

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
September 14, 2022**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, September 14, 2022, in the Student Center Ballroom on the Science & Arts campus. Before the meeting was called to order, President John Feaver stated that advance public notice of this meeting was properly filed and displayed in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Chair Mosley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked for roll call. Members present- David McLaughlin, Chris Mosley, Kelly Wilkerson, David Ferrell, and JJ Francais. Members absent- Diane Ming and Cale Walker. Also present were: President John Feaver, Vice President Donna Miles, Vice President Mick Coponiti, Monica Trevino, Vice President JP Audas, Vice President Sid Hudson, Assistant to the President Cathy Perri, Consultant Tony Hutchison, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, Financial Aid Director Robyn Rogers, Faculty Association Treasurer Dr. Dany Doughan, Vice President for Faculty Association Marissa Moore, and Diane Carroll, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Science & Arts Board of Regents.

Introductions: None

Presentations:

1. The swearing in of new Regent JJ Francais was done by District Judge Kory Kirkland
2. Out-going Chair Regent McLaughlin was presented a gavel by President Feaver and board chair Regent Mosley
3. The Regents Staff Achievement Award – Employee of the Year Angela Kinzinger, Custodian was introduced by Vice President Trevino, and presented a plaque by President Feaver and board chair Regent Mosley

Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2022, meeting: On a motion by Regent McLaughlin, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. **Personnel –**
 - a. **Appointments**

Erin Lynch, effective June 20, 2022, Student Engagement Coordinator for Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity

Thaddeus Komula, effective August 1, 2022, Security Officer

Alexander Spenser, effective August 2, 2022, Security Officer (part-time)

Conner King, effective August 3, 2022, Security Officer (part-time)
Joseph Shepherd, effective August 10, 2022, Assistant Coach for Soccer
Diane Carroll, effective August 15, 2022, Executive Assistant to the
President/Science & Arts Board of Regents Secretary
Coltyn Harrill, effective August 15, 2022, Creative Services Coordinator/Graphic
Designer
Sakin Erin, effective August 15, 2022, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Jeffrey Taylor, effective August 15, 2022, Assistant Professor of Theatre Art

b. Changes in Status

Erin Doyeto, effective June 13, 2022, Groundskeeper (full-time)
Tailor (Finney) Sutherland, effective July 1, 2022, Social Media Coordinator
Jeff Souders, effective August 1, 2022, Database Administrator/Software
Developer
David Duncan, effective August 15, 2022, Instructor of Digital Media Technology
J.C. Sanders, effective August 15, 2022, Director of Institutional Research and
Associate Professor of Physics
Stephen Weber, effective August 15, 2022, Professor of Music
Dany Doughan, effective August 15, 2022, Director of Research Computing and
Cyberinfrastructure and Associate Professor of Chemistry
Rachel Jones, effective August 15, 2022, Dean for the School of Science and
Physical Education and Associate Professor of Environmental Science & Biology
Sarah Layman, effective August 15, 2022, Dean for the School of Education and
Speech-Language Pathology and Director of Teacher Education
James Vaughn, effective August 15, 2022, Dean for the School of Social
Sciences and Business and Associate Professor of Psychology
Brenda Brown, effective August 15, 2022, Dean for the School of Humanities and
IDS and Professor of English
Jordan Vinyard, effective August 15, 2022, Dean for the School of Visual and
Performing Arts, Associate Professor of Art, and Director of Art Wrecker Studios
and Gallery
David Reed, effective August 15, 2022, Director of Undergraduate Mentored
Research and Assistant Professor of Environmental Science
Ben Wetherbee, effective August 15, 2022, Director of Undergraduate Mentored
Research, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and English, and
Coordinator of Writing
Marissa Moore, effective September 1, 2022, Human Resources and
Development Coordinator
Anne Tsonetokoy, effective September 1, 2022, Instructional Designer for
NASNTI Grant

c. Resignations

Chris Wise, effective May 6, 2022, Assistant Coach for Track and Field
Jonathan Conley, effective June 18, 2022, Security Officer (part-time)
Samantha Fraize, effective July 8, 2022, Security and Maintenance (part-time)

Jackson Parker, effective July 11, 2022, Security Officer
Alexandria “Dria” Hampton, effective July 31, 2022, Assistant Coach for Women’s Soccer
Rebekah Corser, effective August 5, 2022, Alumni Relations Coordinator
Vanessa McNabb, effective August 12, 2022, Executive Assistant to the President/Science & Arts Board of Regents Secretary
Zoe Korn, effective August 12, 2022, Creative Services Coordinator/Graphic Designer
Chris Garneau, effective August 15, 2022, Associate Professor of Sociology
Shelley Rees, effective August 15, 2022, Associate Professor of English
Chris Housman, effective August 19, 2022, Instructional Designer for NASNTI
Tanner Shoemake, effective September 9, 2022, Development Coordinator
Allison Crutchfield, effective September 2, 2022, Success and Retention Coach
Chris Hartman, effective September 9, 2022, Print Services Manager

On a motion by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Francais, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel actions.

