

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
April 13, 2022**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, April 13, 2022, in the Student Center Ballroom on the Science & Arts campus. Before the meeting was called to order, President John Feaver stated that advance public notice of this meeting was properly filed and displayed in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Chair McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and asked for roll call. Members present- David McLaughlin, Chris Mosley, Cale Walker, Kelly Wilkerson, Diane Ming, David Ferrell, and Tom Cordell. Also present were- President John Feaver, Vice President Donna Miles, Vice President Mick Coponiti, Vice President Sid Hudson, Vice President JP Audas, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, Faculty Association Secretary Dr. Nicholas Boyde, and Vanessa McNabb, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Science & Arts Board of Regents.

Introductions: President Feaver introduced Science & Arts' newly appointed Regent, Mr. JJ Francais. Mr. Francais is the mayor of Elgin and is employed by Hilliary Communications as their Vice President for External Affairs. He will be replacing Regent Tom Cordell whose term expires June 30, 2022.

Presentations: Regents Faculty Achievement Awards were presented to three Science & Arts faculty members for Superior Teaching, Scholarly Activity, and Service.

Superior Teaching Award recipient- Dr. Chris Garneau

Scholarly Activity Award recipient- Dr. Zach Simpson

Service Award recipient- Dr. Shelley Rees

Bill & Pat Smith Scholar-Athlete Awards were presented to two Science & Arts student-athletes.

Hannah Price- Women's Golf

Cameron Hines- Men's Basketball

Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2021, meeting: On a motion to accept the minutes as amended (page 3, Item 4 typo- "quick" should be "quit") by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent McLaughlin the minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Personnel –

a. Appointments

Abigail Caselli, effective January 3, 2022, Instructor of Psychology
Jennifer Dooley, effective January 3, 2022, Science & Arts Foundation Director of Operations

Sidney Wilson, effective January 3, 2022, Success and Retention Coach

Magdalene Perry, effective February 7, 2022, Financial Aid Specialist

Reagan Thatcher, effective February 28, 2022, Housing Facilities Coordinator

Sean Tourtelotte, effective March 7, 2022, Carpenter (part-time)

Christie Sandefur, effective August 19, 2022, Instructor of Education

b. Changes in Status

Sid Hudson, effective November 1, 2021, Vice President for Initiatives and Innovations, and Information Technology

Anne Tsonetokoy, effective November 15, 2021, Librarian: Reference and Special Collections

Daniel Pool, effective November 15, 2021, Librarian: Emerging Technology Specialist

Nancy Hughes, effective December 1, 2021, Associate Vice President for Student Services and Human Resources

Jean-Paul Audas, effective January 3, 2022, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director for the Science & Arts Foundation

Lana Souders, effective February 17, 2022, Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs and Human Resources

Jordan Vinyard, effective February 22, 2022, Associate Professor of Art and Director of ArtWrecker Studio and Gallery

Gavin Copenhaver, effective March 1, 2022, Custodian (Full-time)

Kyla Patterson, effective March 9, 2022, Admissions Technology Specialist (will be full-time effective May 16, 2022)

c. Resignations

Josh Herndon, effective January 21, 2022, Technical Director/Facilities Manager

Antonio Boyiddle, effective January 31, 2022, Grounds

Chisum Lane, effective February 2022, Admissions Officer and Technology Specialist

Bellande Bertrand, effective February 25, 2022, Student Life & Hall Coordinator

Chad Eggar, effective April 4, 2022, Creative Services Coordinator and Graphic Designer

d. Retirements

Nancy Hector, effective April 30, 2022, Professor of Education

On a motion by Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel actions.

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

Budget discussions will take place in the June meeting. Increases in tuition, fees both non-mandatory and mandatory, room and board, and meal plans will need to be looked at in the upcoming budget. Rising food costs will also have to be addressed. We have not had increases in some of these areas for several years. Appropriations for higher education are uncertain at this time.

No action was necessary.

3. Request Approval for Solicitation of Proposals to Perform 2021-2022 Financial Audit – Last year we completed our fifth year with Finley & Cook, PLLC. It is now time to solicit proposals to perform our audits for the next five years. With the Boards approval we will start the solicitation process.

On a motion by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for solicitation of proposals to perform 2021-2022 financial audit.

