

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1354

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 4663, which relates to Oklahoma State University/Tulsa; updating reference; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 4663, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4663. A. On January 1, 1999, there shall be created the Board of Trustees for Oklahoma State University/Tulsa which shall consist of seven members who reside in Tulsa County or contiguous counties and two members of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges (A&M Board) who shall serve as voting, ex officio members, one of whom shall reside in the First Congressional District. The second member from the A&M Board shall be appointed by the A&M Board. For purposes of serving on the Board of Trustees, the members of the A&M Board who are appointed to the Board of Trustees shall not be subject to the dual office holding restrictions in Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Governor shall appoint the other members of the Board of Trustees with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members shall be appointed to numbered positions with staggered terms to expire as provided in this section. Successors to the initial board members shall serve seven-year terms that shall expire on June 30 of the seventh year following appointment. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Governor with the

advice and consent of the Senate. Four of the nine members on the initial Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate from the members of the Board of Regents of Rogers University who are residents of Tulsa and are serving on ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1, 1998. The four members appointed from the Board of Regents of Rogers University shall be appointed to the positions numbered one through four. The remaining three members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed to positions five through seven. The member of the A&M Board who resides in the First Congressional District shall hold position number eight. The second member of the A&M Board shall hold position number nine. The numbered positions and terms shall be as follows:

1. Position No. 1: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2000, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

2. Position No. 2: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2001, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

3. Position No. 3: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2002, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

4. Position No. 4: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2003, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

5. Position No. 5: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2004, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

6. Position No. 6: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2005, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

7. Position No. 7: The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of June, 2006, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

8. Position No. 8: The term of office shall coincide with the member's term on the A&M Board; and

9. Position No. 9: The term of office shall coincide with the member's term on the A&M Board.

B. The Board of Trustees shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and use an official seal. The Board shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary annually, each of whom shall serve for a term of one fiscal year and until a successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform such duties as the Board directs. The Board shall adopt rules which it deems necessary for the operation of the Board and the discharge of its duties and shall cause the minutes of all meetings to be kept. The Board shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

C. The Board of Trustees for Oklahoma State University/Tulsa may be authorized by the A&M Board to supervise and manage the campus of Oklahoma State University/Tulsa and perform other functions as necessary. The Board of Trustees shall promulgate rules and enact policies to govern the processes and procedures of the Board. The policies of the Board of Regents of Rogers University, including but not limited to, policies on personnel and student participation, that are in effect on the date that the Board of Regents of Rogers University is dissolved, shall be deemed adopted by the Board of Trustees unless specifically amended or repealed by the A&M Board. The A&M Board and the Board of Trustees shall appoint a joint committee of at least two members from each board and at least two members of the staff of each institution to develop and propose mutually agreed upon rules and policies to formalize the review and oversight procedures and the relationships

between the A&M Board, the Board of Trustees, Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, and Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. It is the intent of the Legislature that in the interests of immediate responsiveness to the needs of students, employees, and the business community that the decision or approval process be expedited.

D. Subject to the oversight of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma State University/Tulsa shall set the compensation of the president of Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. On or after January 1, 1999, the A&M Board may assign and delineate roles and responsibilities for the Board of Trustees for Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. Such responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, student services, facility operations, student financial services, budget preparations, endowed chairs at Oklahoma State University/Tulsa, and administrative operations as specified by the A&M Board.

E. The Board of Trustees shall establish the usual and customary accounts established by higher education institutions within the Office of State Finance necessary to carry out its duties.

F. Until July 1, 2001, during the transition and development of Oklahoma State University/Tulsa, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees for Oklahoma State University/Tulsa, Oklahoma State University is authorized and directed to negotiate contracts with institutions for courses and degree programs of study approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, as necessary to meet the higher education needs for the Tulsa metropolitan area. The number of degree programs offered by Northeastern State University and Langston University shall not be diminished or duplicated.

G. The president of Oklahoma State University/Tulsa shall be selected by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and

Mechanical Colleges after completion of a search process as set forth in this subsection. The A&M Board shall appoint at least two of its members, one of whom must reside in the First Congressional District, and the Board of Trustees shall appoint at least two of its members to a search committee. The president of Oklahoma State University may appoint other representatives of faculty, staff, and students to the search committee. The president of Oklahoma State University shall recommend a candidate in consultation with the search committee to the Board of Trustees and the A&M Board.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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