2. Financial Statements – Vice President for Business and Finance Mick Coponiti covered the monthly financials with the group.

No action was necessary.

3. Report on Financial Aid for FY21-22– Director of Financial Aid Robyn Rogers reported on Financial Aid for FY21-22.

No action was necessary.

4. Request for Approval on Suspension of Academic Programs – Regent Wilkerson asked Vice President Miles to report on the decision to put the following programs on suspension; Public Policy, Political Science, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Vice President Miles reported that it was better for the university to suspend the programs than have the State Regents close them down. By suspending for 3 years USAO can at any time and remove the suspension. Regent’s Wilkerson asked that Vice President Miles keep the Board updated.

On a motion by Regent Wilkerson, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the suspension of the academic programs.

5. Request for Approval to Enter into a Formal Agreement with Redlands Community College to Collaborate in the Offer of Select Programs, Functions and Services – President Feaver reported that USAO and Redlands would remain two independent Boards. Chancellor Garrett is encouraging the collaboration along with the chair and vice chair of the State Regents. Vice President Miles will become VPAA for both campuses along with, Sheppard McConnell Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Adeel Siddiqui Network Security System Administrator, and sharing a Director of Printing Services. Regent McLaughlin applauded this bold move between

USAO and Redlands Community College. Chancellor Garrett and the State Regents are quite pleased with this initiative.

On a motion from Regent Francais, seconded by Regent Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously to approve entering into a Formal Agreement with Redlands Community College to Collaborate in the Offer of Select Programs, Functions and Services.

6. President's Report -

a. Foundation - Vice President Audas reported that there will be a 45% increase in private giving which comes to around \$900,000 for 2022. He handed out a piece called "Donor Correspondence Toolkit", and discussed some of the projects now in process. He also praised his assistant Jennifer Dooley for alerting appropriate staff to send donors a handwritten thank you card.

b. Small Business Development Center – President Feaver reported that Science and Arts along with Redlands Community College will eventually share a downtown office space with co-sponsor Canadian Valley Technology Center.

c. Fall Enrollment – Associate Vice President McConnell reported 53% of 21-22 graduate students graduated without debt. All universities are having a hard time hiring recruiters. He thanked and praised his staff and students for doing a wonderful job giving tours of the campus. He said the Inaugural Chickasha Street and Greet was a huge success and thanked the City of Chickasha and the Chamber of Commerce. Orientation has been changed this year to keep freshman on campus for the first ten days of the term. Our collaboration with Redlands is going to greatly facilitate transfers. The annual college fair will be October 6 projecting 650 students to be on campus.

d. Harding Fine Arts Academy – Consultant Tony Hutchison reported Science and Arts is a sponsor for Harding Fine Arts Academy. It is in Oklahoma City and has 450 students. Vice President Miles and Consultant Hutchison will be meeting with them September 15th to discuss concurrent enrollment. Harding is a college prep school and their superintendent Taylor Stanton is from the University of Arizona. By state law we must make sure their application process is fair; review their monthly finances; and review and help them with their Academic Plan.

e. Academic Reorganization – VP Miles talked about the importance of academic reorganization as it related to the Redlands initiative and to our internal efforts to update the IDS general education core program. She indicated we're still waiting to finalize the MOU on a shared nursing program.

f. Athletics - Vice President Hudson reported on the large percentage (26%) of enrolled USAO students that are involved in athletic programs. He gave a brief report on athletic programs success; Soccer coach Hampton's 25 years at Science

and Arts; new bleachers in the Field House; and the imminent prospect of our athletic program assuming management oversight of the city's Sports Complex.

7. Remarks from Representatives to the Board

- a. Faculty Association – Dany Doughan, President elect of the Faculty Association reported on the printed information in the Regents binders
- b. Student Association – No report, the Board did receive printed information in the Regents binders
- c. Alumni Association – No report, the Board did receive printed information in the Regents binders
- d. Staff Association – Marissa Moore, Vice President of the Staff Association reported on the printed information in the Regents binders

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. on the Science & Arts Campus.

9. Consideration of “any matter not known about which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting of the agenda” – None.

10. Adjournment – On a motion by Regent Wilkerson, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Chair Mosley declared the Board meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.