

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, NOC Tonkawa

Regents Present: Stan Brownlee, Jodi Cline, Dale DeWitt, Jami Groendyke, and Michael Martin.

Employees Present: Dr. Cheryl Evans, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Rick Edgington, Dr. Pamela Stinson, Jason Johnson, Diana Watkins, Ryan Paul, Denise Bay, and Scott Cloud.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jodi Cline called the meeting to order at 1:00 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.** Honorable Judge Turner
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. **New Regent Administration of Oath of Office.** Stan Brownlee was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Turner. Mr. Brownlee took the oath to become a Regent for Northern Oklahoma College.

BOARD ACTION

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Wednesday, December 16, 2020 meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Brownlee as seconded by Regent DeWitt. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.
6. **Monthly Financial Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval of the monthly financial reports dated November 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, and January 31, 2021. On the motion of Regent Martin as seconded by Regent DeWitt, the Regents approved the monthly financial reports as presented. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

7. **Monthly Purchase Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented February 2021 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#1.) Annual Support Renewal for Telecom – Presidio Network Solutions Inc. - \$41,676.00; Funding Source: Capitol Funds, State Contract: SW1006A. On the motion of Regent Brownlee as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved February 2021 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

8. **Monthly Allocations Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Computer & Networking – Tonkawa - \$45,000.00, Residence Halls: Renovation, Furniture & Equipment – Enid - \$200,000.00. On the motion of Regent Martin as seconded by Regent Brownlee, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$245,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

9. **FY2022 Academic Service Fees.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval the Academic Service Fees changes for FY2022. On the motion of Regent Brownlee as seconded by Regent Martin, the Regents approved Academic Service Fees increase for FY2022. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

10. **Resolutions Supporting the Current Law on Guns on Campus.**
 - Dr. Evans presented a Resolution supporting the current law on Guns on Campus. On the motion of Regent DeWitt as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve the Resolutions supporting the Current law on Guns on Campus. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

11. **Consider Dr. Evans' formal letter of retirement as President of Northern Oklahoma College.**
 - Dr. Evans requested approval of her resignation due to retirement on June 30, 2021. On the motion of Regent DeWitt as seconded by Regent Martin, the Regents approved, with great regret and admiration, the resignation, of President Cheryl Evans effective June 30, 2021. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin and Cline.

12. **Executive Session.**
 - Executive session pursuant to Title 25. Oklahoma Statutes 307 (B)(1), for the purpose of discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion,

demotion, disciplining, or resignation of any individual salaried public office or employee.

13. **Vote to return to open session.**

- On the motion of Regent Brownlee as seconded by Regent DeWitt, the Regents voted to return to open session. Voting aye were Regent Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

14. **Naming of Search Committee for Northern Oklahoma College President.**

- Thirteen members were named to the search committee for the next Northern Oklahoma College President.
 - Regents serving on the committee include: Regent Jodi Cline, Chair, and Regent Michael Martin.
 - Area community members include Brad Gungoll, Stillwater; Chad Dillingham, Enid; and Kramer Simpson, Tonkawa.
 - NOC employees serving on the committee include Sherryl Nelson, Diana Watkins, Dr. Pam Stinson, Dr. Paul Bowers, Dr. Delisa Ging, Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Kayla Wooderson, and Cassie Firth.
- On the motion of Regent DeWitt as seconded by Regent Brownlee, the Regents voted to approve the search committee for Northern Oklahoma College President. Voting aye were Regent Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, Martin, and Cline.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

15. **Regents Comments.**

- No comments to report.

16. **Administrative Comments.**

- 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.
- Diana Watkins noted that she met with Cheryl DeVuyst, head of Agricultural Economic Department, and NOC Business instructor Stephanie Weckler to discuss the 1+3 agreement for AgriBusiness Majors. She also stated that they hosted Virtual Northern Encounter with counselor and students from McArthur High school on December 15th.

- Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the Preliminary Enrollment Report for Spring 2021, which indicated a drop in credit hours by 20% and a drop in headcount by 24%.

(Regent Martin excused himself and left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.)

- Sheri Snyder announced that this year's Higher Education Day at the Capitol will be virtual due to Covid-19 and will take place on March 9.
- Sheri Snyder noted that the deadline for the President's Leadership Council and NOC/OSU Gateway Ambassador scholarships was on February 20. PLC interviews will begin February 24 on the Tonkawa campus, Stillwater is February 25 and Enid interviews will take place on March 1. She also noted that invitations were mailed out on January 29 for the Annual Donor Recognition Dinner which will be held Virtually on February 25 at 1:00 p.m.
- Dr. Pam Stinson stated that on January 19, NOC was notified of its selection in a partnership grant with Oklahoma State University for an Equity in Transfer Initiative Grant, sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). She stated that this is a partnership grant with Oklahoma State University that will focus on providing additional coaching and other student service support for students transferring in high-impact programs with special focus on assisting students in traditionally under-represented groups. She noted that the application had a quick turnaround, and Kathleen Otto, Director of IR, put in many hours to provide the data needed for the application. Kathleen Swain, the Coordinator of Student Academic Success Strategies, will be acting as the NOC lead in the grant initiative.
- Anita Simpson gave a brief update on the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF II) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Anita stated that \$3,436,300.00 was awarded to help with Institutional Share, \$4,692.00 was awarded to help with Minority Serving Institutions, and \$985,509.00 was awarded to full and part time students.

13. **President's Update.**

- Dr. Evans announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2021 and showed her appreciation for the support of the regents as well as the faculty, staff, and students at NOC. She stated that she is so blessed to have served the past 10 years and that "the future is so bright for NOC, I will always be part of the NOC family. It's truly been an honor."
- Dr. Evans expressed appreciation to NOC Physical Plant Employees that worked so hard to clean up after the snow storm.

- Dr. Evans gave thanks to Ponca Tribe and White Eagle Health Center for coming to the Tonkawa campus to administer COVID-19 vaccines to employees who wanted to receive them.
- Dr. Evans noted that the top two candidates have been selected by the NOC Enid VP Search Committee and will be announced in coming days. There will be final presentations from both candidates on March 8 beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Montgomery Hall in the Gantz Center on the Enid campus.
- Dr. Evans gave a brief update on the Presidential Partner Grant Awards that allocated \$25,000 for mini-grants of up to \$2,500 for each proposal could be implemented to attract and/or retain students to NOC. Twenty-three proposals were received and the Foundation department announced that the majority of proposals submitted received some funding totaling \$25,000.

14. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** Ms. Anita Simpson reported eight resignations and seven new hires.

ROUTINE AND OTHER

15. **New Business.**

16. **Items for the next agenda.**

17. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Events Hall Banquet Room 202 in the Renfro Center on the Tonkawa campus.**


18. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 2:48 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Brownlee as seconded by Regent DeWitt. Voting aye were Regents Brownlee, DeWitt, Groendyke, and Cline.



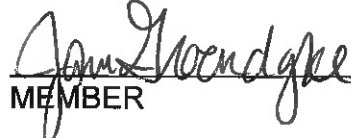
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