

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, NOC Stillwater

Regents Present: Jodi Cline, Brad Fox, Jami Groendyke, Jason Turnbow, and Michael Martin.

Employees Present: Dr. Clark Harris, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Rick Edgington, Jason Johnson, Diana Watkins, Jeremy Hise, Scott Cloud, Ryan Paul, and Denise Bay.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Michael Martin called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Notice of the meeting had been given to the Secretary of State and the agenda posted. Quorum was declared present.
2. **Introduction of visitors, guests, and/or speaker.**
3. **Reciting of the Northern Oklahoma College Mission Statement.** Northern Oklahoma College, the State's first public community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities and in a connected, ever-changing world.
4. **Public Comments.** No comments to report.

BOARD ACTION

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Wednesday, February 16, 2022 meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Groendyke, Turnbow, and Martin.
6. **Reimbursement Resolution.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented the Reimbursement Resolution for approval. On the motion of Regent Cline as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents approved the Reimbursement Resolution as presented. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Groendyke, Turnbow, and Martin.

7. **Monthly Financial Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented for approval of the monthly financial report dated February 28, 2022. On the motion of Regent Turnbow as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Groendyke, Turnbow, and Martin.

8. **Monthly Purchase Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented March 2022 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#1.) Student Accident Shield Insurance Premium, Specialty Insurance Solutions - \$166,317.00, Funding Source: Capital & Auxiliary Funds, Sole Source. On the motion of Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Cline, the Regents approved March 2022 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Groendyke, Turnbow, and Martin.

9. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

- No monthly allocations to report.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

10. **Building a Better NOC Update.**

- Dr. Harris passed out a packet and gave a brief update on Building a Better NOC and noted that there is a 45-page document that provides a tremendous number of good ideas for NOC to use to improve the general public image and in recruitment. The Executive Council will use the collection of ideas to identify strategies to implement today and others that will require additional funding or planning.

11. **Future direction of NOC Foundation.**

- Dr. Harris presented a PowerPoint focusing on the new direction of the NOC Foundation. The proposed direction is to become an “active” vs the current “passive” Board. An active board with the intent that the Board will become active participants in the fundraising for the Foundation, such as identifying prospective donors, being a part of the discussion with a donor about the donation, and hosting events to bring in potential donors. Donation goals will work towards direct NOC scholarships, endowed scholarship funds, and program support for student activities, such as Athletics, Livestock Judging, Performing Arts, PLC, etc. Secure funds will help projects and activities at NOC, building on the input from NOC employees and students.

12. **Administrative Comments.**

- Diana Watkins gave thanks to the Nursing Division for all the hard work they put into the ACEN Review/Accreditation. Ms. Watkins also noted that everything seems to indicate that summer programs for the Global Education Program will be traveling.
- Sheri Snyder stated that the NOCF Board of Directors will be meeting to discuss the future direction of the NOC Foundation with year one Strategic Goal priorities next week. She also noted that the 3-year lease NOC has on printing equipment expires in May. The Printing Service department has submitted an RFP for the Print Shop Production project with bids due April 14 at 2:00 p.m.
- Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the Spring 2022 Preliminary Enrollment Report dated March 23, 2022, noting that the headcount is up 6% from last year but credit hours are down by 3% from 2021.
- Jeremy Hise noted that NOC/NWOSU held multiple meetings working on the details of a Compressed Elementary Education Program. The program is designed to assist with the teacher shortage we are experiencing across the State of Oklahoma.
- Anita Simpson reported that project upgrades for our current Telecom/Phone System and Print Management Services have been submitted. She also noted that OKHEEI Group received renewal premium costs for 2023 Plan Year for medical health insurance reflecting a 2.83% increase in rates.
- Anita Simpson stated that we are in a process of submitting projects for the state ARP funds for broadband and campus infrastructure. Upgrading the HVAC systems on the Enid and Tonkawa campuses will be one project submitted for approval.
- Diana Watkins noted that NOC Stillwater had a Gateway booth at the browse event at OSU Admitted Students day on March 5th.
- Jason Johnson reviewed the NOC Weekly Pandemic Situation Update Report. The Weekly Pandemic Situation Update is posted on the NOC emergency page by the close of the business day each Friday to keep the campus community informed.

13. **President's Update.**

- Dr. Harris stated that NOC's COVID numbers have greatly reduced. A general downward trend nationally has led Executive Council to relax the restrictions with the pandemic. We are taking away the restriction on large events at the college. The 70% restriction will affect events such as commencement, Nursing pinning ceremony, and large student activities.
- Dr. Harris noted that the Legislative ARPA proposals that NOC has participated in will need to be broken up and the Legislature is asking colleges to submit their proposals separately.
- Dr. Harris stated that the VPAA Search Committee will begin semi-finalist interviews within the next couple of weeks.

14. **Regents' Comments.**

- No comments to report.

15. **Other Reports.**

- **Personnel Changes.** Ms. Anita Simpson reported one resignation and three new hires.
- **Quarterly Strategic Plan.** Diana Watkins provided updates on the 2019-2025 Strategic Plan. She stated that improvements have been made in every goal area.

ROUTINE AND OTHER

16. **New Business.**

17. **Items for the next agenda.**

18. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room on the Tonkawa campus.**

19. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 3:12 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Groendyke, Turnbow, and Martin.

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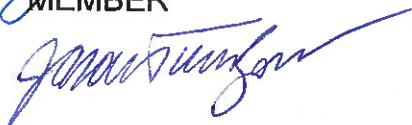
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