

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2882

By: Shelton, Shumate, Denney  
and Pittman of the House

and

Morgan and Johnson  
(Constance) of the Senate

An Act relating to higher education; creating the Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa; providing for membership; making two members of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges members of the Board of Trustees; exempting certain members from dual office restrictions; establishing terms of office; making the Board of Trustees a body corporate; providing for officers; directing the Board of Trustees to adopt rules, discharge duties, and keep minutes; making the Board of Trustees subject to certain laws; stating duties and functions of the Board of Trustees; providing for appointment of a joint committee; stating purpose of the joint committee; stating legislative intent; authorizing the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to assign and delineate roles and responsibilities for the Board of Trustees; specifying certain responsibilities; directing the Board of Trustees to establish certain accounts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3431 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. On January 1, 2009, there shall be created the Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa which shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor and two members of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, or their designees, selected by the chair of the Board of Regents, who shall serve as voting, ex officio members. For purposes of serving on the Board of Trustees, the members of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges 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. One member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall hold position number eight on the Board of Trustees. The other member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall hold position number nine on the Board of Trustees. The numbered positions and terms shall be as follows:

1. Position No. 1: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2010, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

2. Position No. 2: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2011, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

3. Position No. 3: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2012, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

4. Position No. 4: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2013, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

5. Position No. 5: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2014, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

6. Position No. 6: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2015, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

7. Position No. 7: The term of office of one member shall expire on June 30, 2016, and each seven (7) years thereafter;

8. Position No. 8: The term of office shall coincide with the member's term on the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges; and

9. Position No. 9: The term of office shall coincide with the member's term on the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

B. The Board of Trustees shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and use an official seal. The Board of Trustees shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary annually, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform all duties as directed by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees 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 of Trustees shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

C. The Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa shall advise the president of Langston University and the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on the supervision and management of the campus of Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston 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 Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges 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 Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, Langston University, Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston 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. On or after January 1, 2009, the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges may assign and delineate roles and responsibilities for the Board of Trustees for

Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa. The responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, student services, facility operations, student financial services, budget preparations, endowed chairs at Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa, and administrative operations as specified by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

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.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of April, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate