Upgrade - The campus clock tower required an upgrade to play music again. The upgrade was made in 2012 also allowing digital recording via a keyboard attachment, as well as a library of many pre-recorded tracks.

The Alumni Office is located on the OPSU campus and open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. Visitors are always welcome whether you are looking for history in a past yearbook or wanting to organize a class reunion. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 580-349-1390 or [alumni@opsu.edu](mailto:alumni@opsu.edu).

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**David A. Bryant, President**

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
INSTITUTION

SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AS OF

Jan-16  
MONTH

FUND SOURCE	FY16		FY15		FY16		FY15	
	TRAVEL THIS MONTH		CORRESPONDING MONTH		TRAVEL THIS YEAR		CORRESPONDING YEAR	
	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED
REVOLVING								
ST APPRO	8	\$ 1,407.76	10	\$ 3,581.12	69	\$ 19,358.72	91	\$ 26,213.35
FEDERAL								
PRIVATE								
AUXILIARY	1	404.14			27	\$ 9,354.72	8	\$ 2,589.13
OTHER								
TOTAL	9	\$ 1,811.90	10	\$ 3,581.12	96	\$ 28,713.44	99	\$ 28,802.48

March 4, 2016

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE, WARNER, OKLAHOMA

Dr. Tim Faltyn, President, and Dr. Ron Ramming, Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, appeared before the Board of Regents to present the business of Connors State College and review the Agenda for members of the Board.

Dr. Faltyn said he, too, would like to thank Burns and Ann Hargis for the hospitality. He said the trumpet ensemble was excellent, and the food was an experience he does not often get.

Dr. Faltyn referenced the Connors *Connection*. He said students are normally featured on the cover page; however, it was believed to be important to address how the State budget shortfalls affect students, which is highlighted on the cover. To date, Connors' budget has been cut 12.73 percent, and more than 8 percent of that cut has occurred since January, 2016. He said the College wanted the publication to show that those who are really impacted by these budget cuts are the students.

Dr. Faltyn said there are a lot of positive things happening on campus and he is happy to report that morale is relatively high, which he thinks is extraordinary and complimented his faculty and staff during these times. He said there are some very positive student achievements including the men's basketball team winning the region and competing against NEO this evening in the semi-finals; the men's baseball team being ranked No. 1 in the region; and the women's softball team also being ranked No. 1 in the region. Spring is a busy time, and he encouraged the Regents to review the *Connection* which highlights many of the student activities. Dr. Faltyn said Connors has done everything it can to ensure that even in these difficult times the student experience is not impacted. He said he is very proud of the team and what Connors has been able to do.

Dr. Faltyn noted the next Board meeting is on April 22, 2016, at Connors. He highlighted the activities planned in connection with the Regents' visit to the campus including a "Regents Rodeo," "Cowboy Poker" for the presidents, and demonstrations by the rodeo teams. Dr. Faltyn said he had shared with the Board the recent devastating fire at the south ranch in which 50-60 volunteer firefighters worked for three days to get the fire contained. He plans to invite most of them to the dinner because he believes it would mean a lot to them to interact with the Board and it will be good for the Board to interact with the people that Connors interacts with on a daily basis. In addition, the dedication of the shooting sports facility will be held on Thursday before the Board meeting which will involve a contest of a Regent/local official pairing with a shooting sports team member competing against each other in a "shootout." He said this facility has been a wonderful asset for the College and has allowed the College to host approximately 3,000 high school students at shooting events.

Balance of Agenda

Regent Milner moved and Regent Link seconded to approve the balance of the Agenda, subject to the availability of funds and/or the limitations of the Budget. (The Agenda is attached.)

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

The business of Connors State College being concluded, Dr. Faltyn and Dr. Ramming were then excused from the meeting.

# CONNORS STATE COLLEGE

Warner, Oklahoma

March 4, 2016

Board of Regents for the Oklahoma A&M Colleges  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074

Dear Board Member:

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Board Purchasing Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

**1. Personal Remarks – Dr. Tim Faltyn**

- Connors Connection

**B. RESOLUTIONS:**

*None*

**C. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:**

*None*

**D. PERSONNEL ACTIONS:**

**1. Request for Change of Position/Salary/Months of Employment**

Board approval is requested for the following employment changes:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Mattie English	Director of Financial Aid	\$40,000	01/01/2016	12 month	Replacement
Karen Seabolt	Interim Controller (stipend)	\$13,021	01/01/2016	12 month	Replacement

**2. Information Requiring No Action by the Board**

Baxter Stewart, Director of Financial Aid, was appointed Senior Accountant effective January 1, 2016.

**E. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:**

**1. Program Modification and Delivery Update**

**Associate in Applied Science: Physical Therapist Assistant**

This program was originally approved in 2012, but in light of changes from the programmatic accreditor for Physical Therapy, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE), and the institutional accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), we have adjusted the program requirements, and request Board approval to enter into a contractual arrangement with Indian Capital Technology Center (*see attached*).

- F. **BUDGETARY ACTIONS:**  
*None*
- G. **OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS:**  
*None*
- H. **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)**  
*None*
- I. **NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES:**  
*None*
- J. **PURCHASE REQUESTS:**  
*None*
- K. **STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES:**  
*None*
- L. **NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED:**  
*None*
- M. **INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD:**  
1. **January 2015 Out-of-State Travel Report (see attached)**

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Tim Faltyn  
President



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- a. The modified program requirements now reflect the most recent guidance provided by CAPTE in order to achieve student learning outcomes and ensure student success in the field of physical therapy and include a communication component of either speech or computer usage, and the elimination of a first aid course, the relevant content of which is covered in the program curriculum.
- b. Cooperative alliances, like those historically entered into by Connors State College and Indian Capital Technology Center are no longer allowed by HLC policy. Instead, Connors State College is drafting a contractual arrangement to enter into with Indian Capital Technology Center where Connors will offer general education requirements and Indian Capital Technology Center will be contracted to offer the technical component of the program. In this contractual arrangement, Connors State College maintains oversight and control of all coursework in fulfillment of the AAS in Physical Therapist Assistant to assure the quality of the educational experience for students.





**Associate in Applied Science (AAS)  
 Physical Therapist Assistant**

**Total Minimum Degree Hours for Associate in Applied Science.....70**

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS Credit Hours 37**

<b>General Education Requirements .....</b>	<b>34</b>
EDUC 1111 Orientation .....	1
ENGL 1113 English Comp I.....	3
ENGL 1213 English Comp II .....	3
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 .....	3
POLS 1113 American Federal Government .....	3
MATH 1513 College Algebra or MATH 1473 Applied Mathematics .....	3
BIOL 1114 General Biology.....	4
BIOL 2104 Human Anatomy.....	4
BIOL 2114 Human Physiology .....	4
PSYC 1113 Intro to Psychology .....	3
SPCH 1113 Intro to Oral Communication or COMS 1133 Fund of Computer Usage.....	3
 <b>Support and Related Courses .....</b>	 <b>3</b>
NURS 1003 Medical Terminology .....	3

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Program Requirements .....</b>	<b>33</b>
PTAT 1011 Introduction to Physical Therapy .....	1
PTAT 1012 Kinesiology for Physical Therapist Assistants (with lab).....	2
PTAT 1033 Therapeutic Exercise I .....	3
PTAT 1122 Pathophysiology for Physical Therapist Assistants .....	2
PTAT 1123 Physical Agents (with lab) .....	3
PTAT 1212 Clinical Practice I.....	2
PTAT 1222 Basic Patient Care Skills .....	2
PTAT 1232 Clinical Procedures (with lab).....	2
PTAT 2012 Orthopedic Management for Physical Therapist Assistants (with lab).....	2
PTAT 2023 Neurology and Rehabilitation for Physical Therapist Assistants (with lab).....	3
PTAT 2033 Therapeutic Exercise II (with lab) .....	3
PTAT 2121 Professional Issues .....	1
PTAT 2123 Clinical Practice II .....	3
PTAT 2124 Clinical Practice III .....	4

<sup>1</sup>PTAT Courses are taught at ICTC-Muskogee



**SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2016**

FUND SOURCE	TRAVEL THIS MONTH		CORRESPONDING MONTH LAST FISCAL YEAR		AMOUNT EXPENDED CURRENT		AMOUNT EXPENDED PRIOR	
	NO. OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NO. OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NO. OF TRIPS	FISCAL YEAR	NO. OF TRIPS	FISCAL YEAR
ST. APPROP.	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	\$ 10,853.30	12	\$ 21,258.75
FEDERAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	\$ 17,778.10	1	\$ 1,206.42
PRIVATE	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
AUXILIARY	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	\$ 2,666.10
OTHER	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$ 28,631.40</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$ 25,131.27</b>

March 4, 2016

NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE, MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

Dr. Jeff Hale, President, and Mr. Mark Rasor, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, appeared before the Board of Regents to present the business of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and review the Agenda for members of the Board.

Dr. Hale reported that NEO's 95<sup>th</sup> commencement will be held on May 5, 2016, and he invited the Regents to attend this event. He further reported that the annual Founder's Day Celebration is scheduled for March 25, 2016, and will include a groundbreaking of a new animal science teaching facility at NEO's Synar Farm.

Dr. Hale presented the Regents with T-shirts as a courtesy from Head Wrestling Coach Joe Renfro recognizing NEO's wrestling team for its national championship. He said of the ten wrestlers who competed at the NJCAA National Tournament, nine were All-Americans, seven were Academic All-Americans, and three received national championship titles. Dr. Hale said Coach Renfro was named National Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his 16-year career and won his sixth national championship, with two of those being earned while at NEO. He noted that the three national champions are being recruited by Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of North Carolina. Regent Lester noted that the head coaches at these three Division I programs all have ties to OSU's wrestling program. On behalf of Coach Renfro, Dr. Hale expressed appreciation to the Board for its support and the opportunity to initiate the wrestling program three years ago.

