

REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Regents Meeting

January 11, 2018

MINUTES

The Board of Regents of Redlands Community College met in session at 7:21 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2018, in the Regents Room, Redlands Community College, El Reno, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting date had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the notice and agenda was posted by 7:00 p.m., Wednesday January 10, 2018, in prominent public view at the location of the meeting and on the College website, www.redlandsc.edu, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Redlands Community College Board of Regents present:

Jim Kitch	Dr. Kent Carder
Dr. Juanita Krittenbrink	Dr. David Von Tungeln
Richard Ruhl	

Redlands Community College Board of Regents absent:

Janie Thompson	Lynda McColl
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Redlands Community College personnel present:

Jena Marr, Executive Vice President of Campus Administration and Finance
Rose Marie Smith, Dean of Service Development and Allied Health
Reonna Slagell-Gossen, Dean of Academic and Institutional Development
Dayna Rowe, Director of Public Communications and Marketing
Kim Andrade, Director of Human Resources
Zach Gutmann, Professor of Chemistry and Sciences, Faculty Senate President
Troy Milligan, Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness | Director for the NASNTI Grant
Tami McCabe, Coordinator of Assessment & Research & Data Analyst | Technology Specialist for the NASNTI ANSC Part F Grant
Dr. Julie Flegal-Smallwood, Director of the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) STEM (Part A) Grant
Amy Graham, Director of Student Services
Kenzi Hull, Executive Assistant to the President

Chairman Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with five (5) Regents present.

Guests Present:

Ray Dyer, Editor and Publisher, El Reno Tribune
Matt White, Mayor of El Reno
Justin Kersey, Crawford and Associates

Announcements:

Dr. Krittenbrink brought the Obituary of Claudette Brownlee, former Redlands Regent, passed away the 15 of December, the memorial service will be held January 13 at 1pm at Kingfisher United Methodist Church.

President Bryant also gave the Regents an article from the Oklahoma Nursing Times featuring our Nursing Program and Dean Rose Marie Smith.

Regent Ruhl asked for public comments concerning the future of Higher Education in Oklahoma. President Bryant asked if anyone signed up to speak. No public comments were given.

Dr. Carder made a motion, seconded by Regent Kitch, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, and Krittenbrink. Those voting against the motion: None - Dr. Von Tungeln abstained as he was absent at the December meeting.

Jena Marr presented the Regents with the December financial update.

President Bryant updated the Regents on Redlands receiving the Certified Healthy Campus highest level of excellence. The ceremony will take place on March 1st to honor the recipients.

Jena Marr introduced Justin Kersey with Crawford and Associates reviewed the internal audit with the Regents. Mr. Kersey thanked the Regents for the opportunity to provide the internal audit services. President Bryant and the audit committee met prior to the board meeting to go over the audit in depth. Mr. Kersey said this was a very clean audit and Redlands scored 6.7 on their 10-point performeter scale, which is above their satisfactory level. Regent Ruhl stated he and the Board are very proud of everyone at the college and commended everyone on the \$756,000 reduction in expenses. President Bryant stated this is a team effort and he is very proud of everyone on this campus and their part in making sure we are successful. Regent Kitch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carder, to approve the 2017 internal audit as presented. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, and Von Tungeln. Those voting against the motion: None

Jena Marr updated the Regents on refinancing Redlands 2009C and 2009D Master Leases. The projected savings for the college is \$665,000. These will be brought back to the July or August Board meeting for a vote.

Zach Gutmann updated the Regents on the work the Faculty Senate has been doing. They worked with President Bryant to establish a schedule for meetings on Fridays to maximize the benefit of the 4-day academic week. Faculty Senate currently has three subcommittees to work on essential faculty matters. The officers also met with the Athletic Director and coaches to develop strategies to improve performance and behavior of athletes in the classroom. They have worked to make the monthly meetings a place for meaningful discussion.

President Bryant updated the Regents on the President and Vice President Honor Roll Press Release.

