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BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 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., November 19, 2021, 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:

Mr. Brian Lott, Chair  
Mrs. Cara Bland, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Larry Spradley, Secretary  
Mrs. Teresa Jackson, Member  
Mr. Latt Jeffrey, Member  
Mr. Bobby Mouser, Member  
Mr. Leland Walker, Member

Members absent:

None

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. Anne Brooks, Dean-McAlester Campus  
Mrs. Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President and the Board of Regents  
Mrs. Melanie Sims, Staff Council Vice President/Secretary  
Mr. Timothy O'Neal, Faculty Staff Council  
Mr. Kirk Vanderslice, Hinkle & Company

A. Regent Lott called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

B. Regent Lott declared a quorum present.

D. **BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Scheduled Meeting on September 17, 2021.
2. Special Meeting on October 08, 2021.

Regent Walker inquired about his request made at the September meeting for a total headcount of students that attended the career fair. Trish advised that we have since learned that we had a total of 223 students to attend. Regent Walker also asked about the student survey that he had



requested. Trish advised that they are still working on the survey and will forward a copy of the survey upon completion.

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve items D,1 & 2, minutes as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

**E. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

1. EOSC Faculty Handbook

Regent Walker moved, and Regent Bland seconded to approve item F,1, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

1. Program Review-Agriculture A.S. Degree

Regent Mouser moved, and Regent Jackson seconded to approve item G,1, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

**H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

1. Payroll & Claims

i. September 2021- in the amount of \$ 2,755,638.09

ii. October 2021- in the amount of \$4,597,418.18

Trisha White gave a detailed report on the monthly expenditures for September & October, including explanations on all claims over \$10,000. Regent Walker asked for an explanation and/or description of several claims that were addressed by Trisha.

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve items H,1, i, & ii as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.



**I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**1. External Audit**

Trisha introduced Mr. Kirk Vanderslice representing Hinkle & Company. Mr. Vanderslice presented the report for the year ending June 30, 2021. Mr. Vanderslice reported that their finding was a clean opinion. He commended the accounting staff for doing a great job with internal controls and, good segregation of duties. (report attached)

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve item I,1, as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

**J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

*None*

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

*None*

**L. PURCHASE REQUEST**

*None*

**M. STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

*None*

**N. PURCHASE REQUEST**

*None*

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

**Personnel Report**

- Dr. Wansick reported that there were no unusual personnel issues.

Regent Walker inquired about an employee transfer. Dr. Wansick advised that we could discuss personnel issues in Executive Session.

**President's Report**

**Tim O'Neal-Faculty Council Chair**

Tim gave an update on changes that have been made to the EOSC Faculty Council Constitution and Bylaws. These changes were recently voted on by the faculty.

**Anne Brooks-McAlester Campus Dean**

- The fall semester is winding down and enrollment for spring is going great.



- Choctaw Nation's Academic Employment Specialist is now housed on campus.
- A few organizations have been having meetings on campus including Caring Hands and Marathon Petroleum.
- Hosted the Pit 8 Academic Tournament
- McAlester High School Counselors and Parents have accompanied students to campus to discuss their schedules.

#### **Trisha White-Director of Finance Report**

- Trisha gave the group a detailed Cash Flow Report along with spreadsheet listing sources and uses of funds/budget analysis for the month ending of September & October 2021. (See attached)

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

- Dr. Ratliff gave a brief outlook of Spring 2022 enrollment as of November 11, 2021. The total headcount is at a 13.6% increase and the credit hours are at a 12% increase.
- Dr. Ratliff gave an update on what college courses will be offered thru the C.A.C.E agreement for Spring 2022.
- Agriculture Hall of Fame-November 20, 6:30 p.m., Goddard Building
- Candlelighting Music Concert, December 5, 7:00 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium

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

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

1. Case counts continue to be low at this time. Our vaccination incentive contest ended on Oct. 31 with 90 students participating. The Oklahoma Department of Health requested and we approved for them to continue setting up their mobile unit to offer COVID-19 and flu vaccinations on Tuesday afternoons through the end of the year.

##### **Recruitment & Marketing**

1. Mountaineer Mania – We hosted 235 high school seniors from 30 schools for Mountaineer Mania on Tuesday. Students heard from Dr. Wansick and ESGA Vice President Morgan Reece. They attended breakout sessions with the academic division of their choice. Wrapped up with information browse, lunch, tailgate games, and door prizes on the lawn. Great to see so many students on campus.

##### **Student Activities**

1. Halloween Trunk or Treat – We had to move the event into the Goddard Building because of the high winds, but it was still a great event. Our students and employees outdid themselves with their costumes, booth decorations, and activities. It was one of the best we've had in several years.



