

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, NOC Tonkawa

Regents Present: Jami Groendyke, Michael Loftis, Sandy Mulligan, and Jason Turnbow.

Employees Present: Dr. Rick Edgington, Jeremy Hise, Dr. Marsh Howard, Dr. Shelly Mencacci, Jason Johnson, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Diana Watkins, Denise Bay, and Scott Cloud.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jason Turnbow called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Notice of 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.**

BOARD ACTION

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Wednesday, November 13, 2024, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis. Voting aye were Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.
6. **NOC Website Policies**
 - Sheri Snyder presented two new NOC Website Policies for approval:
 - a. **Privacy Policy**
 - b. **Cookies Policy**On the motion of Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved both policies. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

7. **FY26 Academic Service Fee request**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval the Academic Service Fees changes for FY26. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved Academic Service Fees changes for FY2026. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.
8. **Monthly Financial Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval the monthly financial reports dated November 30, 2024. On the motion of Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regent Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.
9. **Monthly Purchase Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented December 2024 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more were for:** (#I.) Install New Boiler System in Fieldhouse – Tonkawa – Ideal Mechanical Services - \$26,540.00, Funding Source: Auxiliary Funds. (#II.) Academic Research Data Base – All Campuses – ProQuest - \$28,764.19, Funding Source – Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved December 2024 monthly purchases. Voting aye were Regent Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.
10. **Monthly Allocations Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Library Acquisitions – \$25,000.00, Library Acquisitions – Enid, - 25,000.00, Purchase of Vehicles – \$10,000.00. On the motion of Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$60,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regent Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

11. **Administrative Comments.**
 - Dr. Shelly Mencacci gave a brief overview of highlights from her division. In the Fine Arts Department, Dr. Dixon announced that their primary building is getting a new roof. The NOC Choir will perform in Enid on December 4th to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Engineering, Physical Sciences, and Process Technology, Chair Dr. Frankie Wood-Black shared that the NOC Rocket Team has been accepted to compete in the NASA First Nations Launch Competition. In the Business Division, Cara Beth Johnson is developing an academic interscholastic competition to bring potential NOC applicants to campus. Also

in the Health, Physical Education & Recreation, Suzi Brown reported on committee work, including the Presidential Leadership Scholars' fundraising success. They sold 770 dozen cinnamon rolls, totaling over 9,000 baked goods for the holiday season.

- Sheri Snyder extended an invitation to the Regents to attend the Mural Dedication & Artist Reception with Yatika Starr Fields on December 11, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., in the Cultural Engagement Center. This special event will celebrate the unveiling of new murals, with an opportunity to hear directly from the artist about his inspiration and creative process. She also noted that her department continues to work on plans and preparation for the Presidential Investiture of Diana Morris Watkins.
- Jeremy Hise stated that Enid students made a meaningful impact during the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma's Day of Kindness, contributing 300 plus service hours across the community. Over 200 students assisted with projects such as setting up Christmas lights in downtown Enid, Meadowlake Park, and Humphrey Heritage Village, as well as cleaning the NOC pond and supporting initiatives on the south side of town. He also noted that as part of the 25th-anniversary celebration of the NOC Enid campus, the NOC Choir performed *Festival of Angels: The Sacred Carols of Dan Forrest* in Bivins Chapel. Led by Shannon Varner and Brandon Haynes, the concert captivated an audience of over 90 guests. The performance was a standout moment, showcasing the dedication and talent of our students and directors, making it a memorable highlight of the anniversary celebration
- Dr. Rick Edgington presented an enrollment update for spring semester 2025. He noted that total headcount and total credit hours are up by 10 percent from spring 2024.
- Ms. Anita Simpson reviewed two tables detailing the average salaries for 9–10-month full-time faculty and the average staff benefits for faculty members.
- Jason Johnson stated that as the semester concludes, the Athletic Department is focused on finishing strong both academically and athletically. All four basketball teams are deep into their season, eagerly anticipating the start of region 2 play in January. The wrestling teams, in their inaugural seasons, have experienced both successes and challenges. The baseball teams had a productive fall, with many sophomores already receiving offers from four-year universities for the 2025-2026 season. Similarly, the softball teams completed successful fall preseasons and are preparing for the upcoming season, with several recruits committing to join NOC in Fall 2025. The soccer teams have finished their seasons, and the coaching staff is busy

recruiting and signing new student-athletes for next year. We are eager to receive final GPAs to assess how our teams performed academically.

12. **President's Update.**

- Diana Morris Watkins reported that NOC is continuing its partnerships with OSU and shared that she recently met with Provost Chris Francisco to discuss key priorities for NOC before denial letters are issued in February.
- She also announced that Chris Kidd has been appointed as the new Director of OAAC, noting that Chris will be a strong advocate for the college.
- Additionally, Diana mentioned that she and several other members of the Executive Council attended the Legislative Receptions, where they had the opportunity to engage with several legislators.
- Diana Morris Watkins highlighted the Faculty In-Service as both encouraging and motivational, with valuable insights shared by Keynote Speaker Mark Perna. She also noted that the NASNTI Grant played a crucial role in funding Mark Perna's presentation, allowing the college to offer this impactful event to faculty and staff.

13. **Regents' Comments.**

- No comments were reported.

14. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** Ms. Anita Simpson reported no new hires or resignations.

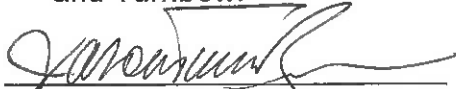
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15. **New Business.**


16. **Items for the next agenda.**

17. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room 106B on the Tonkawa campus.**


18. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 2:45 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis. Voting aye were Regent Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.



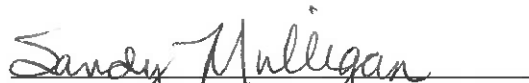
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