Discussion Regarding Budget Issues

Dr. Hale presented a handout to the Board members consisting of an open letter to faculty, staff, students, and friends of NEO and a copy of a PowerPoint presentation (which are attached to NEO's portion of the minutes as ATTACHMENTS A and B). Dr. Hale said the letter essentially states that NEO is taking a pretty big financial hit, but it also addresses the great things NEO has accomplished over the last decade because of its good team. NEO has rallied around challenges, has taken care of each other, and has addressed the things that needed to be addressed. The letter also states that NEO still has to work hard strategically to get through the next 24-36 months. Dr. Hale said a week after the letter was sent, Mr. Rasor sent out a memo that said NEO is freezing all fourth-quarter spending. Effective March 1, NEO has shut down any kind of discretionary spending, which includes periodicals for the library, supplies for the Athletic Department, travel not related to accreditation, etc. NEO is going to try to save as much money as possible in the fourth quarter to address these financial challenges.

Dr. Hale referenced the PowerPoint presentation that indicates the State cuts thus far for NEO total approximately \$1.1 million; however, he received word yesterday that the cuts are going to be another \$110,000 for NEO for an approximate total of \$1.2 million in reduced State support. NEO has addressed this year's budget challenge by reducing the workforce by 14 people, increasing tuition and fees, implementing a fourth-quarter spending freeze, and utilizing reserves to finish

this fiscal year. For FY-2017, NEO is anticipating another \$1.5 million shortfall. To help resolve the projected shortfall, Dr. Hale said NEO is considering reducing employee benefits, i.e., dental insurance, vision insurance, etc.; closing the Grove campus; providing an early retirement incentive; reducing the work force; tapping into reserves; implementing a 10 percent increase in tuition and fees; and privatizing custodial and grounds services.

Dr. Hale said NEO is looking at every possible way to get prepared for a really desperate situation this next fiscal year. He said none of these are good in his view, but NEO is going to see how it can protect the students and faculty as much as possible. The College is continuing to find ways to help the budget situation, including grants and partnerships. NEO also has a Centennial Campaign it hopes to announce within the next six months that will help financially. NEO is also looking at the possibility of selling some of its assets, if necessary.

Dr. Hale said it is not known where the bottom is and whether it involves just another year or another three years or if there will be more budget cuts next year than experienced this year. He said he is convinced, however, that having some cash to survive the next 36 months is an important situation for NEO. The Synar Farm, student housing, the Wellness Center, and the President's home are all assets NEO may begin to talk about selling at some point in time.

Dr. Hale addressed the ultimate fallback position and what that does to colleges like NEO, Connors, OPSU, etc. In that situation, Dr. Hale said he believes it might be necessary to change the mission, vision, and purpose of the College. NEO has been a very student-centered college that has provided student activities and intercollegiate athletic programs for 100 years. Students come to NEO from all over the country to participate in activities such as the rodeo team, marching band, football team, etc. About 40 percent of the students participate in some activity. He said he believes most of that will go away if it becomes necessary because of the financial challenges. It would probably be necessary to shut down the residence halls, close the cafeteria, and become a traditional commuter school with students from around the three-county area driving to campus and getting their general education courses or enter some workforce development program. This would really shave down the expense side; but the mission, vision, and purpose would be different. The College could continue to be a provider of higher education and perhaps work on improving the quality of what is left.

Dr. Hale said he believed it was important that the Board is aware of what NEO is doing to try to deal with the current budget situation.

Back to the short term, Regent Davis said assuming the \$250,000 figure is correct to pull from reserves, he asked at what level that leaves NEO's reserves going forward. Dr. Hale said NEO entered this year at about \$3.8 million cash reserves, which is about 14-15 percent of the debt ratio. It is believed to be a very healthy level. NEO is estimated to be somewhere in the \$3.5 million range when the withdrawal is made. He said the percentage may actually increase because NEO is cutting its operational expenses by \$1 million this year, which may result in a higher percentage compared to this year.

Regent Anthony applauded Dr. Hale for his open letter. He said he knows the pros and cons of those kinds of discussions, but he believes addressing the critical nature of the position of higher education, especially in NEO's area of the State, is very important so that everyone understands it is not business as usual. He said he believes Dr. Hale's way of alerting the community and friends of the College of the problems and communicating how NEO is addressing those issues and doing its best as a team to make it work and overcome the situation is a great way to make a case within the community. Dr. Hale said for some reason higher education's challenges seem to pale in comparison to K-12. About 90 percent of the print media or television media focus on teacher shortages and teacher pay and other issues of K-12, but higher education seems to be a little blip on the radar screen despite the trauma that is taking place in public higher education in Oklahoma. Dr. Hale said very few people seem to know that. He said he has been visiting privately with a few dozen local business leaders in the region, and they are all shocked this is happening. He said they had no idea, and these are knowledgeable people who follow the news and who want to know what is going on. Dr. Hale said there is a real disconnect with regard to the actual circumstances and what people who really care know about what is going on.

#### Updated Flood Plain

Dr. Hale said he received some concerning news this week from Miami's City Manager regarding the preliminary flood maps for Ottawa County that were recently released by FEMA. He said not only has the new map moved the entire campus into the flood plain, it also raised the level five feet. NEO has spent this past decade constructing buildings with 7.5 foot pads so that the buildings would be two feet above the existing flood plain. If the new maps get through the approval process as is, those buildings will now be about three feet below the flood plain. Dr. Hale said Mr. Rasor has been in conversation with Risk Management and talked with the underwriters. At a minimum, NEO is looking at major cost increases to insurance. Also, the likelihood of any new construction on campus probably becomes cost prohibitive because of the size of the pads that would be necessary.

Dr. Hale said he is very impressed with Miami's City Manager and the engineers are on top of this matter. He said the City recently had a hydrology study conducted by Tetra Tech, Inc., from Boulder, Colorado. FEMA has agreed to review that study, which is much more comprehensive than what FEMA used to develop its map. It is believed this matter can be reversed somewhat. Regent Burns asked if it is believed FEMA's data has overstated the problem. Based on what the City Manager has expressed, Dr. Hale said FEMA only used 3-4 inputs to develop the new flood plain map whereas the study conducted by the City has 95 inputs. The City spent a lot more time and used a lot more data and research to develop its flood maps than what FEMA did. Regent Burns asked what the City's flood maps reflect. Dr. Hale said the flood plain is a little more than what it is currently by approximately six inches. Everything that NEO has constructed in the last six to seven years used the 2010 flood plain map because it was relatively new. The study that was conducted by Tetra Tech last fall for the City shows that the flood plain elevation should be six to eight inches above the 2010 map; however, there is a 4.5 foot discrepancy between what FEMA is reporting and the report NEO received from Tetra Tech. Dr. Hale said long term those

are major issues with regard to having the College 100 percent in a flood plain and that the level of the flood plain may extend up to as much as five feet. NEO plans to get its Congressional delegation involved and believes the Capitol Hill Consulting Group may have some good advice for NEO with regard to dealing with FEMA. At this point it is hoped that FEMA will be a good partner and utilize the better study that will allow them to change its map, but NEO is going to be prepared to go to battle if necessary.

Dr. Hale said he just learned of this matter this week and thought it was important to share with the Board. Truthfully, he said he has not had a chance to talk with Mike Buchert with Long Range Facilities Planning about the matter, and he will do that also.

#### Graduates/Degrees Conferred and First Time Freshman Enrollment

Dr. Hale referenced the chart regarding graduates/degrees conferred and first-time freshman enrollment. He said NEO's number of graduates continues to be very high and has increased by approximately 200 in the past seven to eight years. At the end of the day, Dr. Hale said that is one of the student outcomes that means the most to him personally. He said he is somewhat concerned, however, regarding the number of first-time freshmen because that is really the "bread and butter" with respect to generating income. He said NEO closed its Tulsa recruiting office because of budget cuts, it lost one of its recruiters in the three-county region, and the demographics are working against NEO because Miami High School graduated its smallest class in 50 years and the population of the communities around Miami is shrinking.

#### Balance of Agenda

Regent Lester moved and Regent Anthony seconded to approve the balance of the Agenda, subject to the availability of funds and/or the limitations of the budget. (The Agenda is attached.)

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Chairman Hall referenced the basketball game later today between NEO and Connors and wished the teams good luck. Dr. Hale noted that Connors is very good and is ranked in the top 10 in the nation, and NEO has not won against Connors in a long time. He said NEO's women's basketball team is ranked in the top 5 in the country and has won 25 consecutive games and will also be competing in the semi-finals this afternoon. He said he is proud of all of the teams.

The business of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College being concluded, Dr. Hale and Mr. Rasor were then excused from the meeting.



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February 18, 2016

Open Letter to Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends of NEO A & M College,

For several years now, NEO A & M College has been dealing with declining state support for public education. When I arrived during the 2008-09 school year the State of Oklahoma supported our college, through the OSRHE funding formula, with an annual allocation of **\$9,600,000.00**. Since the 08-09 school year NEO has received several reductions to our state allocation, but none more devastating than the reductions that have taken place most recently. For example, this school year alone the following reductions have or will occur at NEO:

July 2015	<b>-\$313,988.00</b>
December 2015	<b>-\$259,713.00</b>
February 2016	<b>-\$209,502.00</b>
March 2016 (estimated)	<b><u>-\$313,988.00</u></b>
<b>NEO 2015-16 State Appropriation Reductions</b>	<b>\$1,097,191.00</b>

This year's reductions combined with previous year reductions will bring our state support well below the \$8.0 million dollar level. Given the projected funding cuts to FY 17 allocations, NEO's state support for 2016-17 will likely resemble late 1990's funding levels. Receiving millions of dollars less annually for small, but vitally important, colleges like NEO has had horrible effects. We've been reducing services, workforce, and administrative operations for several years. For example:

1. NEO recently reduced our workforce by 14.0 FTE. 12.5 staff positions were eliminated and 1.5 faculty positions disappeared in July 2015.
2. NEO reduced our academic departments from 12 to 6 and eliminated 3 Dean positions.
3. NEO has eliminated important services such as continuing education and grant/contract services.
4. The Tulsa recruitment office was closed and a staff position eliminated.
5. NEO has reduced our scholarship support to students, initially targeting student-athletes.
6. NEO has shaved the operational budgets of our academic departments to the point that now much of our classroom technology is outdated or doesn't work at all.
7. Most faculty and staff have seen their earning power diminish due to few or no raises for an entire decade.

