

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 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, and Denise Bay.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jami Groendyke called the meeting to order at 2:00 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.**
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.** Michael Duroy, Men and Womens Soccer Coach provided Information about bringing Soccer to NOC Enid.

BOARD ACTIONS

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Wednesday, February 15, 2023 meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Martin as seconded by Regent Fox. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.
6. **Executive Session.**
 - Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove convening into executive session pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statute 307 (B)(4), for the purpose of discussing confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded

by Regent Turnbow, the Regents voted to go into executive session pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes 307(B)4), regarding a U.S. Department of Education program review. Voting aye were Regent Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke. *Attorney attended telephonically.*

7. **Conveying into open session.**

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

8. **Needed actions from the Executive Session.**

- No action was taken.

9. **CDBG Grant Application.**

- Jeremy Hise presented for approval \$71,000 for the purchase of a Garaventa Stairlift to improve handicap accessibility to the basement and second floor areas of the building being leased to Making a Difference and Redtails Youth programs through the CDBG Grant process. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Turnbow, the Regents voted to approve \$71,000 for the purchase of a Garaventa Stairlift. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.

10. **Policy and Procedure Addition(s) to the NOC Employee Handbook, Institutional Polices and General Information for All Employees – Section 3.39 Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures and to the NOC Course Catalog and Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct Philosophy & Purpose – Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures.**

- Sheri Snyder presented for approval the Policy and Procedure Addition(s) to the NOC Employee Handbook, Institutional Policies and General Information for All Employees – Section 3.39 Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures and to the NOC Course Catalog and Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct Philosophy & Purpose – Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures. On the motion of Regent Cline as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents voted to approve Policy and Procedure Additions to the Employee Handbook, Institutional Policies and General Information for All Employees – Section 3.39 Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures and to the NOC Course Catalog and Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct Philosophy & Purpose – Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.

11. **Monthly Financial Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented for approval of the monthly financial report dated February 28, 2023. On the motion of Regent Martin as seconded by Regent

Cline, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.

12. **Monthly Purchase Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented March 2023 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#1.) Wind Energy Learning Systems - \$75,147.00, Funding Source: NASNTI Grant Funds, Private Funds. On the motion of Regent Martin as seconded by Regent Turnbow, the Regents approved March 2023 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.

13. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees - \$25,000.00. On the motion of Regent Martin as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$25,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

14. **Administrative Comments.**

- Diana Watkins stated that twenty-four NOC students have been awarded a Reach Higher Scholarship. The scholarship is an initiative led by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to assist adult learners in finishing a college degree. She also noted that the White Coat Ceremony for nursing students will be held on the Stillwater campus on March 23 to celebrate the transition of the first semester students from the lab to clinical practice.
- Sheri Snyder noted that the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony is on Saturday, April 1. She also invited the Regents to attend a kick-off event scheduled for Saturday, April 29 at the Ponca City Country Club for the Agriculture Alumni Association.
- Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the Spring 2023 Preliminary Enrollment Report dated March 21, 2023, noting that headcount is up by 9% with credit hours up by 3% from 2022.
- Jeremy Hise noted that he's been working with eligible Enid High School students who meet the requirements to enroll in concurrent classes at NOC. He also noted that he's been working with Hennessey High School students

to get them back on the NOC concurrent program. Most students are currently enrolled in Redlands concurrent program.

- Anita Simpson reported that OKHEEI Group received renewal premium estimates for 2024 Plan Year for medical health insurance reflecting no increases in rates. She also stated that she has submitted the financial indicator information to the Higher Learning Commission. This is an annual institutional update based upon FY2021-2022 audited financial statements.
- Wade Watkins noted that 44 students traveled to Greece and Italy during spring break. The Belize and London trips are already sold out.
- Jason Johnson reviewed the NOC Weekly Pandemic Situation Update Report. He also recognized Women's Maverick Basketball Coach Greg Krause as being voted Coach of the Year by the coaches of Region 2 women's basketball.

15. **President's Update.**

- Dr. Harris stated that the Rural Community College Caucus has been addressing rural community college issues with Representatives and Senators. This will provide an opportunity for the rural legislators to meet with the rural community college presidents to learn how bills affect rural community colleges. He also noted that the community college presidents met to review relevant topics. Some of the topics reviewed were to encourage the State to use a flat rate for tuition reimbursement for concurrent enrollment, and to stop Senate Bill 167, that will take away NOC's sole authority to offer lower division classes at the University Center in Ponca City.

16. **Regents' Comments.**

- No comments to report.

17. **Other Reports.**

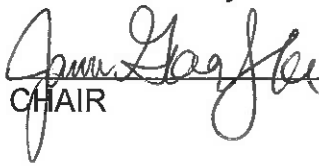
a. Personnel Changes. Ms. Anita Simpson reported two resignation and three new hires.

b. 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

- 18. **New Business.**
- 19. **Items for the next agenda. Executive Session**
- 20. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room on the Tonkawa campus.**
- 21. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 5:13 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Turnbow as seconded by Regent Fox. Voting aye were Regents Cline, Fox, Martin, Turnbow, and Groendyke.




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