

REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Regents Meeting

May 17, 2018

MINUTES

The Board of Regents of Redlands Community College met in session at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 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 May 16, 2018, in prominent public view at the location of the meeting and on the College website, www.redlandsccl.edu, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Redlands Community College Board of Regents present:

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

Redlands Community College Board of Regents absent:

Janie Thompson

Redlands Community College personnel present:

Jena Marr, Executive Vice President of Executive Vice President of Campus Administration and Finance
Rose Marie Smith, Interim Chief Academic Officer | Dean of Nursing 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
Dr. Julie Flegal-Smallwood, Director of NASNTI Stem Grant | Director of HLC and Institutional Advancement | PTK Advisor
Jill Zucksworth, Athletic Director | Coordinator of Fitness Training | Head Athletic Trainer | Accreditation Liaison Officer
Kevin Hawk, Professor of English, Faculty Senate President
Jessie Botone, Data Entry Specialist/ Administrative Assistant for the Native A
Kenzi Hull, Executive Assistant to the President

Chairman Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with six (6) Regents present: Richard Ruhl, Chairman, Presiding; Dr. Kent Carder, Vice Chairman; Jim Kitch, Secretary; Dr. Juanita Krittenbrink, Dr. David Von Tungeln, and Lynda McColl.

Guests Present:

Students- Tyler McKenzie, Kyndra Scott, Christy Rutherford, Sarah Wheeler
Community Members-Marvin Smith and Ruth Boyer

Announcements:

President Bryant stated the guests present were students on the agenda or community members who would like to speak during public comments.

Marvin Smith was the first person to sign up to speak under open comments on the agenda. Mr. Smith stated his address and phone number. He said he came to speak about the pool originally; he got a phone call this afternoon that changed his mind about a lot of that. "When I learned this afternoon at 2:15 that the pool was no longer an agenda item. I had been told twice last week it was going to be an agenda item. Well things have changed I thought we were under a democracy that we wanted to share we wanted to talk about things and communicate, you know and I'll just share something with you I think in inappropriate right here. Nowhere on this piece of paper does it say when it was posted and who posted it. I've been to a lot of board meetings at a lot of these institutions and that is I believe an open meetings law act that you have to have the date it was posted and when I was posted

and it has to be 48 hours in advance. If I'm incorrect on that than I stand corrected but I don't think so. I know that most meetings if not every meeting I've been to except this one that we can't do the flag salute and a prayer after the meeting has been called to order. It sure can be before. I've not been to one that didn't have it before. I'm not going to pray but I'm going to tell you how I've lived. Don't grow weary in doing what is right we will reap at harvest time if we don't give up. When we have the opportunity let us work for the good of all. Galatians 6 9-10. I believe we are trying to work for the good of all but there is censorship happening right here. Me not being able to have open discussion with the board to talk about the problem that we have with the pool is a real problem. The things I put together on the pool, after I learned this afternoon, (Mr. Smith rips up papers) that's what I did with it. I wasn't going to get to talk about it. I do a lot of public speaking (Mr. Smith takes a stuffed monkey out of a box) I give one on monkey business, how do you get the monkey off your back and put it somebody else's back? This monkey is on Redlands Community College back. I wanted to take it off their back so they didn't have to do this, there are different ways that this can be done. You know I've talked to two board members and they can express how they feel but I left with a good feeling from both of them. That we need to have open communication and talk about the monkey at the pool. That's not going to happen it's call censorship you're shutting me down, you know I get 5 minutes here but so what? There will be another meeting next Thursday held right out here to discuss our issues with save the pool. You may or may not want to participate but when people learn that we got shut down I believe they will turn out. Today I saw a gentleman I'd never met before, he wanted to know about save the pool. Before he walked away he made a pledge of \$15,000 towards the pool. I'd never met the guy until this morning. Because he has confidence in what he's read and what he's heard that being privatized or whatever you're going to call it can save the pool for the community and the county and it will benefit the college if you allow it to happen. You know this right here is a box I live outside the box, if you don't get out of the box you going to be stagnant stale, status quo people, I don't want to be in that box. I encourage the board to take the position, let's get this thing opened up, we've got 42-43 days left before we're going to seal the pool." Mr. Smith stated he's a perfectionist. He critiqued a sign in the pool area. He claimed he knew people left Redlands due to the lack of leadership at the top, they've told him that. He encouraged the board to schedule an emergency meeting to talk about the pool. Mr. Smith stated "I know my 5 minutes is more than up but I'm going to make a strong recommendation and it's going to shock the board, you need to resign for this college to move forward in a positive way, there are too many people in this community that don't trust you and I'll tell you that, they won't because they work here, they live here, I live here too but you are the albatross of this college." Dr. Carder stated "That's absolutely wrong, I'm telling you what Mr. Smith, you don't know what this college was before Jack Bryant took over. He brought it from a big deficit to being well taken care of as far as finances goes. I've worked with Jack on city council and on this board and I don't believe you have any business talking to him like this, I don't think you know him well enough." Mr. Smith claimed older people who have retired or resigned it was because Mr. Bryant wants to get rid of people with tenure. Regent Krittenbrink disputed that, "I taught at this college for 25 years plus, I was a Divisional Dean and we sought tenure for our faculty, we encouraged it, we gave them the forms and since President Bryant has been here we've had more people seeking and being granted tenure here than in the history of the college. So what you're saying is absolutely false, I'm an educator and we're all professionals and I think you are misinterpreting a lot of facts. This Board is an educated group and you're talking to us in a very demeaning fashion and I for one think that's very inappropriate. I think what you're saying is false." Mr. Smith wouldn't name anyone he had talked to that has left the college. Regent Krittenbrink stated she has listened to about all she was going to listen to. Regent McColl stated she served 7 years as a Regent and has signed up to serve another 7 years. Regent McColl said "I have has been through a lot with this college and I can tell you as a point of fact sir we have changed things, we may not always do everything everyone wants, but I can promise you Jack Bryant has made a tremendous turn around with this school, people before would not even come out of their offices to talk to the President, they feel they can come to him and talk to him and I feel like that if you're going to make this a part of the public record, as a member of this board I want you to know Jack Bryant has my full support he always has and I think he always will. We understand what you want to do, I've also been on the city council so I know all the public rules and everything that goes with raising money for something that's a public entity or a state entity. There are a lot of things that go with that. We would have to make sure everything is perfect and I don't believe that we are just sitting here drawing an opinion on what you have to say we know our jobs we know what we have to do. We met with the state regents and they charged us with managing this school. We make it a point as a board to manage this school and we know our places and I really would like for you to consider the fact that you're not being shut down

