

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, Enid Campus

Regents Present: Chair, Jeffrey Cowan, Linda Brown, Keith James, and Lynn Smith. Regent Tom Dugger was absent.

Employees Present: Dr. Cheryl Evans, Dr. Judy Colwell, Larry Dye, Dr. Rick Edgington, Kirby Tickel-Hill, Jeremy Hise, Bradley Jennings, Jason Johnson, Ryan Paul, Debbie Quirey, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Pam Stinson, Dr. Ed Vineyard, Bill Johnson, and Sherry Reubell.

1. **Call to order.** Regent Cowan called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Notice of the meeting had been given to the Secretary of State and the agenda posted.
2. **Introduction of visitors, guests, and/or speaker.** Cammie Fast, Chair, Nursing Division; April Heitfeld, Nursing Faculty, Plus 50 Grant; Cara Beth Johnson, Chair, Business Division; Laura Marshall, Business Faculty and Governor's Cup participant, Gregory Cusick.
3. **Reciting of the Northern Oklahoma College Mission Statement.**

Northern Oklahoma College, the State's oldest 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. **Vote to approve minutes.** The minutes of the Wednesday, March 25, 2015 meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Brown as seconded by Regent James. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD:

5. **Program Showcase.** Ms. Cara Beth Johnson, Business Division Chair, introduced Ms. Laura Marshall, Business Faculty and Governor's Cup sponsor. Ms. Marshall introduced Gregory Cusick who along with Brenna Lane, Electrical and Environmental engineer major and Edgar Delgadillo, Business major, formed Magnetic Solutions, Inc. This team won the Robert E. Craine Outstanding Venture Award. This is the first time this award has been given to a team and Northern Oklahoma College was the only 2-year community college to win an award in the Governor's Cup this year. The idea of Magnetic Solutions, Inc. is the use of electromagnets and superconducting magnets creating a generating system that could replace engines and turbines to be run without the use of coal or other fossil fuels. OG&E is in negotiations with Magnetic Solutions Inc. to develop a prototype to operate the systems at the Sooner Power Plant. This could be a potential savings to OG&E of \$70 million per generator, if utilized. Cusick has patented the idea and now the company, Magnetic Solutions, Inc., owns all rights to this patent. Ms. Cammie Fast, Nursing Division, Chair, reported that the NCLEX scores for 2015 have been received with Enid Nursing reporting a score of 94%, Stillwater Nursing had a score of 93% and Tonkawa Nursing had a score of 80%. April Heitfeld, Nursing faculty, Enid, shared information regarding the Plus 50 Grant. The Plus 50 Grant is for adults over 50. This program was started nationally in 2008 to help laid-off workers return to the labor force. Northern Oklahoma College believes that a college education should be available to everyone. This program will provide sections on orientation, computer knowledge, Blackboard, and public information sessions, just to name a few. April mentioned that she had a Plus 50 booth at the Enid Home Show and 70 people signed up for the program.
6. **Regents Report.** Regent Cowan enjoyed the opening of NOC's Failing Field which was a lot of fun. Regent Cowan commended Athletic Director Jeremy Hise for a very nice job.

7. **Administrative Updates.**

- Ms. Quirey thanked everyone that came to Stillwater for the retirement celebration given in her honor. It was a lot of fun and had a good crowd.
- Dr. Edgington discussed enrollment numbers for fall, summer and spring.
- Dr. Edgington mentioned that NOC will host the Reverse Transfer Conference in July, 2015 in Oklahoma City.
- Ms. Simpson reminded everyone that the Ethics Commission report is due.
- Ms. Simpson announced that there will be an increase in health insurance coverage and she is checking into options with other providers to see what they can do for NOC regarding the premiums.
- Ms. Simpson advised the Regents that the presidential packages have been mailed and they should mail the feed-back as soon as possible.

8. **President's Update.**

- Dr. Evans announced that state funding cuts to Higher Ed are expected – it is anticipated that somewhere around 3-5% is being considered.
- Dr. Evans stated that it appears that OK Promise program will probably be protected.
- Dr. Evans mentioned that NOC Enid will host Leadership Oklahoma class Friday morning in the recently restored Marshall Building.
- Dr. Evans announced that NOC is down to two finalists for the V. P. Stillwater position and two sessions will be held on Monday, May 4th to meet the candidates.

9. **Other reports.**

- Resignations/Terminations/New Hires. Two fulltime staff have been hired, one in Tonkawa and one in Enid and one fulltime staff resigned.

