



BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2024, 3:30 pm.

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for the regularly scheduled meeting at 3:30 pm, March 14, 2024, 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:

Leland Walker, Chair
Latt Jeffrey, Vice-Chair
Larry Spradley, Secretary
Cara Bland, Member
Jerry Hamilton, Member

Members absent:

Eric Bilderback, Member
Brian Lott, Member

Others present:

Dr. Janet Wansick, President
Trisha White, Vice President of Business Affairs
Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Faculty Council Chair
Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President & Assistant to the Board
Kristen Turner, Dean of Language, Humanities & Education Division
Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer & Fundraiser
Hannah Truitt, Staff Council Representative
Jacob Sitton, Marketing Coordinator
Tracie Teague, Marketing Coordinator
Emma Beck, Marketing Assistant
Lucas Hedgecock, Student Activities & Housing Coordinator
Teresa Brady, Foundation Director

Guests:

Mike Weeks
John Redman
Dr. Kyle Foster

- A. Regent Walker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- B. Candace Raney took the roll and declared a quorum present.

C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Wansick recognized Mike Weeks and John Redman from the EOSC Foundation and Dr. Kyle Foster. Dr. Kyle Foster is being introduced as the upcoming Vice President for Student Affairs, scheduled to officially join the team on April 1st. He brings extensive

experience, having worked at the State Regent's office and more recently at the University of Oklahoma. Additionally, he has a background in student affairs from St. Gregory's and the University of Central Oklahoma.

D. BOARD MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on February 16, 2024.

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to approve the February 16, 2024, board minutes as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

The motion carried.

E. RESOLUTIONS

None

F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

None

G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1. Certificate of Mastery Communications

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to approve the certificate as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

2. Certificate of Mastery -Computer Information Systems

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to approve the certificate as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

3. Certificate of Mastery-Native American Studies

Regent Jeffrey moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to approve the certificate as presented.



Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

4. Certificate of Mastery-Small Business Management

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to approve the certificate as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

5. Certificate-Social Services Assistant

Regent Walker inquired about the reasoning why the Certificate of “Mastery” was omitted from the name and asked to add it to the title.

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve the certificate with a modification of changing the name to “Certificate of Mastery-Social Services Assistant”.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS

1. Payroll & Claims -February 2024 in the amount of \$4,358,743.06

Vice President of Business Affairs, Trisha White gave a detailed monthly expenditure report explaining purchases over \$5,000.

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to approve the payroll & claims for February 2024 as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

The motion carried.

I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Review & Accept or Reject Bid for the Purchase of Antlers Blue Building

President Wansick presented the bid from Kiamichi Technology Center (KTC) for the blue building in Antlers. Bid information was sent out to interested nonprofit organizations. KTC was the only one that returned a bid of \$382,500. President Wansick indicated that the



funds from the sale would be used to do improvements on the Goddard building, and the greenhouses.

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to accept the bid as presented.

Regent Hamilton asks that the motion include the intended use of the funds.

President Wansick indicated that the intended use would be in the board minutes, but it was fine to amend the motion.

Regent Hamilton moved to amend the motion by adding the following statement “the use for funding would be used to improve the Goddard building and the greenhouses”. Regent Spradley seconded to accept the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment, All in favor. Then a vote was taken on the amended motion

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

The motion carried.

Regent Walker expressed gratitude to all involved with the development of the Certificate of Mastery and requested appreciation be expressed to faculty and deans who have worked on proposing the above certificates. He discussed the limited availability of Native American Studies programs at two-year colleges, highlighting only a few institutions offering such degrees. Regent Walker suggested gathering representatives from Native American tribes to examine our suggested degree plan for a degree program related to Native American Studies. He mentioned that because there are already established relationships with several tribes, collaborating with them on this matter would be straightforward. Regent Walker underscores the advantages of engaging tribes early in the process, which includes encouraging Native American students to enroll in the program and potentially receiving financial assistance from the tribes in the future.

J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)

None

K. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES

None

L. NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED

None

M. GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD

Leadership Report-Trisha White, Vice President of Business Affairs

- Trisha gave a detailed cash flow projection, listing sources and uses of funds/budget analysis for the month ending February 2024.
- President Wansick added to Trisha's report, expressing satisfaction with the progress of ongoing projects, particularly the new dorm construction, affirming that it remains on schedule for completion by late or mid-summer, ensuring readiness by fall. President Wansick also provided updates on apartment renovations, noting that approximately 26 apartments still require renovation, prioritized based on available funding. Plans for potential renovations of additional apartments after the new dorm construction were mentioned. Maintenance needs in Regents Courts and Johnston Hall are slated for summer addressing, with further apartment renovations contingent on available financing.

