

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

The Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma met Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 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. Vice Chair Cale Walker called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and asked for roll call. Members present- David McLaughlin, Cale Walker, Diane Ming, Kelly Wilkerson and David Ferrell. Members absent were Chris Mosley and JJ Francais. Also present were- President John Feaver, Vice President Donna Miles, Vice President JP Audas, Vice President Mike Coponiti, Vice President Monica Trevino, Vice President Cathy Perri, Vice President Sid Hudson, Vice President Sheppard McConnell, Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Goddard, Staff Association President Daniel Pool, Alumni Director Dawn Reitan-Brockman, and Diane Carroll, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Science & Arts Board of Regents.

Introductions: None

Presentations: None

Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting: On a motion to accept the minutes by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Ming, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2023: On a motion to approve the minutes by Regent Ming, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023: On a motion to approve the minutes by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Ming, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications to the Board: None

Personnel –

a. Appointments:

Brian McWilliams, effective August 25, 2023, Assistant Professor of English

David Smith, effective August 25, 2023, Assistant Professor of English

Carl Wade Thompson, effective August 25, 2023, Assistant Professor of English

Jeffrey Rutherford, effective June 1, 2023, Visual and Performing Arts
Technical Director.

Isabel Almendarez, effective April 10, 2023, Head Women's Volleyball
Coach

b. Change in Status:

Wendy Chambers, Effective August 28, 2023, changing from Visiting
Instructor of Art to Assistant Professor of Art.

Sheppard McConnell, Effective June 1, 2023, Vice President for Enrollment
Management & Student Life

Monica Treviño, Effective June 1, 2023, Vice President for University
Administration

Misty Steele, Effective June 1, 2023, Associate Vice President for Student
Success

Kelli Monroe, Effective June 1, 2023, Director, Student Success Center

c. Resignations:

Matthew Reynolds, effective August 3, 2023, Assistant Professor of Deaf
Education

Thomas Willcock, effective April 30, 2023, Instructor of Chemistry

Bruce Renfroe, effective June 30, 2023, Head Women's Golf Coach

Beckie Brennan, effective June 2, 2023, Web Coordinator

Jay Mayes, effective June 30, 2023, Student Life and Housing Coordinator

David Reed, effective June 30, 2023, Assistant Professor of Environmental
Science

d. Retirees: None

e. Recommendation of Fall Adjuncts

Susan Adams-Johnson	Voice
Freddy Baeza	Art
Kaleb Benda	Music
Ron Blankinship	Music
Luke Burns	Physical Education
Patricia Carr	Mathematics
Davon Carrington	Music
Jamie Caves	Management
Matthew Caves	Business Administration
Ryan Chester	Science
Justin Croshure	Music

Debbie Earley	Speech Language Pathology
Rhenada Finch	Music
Pamela Foster	Psychology
Chris Francis	Physical Education
Clayton Hampton	Business
Jimmy Hampton	Physical Education
Emily Hector-Godwin	Physical Education/Theatre Arts
Rachel Jackson	American Indian Study
Tarra Kinney	Education
Darrick Matthews	Physical Education
Robert Miles	Business
Andy Myers	Art
Kelli Monroe	IDS
Amanda Mullins	Sociology
Aminah Orozco	Physical education
Bruce Renfroe	Physical Education
Anna Roach	Music
Kasey Sams	Theatre Arts
Annette Shaw	Physical Education
David (Bret) Smithey	Music
Francisco Venegas	Music
Thomas Willcock	Chemistry
Brian Worthington	Physical Education

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

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

No action was necessary.

Consideration of Proposed FY2022-2023 Budget – The Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the meeting. VP Coponiti went over points of the budget.

Committee Chair Regent Ferrell recommended accepting the budget as presented, seconded by Regent McLaughlin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2023-2024 Budget.

Request to Consider Tuition and Fee Increase for FY2023-2024 – The Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the meeting. VP Coponiti shared details and asked that we not raise Tuition and Fee rate at this time.

Committee Chair Regent Ferrell recommended approving the Tuition and Fee rate as is with no increase, seconded by Regent Ming, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tuition and Fee as is.

Request to Consider Setting Guaranteed Tuition Rate for FY2023-2024 – The Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the meeting. VP Coponiti gave an overview. A guaranteed rate at 115% would translate into a guaranteed Oklahoma resident tuition rate of \$261.00 per credit hour through the 2025-2026 academic year.

Committee Chair Regent Ferrell recommended accepting the guaranteed rate, seconded by Regent Ming, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Guaranteed Tuition Rate.

