

**COUNCIL OF
DIRECTORS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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3:30 – 5:00 p.m.*

Present: Barbara Bremer, Celeste Campbell, Chris Campbell, Christine Crenshaw, Steve Damron, Jovette Dew, James Knecht, Amy Martindale, Marilyn Middlebrook, Kevin Moore, Jessica Roark, Craig Satterfield, Kristi Thrift, Robin Wilson, Linda Jaco, Brenda Dawes, and Pamela Fry.

1. OSU's New Literacy Software – Linda Jaco and Brenda Dawes

Linda noted that there programs available at OSU that can assist students in their learning outcomes and retention. One of the programs available through their office is called "Oklahoma Assistive Technology Act Program" or "Oklahoma ABLE Tech". The "ABLE Tech" program provides technological assistance to Oklahomans with disabilities. Another program available through their area is called "Read&Write GOLD", this is the number one literacy software in the country and provides the following tools.

- Supports reading comprehension, writing, research, and study skills.
- Increases student retention rates.
- Integrates with mainstream applications (Word, PDF, Web, ebooks),
- Reading Tools: test-to-search and reading supports in any environment to aid comprehension.
- Writing and Self-Editing Tools: promote independence in composition exercises.
- Research and Study Skills Tools: helps students organize and extract information.
- Aids English language learners.
- OSU Collaboration: Information Technology, Oklahoma ABLE Tech, and Student Disability Services.
- Training available through OSU Oklahoma ABLE Tech for Faculty, Staff, Tutors, & Students. Call 744-9748 or email: Brenda.dawes@okstate.edu

There office has training available and ask that you call or email them and they will set a time to discuss the program as their schedules are flexible. Their office can conduct training in-house and it takes about 1 ½ hours. Students participating in the program will be entered into an iPad drawing and the program can be loaded on to iPads. Please visit their website:

<http://okabletech.okstate.edu> as their office has many other devices available to assist electronically. The electronic tools are free and fully supported by OSU.

2. STAR Update – James Knecht

James noted that he received the text messaging pricing and the pricing begins at 20,000 texts for \$600 and the more volume order the less expensive it becomes. James didn't know if this would be in as much demand given many students are now checking their email from their phones, but he wanted advisor feedback. With purchase of the program the package included 60,000 texts and James noted that OSU would probably use approximately 60,000 texts a semester. For each year the contract is renewed, it will come with an additional 60,000 texts. Members asked if other institutions had been contacted about their process. Members asked if a reply is an option with

these texts and James said not at this time but their working on it. Members asked if unused texts would roll over from year to year. Tulsa asked about prospective students and readmits not being able to make appointments. There has been more concern about students who are not current in SIS having the capability to make appointments and members asked if this could be tracked and James replied that he will assist with getting this information. James can create prospective student set-ups for each college. Members also noted that faculty with 0% FTE loads who are also advisors can have difficulties using the system and it was noted that Doug can take those out so that their calendars don't get blocked off by all the courses in their schedules. Dr. Fry wanted to thank James for all of his work on this project!

3. OSU Okmulgee and Oklahoma City Updates – Pamela Fry

Dr. Fry noted that OSU-OKC was interested in the D2L grading application and it is \$10 per application. All four OSU campuses are on the same system, making a change would affect all campuses. New D2L features are coming out and there are iPad issues which prompt discussions to co-effectively agree on what is needed. There are plans to schedule an annual summit between all the campuses to discuss these issues.

Chris Campbell attended a meeting with OSU-OKC regarding the possibility of degree completion between the two campuses and it was assessed that for many OSU-OKC degrees only 18 hours may count towards a disciplinary-specific degree offered on the Stillwater campus. OSU-Stillwater's Bachelors of University Studies (BUS) may be the best solution. The College of Education has been good about setting up degree tracks including an Associate of Science (AS) degree. More meetings to discuss this will be scheduled to discuss the options. Members asked if students knew the difference between the Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Members also asked if the name of the name of the BUS could be changed to better reflect national terminology and it was noted yes as there needs to be an explanation and student understanding.

4. Other

It was noted that a meeting between OSU, OSU-Tulsa, and Tulsa Community College will be scheduled to discuss articulation agreements.

It was asked that the college come to a friendly agreement in regards to pre-health students and it was suggested that discussions continue in the next meeting.

Adjourn: 5:00 p.m.