President Wansick commended Tricia and Lucas for their efforts in implementing these plans, which included the development of a comprehensive spreadsheet to track progress. Legislative efforts to allocate \$550 million for deferred maintenance were noted, with plans underway to utilize these funds once approved. Discussion centered on two proposed bills aimed at funding maintenance projects: direct allocations to institutions and a revolving fund for no-interest loans. Emphasis was placed on the importance of addressing deferred maintenance issues, particularly regarding water leaks and other campus infrastructure concerns.

- Regent Walker inquired about the lease status of the State Forestry Department on the property owned by the college. Trisha confirmed that she will conduct research on this matter and provide an update at the next meeting.

President's Report-Dr. Janet Wansick

- Hannah Truitt provided an update on recruiting and retention efforts, focusing on the recent Summit Leadership Conference held on campus. This event, initiated last year, aims to engage sophomore and junior students at Eastern, fostering leadership skills and preparing them for future roles. This year, the conference attracted 50 attendees from eight different schools, with notable participation from students in Antlers. The event featured community leaders as speakers, including Mayor Mays and Amanda Byers, who volunteered their time to contribute to the students' development. Despite initial expectations of 75 attendees, the conference saw 50 participants, with positive feedback received from both students and community leaders. The

success of the event highlights the commitment of the Wilburton community to Eastern's mission and the development of future leaders.

- President Wansick praised the success of the recent curriculum contest held on campus, led by Candace. The event attracted 39 schools and 730 high school students, creating a vibrant atmosphere on campus. President Wansick noted the positive feedback received, with attendees and sponsors considering it one of the best-organized events they had experienced. She credited Candace and the organizing team for their efforts in ensuring the event's success. The presence of various high school mascots further enhanced the excitement, with social media buzzing with posts and comments about the event. Overall, President Wansick expressed excitement about the event's impact and the opportunity to host such a large number of high school students on campus.
- President Wansick provided a comprehensive update on recent developments and achievements at Eastern. She began by reporting on the successful hosting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education meeting on campus. The meeting received positive feedback, with particular emphasis on the presentation of a partnership document highlighting Eastern's collaborative efforts with various entities.
- President Wansick announced the favorable outcome of the accreditation review for the nursing program, which received a recommendation for full accreditation.
- Additionally, she shared progress on campus infrastructure, notably the establishment of an aquaponics greenhouse with support from the Veterans Colony and the VFW.
- President Wansick offered to share additional materials, including a PowerPoint presentation from the State Regents meeting and a video showcasing the aquaponics greenhouse.
- President Wansick announced an upcoming event featuring David Grann, the author of "Killer of the Flower Moon." Grann will be visiting the campus to speak to the student body and attend a private, invitation-only dinner on the third. More information will be shared closer to the date. The event is anticipated to draw representatives from the Choctaw Nation and various community members interested in hearing Grann's insights. President Wansick recommended watching the movie adaptation or reading the book beforehand, as both provide valuable context for Grann's discussion.

- The Sapphire Ball, scheduled for April 6th, is fast approaching, and excitement is building. An auction will be held via Facebook in the week leading up to the event. Attendees can expect an evening filled with activities, including photos with awardees, dinner, live auction items, and recognition of faculty, staff, distinguished alumni, and community members. The event serves as a formal fundraiser for student scholarships. With around 140 reservations already made, there's still time for last-minute sign-ups, and many regents have already confirmed their attendance. All are encouraged to join as guests to celebrate and support this meaningful cause.
- Handouts were shared with the Board for review. (Attached)
 - January, February & March Recruitment, Marketing, & Retention Efforts
 - Cash Flow Projection through March 31, 2024
 - Eastern Oklahoma State College Partnerships Document

Chairman's and Regent's Report-Regent Leland Walker

- Regent Walker advised that the next board meeting is April 19, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Eastern Oklahoma State College McAlester Campus.
- During the meeting, there was praise for President Wansick's efforts in informing the state regents about Eastern's endeavors, as conveyed by Regent Bland. Despite Regent Spradley's absence, the sentiment of pride and appreciation for President Wansick's work was expressed, highlighting the significant achievement of effectively communicating Eastern's accomplishments to a wider audience. President Wansick credited the outstanding faculty, staff, and students for making it easy to share their success stories.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bilderback, Regent Lott

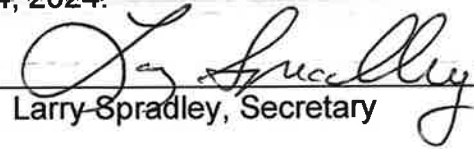
The motion carried.

CERTIFICATE

I, Larry Spradley, 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 the Regularly Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on March 14, 2024.



Leland Walker, Chair



Larry Spradley, Secretary