President Bryant updated the Regents on the Taskforce for the Future of Higher Education. The Taskforce did come out with the outline of proposals that will be presented to the State Regents Board on January 31 for formal approval. Then it will be voted on at the February 1 Regents and task force meeting. Redlands has put information up on the website that talks about the timelines because many people don't know to go to the state regents website. It talks about how the taskforce was formed, the timeline when it was formed. In November the Governor issued an Executive Order that kind of mirrors what the task force was working on. We wanted people to have a clear understanding of how things are going. What is approved at the February 1 meeting will go on to the legislature and the Governor for them to review. I know the system structure has been of concern to people. The draft says that by June 30, 2019 the 7 colleges that are governed by individual boards, 6 Community Colleges, Carl Albert State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Seminole State College, Murray State College, Redlands Community College and Western Oklahoma State College in Altus, and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha are the ones that have independent boards at this time. The recommendations of the Task Force will be that by that date partnerships will have been identified and the governing boards of the three remaining boards, which are RUSO, Oklahoma A&M System Board, or the OU Board. So one of those three remaining boards will be where these seven institutions, six Community Colleges and one university will have to identify a partnership. In December, the Regents authorized President Bryant to start talking to other boards, so we have started asking for negotiations. President Bryant presented the data 5 year transfer information data, so from July 2011 to December of 2017. He is using this data when talking with other colleges. President Bryant said we will do an open forum in each of the counties we serve. Dr. Krittenbrink talked to a staff and faculty member and both commented that President Bryant handled In-Service in a positive manner.

Mayor Matt White asked if he could speak. Chairman Ruhl agreed. "I want to make sure we are clear where this all started and where we are at. I want to make sure that we all understand where we stand and where we are coming from. I appreciate coming tonight and thank you for the information that you provided; I will look at the website and start checking that. Some of you know me. I'm a pretty good fact checker. I'm a pretty good dig into let's get going. Dr. Carder can attest to that. You know I want to start off with what Chairman Ruhl said and what President Bryant said, that the bottom line is partnerships is absolutely important, and I want to make sure you understand El Reno's partnership with Redlands Community College is very important. So don't misunderstand. Mr. Bryant said I want OU. That was one College that was brought up. I want to make sure how this was brought about and how it was discussed, and I think it was a lack of communication from several sides, not just in this room but from several sides. I think David will understand where I'm coming from. I was at a party the other weekend in OKC with some pretty influential people and we were discussing, and I had a gentleman come to me and say well I heard that your college might merge with another college. I said I didn't hear about that. So we went in depth to talk about it, and I understood there were some meetings about a task force. I didn't understand how it worked or anything else, so I called my legislator that Sunday night, not before talking to Dr. Carder in Ross Seed and Feed for about an hour about concerns about what was going on out here. So I think there was some things said that we didn't call and I immediately called President Bryant at the office and his cell phone number early in the morning Sunday and I showed on my phone that you tried to call back trying to touch base that Monday morning about 10:45 we still missed each other. So I didn't get to talk to President Bryant, but the bottom line is from what I hear, I go to the capitol quite a bit, and I'll be glad to go, no one from this college has ever asked me to go, I'll be glad to go and I'll be glad to go with you. But I will tell you the undertone is absolutely, what they are saying is they're going to make a decision. I'm with you, Richard, and I applaud you and what you're doing. I think that's absolutely the proper way to do it. I also called Dr. Krittenbrink, and I called David to make sure I covered all the bases. We're for you. You pointed out 3 important things. The bottom line is to absolutely take care of the kids #1, Faculty #2, Community #3. My role is exactly those things, too, maybe not in that order. I'm not saying, I don't deal with curriculum, that's your job, that's what you're supposed to do. I know Redlands Community College is absolutely a wonderful tool in our tool box not just in El Reno but in Canadian County. Along with Canadian Valley Technical School. We've used it several times to talk to a lot of industry that we've had coming in. So I wanted to make sure there's no adversarial here. We're not against you -- that's your job to deal with that, but it's also our job to deal with the community and your employees that we're concerned with. We don't want to see them go away. We want to see them go to the next level, too. We just want to make sure that the bottom line is that we uncover every rock, that we look at every option we can look at for the community as a whole. Just like everybody on this board, I know everybody on this board except you, sir, everybody wants the best thing for the community, the kids, and I do, too. I do, maybe our orders are different, doesn't mean that we're against them or anything else. The bottom line is we want to make sure that we get the proper information. That I don't hear about this at a party in Oklahoma City, that we can get this information out, and I applaud you all for doing that, and we're going to try to if you need us to come to board meetings, need us to go to the capitol, let us help with that. I think the main thing here is what will be the best fit for those three, Students, Faculty and Community, as long as they're all involved in the cog and I'm part of the community and we want absolutely want to be a part of that, whether you think we're a 3rd or not I don't have a problem with that. But, it's absolutely a part of the cog that needs to be discussed. I just want to make sure that we cover every base, and I think that you're doing that. The only thing about the data, and once again I'm not a graduate, but the bottom line is with data, I also want to make sure we understand, when I was attending this school, we didn't have an agri program. You have a wonderful agri program that's going that way, things change, people come into place that change those deals. I just want to make sure that we don't look at somebody like OU or anybody else and we just say they don't fit in our box. Maybe they can fit in our box, and I think it would make a point to where we go out for RFP's, we explain to people what we expect and what our needs and desires are and then we have them explain to us how they can provide that. I just hope that's a part of the process, and once again I just want to make sure. I respect everyone in this room. I respect the faculty. I'm not against Redlands Community College. I don't think it was portrayed that way in the paper and I understand that. I'm not going to take up for Ray at all. He can take up for himself. We are concerned, and I appreciate the opportunity for the information, and I hope the dialogue continues to be open and maybe we can, Richard, maybe you and I can sit down for a cup of coffee as this goes on, because I was aware the chancellor's office's was voting