4. Ratification of Acceptance of Co-Development Agreement with the Chickasha Community Foundation and Transfer of Real Property with the Chickasha Municipal Authority – The Regents Committee met on January 12, 2022, to finalize changes to both documents. Regent Cordell and Regent Wilkerson gave an overview of the committee meeting discussions regarding revising of the two documents. Those changes are what is being presented for ratification.

Regent Ming made a motion to accept ratification of the documents as presented and for President Feaver to execute those documents necessary to completion, seconded by Regent Wilkerson. With a vote of 6-yes and 1-abstain the ratification of acceptance of the Co-Development Agreement and the Transfer of Real Property were approved.

5. Request to Approve Resolution Supporting Existing Law Concerning Weapons on Campus – Existing law prohibits carrying weapons on campus with the exception of the President of the university having authority to designate, if necessary certain individuals to carry a weapon on campus. The Board has supported this in past years.

On a motion from Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent Mosley, the Resolution was approved unanimously.

6. Listing of Faculty Eligible for Tenure and/or Promotion Consideration – This item is one carried over from the February agenda and is for the Board’s information only. Further discussion will take place in the Executive Session.

No action required at this time.

7. Request Approval of Proposed Curriculum Changes – The Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the proposed curriculum changes. Regent Walker asked Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Donna Miles to give the Board an overview of the committee discussion regarding the proposed curriculum changes. Changes include updating the Chemistry major and minor. Adding and dropping courses in English and rebranding the B.A. in English. The remaining curriculum changes are changes to the course title and/or description in physics, IDS English, and mathematics.

Regent Walker made a recommendation to approve, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed curriculum changes.

8. President’s Report –

- a. FY23 budget, legislative appropriations – this was covered in Item 2. The Legislative Agenda (provided by OSRHE) was distributed to the Board.
- b. Board consolidation – The merger bill (SB1675) that listed six community colleges (rural) and Science & Arts did not make it through the Senate this year but will continue to be an issue in the future. Many across the state are wondering why Science & Arts is on the list.

Two documents on mission and governance will soon be shared with the Board. They are designed for the Science & Arts Board, the OSRHE, the Chancellor, and internally. Not having our own governing board could be disastrous to the institution.

- c. Athletics – Vice President Sid Hudson addressed the Board to share information from his area. He stated selecting the Bill & Pat Smith Scholar-Athlete recipients this year was difficult. There were more than just a handful of deserving nominations. There will be 40 student-athletes walking next Saturday, which is a big number. Layne Thrift and Jordan Vinyard are working on getting the medallions done for those athlete’s graduating. We have a good number of athletes who actually complete their degree because academic achievement is very important. Some of that is due to the “quality and character” of students being recruited. VP Hudson shared on some athletic alums who are continuing sports after their degree. In other areas, there are two Science & Arts track and field athletes who may be competing in the Commonwealth Games representing their country; the softball team is 36-4 and the baseball is “equally” as good. Both have a good chance to make it back to the national tournament this year. Golf- at the most recent tournament women’s golf had a medalist and the team finished 5th. The men’s golf team won the tournament after two 2nd and

one 3rd place finishes in previous tournaments. Both groups are having a successful season.

Coach Ross is looking to increase numbers in some areas. The Development office is continuing to work with AD and Cornerstone partners to host events at our facilities. We will be looking into a possible joint bid with the City of Chickasha to host a basketball regional in Chickasha. AD is working with VPAA on course offerings for sports officiating for our students to do youth officiating in the community for a bit of money.

- d. Foundation, Day of Giving – Vice President JP Audas addressed the Board and provided a 2022 Giving Day report and other updates. Giving Day was held March 31, 2022, the goal of \$75,000 was exceeded with the total raised being \$105,517 from 325 gifts. VP Audas thanked the Board for their support on Giving Day.

One thing Development is trying to do is change the culture of giving with students by reinstating the Class Gift Project. This year's class is being asked to give the dollar amount of their graduating year, \$20.22. This could be used to plant a tree, create a garden, etc. The Board was thanked for their leadership. Finally, he stated sharing of information between the community and Science & Arts is improving. Regent Mosley commented on interaction of our athlete's out in the community being good for the city.

