

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES  
February 8, 2023**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the Physicians Health Foundation Building in the OneNet conference room in Oklahoma City. Before the meeting was called to order, President Feaver stated that advance public notice of this meeting was properly filed and displayed in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Chair Mosley called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Members present: David Ferrell, David McLaughlin, Diane Ming, Chris Mosley, and Cale Walker. Members absent were Kelly Wilkerson and JJ Francais. Also present were: President John Feaver, Vice President Donna Miles, Vice President Mike Coponiti, Vice President Monica Trevino, Vice President Sid Hudson, Vice President JP Audas, Assistant to the President Cathy Perri, Consultant to the President Tony Hutchison, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, and Diane Carroll, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the USAO Board of Regents.

**Introductions:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Approval of the Minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting:** On a motion by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Walker, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes of the January 11, 2023, Special Meeting:** On a motion by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Walker, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Communications:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**1. Personnel –**

**a. Appointments**

Lacey Dutton, effective December 5, 2022, Print Services Manager

Chad Wollenberg, effective January 1, 2023, Database Manager

Wendy Chambers, effective January 12, 2023, Visiting Art Instructor

Wes Barnhart, effective January 12, 2023, Pole Vault Coach

**b. Changes in Status**

Sean Risinger, effective January 1, 2023, Associate Director of the Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity

Erin Lynch, effective February 1, 2023, Student Engagement Coordinator

**c. Resignations**

Eric Akins, effective January 31, 2023, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor

Sandra Hunter, effective January 31, 2023, Custodian

On a motion by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel.

**2. Financial Statements** – Vice President for Business and Finance Mike Coponiti covered the monthly and quarterly financials with the group.

No action was necessary.

**3. Listing of Faculty Eligible for Tenure and/or Promotion Consideration – Tenure**

**Nicholas Boyde** (Chemistry)  
B.S. Chemistry; University of Mount Union  
Ph.D. Chemistry; Vanderbilt University  
**Appt. 2018**

**Ben Wetherbee** (English)  
B.A. English; University of Michigan  
M.A. Rhetoric and Composition; Miami University, Oxford OH  
Ph.D. Rhetoric and Composition; University of Louisville, Kentucky  
**Appt. 2016**

**Promotion**

**Yunjae Hwang** (Deaf Ed)  
B.A. Deaf Education; Woosuk University Korea  
M.A. Deaf Education; Fontbonne University  
Ph.D. Deaf Education; Gallaudet University  
**Appt. 2013**

**James Vaughn** (Psychology)  
B.A. Psychology; University of Central Oklahoma  
M.A. General Psychology; University of Central Oklahoma  
M.S. Lifespan Development Psychology; Oklahoma State University  
Ph.D. Lifespan Development; Oklahoma State University

## **Appt. 2011**

### **Layne Thrift**

(Art)

B.F.A. Ceramics; University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

M.F.A. Ceramics; Texas Tech University

## **Appt. 2012**

### **Jason Shaw**

(Biology)

B.S. Zoology; Southern Utah University

M.S. Zoology/Physiology; University of Wyoming

PhD. Biological Education; University of Northern Colorado

## **Appt. 2012**

No action was necessary.

**4. Request to Approve Resolution Supporting Existing Law Concerning Weapons on Campus** – On a motion by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**5. Request Approval to USAO Personnel Policies** – Chair Mosley asked Regent Walker to discuss the Personnel Policies. Regent Walker recommended approval of the USAO Personnel Policy, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Policy.

**6. Request Approval of Engagement of Presidential Search Consultant Firm** – The Board decided to go with the Higher Education Leadership Search (HELs) to serve as consultants for the USAO Presidential Search.

On a motion by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve HELs to serve as consultants for the Presidential Search.

**7. President's Report** – None

### **8. Remarks from Representatives to the Board**

- a. Student Association – In binders
- b. Faculty Association – In binders
- c. Alumni Association – In binders
- d. Staff Association – None

**9. Time and Place of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. on the USAO Campus.

**10. Consideration of “any matter not known about which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting of the agenda”** – None.

**11. Executive Session** – Chair Mosley asked for a motion to move the meeting into executive session. On a motion from Regent Walker, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 11:39 a.m. in order to address the remaining agenda items.

- a. Reemployment of President for Next Fiscal Year
- b. Reemployment of Administrators for Next Fiscal Year
- c. Five-Year Review of Tenured Faculty

**14. Return to Open Session** – Chair Mosley asked for a motion to move the meeting into open session. On a motion from Regent McLaughlin, seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 11:55 a.m.

- a. Reemployment of President for Next Fiscal Year – On a motion by Regent Walker, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to reemploy the President until December 31, 2023.
- b. Reemployment of Administrators for Next Fiscal Year – On a motion by Regent Walker, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to reemploy the Administrators listed for the next fiscal year.
- c. Five-Year Review of Tenured Faculty – On a motion by Regent Walker, second by Regent Ferrell the Board voted a positive tenure review of faculty members Mr. Blake Morgan and Ms. Jordan Vineyard. On a motion by Regent Walker, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted a negative tenure review of faculty member Dr. Aleisha Karjala.

**15. Adjournment** – On a motion by Regent McLaughlin, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Chair Mosley declared the Board meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Advance public notice of this meeting was properly filed and displayed in compliance with Title 25, O.S. 1981, Section 311.