10. **The New Criteria for Accreditation.**

Dr. Pam Stinson reported that at the March 24, 2015, Annual Cooperative Alliance Workshop, staff from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) stated that coursework from technology centers may be taken in as transfer credit to a higher ed institution. Over the past two years, Oklahoma schools, responding to guidance from the Oklahoma State Regents in communications with HLC, have been working through options for contractual arrangements and/or prior learning assessments to replace the former cooperative agreements between Oklahoma higher ed institutions and career technology centers. The March 2015 clarification of HLC policy would allow an alternative with transfer credit accepted from technology centers provided there is also a revision of the Oklahoma State Regents' transfer policy. After State Regents approve a new policy, each institution will review its institutional transfer policy. Institutions will then review cooperative agreement programs for modification, suspension, or deletion in light of the possibility of transfer credit with contractual arrangements or prior learning assessments remaining the only options for awarding credit in the fall 2015 semester and until state and institutional transfer policies have been updated.

11. **Housing Committee Update.**

Mr. Johnson stated that the 2nd floors have been added and the trusses delivered and they are almost ready to close up the buildings. The furniture for both dorms has been ordered and both projects are up to date. Mr. Johnson stated that the issues with the sewage and water in Tonkawa has been taken care of at no cost to NOC.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

12. **Resource Agreement to Support Development Activities.** Ms. Sheri Snyder presented a request for approval of written agreement to allocate resources to support development activities (community and stakeholder relations support fund). On the motion of Regent Brown as seconded by Regent Smith, the Regents approved the written agreement to allocate resources to support development activities (community and stakeholder relations support fund). Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.

13. **Northern Management Services Contract.** Ms. Simpson requested approval of Northern Management Services Contract. On the motion of Regent Smith as seconded by Regent James, the Regents approved the Northern Management Services Contract. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.
14. **Increase Rate for Rental Properties.** Ms. Simpson requested approval to Increase Rate for Rental Properties across the board \$10.00 per month, to be effective July 1, 2015. Rental rates for use of Marshall Building, Enid Campus, will be increased and usage will increase to 2 days instead of one day. On the motion of Regent Smith as seconded by Regent Brown, the Regents approved to Increase Rate for Rental Properties by \$10.00 per month across the board, effective July 1, 2015, as well as increasing rate and usage of Marshall Building. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.
15. **Monthly Financial Report.** Ms. Simpson presented the Monthly Financial Report for March 31, 2015. On the motion of Regent Smith as seconded by Regent Brown, the Regents approved the Monthly Financial Report as presented. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.
16. **Monthly Purchases.** Ms. Simpson presented the March 2015 monthly purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000.00 or more** were Exterior Trim Painting - Three Residence Halls & Student Union/Cafeteria-Tonkawa, *BC Coating, LLC*, \$49,500.00, funding source: Capital Funds; Sidewalk Removal & Replacement-Tonkawa, *Rick Scott Construction, Inc.*, \$33,453.00, funding source: Capital Funds; Cafeteria Renovation-Enid, Base Bid & Alternates, 1, 2, 4, 5 & 11, *Rick Scott Construction, Inc.*, \$1,476,381.00, funding source: Capital Funds; Fiber & Telecom Service Upgrade for New Residence Halls-Tonkawa & Enid, *Shotrok*, \$63,827.93, sole source, funding source: Capital Funds; Tile & Carpet Replacement -Marshall, Zollars & Harmon Offices-Enid, \$70,000.00, estimate, funding source: Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Smith as seconded by Regent Brown, the Regents approved items #1, 3, 4 & 5. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan. On the motion of Regent Smith as seconded by Regent James, the Regents decided to table item #2 (Sidewalk Removal & Replacement-Tonkawa) of the purchases. Voting aye to table item #2 were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.
17. **Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 Allocation Requests.** Ms. Simpson requested approval of the Section 13 New College 600-650 allocation request for \$245,000.00 for the following projects: Instruction Furniture & Equipment, \$10,000.00; Instruction Furniture & Equipment-Enid, \$10,000.00; Computers & Networking-Enid, \$5,000.00; Computers & Networking-Stillwater, \$5,000.00; Computer Software Fees & Licenses, \$35,000.00; Physical Plant & Equipment, \$35,000.00; Residence Halls: Furniture, Equipment & Renovation, \$45,000.00; Residence Halls: Equipment & Renovation-Enid, \$15,000.00; Purchase of Enid Campus, \$25,000.00; Construction of Residence Hall-Tonkawa, \$30,000.00; Construction of Residence Hall-Enid, \$30,000.00. On the motion of Regent Brown as seconded by Regent Smith, the Regents approved the request for \$245,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.
18. **New Business.** Consideration of "any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting of the agenda."
19. **Items for next agenda.**
20. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting:** The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 1:00 p.m., President's Conference room, Tonkawa Campus. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the President's Conference room.
21. **Adjournment.** Motion made at 2:05 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Smith, as seconded by Regent James. Voting aye were Regents Brown, James, Smith, and Cowan.

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