- e. Downtown, JCPenney – along with the downtown park & arts plaza and a group looking at the MidFirst building, there is interest in turning the old JCPenney building into an art museum/gallery. One family is seriously thinking about donating the building and one family is considering providing funding for renovations. This space would allow us to display some of the many pieces in our collection that we don't currently have space to display.
- f. Recruiting – Associate Vice President Sheppard McConnell distributed his April Report to the Board. Junior Day took place earlier in the month with 108 in attendance. Due to the February ACT test being cancelled (weather) and rescheduled for the same day as Junior Day, many that registered were not able to attend our event. He did point out that of the 157 that registered for Junior Day in 2021, 80% applied in the 2021 cycle. Admissions is working with housing using ERezLife and Slate. The office is continuing with various forms of communications. He shared information of comparison (2021 to 2022) on the application process from when started to being enrolled. Enrollment will be completely virtual this year due to ease of process for students. Retention activities include call, print, and text campaigns at various times.
- g. Droverstock – took place on April 7, 2022, with live bands, the Montmartre Chalk Art Festival and Junior Day.
- h. Other – Vice President Sid Hudson also shared Science & Arts had applied for a small NSF grant for small supercomputer clusters that was not funded. However, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Oral Roberts University are offering Science & Arts their extra equipment and will come to campus this

summer to help set it up. Ironically, by not obtaining the equipment from a grant, research is not limited to certain areas. This will allow us to expand on undergraduate research.

9. Remarks from Representatives to the Board

- a. Faculty Association – Dr. Nicholas Boyde, Faculty Association Secretary. Along with what was previously submitted, Dr. Boyde shared Jordan Vinyard did an art installation in Ft. Worth, TX and she is posting ArtWrecker messages on social media and has had over 13,000 hits. He mentioned the Oklahoma Film and Music office being interested in Science & Arts. Dr. Rachel Jones did some additional research in Colorado and gave a talk at the University of Tulsa. Faculty have been active on campus and in their research.
- b. Student Association – No additional report
- c. Alumni Association – Dawn Reitan-Brockman, Director of Alumni Relations and University Development. Dawn distributed a one-page document on where our graduates are now. Employers such as Houston Astros, U. S. Department of Defense, Apple, Facebook, Paycom to mention a few. Using the LiveAlumni platform she can create all sorts of reports from individuals registered on LinkedIn. This information can then be used as a recruiting tool. She is now working on creating a list of graduate schools our graduates went to. The Alumni office and Student Success Center partnered for a LinkedIn event to get our graduates registered on LinkedIn. Tia Moore who is a Science & Arts graduate was the guest speaker. The event was a huge success with students.
- d. Staff Association – No additional report

10. Time and Place of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. on the Science & Arts Campus.

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

12. Executive Session – Chairman McLaughlin asked for a motion to move the meeting into executive session. On a motion from Regent Cordell seconded by Regent Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 3:45pm 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
- d. Consideration of Reappointment of Professional and General Staff for FY2022-2023
- e. Consideration of Tenure Decisions for 2022-2023
- f. Consideration of Promotion Decisions for 2022-2023
- g. Consideration of Reappointment of Faculty and Division Chairs for 2022-2023

13. Return to Open Session – Chairman McLaughlin asked for a motion to move the meeting into open session. On a motion from Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 4:17pm. Two board members left the meeting early for other appointments, Regent Walker at 3:40pm and Regent Ming at 4:14pm. However, there was a quorum for action on the remaining items.

a. Action on Reemployment of President for Next Fiscal Year

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell. The Board voted unanimously to reemploy the President for the next fiscal year.

b. Action on Reemployment of Administrators for Next Fiscal Year

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the Board voted unanimously to reemploy the Administrators for the next fiscal year.

c. Action on Five-Year Review of Tenured Faculty

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Five-Year Review of Tenured Faculty.

d. Action on Reappointment of Professional and General Staff for FY2022-2023

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the Board voted unanimously to approve reappointment of Professional and General Staff for FY2022-2023.

e. Action on Tenure Decisions for 2022-2023

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the Board voted unanimously to grant tenure to Dr. Karen Karner and Dr. Misty Steele.

f. Action on Promotion Decisions for 2022-2023

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the Board voted unanimously to approve promotion in rank to Dr. James Finck, Dr. Karen Karner, Dr. Sarah Layman, Dr. J.C. Sanders, Dr. Misty Steele, and Quan Tran.

g. Action on Appointment of Faculty and Division Chairs for 2022-2023

On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the Board voted unanimously to approve reappointment of Faculty and Division Chairs for 2022-2023.

On a final comment- Regent Cordell asked President Feaver when reporting tenure and promotion decisions let them know the Board reviewed all materials submitted and are impressed with the hard work, creativity and dedication to the university.

14. Adjournment – On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Chair McLaughlin declared the Board meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.