2. **Movie on the Lawn in Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month** – In October, we hosted a movie on the lawn event in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Four of our international students introduced themselves and spoke about their home countries and culture. Students then enjoyed the movie “McFarland, USA” and refreshments.
3. **Native American Heritage Month events** – This week, we celebrated Native American Heritage Month with three events on campus. Partnering with the Choctaw Nation College FYI program, we hosted Native Bracelet Beading, a Rock Your Mocs photo opportunity, and Painting with a Purpose, an event where students could follow along with an artist to paint their own Native American scene on canvas.
4. **First-Gen Proud College Celebration** – On Nov. 8 we celebrated National First-Generation College Celebration Day. TRiO Student Support Services and Choctaw Nation College FYI gave out free pizza and t-shirts. We asked EOSC faculty and staff to self-identify as first-generation college students and we shared the list on our social media accounts.
5. **Veterans Day Ceremony & Larry Stone Memorial Dedication** – We hosted our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11. It’s a moving event that is led by our Eastern Student Government Association Officers. The Music Department provided patriotic music and this year’s keynote speaker was Chief Navy Diver Jeremiah Lively. This year’s event was extra special as Dr. Wansick was able to dedicate the Larry Stone Memorial. As you’ll remember, Mr. Stone was a two-sport athlete at Eastern in the early 1960s. He was also a Marine lieutenant who died in combat while on patrol in Vietnam. Larry’s siblings, Sherri and Terry were here for the dedication, along with two of his former teammates Henry Migliore and Ken Brasfield. They were very appreciative of the event and the memorial.
6. **Homecoming Week** – We had a great Homecoming Week last week with several student activities including a street dance, shirt stenciling, capture the flag contest, door and office decorations, Mr. Eastern, Minute to Win It games, and a pep rally. Dr. Wansick will talk more about the Alumni Association event on Friday evening. On Saturday, we hosted an Alumni Breakfast and a free tailgate before the basketball games and coronation. I think we all had a great week and it was nice to be able to welcome our alumni back to campus.

#### **ACCESS Committee Updates**

1. Last week, I provided a detailed report to the Regents Recruitment and Enrollment Subcommittee on all of the meetings and discussion taking place with the ACCESS committees. To date, the ACCESS committees have had 8 working meetings this semester focused on general recruitment strategies, the admission process from start to finish, and the enrollment process. Those meetings have resulted in
  - a. The creation of a new, streamlined admissions application that is more user-friendly
  - b. A complete restructure of the admissions process and the timeline for acceptance notification
  - c. A redesign of the acceptance materials that are sent to students



- d. Plans for a new interactive tutorial for students to learn how to use our campus technology
2. At the same time, our ACCESS committee members have also been participating in EAB Navigate working sessions and training. I have personally attended 20 Navigate meetings and workshops since we began our partnership with EAB. I mention this to emphasize that our committee members understand the investment we are putting into this software and are working hard to make sure it is the best possible product for our students.

#### **Campus Safety**

1. We have completed our fire and tornado drills for the fall semester at both the Wilburton and McAlester Campuses.
2. We have also submitted our annual NIMS compliance report to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. NIMS is the National Incident Management System which uses a standard set of concepts, principles, procedures, and terminology for large-scale or multi-jurisdictional incidents. It involves in-depth preparedness training for several college employees.

#### **Athletics**

1. Basketball season is officially underway. The women's team is currently sitting at 7-2 and the men's team is 6-1 with conference play beginning on Monday, Nov. 22 against Connors.
2. The NJCAA Region II has started their Athlete of the Week recognition for the season. They've named two Athlete of the Week so far and Eastern's Shanequa Henry has earned the honor both times. On the men's side, Eastern's Zyon Patterson earned one of the two honors.

#### **Amy Armstrong-Vice President of Administrative Services/HR Director**

- Amy reported that GEARUP recently sent 28 of their teacher trainers to a motivation training in Seattle.
- We are at 65% fully vaccinated. We were able to reach this by offering a \$500 incentive to full-time and part-time employees. All they had to do was submit their vaccination record. Employees were also entered for a chance to win three \$1000 cash prizes.
- Eastern Oklahoma State College's GEAR UP program will be hosting a theater production, Encore, here on campus on November 29th & 30th to 24 of the 30 participating schools.

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

- Dr. Wansick shared with board members a list of meetings that she attended during the month.



- The Alumni Hall of Fame event was a great event. We inducted five in the Alumni Hall of Fame.
- Board Retreat/Strategic Planning session will be Friday, January 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.
- Dr. Wansick shared information about the OSRHE budget rollout meeting that she and Regent Lott attended on November 4. OSRHE has asked the state legislature for a 10.5% increase in the budget from last year.
- We received partial funding for a nursing proposal that was submitted to the Puterbaugh Foundation. They will be funding the first year (\$306,000) of a three-year proposal that was submitted for their consideration. The Puterbaugh Foundation has been a great partner in providing support for our nursing program for many years and I am excited they have stepped up once again

**Chairman's & Member Report**

- The next meeting will be a Special Meeting for Strategic Planning on Friday, January 21, 2022, 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

**P. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**i. Executive Session**

Regent Bland moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to enter in Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

**ii. Return from Executive Session**

Regent Jackson moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to return to Open Session at 12:32 p.m. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

Regent Lott stated that he would like the records to reflect that the only issues discussed during executive session were matters where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law. No votes were taken.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Jeffrey moved, and Regent Bland seconded to adjourn at 12:49 p.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker

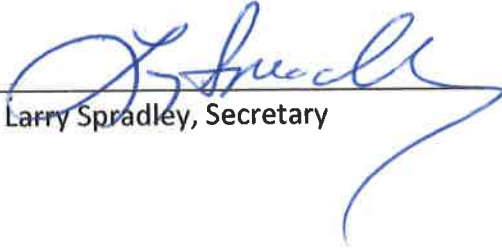
No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: None The motion carried.

The Board of Regents was served lunch after the meeting. No items were discussed, and no votes were taken.



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 their Regular Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Spradley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Larry Spradley, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Lott", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Brian Lott, Chair