

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
OF
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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2011

**Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Russell Building Auditorium
Room 300
Durant, Oklahoma**

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AGENDA

February 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
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I. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT**

II. **CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL**

- A. **EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS**
- B. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

III. **CONSENT DOCKET**

A. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 21, 2011.

B. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT –
Chair Terry Matlock**

1. **Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

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Program Modification Request for a program requirement change

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A. BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair Harold Jackson

Report of the Building Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 5:00 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building Auditorium, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.

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Fund, Design and Award to KBR, the Indefinite Delivery General Conditions Contractor (IDGCC), for new Counseling offices in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The project budget is \$100,000. (College of Liberal Arts Academic Service Fee)

IV. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS (continued)

B. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

– Chair Joe Anna Hibler

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 4:00 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. Report back and discussion and possible action to retain a lobbyist or strengthening branding strategy and related items.
2. Report on Higher Education Day.
3. Report on pending legislation.

C. AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

– Chair Jan Gordon

Report of the Audit and Finance Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 3:00 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible approval of agreement with Ethics Point to purchase software as a service for anonymous complaint reporting.
2. Discussion of RUSO university financial ratios.
3. Status report of ECU audited financial statement finding 2010-01.

D. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair Michael W. Mitchel

Discussion and possible action regarding the employment of the presidents of the six regional universities for FY 2012.

E. POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE REPORT

– Chair Belva Howard

Report of the Policy & Procedure Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 5:30 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible approval of policy regarding administrative office observing state holidays.
2. Discussion and status report regarding charter school policy.

V. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$1,754,107.00

- 3. Academic Service Fees**
- 4. Informational Item**

B. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$42,500.00

- 3. Academic Service Fees**

C. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants: \$870.00

- 3. Academic Service Fees**

D. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Regular Board Items**
- 3. Information Items**
- 4. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$134,209.00

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V. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

1. Personnel

2. Executive Summary of New Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$89,353.00

3. Informational Items from Purchasing

F. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Notice of Grant Awards

Total grant awards: \$41,260.00

3. Academic Service Fees

VI. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT – President Don Betz

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Regent Connie Reilly

IX. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of any matters not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the posting of the agenda.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:

A. evaluation of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University;
and

B. hiring of the President of the University of Central Oklahoma.

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XII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT



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I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT

The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., February 25, 2011, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Russell Building Auditorium, Room 300, Durant, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, August 18, 2010, and a copy of the Agenda posted by 9:00 a.m., February 24, 2011 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

Chairman Reilly called the meeting to order. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with six Regents present.

Connie Reilly, Chair, Position 5
Terry Matlock, Secretary, Position 7
Harold Jackson, Regent, Position 1
Belva Howard, Regent, Position 2
Jan Gordon, Regent, Position 4
Richard C. Ogden, Regent, Position 8

A. R. #49 EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

Regent Jackson made the motion, seconded by Regent Howard, to excuse Regent Michael W. Mitchel, Regent Joe Anna Hibler, and Regent Janet Barresi from the meeting.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL (continued)

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

University Presidents

John Hargrave, President, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma
Don Betz, President, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Janet Cunningham, President, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma
Larry Minks, President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
Randy Beutler, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Roger Webb, President, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma

Regional University System of Oklahoma Administrative Staff

Sheridan McCaffree, Executive Director
Charlie Babb, General Counsel
Lauren Eichinger, Executive Assistant

Others in Attendance

Duane Anderson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma
Michele Campbell, Executive Assistant to the President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
Tom Fagan, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Dan Hoke, Assistant Director of Public Information, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
David Koehn, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
David Pecha, Vice President for Administration, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma
Sharon Robinson, Vice President for Student Affairs, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
Kyle Stafford, Executive Director of University Advancement, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
Martin Tadlock, Provost, and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Steve Turner, Vice President for Administration and Finance, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma

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III. R. #50 CONSENT DOCKET

Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Matlock, to approve the following items on the consent docket:

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 21, 2011.

B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT –

Chair Terry Matlock

(Attachment A, Pages 21-59)

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Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

IV. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. R. #51 BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair Harold Jackson

Report of the Building Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 5:00 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building Auditorium, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.
(Attachment B, Pages 60-66)

Regent Jackson made the motion, seconded by Regent Gordon, to approve the following items presented by the Building Committee:

1. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Page 60)

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Alva Armory Building (continued)

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Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

B. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

– Regent Richard C. Ogden

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B. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

1. Report back and discussion and possible action to retain a lobbyist or strengthening branding strategy and related items.

Regent Ogden reported that the presidents stated that a full time lobbyist for RUSO was not needed, but a lobbyist might be useful on an as-needed basis. We will continue this discussion at our next meeting along with discussing creating a branding strategy that emphasizes our common themes and collective force.

2. Report on Higher Education Day.

RUSO provided a program and box lunches for legislators and their staff for Higher Education Day. The luncheon was well received and provided an opportunity for positive interaction with legislators at the Capitol.

3. Report on pending legislation.

Jim Dunlap and Pat Hall called in to the Committee meeting and reported on pending legislation affecting RUSO. The guns on campus bill was the main focus of the discussion. That bill will be heard by the public safety committee next Wednesday. We ask everyone to call their representative to express their concerns about it.

The bills concerning the State Regents funding formula are going to be studied by a committee of college and university presidents.

C. AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair Jan Gordon

Report of the Audit and Finance Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 3:00 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. R. #52 PURCHASE OF ETHICS POINT SOFTWARE

Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Jackson, to approve the agreement with Ethics Point to purchase software as a service for anonymous complaint reporting for one year at \$7,500 with a \$3,000 set up fee.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: Regent Matlock

IV. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

C. AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

2. Discussion of RUSO university financial ratios.

Mike Gibson is calculating the RUSO university financial ratios. They will be reviewed by the university business officers and reported to the Board at the April meeting. The financial ratios will give the regents a method of assessing each university's financial health.

3. Status report of ECU audited financial statement finding 2010-01.

Steve Turner reported to the Committee that ECU is still working with Jenzabar to resolve issues and will report to the Audit and Finance Committee at the April Board meeting.

D. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT – Regent Jan Gordon

R. #53 EMPLOYMENT OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Matlock, to approve the employment of the presidents of the six regional universities for FY 2012.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

**E. POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE REPORT
– Chair Belva Howard**

Report of the Policy & Procedure Committee, Thursday, February 24, 2011, 5:30 p.m., Room 300, Russell Building, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. R. #54 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STATE HOLIDAYS

Regent Howard made the motion, seconded by Regent Jackson, to approve a policy which states that the administrative office will be open every day except for state holidays or inclement weather.

IV. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

E. POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STATE HOLIDAYS (continued)

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

2. Discussion and status report regarding charter school policy.

As to a charter school policy, there are no pending applications at this time and the Committee will continue to work on this issue.

V. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. R. #55 EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
(Attachment C, Pages 67-84)

Regent Howard made the motion, seconded by Regent Jackson, to approve the President's Recommendations for East Central University as presented by President John Hargrave.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

President Hargrave reported that the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center continues to thrive and that the Ataloa Theatre sold out four shows in a row for the musical *South Pacific*. Further, ECU Alumni reunions are in progress in Houston and a joint alumni reunion with SOSU in Ardmore. He proposed having a joint reunion with all of the regional universities in years to come. President Hargrave also commented on ECU's work toward globally diverse initiatives for students.

B. R. #56 SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
(Attachment D, Pages 85-104)

Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Jackson, to approve the President's Recommendations for Southwestern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Randy Beutler.

V. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

B. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (continued)

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

President Beutler recognized the passing of SWOSU faculty member, Dr. ElGenia French who will be greatly missed.

President Beutler announced a change in policy by which cell phone service contracts were not renewed. Employees will now provide their own cell phones and receive a small compensation increase. He also noted that the university launched its first official smart phone application called goSWOSU.

President Beutler reported that the Weatherford Event Center plans are in progress and moving forward.

President Beutler announced that Aron Ralston, mountain climber and author featured in the movie 127 Hours, would visit the SWOSU campus on March 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

**C. R. #57 NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
(Attachment E, Pages 105-122)**

Regent Matlock made the motion, seconded by Regent Howard, to approve the President's Recommendations for Northwestern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Janet Cunningham.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

President Cunningham announced that there was a 3.3% increase in head count enrollment and 4% increase in student credit hour enrollment for the spring semester.

President Cunningham congratulated Dr. Cheryl Evans who has been named the next president at Northern Oklahoma College.

V. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

D. R. #58 NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

(Attachment F, Pages 123-136)

Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Howard, to approve the President's Recommendations for Northeastern State University as presented by President Don Betz.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Ogden

Voting against the motion: None

President Betz recognized the retirees for their distinguished service to NSU.

President Betz announced that spring enrollment is at its highest in 16 years. NSU will host the 39th Annual Symposium on the American Indian on April 11, 2011. NSU is preparing for their visit with the Higher Learning Commission in 2012.

NSU is providing tax return preparation and optometric examinations as a public service to families in northeastern Oklahoma. Regent Reilly commended President Betz for his continued outreach to the community.

Regent Barresi arrived to the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

E. R. #59 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

(Attachment G, Pages 137-184)

Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Ogden, to approve the President's Recommendations for the University of Central Oklahoma as presented by President Roger Webb.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, Ogden, and Barresi

Voting against the motion: None

President Webb commended President Minks on Southeastern's hospitality and improvements on the campus and its collaboration initiatives with ECU.

V. **PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS**

E. **UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA** (continued)

President Webb recognized UCO students who won the grand prize for receiving the most awards at the Oklahoma City Addy Awards conducted by the American Advertising Federation (AAF).

Assistant Dean and Professor of the UCO College of Mathematics & Science. Dr. Wei Chen was awarded the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. Regent Howard suggested a resolution be issued to Dr. Chen in appreciation.

F. **R. #60 SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**
(Attachment H, Pages 185-203)

Regent Matlock made the motion, seconded by Regent Gordon, to approve the President's Recommendations for Southeastern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Larry Minks.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, Ogden, and Barresi

Voting against the motion: None

President Minks commended Southeastern student, Echo Adcock, one of the keynote speakers at the Higher Education Day program; Dr. Stanley Rice and Dr. Brooks Flippen for their recently published books; Gary Sherrer, SOSU alumni, named Secretary of the Environment by Governor Mary Fallin; Joy Culbreath, SOSU alumna and Executive Director of the Choctaw Nation, inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame; and basketball player Crystal Robinson and baseball player Cary Hammonds selected for induction into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and NAIA Hall of Fame.

President Minks announced that the Gold and Blue Gala at the Visual and Performing Arts Center is scheduled for February 26, 2011.

Regent Reilly thanked Southeastern for hosting the February meeting.

President Ogden commended Southeastern's SGA President Matt Heggy and UCOSA President Matt Blubaugh for their professionalism and leadership at their universities.

VI. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT – President Don Betz

On behalf of the Presidents' Council, President Betz commended President Minks and the Southeastern staff for their hospitality and a job well done.

President Betz reported on the large representation of RUSO alumni currently working in executive and legislative positions in the Oklahoma State Capitol.

President Betz commented on Chancellor Johnson's 2011 Legislative Agenda.

The President's Council presented informational items for the Board to consider for further action. Recommendations from the business officers and endorsement by the presidents for 1) an Optional Retirement Option which would amend RUSO Policy 5.4.1. to allow universities to provide alternative retirement options for employees defined as optional employees under OTRS and 2) for a Property Purchase Policy to create property purchasing "zones" near campus locations which would allow each university to purchase property at or below appraised value without Board action on each purchase. Regent Reilly suggested forwarding the items to the Policy & Procedure Committee for further review and possible approval at the April Board meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

No report.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT – Regent Connie Reilly

No report.

IX. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regent Ogden proposed updates to the RUSO website. Regents Reilly, Howard, and Gordon discussed ideas for the redesign as well.

Regent Reilly thanked President Minks for the RUSO handout created for Higher Education Day.

Regent Howard revisited the possible purchase of iPads for the Board. Regent Reilly will contact UCO for further information.

X. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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The Board declared a break at 10:10 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

XI. R. #61 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:20 a.m., Regent Gordon made the motion, seconded by Regent Ogden, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:

A. evaluation of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University; and

B. hiring of the President of the University of Central Oklahoma.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, Ogden, and Barresi

Voting against the motion: None

XII. R. #62 RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Regent Matlock made the motion, seconded by Regent Barresi, to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Voting for the motion: Regents Jackson, Howard, Gordon, Reilly, Matlock, and Barresi

Voting against the motion: Regent Ogden

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:00 p.m., Regent Reilly adjourned the meeting.