

## Discussion/Reports:

1. Student Body Government. SBG President Tim Taylor reported that the NEO SBG officers went to Oklahoma State University on February 8<sup>th</sup> and toured the OSU Library. During their campus visit they met with O.S.U. SBG officers and were given a tour of the O.S.U. Student Union. On Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the SBG officers hosted a dinner for our local legislators, some of the A&M Board members and Chancellor Johnson. Discussions with the guests included higher education matters, legislative concerns, Oklahoma's Promise, concurrent student enrollment, etc. Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> was Higher Education Day at the State Capitol. The students toured the capitol and attended the afternoon Higher Education Day where several speakers made presentations. Speakers included Governor Fallin, Lt. Governor, Chancellor Johnson, Speaker of the House and other notables.
2. Director of Human Resources. Steve Bearden was introduced as the new Director of Human Resources. He is replacing Evan Jewsbury who recently accepted a job at the Director of Human Resources at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin.
3. Financial Analysis Review. The College budgets are built in April or May for the next fiscal year and the budget is based on enrollment projections. As of January 31, 2015, the projected revenue shortfall of the E&G budget is \$449,250; projected Auxiliary budget shortfall is \$400,000. Decreased enrollment of approximately 200 students is the primary reason for this year's shortfall. Part-time enrollment is approximately the same; full-time students have declined and the majority of the students were residential (fewer students in the dorms who purchase meal plans).
4. Budget Discussion. In the Governor's State of the State Address, Governor Fallin recommended no budget cuts for higher education for 2015-16; however, our state allocation has remained the same for the past eight years. The Board of Equalization will meet next week to determine the 2015-16 allocation.  
  
Discussion regarding how to increase revenue and save money included "don't spend money unnecessarily" and "encourage enrollment in the 8-week and intersession classes." This year we will possibly have to use some of our reserves because of the budget shortfall. There has been discussion at the state level regarding tapping into the reserves of the state agencies to fund some of the budget shortfall.
5. Early Retirement Program Proposal. The terms of the proposal have not been finalized and this program has to be approved by the A&M Board of Regents. There are certain positions that will have to be refilled if the employee retires.
6. Energy Management. We have implemented an energy monitoring system and a new energy manager is assisting in overseeing the reduction of energy costs.
7. Strategic Planning. One of the strategic goals is budgeting. Mark Rasor is chairing the Strategic Planning Budget Goals Committee and Pat Creech is co-chair.