

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES  
September 12, 2018**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, September 12, 2018, in the Regents Room on the USAO 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 Diane Ming led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 1:30 and asked for roll call. Members present: Tom Cordell, David Ferrell, Bill Lance, Dave McLaughlin, Chris Mosley, and Diane Ming. Members absent: Mo Anderson. Also present were: President John Feaver, Vice President Kelly Brown, Vice President Krista Maxson, Vice President Mike Coponiti, Vice President Sid Hudson, Vice President Monica Trevino, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, Faculty Association President Jeannette Loutsch, Director of Alumni Development Misti McClellan, and Joyce Sanders, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the USAO Board of Regents.

**Introductions:** None

**Presentations:** President Feaver presented a gavel to outgoing Chair of the Regents Board, Bill Lance, for his service. The President also presented a plaque to Jani Houtz, the Regents Staff Achievement Award – Employee of the Year, with our appreciation.

**Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2018, meeting:** On a motion by Regent McLaughlin, seconded by Regent Mosley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Communications:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**1. Personnel – Appointments:**

**Appointments:**

Alexis Avery, effective June 4, 2018, full-time, Neurodiversity Center Assistant, salary \$30,000

Anne Tsonetokoy, effective July 1, 2018, full-time, Library Asst. II, salary \$27,000

Joshua Tuaila, effective July 23, 2018, full-time, Security, salary \$22,880

Nina Sichterman, effective July 23, 2018, full-time, Director of Student Development & Housing Coordinator, salary \$35,000

Dierra Ely, effective August 1, 2018, part-time, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, salary \$16,000

Tyle Hankins, effective August 1, 2018, part-time, Assistant Baseball Coach, salary \$21,000

Myca Hinkle, effective August 3, 2018, full-time, Director of Student Involvement & Housing Coordinator, salary \$35,000

Marissa Amos, effective September 6, 2018, full-time, Administrative Asst. Title III Grant, \$20,015

**Change in Status:**

Bryce Hibbard, effective July 1, 2018, full-time Grounds, \$20,800

**Retirements:**

Marcia Vliet, effective August 31, 2018

Stephen Lasseter, effective October 31, 2018

**Resignations:**

Randy Sartin, effective September 7, 2018

Taylor Barron, effective October 5, 2018

On a motion by Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent Ferrrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

**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. Report on Financial Aid for FY17-18**

No action was necessary.

**4. Ratify Approval of Proposed Changes in Lecture Capture and Proposed Elective Internship Policy.**

On a motion by Regent Mosley for ratification, Regent Lance seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

**5. President's Report**

The President addressed the Board on the following items:

- a. Vice President for Information Services and Library, Kelly Brown reported.
- b. Laura Coponiti, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, addressed the Board.
- c. Vice President for Advancement, Sid Hudson, reported.
- d. Cassandra Ersland, Development Director, reported.
- e. Ryan Smith, Architect, gave a report on a comprehensive Master planning effort now underway with a tentative, initial plan prepared for Board consideration by November, 2018.

**6. Remarks from Representatives to the Board**

- a. Faculty – Dr. Jeannette Loutsch reported
- b. Students – Lauren Carroll reported
- c. Alumni – Misti McClellan reported
- d. Staff – no staff report

**7. Time and Place of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. on the USAO Campus.**

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

**9. Executive Session**

a. Discussion on Recommendation for Merit Stipends, institutional salary structure

Regent Ming asked for a motion to move the meeting into executive session. On a motion by Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent Mosley, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 3:15pm. Chair Ming declared the Board in Executive Session in order to address the remaining agenda item.

**10. Return to Open Session**

Chair Ming asked for a motion to move the meeting back into open session. A motion was made and seconded. The Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 4:10 p.m. No recommendations were made.

**11. Adjournment**

On a motion by Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent McLaughlin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Chair Ming declared the Board meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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