and not being allowed to talk, but we would be open to communication and we were open to communication we talked about the pool for many many meetings and the problems we were having and nobody ever said a word. So, it's not the fact that we shut people down and I do want you to understand that our President has the support on this board because we know what he has done to open this school up to communication, he goes out and he asks the teachers what they think, he talks to the Deans and asks them for their opinion, he's very open and we do appreciate that sir.

Regent Kitch stated "I'm kind of amiss, after our conversation, if we get into the pool, the reason it was voted to close was per financial reasons and I knew you were coming to see me and my opinion was let's talk about it and let's do it. But Marvin, I feel attacked" Mr. Smith stated "I understand that Jim but this afternoon when I got the phone call at 2:15 that everything had completely changed, when was it posted, probably Tuesday?" Ms. Hull stated "No the agenda does not have to be posted until 24 hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Kitch stated "Okay and it's posted right there and on the front door and the website" Mr. Ruhl stated "Mr. Smith you have to understand it was not on the agenda because there was no action to be taken the pool action was taken 60 days ago to 3 months ago there was no action to be taken, we were courteous to listen to your comments in public comments. Regent Kitch stated "and it would start a dialogue, you've just baffled me, I just wish you would have stayed on task and then we could discuss it." Mr. Smith stated "I thought we were going to be on task until I got the phone call this afternoon" Regent Von Tungeln stated "Marvin, I've got a text here I told you last week you were going to be on public discussions last Monday when we talked, you found out last week and I told you it was going, your proposal was going to be in our agenda packet and all the board members got it". Regent Ruhl stated "President Bryant sent out the information he and the Chief Financial Officer have put together, the annual cost of the operation of the pool, the dollar amounts that I think would be prudent so that you would know the what fundraising dollars you would have to come forward with." Mr. Smith stated "Regent Kitch talked about it yesterday and nobody has shared one cent of it costs to operate it or anything like that." Regent Kitch stated "I feel like, when you said that, that's what I was going to bring up tonight, the possibility that you would understand what kind of money we are talking about and that you could come up with and discuss with administration what it is you want to do, again like I told you, we have state laws we have to adhere to, again this dialogue right now. We can discuss it but we can't take any action. I'm just baffled that you went a different direction, I wish you hadn't done that. I think you are a little unfair the discussion is on hand about the pool and if you can find it to discuss the facts, and it's hard for me to ask if you'll meet with him?" President Bryant stated he would be glad to meet with him. Regent Kitch stated "My feelings are, I'd like for you to meet with Dr. Bryant and find out the facts in terms of numbers and what it would take, the reason we voted it down was strictly money, now I can't speak for everybody but don't think there is anybody that doesn't want the pool open. It's strictly money and if you're willing to stay on task and talk about the pool, I feel bad about some of the things you said Marvin. We didn't achieve anything by doing that but if Dr Bryant is willing to meet with you, again it's not a motion I'm just asking if they would gather the facts so you would know the numbers" President Bryant stated "I will be glad to meet with him but I also want the chairman of our foundation, which is the fundraising arm of the college, to be a part of that meeting, because what you are proposing in your newspaper articles, violate state law, you cannot take money in the name of Redlands Community College and put it in a private bank account. It has to go through the foundation, the foundation would control that money, the foundation would have a line item specifically for Save Our Pool, which is what we were prepared to talk about with you tonight, except you never wanted to talk about the pool, instead you just chose to attack me and Mr. Smith I'm disappointed because I didn't expect that from you. I am glad to meet with you with other people in the room because Mr. Smith quite frankly I don't trust you now." Mr. Smith stated "the feeling is mutual" President Bryant stated "Then we will have people in the room with us that will record the meeting." Regent Krittenbrink stated "President Bryant it's my suggestion that Jena our VP of Finance be there as well." President Bryant stated "She will be, we will have a recorder in the room, a foundation representative, I've already talked to the foundation, they said we will gladly set up a line item if the board would like up to do that, that we could deposit money into, but of course I never got the opportunity to talk about what we've already done on the back side. Yes we will meet, Kenzi my assistant will call you and we will set up a time." Mr. Kitch stated, "Our focus is to make sure the college is taken care of and if in that mix the community, we're better off. I don't mean that as a negative, it's just what we're tasked with" The point was brought up that Redlands is not the only one who's had to close their pool. OCCC had to close theirs also.

