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A regular meeting of the Board of Regents governing The University of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and Rogers State University was called to order in the Provost's Conference Room at the Robert M. Bird Library on the Health Sciences Center Campus in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 7:07 p.m. on October 23, 2017.

The following Regents were present: Clayton I. Bennett, Chairman of the Board, presiding; Regents, Kirk Humphreys, Leslie J. Rainbolt-Forbes, M.D., Bill W. Burgess, Renzi Stone, Phil B. Albert and Frank Keating.

Others attending all or a part of the meeting included Chief Legal Counsel Anil Gollahalli; and Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, Dr. Chris A. Purcell.

Notice of the time, date and place of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in the Office of the Board of Regents on or before 8:00 a.m. on October 19, 2017, both as required by 25 O.S. 1981, Section 301-314.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

We will call the meeting to order. Thank you all very much for your attendance during this extraordinary time, today of course but more than anything, what an extraordinary time for the University of Oklahoma, for the state of Oklahoma. What an incredible opportunity and honor for each of us to be able to participate in this process. I know that we are all completely committed to doing the very best that we can. This could be a rather long night. I don't hope it to be but just to manage expectations and especially those that are not members of the Regents because a large measure of the meeting will be held in executive session. We very much appreciate the members of the public that are here, various constituents of the University community and certainly always appreciate the members of the media for being here to see what we are doing here tonight. So if there are not any other comments or if there are from members of the Regents, that's all that I have to say to open the meeting. Thank you, we will adjourn the meeting and move into executive session.

Regent Humphreys moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the appointment of individuals to the Presidential Search Committee. The executive session was held in the same location, beginning at 7:10 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:10 p.m. in the same location.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE BUDGET

As is usual, any funds remaining in the search accounts at the successful conclusion of this process will be returned to the University.

Chairman Bennett recommended the Board of Regents approve an initial search budget of \$250,000.

Regent Stone moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Humphreys, Rainbolt-Forbes, Burgess, Stone, Albert and Keating. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

CHARGE TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

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1. The Search Committee shall identify candidates for the position of President of the University. In the identification process it is understood the Search Committee will conduct interviews and collect other data. However, it should be clearly understood the decision to select and hire a president, or reject all candidates, or to open up the search for further consideration shall at all times remain vested solely in the Board of Regents.
2. The Search Committee has the freedom to go where it must to find the best person.
3. The Search Committee should not eliminate any candidates for the position. If the Committee believes candidates should be eliminated from consideration before the entire process is completed, these names can be reported to the Board for consideration on a regular basis.

Ultimately, the Search Committee should identify and submit to the entire Board of Regents at least five (5) highly qualified candidates including a brief written discussion of the reasoning for the submission of each, a second group of qualified candidates, and a list of candidates who are minimally qualified or not qualified.

4. The Search Committee shall submit ~~to the Vice President for University Governance~~ through its Chairperson regular updates of ~~their~~ its work that will be distributed to every Regent at the same time. There will be no information provided to less than the entire Board at the same relative time and no response from any Board member as an individual can be viewed as binding or representative of anticipated Board decisions.
5. No member of the Committee or immediate relative of a Committee member should have an interest in the office of the presidency.

Chairman Bennett recommended the Board of Regents approve the charge to the Search Committee as outlined above.

Regent Stone moved approval of the recommendation as amended above (shown by strikethrough and underline). The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Humphreys, Rainbolt-Forbes, Burgess, Stone, Albert and Keating. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT**CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT**

The University of Oklahoma is seeking a dynamic, articulate, and strategic leader as its next President. The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the institution and should possess the exceptional drive and commitment needed to lead a university.

The following additional characteristics are sought in candidates for the Presidency. A desirable combination of these is expected and candidates will be judged on the basis of overall qualifications.

- A distinguished record of executive level accomplishments, preferably in higher education, and an understanding of and a strong commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. Some management experience in the private sector is also desirable.
- Demonstrated scholarly accomplishments, including an earned doctorate or its equivalent. Knowledge and understanding of the role and function of a multi-purpose university.
- Effective knowledge and understanding of students, including the nontraditional student.
- A solid commitment to the principles of accountability and the policies and directives of the Board of Regents.
- A strong commitment to the affirmative action goals and objectives of the University.
- Demonstrated skill in developing financial support from both public and private sources.
- Commitment to free expression and the basic principles of academic freedom.
- Ability to articulate and express effectively the goals and aspirations of the institution internally and externally.
- Demonstrated ability and willingness to make difficult decisions and to assume responsibility for those decisions.
- Evidence of physical and intellectual strength, energy, and enthusiasm.
- Strong interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Personal integrity, dignity, and compassion.