Request Approval of 2023-2024 Campus Housing Rates – The Housing and Physical Plant Committee met prior to the meeting. VP Coponiti gave an overview. Science & Arts housing rates have not been increased for four plus years. A comparison of housing costs with other Oklahoma institutions shows the increase still has us third lowest. The dollar increase would vary depending on the housing option.

Committee Chair Regent Ming recommended accepting the campus housing rates, seconded by Regent Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 campus housing rates.

Request Approval of 2023-2024 Board Plans – The Housing and Physical Plant Committee met prior to the meeting. VP Coponiti gave an overview. The proposed rates reflect an approximate 15% increase over last year's rates due to rising costs nationally. Science & Arts has not adjusted rates in over four years even though vendor costs have increased. The increase has us third lowest compared to other Oklahoma institutions.

Committee Chair Regent Ming recommended accepting the board plans, seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 board plans.

Ratification of MOU with Redlands Community College and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma – Tabled, no action taken

Appointment of Regents Committees – President Feaver indicated this was a routine action by the Board in their June meeting.

**BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEES*
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA
2023-2024**

Academic and Administrative Affairs

Diane Ming, Chair
JJ Francais
Vice President, Academic Affairs
Vice President, Innovation & IT

Finance and Audit

Kelly Wilkerson, Chair
David McLaughlin
Vice President, Business and Finance
Vice President, University Advancement

Housing and Physical Plant

David McLaughlin, Chair
Chris Mosley
Vice President, Student Services
Vice President, Business and Finance
Secretary, Faculty Association

Policies and Procedures

Chris Mosley, Chair
Amanda Conley
Vice President, Academic Affairs
Vice President, Student Services
President, Faculty Association

University Advancement

JJ Francois, Chair
Kelly Wilkerson
Vice President, University Advancement
President, Alumni Association

Student Life

Amanda Conley, Chair
Diane Ming
Dean of Students
President, Student Association
Vice President & Treasurer, Faculty
Association

***The Chair of the Board of Regents and the President of the University are ex-officio members of all committees.**

On a motion from Regent Ming, and seconded by Regent Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Regents Committees for FY2023-2024.

Election of Officers – In accordance with the Regents Monthly Agenda Guide, Board of Regents officers for the next fiscal year are to be elected in the June meeting. Officers for the FY2023-2024 are: Chair, Cale Walker, Vice Chair, Kelly Wilkerson, and Secretary, Diane Ming.

On a motion from Regent Wilkerson, and seconded by Regent Ferrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the elected officers for FY2023-2024.

Authorization for Regents Committees to Act on Behalf of Board – The Science & Arts Board of Regents normally does not meet again until September. In the interim and if a matter of extreme importance should arise, the Chair could authorize a special meeting of the Board. For unforeseen but necessary routine items that require Regents' action, it is recommended that the Regents' committees be authorized to act on behalf of the Board with their action ratified in the September meeting.

On a motion from Regent Ming, and seconded by Regent Wilkerson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the authorization for Regents Committees to act on behalf of the Board.

President's Report –

- a. Academic Affairs Annual Report – Vice President Donna Miles briefed the Board on the Academic Affairs Annual Report packet included in their packets.
- b. Athletic Director Mike Ross reported the success of the athletic program over the past year. Looking to possibly hosting more tournaments.
- c. Foundation – Vice President JP Audas addressed the Board and provided a handout with upcoming events and information.
- d. Vice President McConnell provided the Board a handout with his projection for the Fall 2023, recruitment information and also the need for more housing.

Remarks from Representatives to the Board

- a. Faculty Association – No report
- b. Student Association – No report
- c. Alumni Association – Dawn Reitan-Brockman, Director of Alumni Relations and University Development went over highlights of the provided report.
- d. Staff Association – Daniel Pool, Staff Association President shared several staff activities.

Time and Place of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. on the Science & Arts Campus.

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

Executive Session – Vice Chair Walker asked for a motion to move the meeting into executive session. On a motion from Regent Wilkerson seconded by Regent Ming, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 2:44 pm in order to address the remaining agenda item.

- a. Consideration of Recommended Salaries for FY2023-2024

Return to Open Session – Vice Chair Walker asked for a motion to move the meeting into open session. On a motion from Regent Wilkerson, seconded by Regent McLaughlin, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 3:59 pm.

a. Action on Consideration of Recommended Salaries for FY2023-2024

On a motion by Regent Wilkerson, seconded by Regent McLaughlin to table the approval of salaries, and to form an Ad-hoc committee composed of Chair for Academic and Administrative Affairs, Chair of Finance and Audit, and Chair of the Board of Regents. The Board voted unanimously to form an Ad-hoc committee.

Adjournment – On a motion by Regent Ferrell, seconded by Regent Ming, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Vice Chair Walker declared the Board meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.