8. Students have had to bear the brunt of this period of disinvestment by facing annual increases to tuition and fees.

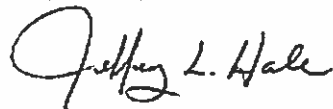
**MORE BAD NEWS.** On Tuesday, Preston Doerflinger, Secretary of Finance, Administration and IT, plus the Governor's budget director, sent out a news release that announced that the State of Oklahoma is now facing a \$1.3 billion shortfall that must be addressed in next year's budget effective July 1, 2016. Doerflinger's announcement, from Tuesday, likely means NEO will see its state allocation take another tremendous hit effective July 2016. The Governor estimated the reduction to state agencies could be as high as 13.0%. For NEO, this could mean an additional \$1.3 million dollars less in July.

Throughout this entire development, the students, faculty and staff of NEO have never once assumed a victim's mentality. We have found creative and entrepreneurial ways to generate additional revenue and cut expenses. In addition to the several new grants that have been acquired, we have two more awaiting completion this year. Our beloved NEO Foundation, alumni and college friends have raised several million dollars in the past decade to help with student scholarships, intercollegiate athletics, aggie teams, and faculty support. Over the past 8 years our college team has produced record enrollment growth, record numbers of college graduates, more summer academic and co-curricular camps, and we have more students living on our campus. Endowed academic scholarships have risen from 10 to over 30. We have secured more than 300 private, \$1000 donations that have been generously provided by alumni and community leaders. Since 2007, NEO has received the three largest gifts in the history of the college. Also, a local sales tax initiative that supported new and improved facilities was approved by the citizens of Miami. I could go on and on.

Team NEO has always had a competitive spirit, a can-do attitude, and a strong desire to be a national leader in academics, campus life, athletics, and leadership development. As a public institution we expect and desire a strong partnership with our leaders in Oklahoma City. At NEO, we own the expectations of performing at a high level and finding solutions to help support all the things we must do as Oklahoma's only institution of higher learning in far northeast Oklahoma. Our Board of Regents are both supportive and demanding. They emphasize accountability, expect results, and lend their expertise when needed. In other words, our team is strong and cohesive.

In closing, I respect and appreciate the hard work that each of you perform on a daily basis to help make NEO a great place to attend school, work, and live. I pledge to continue to ask our state leaders to invest in the next generation of leaders, laborers and Oklahoma families by investing in higher education. I encourage our students, alumni, faculty, and community leaders to let their voices be heard as well.

Respectfully,



Jeffery L. Hale, Ph.D.  
President



Immediate Challenge

Million Dollar Problem  
2015-16 Budget

NEO A&M College

**STATE CUTS**

July 2015	\$313,988
December 2015	\$259,713
February 2016	\$209,502
March 2016 (estimated)	\$313,988
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,097,191</b>

Immediate Challenge

Million Dollar Problem  
2015 - 16 Budget

NEO A&M College

• REDUCTION IN FORCE SAVINGS	\$400,000
• INCREASED TUITION AND FEES REVENUE	\$325,000
• OPERATIONAL SAVINGS AND 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER CUTS	\$225,000
• RESERVE SPENDING	\$250,000

More Bad News

Attack the next 24 months

NEO A&M College - FY 2016

**PROJECTED PROBLEM**

**\$1.5 - \$2.0 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL - FY17**




More Bad News

Attack the next 24 months

NEO A&M College

• REDUCE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE	\$375,000
• FACILITY CLOSURES	\$150,000
• EARLY RETIREMENT & REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE	\$600,000
• (Staff - Faculty - Coaches)	
• Approximately 12 positions	




More Bad News

Attack the next 24 months

NEO A&M College

• RESERVES	\$500,000
• TUITION AND FEE REVENUE INCREASE 2016/17	\$600,000
• \$12 Per Credit Hour - 10% increase	
• Privatize Custodial & Grounds	\$100,000




More Bad News

Attack the next 24 months


NEO A&M College

Cuts, Reductions & Closures = \$1.2 million

New Revenue and Reserves = \$1.1 million




Cash Is King

New Revenue Considerations 

NEO A&M College

TALENT SEARCH GRANT	\$1.5 MILLION
TITLE III GRANT	\$2.0 MILLION
CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN	\$7 - 10 MILLION


Cash Is King

New Revenue Considerations 

NEO A&M College

SYNAR FARM  
STUDENT HOUSING  
WELLNESS CENTER  
PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

New Chapter

ARMAGEDDON SCENARIO 

NEO A&M College

CHANGE THE MISSION, VISION AND PURPOSE OF NEO.....

New Chapter

ARMAGEDDON SCENARIO 

NEO A&M College

ELIMINATE ALL

- ATHLETIC TEAMS
- COMPETITIVE AGGIE TEAMS
- MUSIC AND THEATRE PERFORMANCE SQUADS
- MOST ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS

New Chapter


ARMAGEDDON SCENARIO 

NEO A&M College

CLOSE DOWN

- ATHLETIC FACILITIES
- PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES
- FARM OPERATIONS
- HOUSING
- SOME CAMPUS BUILDINGS

New Chapter


ARMAGEDDON SCENARIO 

NEO A&M College

- REDUCE HOUSING RESIDENTS FROM 750 TO 80
- FOCUS ACADEMICS ON GENERAL EDUCATION AND KEY WORK FORCE PROGRAMS (IE: NURSING, PTA, & AGRICULTURE)

New Chapter

**ARMAGEDDON SCENARIO**

NEO A&M College 

- FTE - LIKELY TO BE REDUCED BY 50% (reflects Ottawa, Craig & Delaware Enrollments)
- GOAL - TO REDUCE TUITION AND FEE COSTS FOR STUDENTS

**NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE**  
Miami, Oklahoma  
March 4, 2016

Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Board Members:

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Board Purchasing Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

**PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. President's Remarks
  - February 2016 "NEO Update"
2. Budget Follow Up
3. Graduates/Degrees Conferred and First Time Freshman Enrollment

Year	Number of Associate Degrees/Certificates Conferred	Year	Number of First-Time Freshman
2014-2015	454	Fall 2015	730
2013-2014	492	Fall 2014	787
2012-2013	429	Fall 2013	828
2011-2012	428	Fall 2012	796
2010-2011	411	Fall 2011	792
2009-2010	388	Fall 2010	791
2008-2009	284	Fall 2009	656

Source: NEO Institutional Research

4. Annual Founder's Day Celebration

We invite members of our Board to join us as we celebrate 96 years of NEO A&M College at Founders' Day Celebration scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2016. This year's event will be held at NEO's Synar Farm and will celebrate the college's rich tradition in agriculture. Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon and conclude with a 1:00 p.m. groundbreaking of a new animal science teaching facility. (Reference Document #1)

**PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

5. NEO Talent Search Program – Discretionary/Competitive Grants

The Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assists participants with the postsecondary education. Talent Search also encourages persons who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.

**PART B - RESOLUTIONS**

None

**PART C - POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

None

**PART D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

None

**PART E - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

None

**PART F - BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

None

**PART G - OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Revocation of Police Officer Commission

We request revocation of police officer commission for the former officer, David Sergeant, effective February 19, 2016.

**PART H - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)**

None

**PART I - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

None

**PART J - PURCHASE REQUESTS**

Board Authorization is requested for the following purchase

1. Purchase Comprehensive Assessment and Review Tests for the students in the Nursing Program at an estimated cost of \$88,000. The funding will be from the Auxiliary Budget.

**PART K - STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

None

**PART L - NEW BUSINESS UNFORSEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED**

None

**PART M - OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

1. NEO Golden Norse 2016 Football Schedule

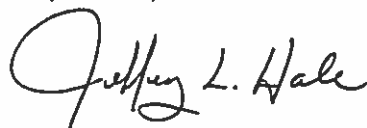
<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 3	New Mexico Military	7:00 p.m.	Away
Sept. 10	Trinity Valley	6:00 p.m.	Home
Sept. 17	Tyler	7:00 p.m.	Away
Sept. 24	Navarro (Homecoming)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 1	Kilgore	3:00 p.m.	Away
Oct. 8	Cisco	3:00 p.m.	Away
Oct. 15	Coffeyville (Hall of Fame)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 22	Arkansas Baptist	2:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 27	Blinn	6:00 p.m.	Home
Nov. 5	SWJCFC Play-offs	TBA	TBA
Nov. 12	SWJCFC Championship	TBA	TBA

**PART M - OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

2. Out-of-State Travel Summary

The Summary for Out-of-State Travel for January and February 2016 are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffery L. Hale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Dr. Jeffery L. Hale  
President



Summary of Out-of-State Travel as of January 2016

Column (1): Travel This Month

Column (2): Corresponding Month Last FY

Column (3): Amount Expended Current FY

Column (4): Amount Expended Prior FY

FUND SOURCE	No. Trips (1)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (1)	No. Trips (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (2)	No. Trips (3)	AMT. EXP CURRENT FY (3)	No. Trips (4)	AMT. EXP PRIOR FY (4)
Revolving								
State Approp.	0	\$0.00	1	69	9	3,412.03	24	9644,.21
Federal	0	\$0.00	0	0.00	1	925.11	9	11,362.39
Private								
Auxiliary	0	\$0.00	1	136.64	8	\$5,131.64	5	4,079.37
Other								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>205.64</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9,468.78</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25,085.97</b>

Summary of Out-of-State Travel as of February 2016

Column (1): Travel This Month

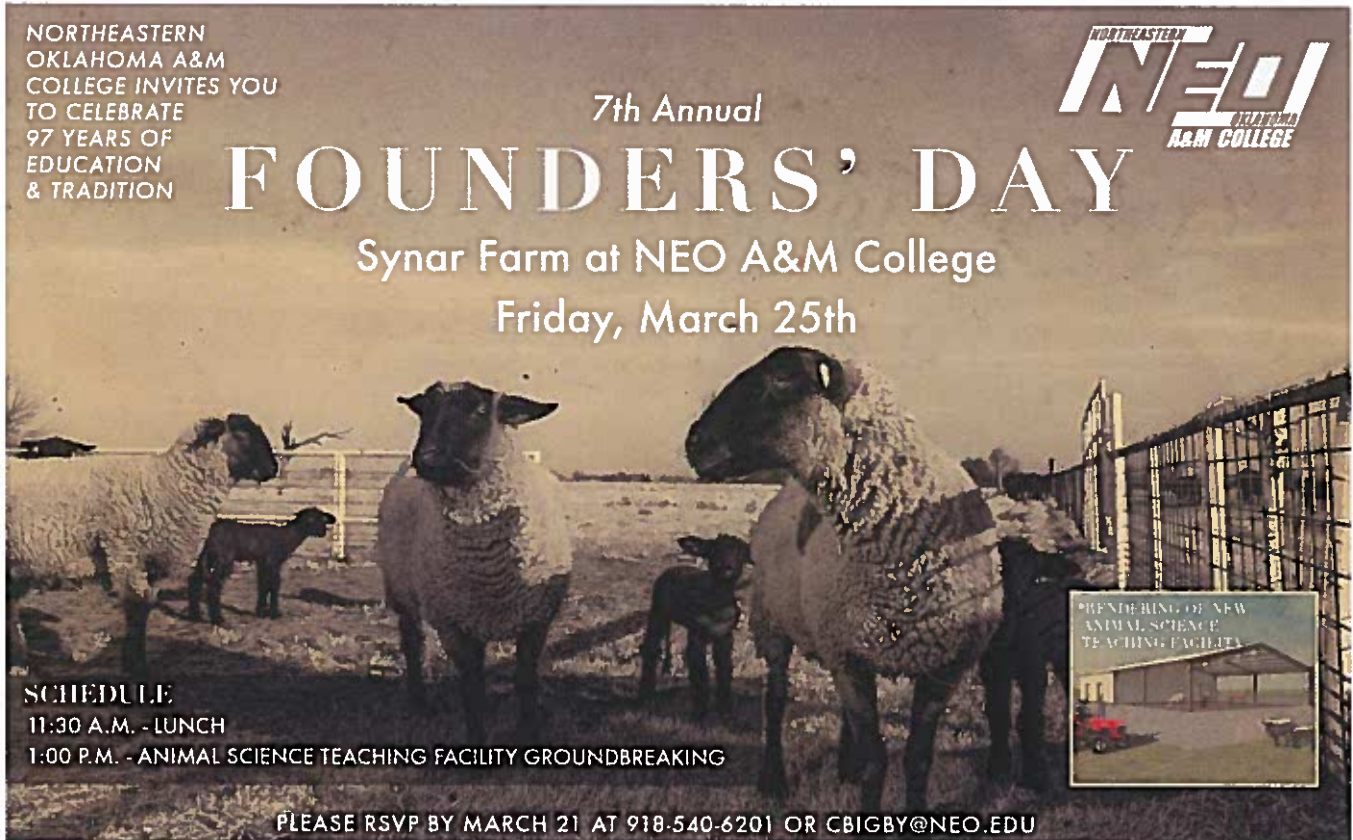
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Revolving								
State Approp.	0	\$0.00	1	466.43	9	3,412.03	25	10,110.64
Federal	0	\$0.00	0	0.00	1	925.11	9	11,362.39
Private								
Auxillary	1	\$765.82	0	0.00	9	\$5,897.46	5	4,079.37
Other								
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$765.82</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>466.43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10,234.60</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25,552.40</b>





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OKLAHOMA A&M  
COLLEGE INVITES YOU  
TO CELEBRATE  
97 YEARS OF  
EDUCATION  
& TRADITION

7th Annual  
**FOUNDERS' DAY**  
Synar Farm at NEO A&M College  
Friday, March 25th

**NEO**  
NORTHEASTERN  
A&M COLLEGE

**SCHEDULE**  
11:30 A.M. - LUNCH  
1:00 P.M. - ANIMAL SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING

\*RENDERING OF NEW  
ANIMAL SCIENCE  
TEACHING FACILITY

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 21 AT 918-540-6201 OR CBIGBY@NEO.EDU

March 4, 2016

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY, LANGSTON, OKLAHOMA

Dr. Kent Smith, President, and other members of the Langston administration appeared before the Board of Regents to present the business of Langston University and review the Agenda for members of the Board.

Dr. Smith expressed thanks to President Hargis and the OSU family for hosting the meeting. He said he was not able to be present at the dinner last evening, but he heard wonderful remarks about the meal.

Dr. Smith said both the men's and women's basketball teams are competing today for conference championships. Both teams finished as the second seed in the conference and had first round byes. If the teams win today they will be in the championship round tomorrow. The men's team finished its regular season ranked No. 11 in the nation with a 23-6 record and placed three individuals on the First Team All-Conference. The women's team finished with a 20-6 record, ranked No. 20 in the nation, and placed two members on the First Team All-Conference. Hopefully, the teams will come home with championships.

Dr. Smith reported that two key events will take place next week on the Langston University campus. On Tuesday, March 8, Langston will host the annual Ira and Rubye Hall Endowed Lecture Series, and the Honorable Bernard M. Jones will be the keynote speaker. On Thursday, March 10, Langston will host the annual 119<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Program, and Representative Mike Shelton will be the keynote speaker for the program.

Approval to Conduct Pilot Program

In an effort to identify ways to generate more income for the University, Dr. Smith said Langston concentrated on the summer term, which tends to be the lowest enrollment period but also one in which it had the greatest opportunity to increase revenue. He said it has been determined that the greatest number of students who leave Langston without graduating are those students who in their freshman year have to take a large number of remedial courses or saw less opportunity to pass college level courses by way of achievement. He requested Board approval to allow Langston to conduct a pilot summer program offering remedial and general education courses to incoming freshmen who have already been accepted to the University. It would specifically be offered to students from Oklahoma City and the surrounding communities; therefore, these students will not incur housing costs, meal plan costs, etc. The hope is that this will help increase retention, which is Langston's top priority, and also provide an opportunity to generate some revenue.

Regent Milner moved and Regent Link seconded to authorize Langston University to conduct a pilot summer program offering remedial and general education courses to students from Oklahoma City and the surrounding communities at the Langston University – Oklahoma City Campus during the months of June and July, pending approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Balance of Agenda

Regent Link moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve the balance of the Agenda, subject to the availability of funds and/or the limitations of the budget. (The Agenda is attached.)

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

The business of Langston University being concluded, Dr. Smith and members of the Langston administration were then excused from the meeting.

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGES**

**Dear Board Members:**

Please approve the following business items for Langston University.

Expenditures from Treasury Funds, contingent upon their availability, will be submitted for purchasing through Mr. Scott Schlotthauer, Director of Purchasing.

- A. **GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD: NONE**
- B. **RESOLUTIONS: NONE**
- C. **POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES: NONE**
- D. **PERSONNEL ACTION:**
  - 1. **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES**  
Langston University will accept the following notices of resignation:  
  
Dr. William Montanaro, Jr., Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Sciences, effective January 5, 2016.  
  
Dr. Cynthia Hudson, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions, effective January 11, 2016.  
  
Desmond Harvey, Acting Director of Housing Services, effective January 29, 2016.  
  
Paul An, Football Run Game and Recruiting Coordinator, effective January 30, 2016.
  - 2. Approval is respectfully requested to employ Dr. Jason White as Acting Director for Counseling and Health Services, on a 12-month basis, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00, effective February 2, 2016.
  - 3. Approval is respectfully requested to employ Traci Gott as Research and Instruction Librarian, on a 12-month basis, at an annual salary of \$45,000.00, effective February 22, 2016.
  - 4. Approval is respectfully requested to employ Melaine Campbell as Research and Instruction Librarian, on a 12-month basis, at an annual salary of \$45,000.00, effective March 1, 2016.
  - 5. Approval is respectfully requested to employ Fredrick Ellis as Offensive Line Coach/Football, on a 12-month basis, at an annual salary of \$40,000.00, effective February 2, 2016.

6. Approval is respectfully requested to change the title and salary of Dr. Teresa Hunter from Assistant Professor/Director, School of Nursing and Health Professions, on a 12-month basis, at an annual salary of \$77,777.77, to Acting Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions, on a 12-month basis, at an annual salary of \$125,000.00, effective January 14, 2016.

**E. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:**

1. Approval is respectfully requested for Langston University to conduct a pilot summer program offering remedial and general education courses to students from the Oklahoma City and surrounding communities at the Langston University – Oklahoma City Campus during the months of June and July. This program will only be offered to a specific population of students. In order to be eligible, a student must be admitted to Langston University as a first-time entering freshman and have paid their housing deposit in preparation for the fall term. Successful completion of remedial coursework will make students eligible to enroll in college-level coursework in the Fall semester on the Langston campus. This program will provide an enhanced level of service to those students who plan to enroll at Langston University as first-time entering freshmen and will assist the University to improve retention and completion rates. The pilot summer program is pending approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**F. BUDGETARY ACTION: NONE**

**G. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

1. Approval is respectfully requested for Langston University to begin the process of transferring account balances represented on the University Financial Statements received as contributions under the arm of Langston University Development Fund (LDF), formerly the fund raising component of the University, to the Langston University Foundation. The Foundation was established in 2007. Funds received prior to the establishment of the Foundation have been maintained by the University. This request is made to enhance the reporting and investment managed by the Langston University Foundation. Once funds have been transferred, LDF can be dissolved.

**H. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation): NONE**

**I. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES: NONE**

**J. PURCHASE REQUESTS: NONE**

**K. STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES: NONE**

**L. NEW BUSINESS UNFORSEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED: NONE**

**M. OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

1. Summary of Out-of-State Travel as of December 2015:

Column (1): Travel This Month  
 Column (3): Amount Expended Current FY

Column (2): Corresponding Month Last FY  
 Column (4): Amount Expended Prior FY

FUND SOURCE	NO. of TRIPS (1)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (1)	NO. of TRIPS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED (2)	NO. of TRIPS (3)	AMT. EXP. CURRENT FY (3)	NO. of TRIPS (4)	AMT. EXP. PRIOR FY (4)
St. Approp.	5	\$11,706.57	13	\$14,179.84	20	\$57,104.92	56	\$96,716.92
Federal	26	\$27,012.86	25	\$38,925.93	117	\$128,273.06	1115	\$238,753.17
Private								
Auxiliary	13	\$76,137.94	3	\$14,724.59	41	\$141,328.34	21	\$75,690.91
Other								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$114,857.37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>\$67,830.36</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>\$326,706.32</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>\$411,161.00</b>

All items listed above are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Sincerely,

KENT J. SMITH, JR.  
 PRESIDENT  
 LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

March 4, 2016

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

President Burns Hargis appeared before the Board of Regents to present the business of Oklahoma State University and review the Agenda for members of the Board.

Recognition of Regent Rick Davis

Before beginning the business of Oklahoma State University, Chairman Hall said he would like to make a special presentation to Regent Davis who has represented this Board for the past five years. Chairman Hall presented Regent Davis with a plaque that reads, "In grateful appreciation for your leadership and dedication to the advancement of higher education in Oklahoma as a member of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the A&M Colleges, 2011 – 2016."

Chairman Hall expressed to Regent Davis the Board's gratitude, friendship, and appreciation for his service. He further noted that Regent Davis passed the Education Committee of the Senate this week as did Jarold Callahan. As new appointments are made people will describe them, and he said he recalls the first few comments he heard about Rick Davis was that he was a solid guy. Chairman Hall said that was a gross understatement. He expressed thanks to Regent Davis and to his wife, Pam, and said the Board looks forward to more years of his great leadership.

Opening Comments by President Hargis

President Hargis said he wants to commend and congratulate Regent Davis for his service. He said he is very glad Regent Davis decided to continue serving the Board.

President Hargis said it is great to have everybody on campus and he hopes everyone enjoyed the Mediterranean food last evening and the performance by the trumpet ensembles.

Presentation on Diversity at Oklahoma State University

President Hargis asked Jason Kirksey, Vice President of Institutional Diversity, to come forward and provide an update on OSU's diversity programs and activities. He said Dr. Kirksey is doing a great job at the University.

Dr. Kirksey expressed thanks for the opportunity to provide a brief update of OSU's diversity and inclusion efforts. He said he has certainly been pleased with what OSU has accomplished under the leadership of President Hargis; but he is not satisfied knowing there are some tremendous opportunities for growth and expansion of its efforts, and he is committed to doing that. Dr. Kirksey presented a handout entitled, "Diversity Highlights – March 2016" (a copy of which is attached to OSU's portion of the minutes as ATTACHMENT A). He said he wants to publicly acknowledge President Hargis and let him know how much his leadership is appreciated because none of those highlights would have happened without his support to him personally and across

the University regarding the priority he has put on diversity. It has made a tremendous difference. Dr. Kirksey said there has been great support from across the campus from the administrative units, the deans, colleges, and academic units that have helped his area move forward in its efforts.

Dr. Kirksey said there are four primary areas on which the institution has focused in really growing its efforts and creating advancements across the institution. The first is enrollment, and OSU has had a fairly substantial increase in the enrollment of students of color both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Great partnerships have been developed with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment Management which have really helped in the growth of those numbers and to have the type of impact OSU has been able to achieve. Certainly, graduation rates are clearly the most important, and, again, OSU has had significant increases. The number of students earning not only bachelor degrees but master's and doctorate degrees has significantly increased. Dr. Kirksey said while OSU is very pleased with those numbers, it understands that there are significant opportunities for growth, and he said he remains committed to pushing those numbers higher. A third area that is highlighted is faculty recruitment and improving faculty diversity, which is the area in which most institutions, including OSU, have the greatest opportunity for growth. OSU has had some good success and will continue to work on that. Dr. Kirksey said again, President Hargis' leadership, guidance, and participation in those processes have been very significant in producing those types of numbers. The final area is the environment. He said he wants to ensure OSU creates an environment on campus that is truly open, welcoming, and accommodating and fosters inclusion across the institution and creates environments that celebrate diversity at OSU.

Dr. Kirksey reported that the University's diversity and inclusion efforts have received national recognition. He reported that the last four years OSU has been the recipient of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from *Insight Into Diversity*, which is a very significant national award and has become very highly coveted. In addition, Dr. Kirksey said just recently OSU was named as the recipient of the 2016 Institutional Excellence Award from the National Association of Diversity Officers of Higher Education (NADOHE). The NADOHE's national conference is in two weeks in San Francisco, California, at which time this will be formally announced. This award is a very nice national recognition of OSU's commitment to diversity and inclusion and how it compares to other institutions across the country. Dr. Kirksey said he is certainly honored and humbled for OSU to be recognized nationally with this award.

In conclusion, Dr. Kirksey referenced the OSU Diversity Statement on the handout. He said it was developed over the past year and it guides OSU's future efforts in alignment with the University's land-grant mission. He said OSU is committed to working to enrich and fortify the existing structures and programs that have demonstrated success as well as identify additional innovative and effective ways to continue to move the dial on diversity and have the positive impact it needs across the institution, particularly on the students as they graduate.

Regent Lester said diversity has become a big issue around the nation on college campuses over the last year or so. He said he is grateful to be able to say that at his first meeting as a Board member in September, 2007, diversity was an issue that was important to the Board at that time



and was discussed at that particular meeting. He said he appreciates that and the commitment of President Hargis to diversity. These things did not happen only during the last year or two. Diversity has been emphasized by President Hargis since the day he took office. Regent Lester said he also appreciates what Dr. Kirksey has done in the several years he has been in this position, and it has strengthened this institution's commitment to diversity. He said that while OSU is not at a point where it can rest on its laurels, because this is an ongoing issue, the fact that OSU has been and continues to be committed to making this a welcoming place to people of color and for all people has been impressive. Regent Lester said he has been impressed and appreciates the administration's commitment in the past and going forward.

President Hargis expressed thanks to Regent Lester for his comments. He said one of the gratifying things that has happened is that there was a time when diversity was not celebrated. He referenced the 1950's and times like that when it could get pretty rough on people of color. He said many hold some animosity as a result of those experiences; however, President Hargis said thanks to Dr. Kirksey's efforts those people are coming back to the University because they now realize that they probably would not be where they are but for their experience here. Now, hopefully, OSU provides a much more welcoming environment for them to return. He said just recently OSU hosted members of the original chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha from the 1950's, and he commended Dr. Kirksey for his efforts. In addition, Bill Hogan was back on campus who had not returned to OSU in 35-40 years. He noted that Mr. Hogan is a major industrialist in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### Adoption of Memorial Resolutions

President Hargis presented information on behalf of Alexander Filonow, Professor Emeritus, Entomology and Plant Pathology, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; John A. Wiebelt, Professor Emeritus, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology; and Victor Wolfram, Professor Emeritus, Music, College of Arts and Sciences. President Hargis requested Board approval of the Memorial Resolutions for Dr. Filonow, Dr. Wiebelt, and Dr. Wolfram. (Copies of the Memorial Resolutions are attached to OSU's portion of the minutes as ATTACHMENTS B-D and considered a part of these minutes.

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Milner seconded to adopt the Memorial Resolutions for Alexander Filonow, John A. Wiebelt, and Victor Wolfram as presented.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

President Hargis requested Provost and Senior Vice President Gary Sandefur to present information pertaining to Academic Affairs:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Sandefur presented the personnel actions and recommended their approval with the exception of those items pertaining to separations and retirements, which are included as information items. The list includes 20 new appointments and 6 changes in title. Dr. Sandefur requested Board approval of the personnel actions as presented. For information purposes, three retirements and two separations are included in the list of personnel actions. (The personnel actions are listed beginning on page D-1 of the OSU Agenda, which is on file in the Board of Regents' Office as Document No. 1-3-4-16.)

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve the personnel actions as listed in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Approval of Proposed New Degrees and Program Modifications

Dr. Sandefur said he is pleased to present two graduate certificate requests and a program modification for the OSU-Stillwater and the OSU Center for Health Sciences campuses. These requests are summarized on page E-1 of the OSU Agenda (which is on file in the Board of Regents' Office as Document No. 1-3-4-16). If approved, the requests will be forwarded to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for consideration. Board approval is requested at this time.

Regent Burns moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve the new graduate certificate programs and the program modification as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Degree Sheet Options of the  
General Education Curriculum

On behalf of the leadership of Academic Affairs, deans and faculty, Dr. Sandefur said it is his pleasure to present modifications to 167 of OSU-Stillwater's degree sheets. The revisions are summarized beginning on page E-2 of the OSU Agenda (which is on file in the Board of Regents'

Office as Document No. 1-3-4-16). The modifications are the result of more than three years of extensive review and discussion by a campus committee and represent one of the most significant revisions to the OSU General Education program in the history of the University. These degree revisions were discussed at the Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee meeting earlier today, and, if approved, will be forwarded to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for consideration. Board approval is requested at this time.

Regent Watkins said the Committee met with the OSU administration regarding approval of the revisions to the General Education curriculum. She said the Committee commended the participants bringing this recommendation forward. She reported that the Committee acted to recommend Board approval of the administration's recommendation.

Regent Watkins moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve the revisions to the degree sheet options of the General Education curriculum as presented.

Regent Anthony said he is aware that this represents a lot of work over a long period of time to get these reviews accomplished, and he applauded the faculty and staff who were a part of that effort. Dr. Sandefur expressed thanks for the remarks. President Hargis said this will contribute tremendously to the effort to graduate students in four years.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

President Hargis requested Vice President Joe Weaver to present information pertaining to Administration and Finance:

Mr. Weaver said the section pertaining to Administration and Finance is a little light for this meeting, which is a sign of the times. He said he also expects that in the next several Board meetings OSU's agenda will be similarly light as the University works through the budget revisions. He said OSU has been planning carefully, and the deans have done a great job along with the vice presidents to manage these cuts. The recent cut that was announced this week was within OSU's planning assumption. Mr. Weaver said he is not trying to alarm the Regents because OSU is still on track to be able to manage its budget without disruption to the campus. OSU will just wait and see what happens next fiscal year. OSU is concerned with the size of the cuts that are being addressed and about the impact it may have on OSU's programs.

G-1 Approval of Peace Officer Commissions

Vice President Weaver requested Board approval of the peace officer actions as listed in the OSU Agenda.

Regent Lester moved and Regent Burns seconded to approve the following campus police appointments and to authorize the OSU administration to make the appropriate arrangements for expediting the appointments.

OSU-Stillwater

Commission No.

Lauren M. Brogan  
 Evan D. Walton  
 Jeffrey H. Smith

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 727  
 728

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

G-2 Approval of Series 2016A General Revenue Bond Actions

Mr. Weaver requested Board approval to execute a Resolution authorizing the form of a Supplemental Bond Resolution, Bond Purchase Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement, Continuing Disclosure Agreement, Transfer/Registrar/Paying Agent Agreement, and the sale of the Board's Oklahoma State University General Revenue Bonds, Series 2016A. He said the Board approved requests to seek legislative authorization to issue Bonds for the Performing Arts Center project at the January 23, 2015, and December 4, 2015, meetings. The Bonds will be issued in a principal amount sufficient to fund up to \$60,000,000 of the costs associated with this project plus the cost of issuance of the Bonds. Mr. Weaver said it is anticipated that it would have an effect on OSU's debt coverage ratio of about .34 percent and will put OSU's debt ratio at about 6 percent.

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve and execute the 2016A General Revenue Bond actions as listed in the OSU Agenda and to authorize the Board Chair, or his designee, to execute any required documents and agreements, distribute any offering documents or other documents, and to do all things necessary to cause the execution and delivery of the Bonds, subject to review and approval by Board Legal Counsel.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

G-3 Approval to Refund the Equipment Master Lease Program Bonds, Series 2006A

Mr. Weaver requested Board approval to refund the Equipment Master Lease Program Bonds, Series 2006A. He said OSU has been asked by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to consider a refunding for the chiller project. It is anticipated the net present value savings will be \$635,000 or 10.3 percent of the refunded par amount.

Regent Davis moved and Regent Milner seconded to authorize Oklahoma State University to submit the appropriate documents to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and to take all necessary action to refund the Equipment Master Lease Program Bonds, Series 2006A, through the Master Equipment Lease 2016 Program for an estimated remaining principal amount of \$6,200,000.

Regent Anthony asked if that savings reflects the cost of issuance, and Mr. Weaver responded affirmatively.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### H-1 Approval to Grant Perpetual Easement to the City of Woodward, Oklahoma

Mr. Weaver requested Board approval to grant a perpetual easement to the City of Woodward, Woodward County, Oklahoma. He said the easement enables the City of Woodward to access and complete necessary work incidental to the construction of a highway improvement project located along land owned by the Board of Regents in Woodward, Oklahoma. The easement runs on the east side of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Woodward and the City of Woodward Convention Center. He said OSU will receive consideration of \$4,975.

Regent Burns moved and Regent Lester seconded to grant a perpetual easement to the City of Woodward, Woodward County, Oklahoma, as presented in the OSU Agenda, subject to review and approval by Board Legal Counsel.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

#### H-2 Ratification of Interim Approval to Enter an Agreement with the City of Stillwater

Mr. Weaver requested Board approval to ratify an interim approval request to enter an agreement with the City of Stillwater to induce American Airlines to provide daily commercial air service between Stillwater Regional Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. It is estimated this will commence August 23, 2016.

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Milner seconded to ratify interim approval granted by the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the City of Stillwater to induce American Airlines to provide daily commercial air service between Stillwater Regional Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth

International Airport. Further Board approval is authorized for the OSU President to execute the Air Service Availability Agreement with the City of Stillwater.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Chairman Hall noted this is set to commence on August 23, 2016, and President Hargis said this date will be subject to FAA and EPA approval. Mr. Weaver said an environmental impact study is underway and all signs are that it is in good shape and no problems are anticipated. Also, OSU will receive some funds from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Board to do some work that does not jeopardize the environmental impact study. OSU is advancing pretty quickly in order to be in a position for the service to begin.

For the Board's information, Mr. Weaver said Long Range Facilities Planning is helping the Airport with management of some of the construction to expedite the project and make sure it is done on time.

Regent Anthony said he believes this is a "game changer" for the Stillwater community as well as the University as he thinks about what it means to students and families who will be able to come and go much more easily. Besides the economic development aspect of it, it is money very well invested. Mr. Weaver said Regent Anthony is exactly correct with respect to the recruitment of faculty, students, etc. President Hargis said OSU also expects to have it track from the surrounding area including Guthrie and even north Edmond. It is probably preferable for most because of the free parking and not having to deal with traffic going to Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City. Regent Lester said the drive for him to Stillwater Regional Airport will probably be five minutes longer than to Will Rogers World Airport, but it is a much more pleasant drive. He said he is looking forward to it. Chairman Hall said this is also a great example of what can be accomplished when everyone works together including the State, the City, and the University.

I-1 Approval to Begin Selection Process for On-Call Consultants to Provide As-Needed Construction Management Services to the University System and Institutions Governed by the Board

Mr. Weaver requested Board approval to begin the selection process for on-call consultants to provide as-needed Construction Management Services to the University system and the institutions governed by the Board. He said it is time to renew that agreement.

Regent Milner moved and Regent Link seconded to authorize Oklahoma State University to begin the selection process for on-call consultants to provide as-needed Construction Management Services to the University System and institutions governed by the Board.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

**J Approval of Purchase Request Items**

Mr. Weaver presented the purchase requests and recommended their approval. (The purchase requests are listed on page 5 of the OSU Agenda, which is on file in the Board of Regents' Office as Document No. 1-3-4-16.) He requested approval to purchase the items as listed, subject to the availability of funds and/or the limitations of the budget. He noted that the list contains three purchase requests.

Regent Milner moved and Regent Link seconded to approve the purchase request items as listed in the OSU Agenda.

Regent Anthony referenced purchase request No. 2 regarding the request to purchase labor, materials, equipment, and services for an electrical relocation associated with the new soccer stadium. He asked if this request means that OSU is getting ready to make some improvements. Mr. Weaver said this is correct. He said OSU wants to get some of the electrical work done and out of the way so this project can begin. Regent Anthony asked if it is essentially the same footprint, and Mr. Weaver responded affirmatively. He said the project will be delayed until after graduation in May so that the intramural fields on North Western Road can get completed.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Regent Anthony noted that Jim Littell, OSU Women's Head Basketball Coach, was selected Big 12 Coach of the Year and Brittney Martin was selected Big 12 Player of the Year. He said this is a nice honor for both of these individuals.

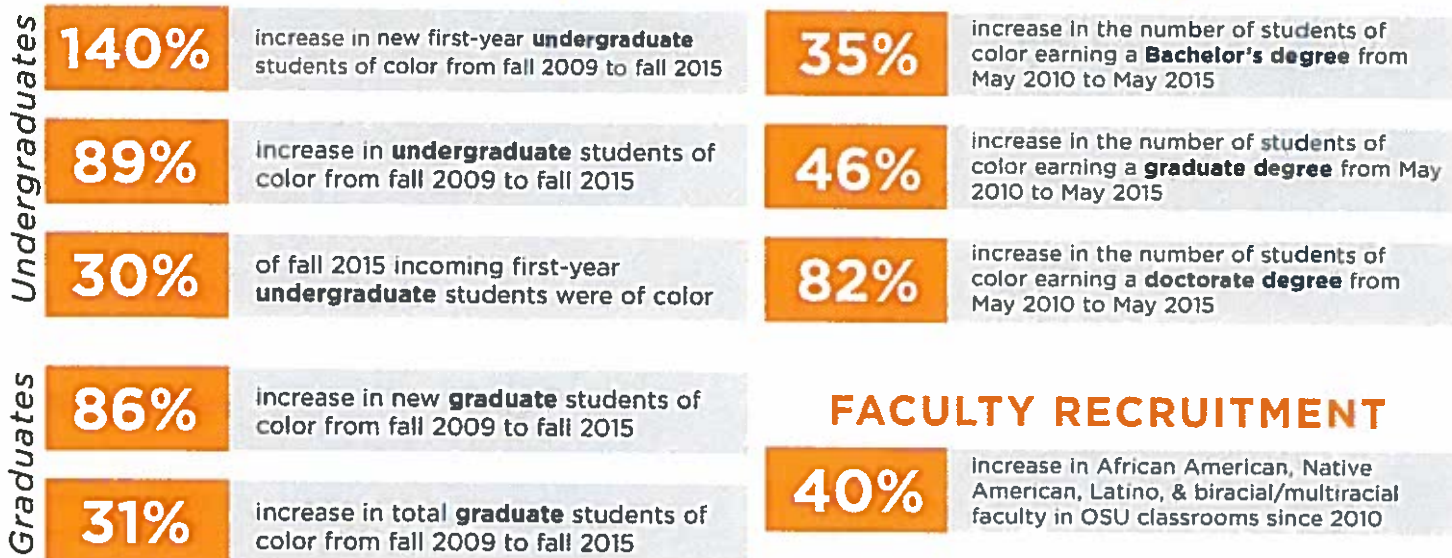
The business of Oklahoma State University being concluded, the administration of Oklahoma State University was then excused from the meeting.



# DIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH 2016

## ENROLLMENT TRENDS

## GRADUATION RATES



## ACADEMICS AND CAMPUS SUPPORT

- » Diversity course requirement for all undergraduates
- » International dimension course requirement for all undergraduates
- » Institutional Diversity Capital Campaign raised \$2.5M since February 2014; 12 endowed scholarships
- » Inaugural OSU Diversity Hall of Fame held October 2015
- » Formal University Diversity Statement
- » Center for Sovereign Nations opened in August 2015 for focused service to sovereign tribal nations in Oklahoma
- » SGA and Faculty Council supported diversity training for students, faculty and staff
- » Launched Oklahoma Diversity and Inclusion Institute October 2015

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- OVER 70** diversity-related student, faculty and staff campus organizations
- » Retention Initiative for Student Excellence
- » Inclusion Leadership Program
- » U.S. Department of Education TRiO Programs (Student Support Services & Upward Bound)
- » \$3.4M NSF-funded Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation
- » Office of Multicultural Affairs Mentoring and Retention Program
- » First 2 Go (first-generation student program)
- » OSU hosted the 38th Annual Big 12 Conference of Black Student Leadership and Government in 2015
- » Provost Diversity Initiative
- » Critical Conversations diversity program series (e.g., Ferguson and Race in America, Voting Rights, Confederate Flag, Islamophobia, etc.)
- » Difficult Dialogues Program
- » Recent campus and graduation speakers: Common, Dr. Tererai Trent, Dr. Kevin Cokley, T.W. Shannon, Jemele Hill

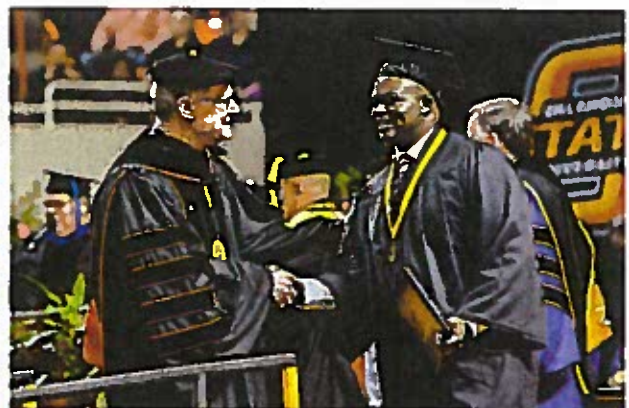


## RANKINGS AND AWARDS

- » #1 in the nation among public land-grant colleges and universities for graduating Native American students five years in a row
- » Four-year recipient of Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from *Insight Into Diversity* (2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015)
- » 2015 Mosaic Top Inclusive Workplace Cultures award by the Tulsa Regional Chamber
- » 2016 National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE) Institutional Excellence Award
- » *Diverse Issue in Higher Education* Top 100 Degree Producers for African American, Native American, Asian American, Latino, and biracial/multiracial graduates (2014 and 2015)
- » Earned U.S. Dept. of Education Minority Serving Institution designation in 2014

## OSU DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Oklahoma State University is a land-grant institution committed to excellence in diversity and inclusion. We strive to maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment that appreciates and values all members of the University community. We define diversity as engagement in meaningful actions, behaviors and conversations that reflect a commitment to recognizing, understanding and respecting the differences among students, faculty, staff and visitors throughout the OSU system. We do not condone acts, behavior, language or symbols that represent or reflect intolerance or discrimination. OSU is dedicated to cultivating and enriching the competitive advantages that diversity and inclusion provides all members of the University community. We identify diversity as a quality of life issue, as well as an important economic driver for the prosperity and well-being of the state, nation and world.



**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Alexander Filonow, Professor Emeritus, Entomology and Plant Pathology, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, was claimed by death on January 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Filonow, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from July 1, 1989, to the date of his retirement, January 2, 2007, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and

WHEREAS, his friends and Oklahoma State University have suffered irreparable loss in his passing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES:

THAT it takes this method to express its appreciation for the years of useful service rendered by Dr. Filonow to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy sent to the family of Dr. Filonow.

Adopted by the Board the 4th day of March 2016.

  
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Joe Hall, Chair

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that John A. Wiebelt, Professor Emeritus, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, was claimed by death on December 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wiebelt, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from February 1, 1958, to the date of his retirement, July 1, 1985, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and

WHEREAS, his friends and Oklahoma State University have suffered irreparable loss in his passing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES:

THAT it takes this method to express its appreciation for the years of useful service rendered by Dr. Wiebelt to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy sent to the family of Dr. Wiebelt.

Adopted by the Board the 4th day of March 2016.

  
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Joe Hair, Chair

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Victor Wolfram, Professor Emeritus, Music, College of Arts and Sciences, was claimed by death on December 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfram, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from September 1, 1960, to the date of his retirement, July 1, 1982, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and

WHEREAS, his friends and Oklahoma State University have suffered irreparable loss in his passing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES:

THAT it takes this method to express its appreciation for the years of useful service rendered by Mr. Wolfram to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy sent to the family of Mr. Wolfram.

Adopted by the Board the 4th day of March 2016.

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Joe Hall, Chair



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Public Comments

Chairman Hall said 15 minutes are provided for members of the public who would like to address the Board, and he asked if there were any members of the public who wished to address the Board at this time.

Dr. Shelia Kennison, Professor of Psychology at Oklahoma State University, asked to speak before the Board. She said she is a past Faculty Council Chair and the outgoing President of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and also the outgoing President of the AAUP of the State of Oklahoma. She said she is here to convey to the Board that the faculty on campus who belong to this organization feels enthusiastic about OSU and is very dedicated to helping weather these difficult times ahead. She said OSU's AAUP has a tradition that goes back many years, which involves the dedication of the AAUP Handbook to the Board Chair. She said the Handbook is commonly referred to as the AAUP Redbook and is the latest printing of all of the policy documents that discuss the history of the universities in America and the core principles of AAUP. Dr. Kennison said she would like to present the book to Chairman Hall and convey the notion that the faculty does feel the future of OSU is in a good position but would like to work with the administration to help solve any problems. She said the document outlines very clear statements about the role of faculty in shared governance. There are many aspects of university work in which the faculty does not and is not expected to play a role, but in the places where the faculty is allowed to contribute, Dr. Kennison said the faculty of OSU is ready to help. Dr. Kennison expressed thanks for the opportunity to address the Board, and Chairman Hall expressed thanks to Dr. Kennison for her time and her gift.

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MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE  
OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES  
OF INTEREST TO ALL THE UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES  
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2016

Chairman Hall called upon the Committee Chairs of the following Committees to give reports.

Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee

(In addition to the items presented during the business of Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Oklahoma State University, the Committee also addressed the following.)

Revisions to Board Rule 30:10-1-2 *Uniform and Integrated Purchasing and Contracting*

Regent Watkins reported that the Committee met with Chief Procurement Officer Scott Schlotthauer regarding approval of revisions to Board Rule 30:10-1-2 *Uniform and Integrated Purchasing and Contracting*. She said the Committee acted to recommend Board approval of the recommended revisions. (The revised Board Rule 30:10-1-2 *Uniform and Integrated Purchasing and Contracting* and requested changes are collectively on file in the Board of Regents' Office as Document No. 3-3-4-16.)

Regent Watkins moved and Regent Milner seconded to approve the revisions to Board Rule 30:10-1-2 *Uniform and Integrated Purchasing and Contracting* as presented.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee

Acceptance of FY-2015 Audit Reports for Langston University

Regent Davis said the Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee met with representatives of RSM and with representatives of Langston University regarding the FY-2015 audits of Langston University. He said the Committee acted to recommend that the Board accept the FY-2015 audit reports for Langston University.

Regent Burns moved and Regent Lester seconded to accept the FY-2015 audit reports for Langston University.

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Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Acceptance of Various Audit Reports for Oklahoma State University

Regent Davis reported that audit reports completed by Grant Thornton have been received regarding the FY-2015 OSU NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures; OSU/OSU Foundation/Cowboy Athletics, Inc., Agreed Upon Procedures; OSU Intercollegiate Athletics Program Accounts Audited Financial Statements; and OSU Research Foundation, Inc., Audited Financial Statements. He reported that the Committee acted to recommend that the Board accept these audit reports.

Regent Burns moved and Regent Lester seconded to accept the FY-2015 OSU NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures; OSU/OSU Foundation/Cowboy Athletics, Inc., Agreed Upon Procedures; OSU Intercollegiate Athletics Program Accounts Audited Financial Statements; and OSU Research Foundation, Inc., Audited Financial Statements.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Engagement of External Auditors for FY-2016 for Oklahoma State University and Constituent Budget Agencies

Regent Davis reported that the Committee received information and a recommendation regarding the engagement of external auditors for FY-2016 for Oklahoma State University and its constituent budget agencies. The Committee acted to recommend Board approval to continue the engagement of Grant Thornton for the FY-2016 audits at a fee of \$295,653.

Regent Burns moved and Regent Link seconded to continue the engagement of Grant Thornton for the FY-2016 audits of Oklahoma State University and its constituent budget agencies at a fee of \$295,653.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

In addition, Regent Davis reported that the Committee received update reports from Chief Audit Executive Michelle Finley concerning the Office of Internal Audit and from General Counsel Steve Stephens regarding activities of the Office of Legal Counsel.

Regents' Steering Committee Re: OPSU Presidential Search Process

Regent Burns reported that the work of the OPSU Presidential Search Committee is going well. The Committee met on the OPSU campus on February 22, 2016, to identify candidates to be invited to interview with the Search Committee. Those invitations have been extended, and interviews will be conducted in early April. He said that will result in the number of candidates being narrowed further and a group being recommended to the Board for further consideration. The full Board's review will be scheduled at a later time this spring where it is hoped the Board can select a new President for Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He said the process is going well.

Chairman Hall said it is always a lot of work but it is always rewarding and refreshing to experience the campus coming together and this Board coming together to work with the community in search of the next leaders of these institutions. He said great leadership is priceless and hard to come by, and the Board appreciates everyone's leadership at the institutions, especially in such challenging economic times when tough decisions have to be made regarding the possibility of program and personnel cuts.

Approval of Updates to Board Policy Manual/Board Rules

Mr. Ramsey requested Board approval to update the Board Policy Manual/Rules to reflect the title change from any reference of Director of Purchasing to Chief Procurement Officer.

Regent Burns moved and Regent Davis seconded to update the Board Policy Manual/Rules to reflect the title change from any reference of Director of Purchasing to Chief Procurement Officer.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ramsey recommended a title change for Terry Cloud from Senior Auditor/Consultant to Audit Manager/Consultant. He said Mr. Cloud has obtained his Certified Internal Auditor designation.

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Link seconded to approve the title change for Terry Cloud from Senior Auditor/Consultant to Audit Manager/Consultant.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Lester, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.



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Chairman Hall said he would like to recognize Tim Moser who is present at the meeting. He noted that Dr. Moser serves on the Medical Advisory Board, and the Regents appreciate his service and support.

Adjournment

At approximately 11:40 a.m., Chairman Hall announced that the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING OF THE A & M BOARD OF REGENTS

**March 4, 2016**

Council Room  
412 Student Union  
Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

Secretary of State meeting notice was filed on October 26, 2015.

Approval of Order of Business

Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2016

**DATES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS**

For **Information** Purposes Only:

April 22, 2016 -- Warner, Oklahoma -- Regents Room, A. D. Stone Student Union,  
Connors State College

For **Consideration** of Approval:

June 17, 2016 -- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -- Conference North 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor -- Student  
Center, 900 North Portland, OSU-Oklahoma City

**BUSINESS WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

1. Oklahoma Panhandle State University
2. Connors State College
3. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
4. Langston University
5. Oklahoma State University

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee  
Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee  
Fiscal Affairs and Plant Facilities Committee  
Planning and Budgets Committee  
Regents' Steering Committee Re: OPSU Presidential Search

**OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Reports or recommendations by the Chief Executive Officer**

- a. General Business
- b. General Counsel
- c. Chief Audit Executive

**Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.**

(At the time this agenda is posted, detailed institutional agendas are available in the Office of the Board of Regents for review.)

**DATE:** March 4, 2016

**TIME:** Board will officially convene at 10:00 a.m.\*

**PLACE:** Council Room, 412 Student Union, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON OCTOBER 26, 2015.**

**Business:**

- Approval of Order of Business
- Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2016
- Announcement of meeting on April 22, 2016, in the Regents Room, A. D. Stone Student Union, Connors State College, Warner, Oklahoma
- Approval of meeting on June 17, 2016, in Conference North, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor-Student Center, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, 900 North Portland, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Recognition of Regent Rick Davis
- Acknowledgement of appointment of Jarold Callahan
- Adoption of Memorial Resolution for former Regent Jack M. Givens
- Reports/comments/recommendations by Board Chairman

**OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY**

- General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board  
Appointment of Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs and Outreach

\* The Board will have breakfast on Friday, March 4, 2016, at 7:30 a.m. in Suite 1600, 290 Student Union, on the campus of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, with Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis and possibly other OSU administrators for informal discussion. Various subjects may come up for discussion including recent activities/developments pertaining to legislative/governmental issues, matters affecting State funding, administrative issues, systemization, future staffing, capital projects including new construction and renovation, educational programs, student matters, athletics, external relations, budget matters, fund raising, student recruitment and retention, and Board communications. The Board may also receive from the Chief Executive Officer announcements of general information and interest, information on Board administrative operations, and information about recent and upcoming meetings and discussions. The Board will have lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. in the Starlight Terrace, 465 Student Union, on the OSU campus.

- Policy and Operational Procedures
  - Approval of OPSU Policies and Procedures for External Grant Management
- Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.
- Instructional Programs
  - Approval to confer honorary Bachelor of Science degree to Mr. Robert Etbauer
  - Approval to delete the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice-Collegiate Officer Program
- New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted
- Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board at this Meeting
  - Update information on the Women in Ag & Business Conference, the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual OPSU Performance Test bull sale, the recognition of OPSU football players, OPSU hosting a National Cheerleaders Association and Varsity Spirit Camp, the success of the Top Hand Auction sponsored by the OPSU Rodeo Team, and the annual Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction
  - January and February President's Update Newsletters
  - Out-of-state travel summary

### **CONNORS STATE COLLEGE**

- General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board
  - Remarks by President Faltyn
- Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.
- Instructional Programs
  - Approval of program modification and delivery update regarding the Associate in Applied Science: Physical Therapist Assistant program
- New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted
- Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board at this Meeting
  - Out-of-state travel summary

### **NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE**

- General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board
  - Remarks by President Hale
  - Update information regarding budget, graduates/degrees conferred and first-time freshman enrollment, Annual Founder's Day Celebration, and NEO Talent Search Program

- Other Business and Financial Matters  
Approval to revoke campus peace officer commission
- Purchase Requests (purchases of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)
- New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted
- Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board at this Meeting  
NEO Golden Norse 2016 football schedule  
Out-of-state travel summaries

### LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

- General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board
- Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.
- Instructional Programs  
Approval to conduct a pilot summer program offering remedial and general education courses
- Other Business and Financial Matters  
Approval to begin the process of transferring account balances represented on the University Financial Statements received as contributions to the Langston University Foundation
- New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted
- Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board at this Meeting  
Out-of-state travel summary

### OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

- General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board  
Opening comments by President Hargis  
Presentation on diversity at OSU
- Resolutions  
Adoption of Memorial Resolutions for Alexander Filonow, John A. Wiebelt, and Victor Wolfram
- Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.

- Instructional Programs
  - Approval of proposed new degrees and program modifications
  - Approval of proposed revisions to the General Education curriculum
- Other Business and Financial Matters
  - Approval of peace officer commissions
  - Approval of Series 2016A General Revenue Bond actions
  - Approval to refund the Equipment Master Lease Program Bonds, Series 2006A
- Contractual Agreements (other than construction and renovation)
  - Approval to grant perpetual easement to the City of Woodward, Oklahoma (OSU-System)
  - Ratification of interim approval to enter an agreement with the City of Stillwater
- New Construction or Renovation of Facilities
  - Approval to begin selection process for on-call consultants to provide as-needed Construction Management Services to the University system and institutions governed by the Board
- Purchase Requests (purchases of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)
- New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted
- Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board at this Meeting

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Fifteen minutes will be provided to receive comments if there are representatives of the general public interested in addressing the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Consider other possible actions based upon reports or recommendations by various Committees of the Board of Regents.

#### **Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee**

Receive information and a possible recommendation from the Chief Procurement Officer regarding approval of revisions to Board Rule 30:10-1-2 *Uniform and Integrated Purchasing and Contracting policy*.

#### **Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee**

Consideration of information and a possible recommendation regarding the FY-2015 audits for Langston University.

Consideration of information and a possible recommendation regarding FY-2015 OSU NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures; OSU/OSU Foundation/Cowboy Athletics, Inc., Agreed Upon Procedures; OSU Intercollegiate Athletics Program Accounts Audited Financial Statements; and OSU Research Foundation, Inc., Audited Financial Statements.

Consideration of information and a possible recommendation regarding the selection of external auditors for FY-2016 for Oklahoma State University and its constituent budget agencies.

Fiscal Affairs and Plant Facilities Committee

Planning and Budgets Committee

Regents' Steering Committee Re: Oklahoma Panhandle State University Presidential Selection Process

**OTHER BOARD OF REGENTS' BUSINESS**

- General Information/Reports Requiring No Action By the Board
- Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title, reclassification, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.
- Purchase Requests (purchases of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)
- Other Business Matters Requiring Action of the Board  
Approval of revisions to Board Policy Manual/Board Rules reflecting title change of Chief Procurement Officer
- Reports/comments/recommendations by Chief Executive Officer
- Reports/comments/recommendations by General Counsel
- Reports/comments/recommendations by Chief Audit Executive
- New Business Unforeseen At Time Agenda Was Posted

March 4, 2016

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Joe D. Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer

Certified correct minutes subject to approval of the Board of Regents of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on April 22, 2016.

  
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Cheryl Williams  
Executive Administrative Associate