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BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
May 21, 2021 10:30 A.M.

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 a.m., May 21, 2020, in the Regent Board Room located on the Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library Building of the Wilburton Campus.

Members of the Board present:

Mrs. Cara Bland, Secretary  
Mr. Latt Jeffrey, Member  
Mr. Larry Spradley, Member  
Mrs. Loise Washington, Member

Members absent:

Mrs. Teresa Jackson, Chair  
Mr. Brian Lott, Vice Chair  
Mr. Bobby Mouser, Member

Others present:

Dr. Janet Wansick, President  
Dr. Patricia Ratliff, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Mrs. Trish McBeath, Vice President of Student and External Affairs  
Mrs. Amy Armstrong, Vice President of Administrative Service/HR Director  
Ms. Trisha White, Director of Finance  
Mrs. Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President and to the Board of Regents  
Mrs. Kellye Semeski, Faculty Council Chair  
Mrs. Teresa Brady, Staff Council Chair

A. Regent Bland called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

B. Regent Bland declared a quorum present.

C. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Mr. Leland Walker- Mr. Walker was appointed by Governor Stitt and confirmed by the Senate as a member of the Board of Regents of Eastern Oklahoma State College for a seven-year term beginning June 2, 2021 and expiring June 1, 2028. Mr. Walker will be replacing Loise Washington.

Mr. George Larson- Mr. Larson will assume the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) position effective July 1. George has been serving as Interim CTO since January 2021 and has been doing an outstanding job.

**D. BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Scheduled Meeting on April 16, 2021.

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Washington seconded to approve item D,1, minutes as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser. The motion carried.

**E. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

*None*

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

*None*

**H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

1. Payroll & Claims
  - i. April 2021 in the amount of \$2,101,230.35.

Regent Washington moved and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve item H,1, i, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser. The motion carried.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Lease-Purchase Request for 2011A Master Lease for Approval-Refinancing
2. Apartment Rent Increase

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve item I,1,2, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser. The motion carried.

**J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

1. Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department/Robbers Cave State Park

Regent Spradley advised that he would like to see a signing event to promote/highlight the partnership with Robbers Cave State Park. Dr. Wansick will invite Robbers Cave Park Manager, Loren Mayes, to an upcoming board meeting for an update on the park.

Regent Jeffrey moved and Regent Washington seconded to approve items J, 1, as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser. The motion carried.

**K. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

*None*

**L. PURCHASE REQUEST**

*None*

**M. STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

*None*

**N. PURCHASE REQUEST**

*None*

**O. OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

*None*

**P. GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Personnel Report- Dr. Wansick reported that there were no unusual personnel issues.
2. McAlester Report-Anne Brooks  
No Report Given
3. President's Report

**Trisha White-Director of Finance Report**

- Trisha gave the group a detailed Cash Flow Report.
- 2021-2022 Budget will be presented at the June 18, 2021 Board of Regents Meeting

**Dr. Patricia Ratliff-Academic Affairs Report**

- The spring semester is complete and the summer semester begins June 1, to run until July 22.
- We are at 100% of last year's enrollment for the summer semester, with 11 days still to go before the semester begins, so enrollment has picked up! We are at 85.8% of 2019 summer enrollment.
- Data from the Enrollment Center desk downstairs for the spring semester shows a total of 4300 student contacts, which is about 40-60 per day. 47% of students are seeking help with enrollment or counseling, and almost 29% are checking on their financial aid. See attachment.

- The grant that is allowing us to remodel the library is also allowing us to offer a summer camp called Native Americans Who Code. The camp will be May 24-27 with a limit of 10 this first year, and 10 have registered. Two of our Business Division faculty, Brenda Strange and Kellye Semeski, are teaching the course. The Choctaw Nation/Melissa Juarez has assisted with recruiting and is providing items for the campers' goody bags that include backpacks. See attachment.

### **Trish McBeath-Vice President of Student and External Affairs**

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

- The COVID-19 Task Force met on Monday, May 17 to discuss current policies and procedures.
- In response to the CDC guidance released on May 13, Eastern will no longer require the mandated use of masks or face coverings on campus. Eastern also plans to return to full capacity, in-person classes and activities this fall.
- These changes to current policies are subject to change or modification depending on COVID-19 case counts in Latimer and Pittsburg counties.

#### **Sapphire Ball**

- I'm very proud to report that we had a successful Sapphire Ball on April 24. The total amount raised was \$27,428.91 for the Sapphire Scholarship fund. That's about a 14% drop from 2019 (or about \$4,300) and the difference can be attributed to individual ticket sales (made over \$5,000 on individual tickets in 2019).
- The online auction was a success, and our committee really wants to do it this way every year. It was much easier on the staff and we saw a lot more participation from people that don't typically attend the event. There was only a difference of \$183 between the 2019 auction and this year's auction.
- Our honorees did a wonderful job with their acceptance speeches and it was so nice to actually host an event on campus.
- Because of this successful event, we will be able to award 10 Sapphire Scholarships to students for next year.

