

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
April 12, 2023**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 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 Mosley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked for roll call. Members present- David McLaughlin, Chris Mosley, Cale Walker, Diane Ming, David Ferrell, and JJ Francais. Absent member Kelly Wilkerson. Also present were- President John Feaver, Vice President Donna Miles, Assistant to the President Cathy Perri, Vice President Monica Trevino, Vice President Mick Coponiti, Vice President Sid Hudson, Vice President JP Audas, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, Faculty Association Dr. Karen Karner, Staff Association Daniel Pool, and Diane Carroll, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Science & Arts Board of Regents.

Introductions: None

Presentations: Regents Faculty Achievement Awards were presented to three Science & Arts faculty members for Superior Teaching, Scholarly Activity, and Service.
Superior Teaching Award recipient- Thomas Willcock
Scholarly Activity Award recipient- Dr. David Reed
Service Award recipient- Katie Davis

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

Keane Harrison - Women's Soccer
Logan Dolan - Men's Basketball

Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2023, meeting: On a motion to approve the minutes by Regent Walker, seconded by Regent Ferrell the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2023: On a motion to approve the minutes by Regent Francais, seconded by Regent Walker the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023: On a motion to approve the minutes by Regent Waller, seconded by Regent Ming the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023: On a motion to approve the minutes by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Francais the minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications: None

Personnel –

Appointments:

Change in Status:

Marissa Moore, effective March 10, 2023, Associate Director of Alumni Relations and University Development

Resignations:

Gavin Copenhaver, effective March 17, 2023, Custodian

Nancy Hughes, effective April 21, 2023, Associate Vice President for Student Services and Human Resources

Ben Wetherbee, effective May 2, 2023, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Director of Undergraduate Mentored Research, and Coordinator of Writing

Abigail Caselli, effective August 15, 2023, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Elizabeth Keener, effective August 15, 2023, Assistant Professor of Physical Education

Retirees:

Jan Hanson, effective May 2, 2023, Professor of Music

Robert Newbrough, effective May 2, 2023, Instructor of Accounting

John Bruce, effective May 2, 2023, Professor of Language and Literature

Adjunct Faculty for Summer 2023:

Alfredo Baeza	Art
Andrew Myers	Art
Adam Heilman	Art
Rhenada Finch	Special Adjunct Music
Davon Carrington	Music
Kaleb Benda	Music
Anna Roach	Music
Brianne Kollmorgen	Music

Ronald Blankenship	Music
Evelyn Talbot	Music
Emily Hector	Special Adjunct Theatre/phys ed
Audra Peterson	Educational Technology
Mary Ann Chalaire	English
Pam Foster	Psychology
Clayton Hampton	Business
Brian Worthington	Physical Education
Chris Francis	Physical Education
Dawn Brockman	IDS
Rob Miles	Business
Marissa Moore	Business

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

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

No action was necessary.

Request Approval for Solicitation of Proposals to Perform 2022-2023 Financial Audit – On the basis of competitive bid, the Board selected the firm of Hinkle and Company, PC to audit the financial statements for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021-22. State law allows retention of an auditing firm for up to five consecutive fiscal years, based on an annual review of service. This will be the second year of engagement.

Hinkle and Company, PC has agreed to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for a fee of \$48,000.00, an annual assessment consistent with the agreement approved by the Regents in the initial 5-year proposal.

On a motion by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for solicitation of proposals to perform 2022-2023 financial audit.

Request Approval for Ratification of Online Business Administration Degree Program– Science and Arts has submitted a Letter of Intent to the State Regents to offer a Business Administration degree online. Science and Art’s unique mission as the state’s only public liberal arts institution influences the need for this unique mission in serving a

population not served in a face-to-face delivery. Interdisciplinary courses taught for our general education base would serve students well and is not something they can receive anywhere else in Oklahoma. This program will encourage and enable our graduates to find jobs working in the state which will add to our reputation as producing students who stay in the state after graduation. This program will become a popular and prestigious major to boost enrollment for the university overall and increase our impact on the state and the region.

Regent Walker made a motion to approve for ratification of Online Business Administration Degree Program, seconded by Regent Ferrell. With a vote of 5-yes and 1-no the ratification is approved.

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 Ming 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 adding new minor in Data Science and Laboratory Management. Adding and changing courses in Natural Science, Mathematics, Latin, Computer Science, Theatre, Arts, and IDS. IDS 1213 Writing About Literature was not approved.

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

Request Approval of the Science and Arts Student Employment Handbook - Human Resources and the Student Employee Handbook Taskforce are requesting review and approval of the Science & Arts Student Employment Handbook.

Members of the Regents Policies and Procedures Committee met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 to consider the recommendation.

Regent Walker made a recommendation to approve the Student Employment Handbook, seconded by Regent Ming, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Employment Handbook.

President's Report –

- a. Vice President JP Audas addressed the Board and provided a 2023 Giving Day report and other updates. Giving Day was held March 30, 2023, the goal of \$150,000 was exceeded with the total raised being \$168,537 from 283 gifts. VP Audas thanked the Board for their support on Giving Day.
- b. Director of Communications & Marketing Amy Goddard reported on the Marketing Campaign Review from April 2021 to March 2023, and went over the handout she gave the Regents.

c. Associate Vice President of Admissions & Recruiting Sheppard McConnell reported on Recruiting, his projection for Fall 2023 enrollment, and the need for more housing.

d. Vice President Sid Hudson reported on Athletics.

Remarks from Representatives to the Board

a. Faculty Association – Dr. Karen Karner, Faculty Association Secretary.

b. Student Association – No additional report

c. Alumni Association – Dawn Reitan-Brockman, Director of Alumni Relations and University Development.

d. Staff Association – Daniel Pool, Staff Association President.

Time and Place of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. on the Science & Arts Campus.

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

Executive Session – Chair Mosley asked for a motion to move the meeting into executive session. On a motion from Regent Francais seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 2:22 pm in order to address the remaining agenda items.

a. Consideration of Reappointment of Professional and General Staff for FY2023-2024

b. Consideration of Tenure Decisions for 2023-2024

c. Consideration of Promotion Decisions for 2023-2024

d. Consideration of Reappointment of Faculty and Division Chairs for 2023-2024

Return to Open Session – Chair Mosley asked for a motion to move the meeting into open session. On a motion from Regent Francais, seconded by Regent Ming, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 3:00 pm.

a. Action on Reappointment of Professional and General Staff for FY2023-2024

On a motion by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Francais, the Board voted unanimously to approve reappointment of Professional and General Staff for FY2023-2024.

b. Action on Tenure Decisions for 2023-2024

On a motion by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Francais, the Board voted unanimously to grant tenure to Dr. Nicholas Boyde.

c. Action on Promotion Decisions for 2023-2024

On a motion by Regent McLaughlin, seconded by Regent Francais, the Board voted unanimously to approve promotion in rank to Dr. Nicholas Boyde, Dr. Yunjae Hwang, Dr. Jason Shaw, Dr. Layne Thrift, and Dr. James Vaughn.

d. Action on Appointment of Faculty and Division Chairs for 2023-2024

On a motion by Regent Francais, seconded by Regent Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve reappointment of Faculty and Division Chairs for 2023-2024.

Adjournment – On a motion by Regent Walker, seconded by Regent Francais, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Chair Mosley declared the Board meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.