Ms. Ruth Boyer was the second person to sign up under open comments. Ms. Boyer said she wanted to say thank you to the board for the pool. She is a member of Silver Sneakers, swims 4-5 times a week. She stated she has reduced her BMI and encouraged everyone to get an exercise program if they don't already have one, she thanked Anna Rinehart. She said it's sad the community doesn't use the pool because it's such a blessing.

Dr. Carder made a motion, seconded by Regent Kitch, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 Board of Regents meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, Von Tungeln, and McColl. Those voting against the motion: None

Jena Marr presented the Regents with the April financial update.

President Bryant updated the Regents on a "Thank-You" from the Oklahoma Blood Institute for a successful blood drive.

President Bryant updated the Regents on an article in the El Reno Tribune about Redlands Nursing Students offering some fire safety tips to elementary students at Sacred Heart School.

President Bryant updated the Regents on an article highlighting Redland Nursing Program in the El Reno Tribune.

Dr. Julie Flegal-Smallwood introduced her Phi Theta Kappa students, Sarah Wheeler, Tyler McKenzie, Christy Rutherford, and Kendra Scott. The PTK Students received The Distinguished Chapter Officer Team at the Regional level, Top Project in Section 7. Tyler McKenzie received the regional Distinguished Chapter Member Award and one of the Distinguished Chapter Member Awards at the National level. Christy Rutherford received their Workforce Award at the National level. Sarah Wheeler received acknowledgment on the floor at the State Capitol for her scholastic abilities and was one of our All USA Coca Cola Scholars. President Bryant let the Board know at the next meeting he would like to discuss one of the board members attending the PTK Trustees meeting. The Board gave the PTK students a standing ovation.

Rose Marie Smith updated the Board of God's Helping Hands Business Partnership Excellence Award. Delores and Thomas Alvarado run God's Helping Hands Mission in El Reno. Redlands nursing students help with teaching plans for Diabetes, Detox, and other conditions at the mission for former convicts and people in the community that need help. Dean Smith nominated God's Helping Hands to receive this award for the work they do in the community. This is the 13th year for this award.

Tina Walker with Botanac, LLC updated the Board on an Industrial Hemp partnership between Redlands Community College and Botanac. Tina is an attorney who grew up as a Farmer's daughter in Hennessey Oklahoma. She's experienced the ups and downs with farming. She came across Industrial Hemp and the qualities it has for soil reclamation. For 3 years, she worked and drafted the by partisan legislation with John Echols. It passed with only one no vote. Industrial Hemp is not the same thing as growing marijuana. Hemp has to have 0.3% THC or below. In order to grow industrial hemp you had to have 3 things, passage of the 2014 farm bill, your state allowing you to grow industrial hemp, and you had to have an institution of Higher Education that was willing to study and research industrial hemp and all the byproducts of it, which includes CBD oil, fiber, and grain. They will be studying all byproducts of hemp together with Redlands Community College. She wants farmers to succeed and have a viable crop and actually make a profit. Tina is very excited with work with Redlands. President Bryant updated the board on a conference call they had last week with the state department of agriculture to go over the draft rules, there is still not a licensing process in place as the final version of the rules is not out yet. Ten colleges participated in the call and five colleges have decided to participate. Over the past few days, he has had several interested parties phone calls. Before we get started on anything, we want to finalize our partnership with Botanac, LLC. They are hoping the Licensing procedure will be up and running by the end of June. The contract with Botanac, LLC has been run through the attorney general's office and they have finalized an approved contract that Redlands is ready to sign but wanted to explain the process to the board before it is signed. Regent Kitch asked what products are made from Hemp. Ms. Walker explained there are 50,000 applications but for just a few fiber