and I have 2 meetings set up with 2 of the other board of Regents of those two colleges, and I want to just talk to them about what we feel like. And once again the decision all comes to you all, and we're going to move forward on our end and let us know what we can do to help. We're here for these people out here at this college whether it be the teachers, the students, and it absolutely supports this community. So I hope you all understand that."

President Bryant asked Mayor White if he said he already has meetings set up with two boards. He stated he" has meeting set with two people on the Board of Regents, one from OU for sure, and I'm going to meet with them, they are friends of another friend, just to see, let them know we got a great college here. If there's something you need me to do to set some meetings up to help, if you need me to champion your cause, let us know."

President Bryant said he would be glad to provide Mayor White data to take to those meetings. Mayor White stated, "Once again I'm not going to get into that data. I think you all provide that cog." President Bryant said that way Mayor White "could hand them some data. Just like what you talked about Mayor, our employees, the amount of money we spend in our community, I don't want that to go away."

Mayor White responded, "That's what I'm talking about, the data goes back to Dr. Krittenbrink. I know she didn't mean to say it that way, but it goes to the educated people to present that, that's not my job I'm here to support the college."

Regent Ruhl stated he "appreciated Mayor White's comments and sincerity for Redlands in the challenge that we have ahead, but Jack is fully transparent. If there was anything that he does, as much as he can divulge to the community, he puts it out there. When we talked about this, he said this is what we need to do because there is too much false information out there, and that's unfortunate. That wasn't any result of anybody here at Redlands. I thought Jack did a tremendous job on getting that out there, and we are still trying to get the numbers and the data out there. Full transparency is what we are after."

Regent Ruhl stated President Bryant is the point of contact at Redlands.

President Bryant said, "people can hear one thing and interpret as something else."

Mayor White stated when he "talked to Legislators they said oh hell yes it's going to be a bloodbath."

President Bryant said Mayor White may not have graduated from Redlands but asked if his daughters attended Redlands? Mayor White stated, "they did as well as his wife graduated from the Nursing program, and they are all smart."

President Bryant said, "our middle name says community. The community helped us with our soccer field. They helped us keep our swimming pool open through a partnership."

Mayor White stated he's for Redlands and if he can do anything let him know. President Bryant provided Mayor White his home phone number.

President Bryant updated the Regents on the upcoming 2018 Legislative Forums. Redlands hosted the SW region but this year it will be hosted at SWOSU, the date is to be determined. We may not know the date until February. The regents will be informed of the date as soon as it is provided.

President Bryant updated the Regents on Personnel:

New Hire-

- Sarah Diaz-Business Services Assistant
- Jessica Wilson-Distance Education Systems Manager/Network Operation Specialist

Resignation-

- Trevor Harmon

Dr. Von Tungeln made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carder to approve the President's Report. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, and Von Tungeln. Those voting against the motion: None


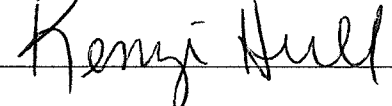
At 9:02pm Dr. Krittenbrink made a motion, seconded by Regent Kitch to convene into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) ("Confidential communications between [the Regents] and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or

proceeding in the public interest),” to discuss update on ES2. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, and Von Tungeln. Those voting against the motion: None

At 9:32pm, Dr. Von Tungeln made a motion, seconded by Regent Kitch to convene into open session. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, and Von Tungeln. Those voting against the motion: None

Dr. Krittenbrink made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carder, the Board authorizes President Bryant and Matt Stangl of the AG’s office to move forward with the agree upon settlement offer. If there offers are not accepted, the Board authorizes President Bryant to enter into an agreement for legal services with Ryan, Whatley, Coldiron, Jantzen, Peters and Webber firm to represent RCC in the pending lawsuit of ES2. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, and Von Tungeln. Those voting against the motion: None

At 9:35pm, Regent Kitch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Von Tungeln to adjourn the meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, and Von Tungeln. Those voting against the motion: None

Chairperson		Date	2/13/18
Secretary		Date	2-8-18

