

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES  
December 12, 2018**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the Regents Room on the USAO 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 Diane Ming led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 1:30 and asked for roll call. Members present : Tom Cordell, Mo Anderson, Chris Mosley, and Diane Ming. Members absent: Bill Lance, David Ferrell, David McLaughlin. Also present were: President John Feaver, Vice President Kelly Brown, Vice President Krista Maxson, Vice President Mike Coponiti, Vice President Sid Hudson, Vice President Monica Trevino, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, and Joyce Sanders, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the USAO Board of Regents.

**Introductions:** None

**Presentations:** Chair Ming noted what an amazing Board we have, noting that Regent Mo Anderson had recently been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

**Approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2018, meeting:** On a motion by Regent Mosley, seconded by Regent Cordell, the minutes were approved unanimously. (November meeting was cancelled.)

**Communications to the Board:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**1. Personnel – Appointments:**

**Appointments:**

Misti Settle, effective September 17, 2018, full-time, Custodian, salary \$20,800

Laura Morris, effective October 1, 2018, full-time, Custodian, salary \$20,800.00

Christopher Hartman, effective October 15, 2018, full-time, Print Services Manager, salary \$35,000

**Change in Status:**

Rebecca Snider, effective September 1, 2018, full-time Administrative Assistant Student Services/Mail Room Clerk, \$22,880

**Retirements:**

Julie Lynn Boyce, effective August 31, 2018

Peter Thomas, effective April 30, 2019

**Resignations:**

Chad Wollenberg, effective October 31, 2018  
Misti Settle, effective November 5, 2018  
Logan Webb, effective November 23, 2018  
Michael Nunez, effective November 28, 2018  
Justin Tinder, effective December 21, 2018  
Cammie Smith-Barnes, effective December 31, 2018

On a motion by Regent Anderson, seconded by Regent Mosley , the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

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

No action was necessary.

**3. Request for Acceptance of FY2017-2018 External Audit Report**

Report was given by Finley & Cook Company. Regent Cordell requested acceptance; Regent Anderson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**3A. Request authorization for sale of University land to Okla. Dept. of Transportation.**

Regent Cordell noted it was 9.23 acres and temporary easement of an additional 11.58 acres in Lots 6 and 7, Sec.31, Township 7North, Range 7 West, I.M., Grady County, OK. Regent Cordell moved that it be accepted, Regent Mosley seconded, and vote to approve was unanimous.

**4. Request Approval of Curriculum Changes.** Regent Ming moved for approval. It was seconded and Regents unanimously approved.

**5. Request for approval of Academic Program Reviews.** Regent Ming recommended that the reviews be approved. Regent Cordell seconded and vote was unanimous.

**6. Request for approval to establish a Center for Social Justice and Racial Healing.** Regent Ming moved for approval, Regent Cordell seconded and Vote was unanimous to approve.

**7. Request to Authorize Faculty Sabbatical Leave.** Regent Ming made the motion, Regent Anderson seconded and vote was unanimous.

**8. Academic Calendar for 2019-2020.** Regent Mosley moved for approval, with Regent Anderson seconding, and vote was unanimous.

**9. Adoption of Schedule for Regular Meetings for 2019.** Regent Mosley moved for approval, Regent Anderson seconded, and vote was unanimous.

**10. President's Report**

The President addressed the Board on the following items:

- a. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Krista Maxson reported.
- b. Vice President for Advancement, Sid Hudson, reported.
- c. Cassandra Ersland, Development Director, reported.

**11. Remarks from Representatives to the Board**

- a. Faculty – no report
- b. Students – no report
- c. Alumni – no report
- d. Staff – no report

**12. Time and Place of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. on the USAO Campus.**

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

**14. Executive Session**

- a. Evaluation of the President

Regent Ming asked for a motion to move the meeting into executive session. On a motion by Regent Cordell, seconded by Regent Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 3:02pm. Chair Ming declared the Board in Executive Session.

**15. Return to Open Session**

Chair Ming asked for a motion to move the meeting back into open session. Upon a motion by Regent Cordell, Regent Mosley seconded and the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 3:28 p.m. The Board believes the President has done an admirable job. The Mission Enhancement Plan has been highly effective. From the financial side, with the many budget cuts in the past few years, the President has done a fantastic job to keep the university running. But, They have several requests - They do not want the President to retire, but If so, they would like a year’s notice. The Regents would also like a pro-forma on Willard Hall, the time and cost required to bring the building on line as another residential facility.

President stated it would cost approximately \$8 million and that an architectural plan is presently being prepared.

Regent Ming stressed the importance of a well-developed Strategic plan for USAO going forward and the major interest of the Board being involved in putting the final plan together.

President Feaver assured the Board they would have major input with the plan.

## **16. Adjournment**

On a motion by Regent Anderson, Regent Mosley, seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Chair Ming declared the Board meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Advance public notice of this meeting was properly filed and displayed in compliance with Title 25, O.S. 1981, Section 311.