

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 2882

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2882 - By: SHELTON AND SHUMATE of the House and MORGAN 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:

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

4 A. On January 1, 2009, there shall be created the Board of Trustees for Langston
5 University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa which shall consist of seven
6 members appointed by the Governor and two members of the Board of Regents for the

1 Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges selected by the chair of the Board of
2 Regents, who shall serve as voting, ex officio members. For purposes of serving on the
3 Board of Trustees, the members of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural
4 and Mechanical Colleges who are appointed to the Board of Trustees shall not be subject
5 to the dual-office-holding restrictions in Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
6 The Governor shall appoint the other members of the Board of Trustees with the advice
7 and consent of the Senate. The members shall be appointed to numbered positions with
8 staggered terms to expire as provided in this section. Successors to the initial board
9 members shall serve seven-year terms that shall expire on June 30 of the seventh year
10 following appointment. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by
11 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member of the Board of
12 Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall hold position
13 number eight on the Board of Trustees. The other member of the Board of Regents for
14 the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall hold position number nine on
15 the Board of Trustees. The numbered positions and terms shall be as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 B. The Board of Trustees shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and use an
14 official seal. The Board of Trustees shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary annually,
15 each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until a successor is elected
16 and qualified, and who shall perform all duties as directed by the Board of Trustees. The
17 Board of Trustees shall adopt rules which it deems necessary for the operation of the
18 Board and the discharge of its duties and shall cause the minutes of all meetings to be
19 kept. The Board of Trustees shall comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the
20 Oklahoma Open Records Act.

21 C. The Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston
22 University-Tulsa shall advise the president of Langston University and the Board of

1 Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on the supervision and
2 management of the campus of Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston
3 University-Tulsa and perform other functions as necessary. The Board of Trustees shall
4 promulgate rules and enact policies to govern the processes and procedures of the Board.
5 The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and the
6 Board of Trustees shall appoint a joint committee of at least two members from each
7 board and at least two members of the staff of each institution to develop and propose
8 mutually agreed-upon rules and policies to formalize the review and oversight
9 procedures and the relationships between the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma
10 Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, Langston University, Langston University-
11 Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa. It is the intent of the Legislature that in
12 the interests of immediate responsiveness to the needs of students, employees, and the
13 business community that the decision or approval process be expedited.

14 D. On or after January 1, 2009, the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma
15 Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges may assign and delineate roles and responsibilities
16 for the Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston
17 University-Tulsa. The responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, student
18 services, facility operations, student financial services, budget preparations, endowed
19 chairs at Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa, and
20 administrative operations as specified by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma
21 Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

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

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 03-05-08 - DO
6 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.