#### **Website**

- The Marketing Department has been working hard the past several months on our new eossc.edu website.
- The design is much more modern and geared toward prospective students. I will be excited to showcase the new website to you all hopefully at our June meeting if there's time.

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#### **Video Project**

- We are currently partnering with a company called CGI Communications to produce a professional video that specifically advertises our McAlester Campus offerings.
- The video is part of a project with the City of McAlester that is designed to help drive economic development, tourism, promote educational offerings, and highlight the city

in a way that will hopefully encourage both companies and individuals to move to McAlester.

- We shot the video last Thursday and hope to get a copy of the finished product in the next several weeks.
- The agreement will allow us to use the video on the City of McAlester's website, our website, social media, and any other avenue that we choose.

#### **Athletics Update**

- The Eastern baseball team was recently crowned the Region II Tournament and regular season champions. They have an overall record of 46-5.
- They are preparing to play in the South-Central District Baseball Championship this weekend with Delgado out of New Orleans and Crowder out of Neosho, MO. All three are great teams, but Eastern and Crowder are both ranked in the top 5 nationally.
- Head Coach Matt Parker was named the Region II Coach of the Year and we had 15 players earn all-conference honors.
- The softball team finished their season just one win short of the championship game in the Region II conference tournament. They finished with a 22-31 season and 6 players named to the all-conference teams.
- The women's soccer team finished their season 5-8-1 with two All-Region players and the men's team finished their season 1-8 overall.

#### **Amy Armstrong-Vice President of Administrative Services**

##### **GEAR-UP Update**

- GEAR UP Tour of Oklahoma went very well. Parents and students alike commented on how impressed they were with the information they were given at Eastern. We had 80 students and parents attend. Great event.

#### **Dr. Janet Wansick-President Update**

- Dr. Wansick shared with board members a list of meetings that she attended during the month.
- EOSC will be joining a Blackboard Consortium Group (Northeastern State is the lead, Carl Albert, Murray State, Redland, Cameron University, Rogers State) to expand the services that we currently have with Blackboard by moving from self-hosted environments to the Cloud. Our services will be greatly increased by joining the group and will result in savings of \$4,000 annually.
- We are providing Covid-19 training for all employees. All full-time, part-time, adjunct faculty and staff will be provided a one-time \$500 stipend for completing the training.
- I am starting our next strategic plan. Staff input is valuable to the process, so I sent out a survey to help guide this important process. I hope to have a strategic planning session with the Board after our June 18 meeting, if schedules allow. Additional details to follow.
- EOSC surplus auction, June 5th, 2021 10 am, at the Godard building. Surplus items include both farm and meat processing equipment along with IT equipment.

- In the past, the Advisory Council for Eastern Student Success (ACCESS) Committee was formed in an effort to increase student persistence. The committee includes staff and faculty from Academic Affairs, Financial Aid, and Student Services. The administration understands the importance of retention and persistence and is committed to making data-driven decisions in this area. Data continues to be collected and reviewed with the intent of starting formal meetings again during the fall 2021 semester. Trish McBeath will be the chair of the committee.
- We are looking at EAB's Student Success Management System (SSMS) for Community Colleges. The SSMS is an enterprise-level technology that links administrators, advisors, deans, faculty, other staff, and students in a coordinated care network designed to help schools proactively manage student success and deliver a Return on Education. We will be able to make the purchase of the SSMS with CARES Act funding for the first year and possibly the second year as well.
- Legislative update- HB 2900, which contains our state system of higher education's FY22 appropriation, has been sent to Governor Stitt for consideration. HB 2900 appropriates \$812,819,822 for our state system of higher education for FY22, which represents a \$42.4 million or 5.5% increase for higher education over the FY21 appropriation. Oklahoma State Regents will meet on Friday, May 28 to certify the budget.
- The 2021-2022 budget will be presented to the board at the Regents meeting scheduled for June 18.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Bland reported that the next Board Meeting will be on Friday, June 18, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Regent Board Room located on the Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library Building of the Wilburton Campus.


Regent Washington moved and Regent Jeffrey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser. The motion carried.

CERTIFICATE

I, Cara Bland the duly appointed Secretary of the Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing are true and correct copies of the minutes of this Board at their Regular Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021.

  
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Cara Bland, Secretary

  
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Latt Jeffrey, Member