

**Minutes of the  
Economic Development Council  
Meeting**

September 10, 2013  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Members present:

Arun Tilak, CU; Kathy Harrell, CASC; Ryan Blanton, CSC; Rick Wetherill, ECU; Linda Tillman, LU; Cecil Carter, MSC; Sheri Snyder, NOC; Steven Bloomberg, RSC; Diane Murphey, OPSU, (via-video); Arlie Schroder, RCC; Jeri Koehler, RSU; Stan Greil, RSC; Kathy Hendrick, SOSU; Doug Misak, SWOSU

Guests present:

Robin Roberts Krieger, OSU-OKC; Renee Williams, OU; Roberta Jones, SOSU; Chancellor Glen Johnson, Tony Hutchison, Emelia Ross, Connie Lake and Renae Brill, OSRHE staff.

**1. Welcome and Introductions of all members and guests**

Chairperson Rick Wetherill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were made and guests were welcomed.

**2. Approval of May 14, 2013 EDC meeting minutes**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the May 14, 2013, meeting of the Economic Development Council were approved as presented.

**3. Review and approve meeting dates for 2012-13**

The meeting dates were presented for the approval of the council. After brief discussion and confirmation of dates and times, the meeting dates were approved.

**4. 2013-14 EDC Priorities**

**a. EDC Internship Program, Rick Wetherill, committee chair**

- a) Rick Wetherill, ECU
- b) Doug Misak, SWOSU
- c) Arun Tilak, CU
- d) Arlie Schroder, RCC
- e) Diane Murphey, OPSU

**b. Economic Development Reporting Template, Arun Tilak, committee chair**

- a) Arun Tilak, CU
- b) Ryan Blanton, CSC
- c) Linda Tillman, LU
- d) Jeri Koehler, RSU
- e) Robin Roberts Krieger, OSU-OKC
- f) Kathy Hendrick, SOSU

g) Mark Kinders, UCO

**c. Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony and reception, Sheri Snyder, committee chair**

- a) Sheri Snyder, NOC
- b) Janet Wansick, EOSC
- c) Kathy Harrell, CASC
- d) Cecil Carter, MSC

**5. OSRHE update by Tony Hutchison**

Mr. Hutchison shared with the Council that Governor Fallin was extremely pleased with the turnout of higher education at the STEM Summit. Governor Fallin is the first governor of Oklahoma to be the chair of the National Governors Association (NGA). Governor Fallin has selected America Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow's Jobs for her topic for the 2013-2014 year. Mr. Hutchison shared that Dominique Raymond came in and did a report at the September Regents meeting. As you may know Secretary Lopez and Jonna Kirschner will be leaving the Department of Commerce and Vaughn Clark will be the Interim Director.

**6. Commerce update by Connie Lake**

Ms. Lake shared with the Council about Oklahoma Community Area and Network (OCAN) the State Regents, Office of OMES and Department of Transportation received a grant a few years ago from the National Telecommunications Information Administration for \$74,000,000 and they built-out over 1,000 miles of network to bring broadband to rural communities. Ms. Lake asked if the Council was interested in bringing someone in to talk with the Council about OCAN.

Ms. Lake passed around the Best Practice Sign-up sheet for the members of the Council to pick a best practice date for one of the future EDC meetings. President Faltyn shared with Ms. Lake that he would like to take one of the best practices and share it at the presidents' meeting on a quarterly basis.

Ms. Lake shared with the Council the annual report from Department of Commerce. Ms. Lake has worked on 17 different recruitment projects. Some of the various projects areas that Ms. Lake worked on are information technology, aerospace, energy research and development, shared business services as well as advance manufacturing.

**7. Presentation by Chancellor**

Chancellor Johnson made a presentation to the Council on The State System of Higher Education. If you would like to use or want to look at the PowerPoint please [click here](#).

**8. Bring Successes! Be prepared to share in two minutes what is happening at your institution**

Arun Tilak, CU in Duncan met with i2E, Department of Commerce and OCAST for a regional meeting to see what kind of financing is available for startups.

Doug Misak, SWOSU was successful in obtaining the EDA grant. They will be hiring a new SBDC representative. On September 25, SWOSU will be hosting a seminar on campus for Disaster Recovery

Ryan Blanton, CSC got a \$25,000 JOBS economic development grant from Armstrong Bank through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka for the Nursing and allied Health facility, \$50,000 grant from USA Funds to help reduce student loan default rates and a \$200,000 commitment from Sodexo to assist with renovation of the Student Union. CSC has provided leadership for Action in Muskogee (AIM) which is a community development initiative similar to MAPPS.

Sheri Snyder, NOC has completed the planning portion of their strategic plan for the 2014-2018. The strategic plan was divided into five goals. Ms. Snyder hopes to share with the EDC council the fifth goal which is Diversity and Increase Revenue Streams for NOC. Next Tuesday, NOC will be celebrating with OSU their 10 year anniversary with the NOC/OSU Gateway program. At the end of September, NOC will be celebrating the Bridge program with NWOSU and the Enid Higher Ed program, which will be kicking off a new campaign in the Enid area.

Jeri Koehler, RSU in Claremore received the EDA Federal grant.

Steve Bloomberg, OCCC's Professional Development Institute was recognized as one of the top 20 international training providers in trainingindustry.com for 2013.

Arlie Schroder, RCC has submitted their budget for FY14 year and was accepted by the Regents.

Renee Williams, OU had the second largest freshman class in the history and it is the most qualified class academically. OU did not raise residence tuition for the FY14 year. Ms. Williams also shared that OU started their new developmental math program, it is a consortium with RCC and that is for remedial math. OU had their Annual Advanced Placement Summer Institute which hosted 299 middle school and high school teachers in Oklahoma.

Kathy Hendrick, SOSU will be hosting a Job Fair on October 10 for Oklahoma and Texas, which will be held in Durant. Ms. Hendrick's time has been spent mainly working with Workforce System Certification making manufacturing videos, income levels and what type of education requirements. SOSU is also having a Trout Fishing event in late October in Broken Bow.

Cecil Carter, MSC; Mr. Carter stated that he had Ray Murphey run a profile of Johnston County and they had a per capita income increase for the last 10 years.

Stan Greil, RSC hosted a Skills Summit to find out what local employers wanted in skills. The results of the Skills Summit were character skills ranked highest.

Rick Wetherill, ECU; Mr. Wetherill has stepped down from being Graduate Dean and is now managing the new conference center as a profit center. This summer ECU had 900 residential campers. One of the summer camps held at ECU was Oklahoma Business week and won the Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE) Regional award for best non-credit program. The program then went on to win the national award in the same category. The national award will be given at the 2013 Annual Conference & Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky November 4-6, 2013.

**9. New Business**

No new business

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.