Chairman Bennett recommended the Board of Regents approve the criteria for the selection of a President as stated above.

Regent Burgess moved approval of the recommendation. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Humphreys, Rainbolt-Forbes, Burgess, Stone, Albert and Keating. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

At the special meeting of the Board of Regents held on October 1, 2017, the Regents approved the composition of the Presidential Search Committee to assist in reviewing applications and nominations as follows:

- 5 Faculty Three Norman Campus and two Health Sciences Center—to be selected from six nominations from the Norman Campus Faculty Senate and four nominations from the Health Sciences Center Faculty Senate;
- 2 Staff One Norman Campus and one Health Sciences Center—to be selected from two nominations from the Norman Campus Staff Senate and two nominations from the HSC Staff Senate, with one-half vote each;
- 3 Students Two Norman Campus (one graduate student and one undergraduate) and one Health Sciences Center—to be selected from four nominations from the Norman Campus Student Government Association and two nominations from the HSC Student Government Association, with one-third vote each; and
- 7 At-large To be selected by the Board of Regents
- Regents' Executive Secretary (Ex officio) as Secretary of the Search Committee.

The following nominations have been received:

Norman Campus Faculty Senate (select three)

Mary Sue Backus, J.D., Professor of Law
 Amy Cerato, Ph.D., Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering
 Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Women's & Gender Studies
 Sherri Irvin, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy
 George Richter-Addo, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry
 Thomas Woodfin, Ph.D., Professor of Landscape Architecture

Health Sciences Center Faculty Senate (select two)

Marie H. Hanigan, Ph.D., Professor of Cell Biology
 Michael S. Bronze, M.D., Professor & Chairman, Department of Medicine
 Kelly M. Standifer, Ph.D., Professor & Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Thubi H.A. Kolobe, Ph.D., Professor of Rehabilitation Sciences

Norman Campus Staff Senate (select one)

John Bishop, OUPD, Chair
 Matthew Rom, Facilities Management, Immediate Past Chair

Health Sciences Center Staff Senate (select one)

Nancy Geiger, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
 Kate Stanton, Student Affairs

Norman Campus Student Government Association (select one each)

Undergraduate Students

Cameron Burleson, Vice President, SGA
 Kaylee Rains-Saucedo, Chair, Undergraduate Student Congress

Graduate Students

Mackenzie Coplen, President, Student Bar Association

Carrie Pavlowsky, Chair, Graduate Student Senate

Health Sciences Center Student Government Association (select one)

Krystal Mitchell, College of Medicine, VP & Student Senate Chair

Mark Ray, College of Pharmacy, President

The seven at-large positions need to be filled and the Chair and Vice Chair selected. In addition, a tentative date for the first meeting of the Search Committee with the full Board of Regents should be determined.

Chairman Bennett recommended the Board of Regents approve the membership of the Presidential Search Committee.

Regent Humphreys moved approval of the recommendation, amended as follows:

Chair

David E. Rainbolt, Oklahoma City

Vice Chair

Gregg A. Garn, Ph.D., Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education

At-Large

Barbara M. Braught, Duncan

R. Marc Nuttle, Norman

Russell M. Perry, Oklahoma City

Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Charles C. Stephenson, Tulsa

Norman Campus Faculty Senate

Mary Sue Backus, J.D., Professor of Law

Sherri Irvin, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy

George Richter-Addo, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Health Sciences Center Faculty Senate

Michael S. Bronze, M.D., Professor & Chairman, Department of Medicine

Kelly M. Standifer, Ph.D., Professor & Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Norman Campus Staff Senate

Matthew Rom, Facilities Management, Immediate Past Chair

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Nancy Geiger, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

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Cameron Burleson, Vice President, SGA

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Carrie Pavlowsky, Chair, Graduate Student Senate

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The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Humphreys, Rainbolt-Forbes, Burgess, Stone, Albert and Keating. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Chris A. Purcell, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary of the
Board of Regents