insulation (it's fire retardant and don't have the issue of fiber glass), hemp can replace plastic polymer and be biodegradable and it doesn't cost any more than what plastic does, Coca cola is already starting research on this. In Denver, a paper company is looking at switching from tree fiber to industrial hemp fiber. When processed the size of the fiber is actually smaller than a wood chip. Hemp paper was used until World War II; Oklahoma was mandated by FDR to grow industrial hemp because our supply lines were cut off by the war. That is one reason we have so much hemp growing wild right now. Regent Kitch asked if special equipment is needed to harvest. You can use what you have or get special equipment. You have to watch your moisture levels when harvesting. Regent Ruhl asked if biofuel was a possibility. Tina said the US government sees a biofuels aspect because it takes as much as 1/3 of the water to grow. They are having great results with biofuels from industrial hemp. America is a little behind the rest of the world. Regent Ruhl asked about CBD oil. Tina stated each cultivar that is planted would produce different types of CBD oil. Right now there is no seed that will withstand the generation of 0.3% THC or below with a third generation seed. They need to do research to hold that level without it going up and have a certified seed program. They want to try to be the center for the certified seed component. There is interest from the Noble Foundation to help research and maintain the level. The college would like to look at using it as a mix for the feed for the livestock for the protein level. In addition, to use for bedding material as it has a natural insect repellent.

Jena Marr asked for a vote to approve/disapprove issuing a purchase order to Mass Architects for planning and design services for the renovations to the exterior/interior modernization on the main campus for \$75,000. Dr. Carder made a motion, seconded by Dr. Von Tungeln to approve the PO for \$75,000. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, Von Tungeln, and McColl. Those voting against the motion: None

Jena Marr asked for a vote to approve/disapprove to contract with G4S Secure Solutions for on campus security services beginning July 1 at an annual amount of \$206,000. Regent McColl made a motion, seconded by Dr. Von Tungeln to approve the contract. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, Von Tungeln, and McColl. Those voting against the motion: None

Reonna Slagell-Gossen updated the Regents on the Viticulture/Enology certificate deletion. Separation of the certificate will allow students to complete the certificate(s) and gain entrance into an apprenticeship program while completing the AAS Sustainable Agriculture degree. The VESTA courses have been updated to meet new objectives and academic rigor of the VESTA program. Regent Kitch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Krittenbrink to approve deletion of the certificate. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, Von Tungeln, and McColl. Those voting against the motion: None

President Bryant updated the Regents on the Nursing Pinning and Commencement Ceremony on May 11, 2018. 31 Nursing Students walked during the Nursing Pinning Ceremony. There were 249 graduates this year, 110 walked across the stage. The Commencement speaker was Lisa Johnson-Billy, who did a fantastic job.

President Bryant discussed the need to form a nomination committee for the 2018-2019 Board Officers. Regent Ruhl appointed Regent Thompson as chair of the nominating committee. The officers will be brought to the June board meeting.

President Bryant updated the Regents on Personnel:

New Hire-

- Dr. Jalelah Abdul-Raheem – Nursing Simulation and Retention Faculty
- Jessie Botone – Data Entry Specialist/ Administrative Assistant for the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) ANSC (Part F) Grant
- Leigh Smith – Academic Advisor for Title IV Student Support Services Grant

Resignation-

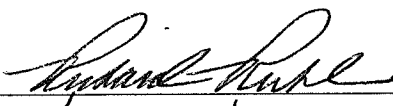
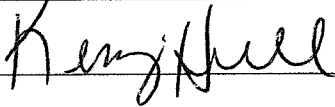
- Kimberly Haller-Academic Advisor for Title IV Student Support Services Grant

Retirement-

- Sandra Warren – Professor of Business

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

At 9:12pm, Regent Kitch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Von Tungeln to adjourn the meeting. Those voting for the motion: Regents Ruhl, Kitch, Carder, Krittenbrink, Von Tungeln, and McColl. Those voting against the motion: None

Chairperson		Date	6/7/18
Secretary		Date	6-7-18