

**Minutes of the
Economic Development Council
Meeting**

September 8, 2015

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Members present:

Arun Tilak, CU; Kathy Harrell, CASC; Ryan Blanton, CSC; Kaben Smallwood, EOSC, (via-video); Cecil Carter, MSC; Ron Cambiano, NSU; Sheri Snyder, NOC; John Claybon, OCCC; Diane Murphey, OPSU, Stan Greil, RSC; Larry Smith, SSC; Doug Misak, SWOSU; Jeri Thornton-Dulaney, WOSC, (via-video)

Guests present:

Anita Gordy-Watkins, OSUIT, (via-video); Sheryl Hale, OSUIT, (via-video); Randy McCrary, Cody Ruiz, Ryan Mitchell and Renae Brill, OSRHE staff.

1. Welcome and Introductions of all members and guests

Chairperson Arun Tilak called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Introductions were made and guests were welcomed.

2. Approval of May 12, 2015 EDC meeting minutes

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the May 12, 2015, meeting of the Economic Development Council were approved as presented.

3. Review and Discussion of changes to bylaws

Mr. Tilak opened the floor for discussion. The council discussed and voted on the bylaws and they were passed in a unanimous decision.

4. Arun Tilak will present the 2015-16 EDC meeting and program schedule. Mr. Tilak will also share expectations and “how to” of best practice

Mr. Tilak shared with the council the 2015-16 meeting dates. The Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award program will be on March 8, 2016. We are looking to hold the event at the University of Central Oklahoma this year and the EDI training will be sometime in February 2016. Mr. Tilak also shared with the council the 2015-16 Priorities and Committees and how each one will function, Impact Study committee, Regents Business Partnership committee, EDI training committee. Mr. Tilak asked the Council if they have a best practice to please send it to him as there are a limited number of meetings. Mr. Tilak shared the purpose of the EDC and asked others to give him some feedback.

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

Ron Cambiano – NSU is gearing up for the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA) on November 10, 2015 Summit. Mr Cambiano will send information to Ms. Lake to send to the council and welcomes everyone to attend.

Stan Greil – RSC opened the new Student Village Apartments. The Disney Institute will be hosted at RSC next week. RSC is co-sponsoring 1 Million Cups Oklahoma City every Wednesday at 9 am. It's an event, sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation, where local entrepreneurs get together and hear presentations from early stage startups. 1 Million Cups is in 35+ states and one U.S. territory.

Ryan Blanton – CSC first class of nursing graduates is out in the workforce. The initial reports say that CSC retained them at 88% and all are working in Muskogee County health care employment sector.

Doug Misak – SWOSU is still working on their management training 101 classes. SWOSU has a class every 60 days. Mr. Misak shared that they are remodeling housing on campus.

John Claybon – OCCC has developed a one-stop workforce development center at Plaza Mayor. OCCC has 28,000 sq. ft. of space dedicated for technical training and job placement for a certification program. The Department of Labor awarded a \$2.5 million grant. The first class graduated a couple weeks ago and a couple of students have been placed in jobs. OCCC will launch a new program in small unmanned aerial systems or drone academy in November. They will be trying to partner with the FAA.

Arun Tilak – CU started an Engineering AAS program and the first semester had eight students enrolled, and now, the enrollment is up to 54 students.

Cecil Carter - MSC; Mr. carter shared that the Industrial Authority has been in litigation on a building for a year and a half and finally got the building back and the tenants all have left. Clean-up is under way. MSC's nursing school is coming along very well. MSC's gun smiting program has increased its capacity. MSC continues to be involved with the Oklahoma Southeast.

Kathy Harrell – CASC, Poteau campus has two new programs, occupational safety and health, and health information and technology, which will be an online program. CASC has a partnered with NSU with a new teacher program that started this fall. The 2nd Annual Walk a Mile in My Shoes will be held October 28th.

Sheri Snyder – NOC will be having a ribbon cutting and dedication on October 9th for the new residence hall. NOC has partnerships with two career techs with their manufacture extension agent. That position is open and they are interviewing.

Diane Murphey – OPSU Wind Energy/Maintenance program began accepting students this fall. The women’s volleyball received academic achievement award from AVBCA. The Rodeo Team was national runner-up plus Clay Elliott National Champ Saddle Bronc. The Phi Beta Lambda (Business Club) returned from national competitions with one national champion in Agribusiness and nine additional top ten finishes. OPSU started new internships this fall with PTCI (Panhandle Telephone) and TCED (Tri-County Electric), and with accounting firms in the Guymon area. Also, the Computer Game Design Team got best in show at the Heartland Gaming Conference in Tulsa, OK.

Heather Kay – OSU-OKC has a new 45,000 sq. ft. building going up and will house the Allied Health, and Variety Care is partnering with them. They will be housed in the building also. The OSU-OKC Farmers Market was recently recognized in the September issue of the Southern Living Magazine as one of the Souths best Farmers Market. Also, Farmers Market is partnered with the Department of Human Services for their SNAP program and Seniors SNAP program.

Kaben Smallwood – EOSC has recently been working with AT&T to extend the partnership they have with them. This partnership helps with internet service and is able to allow students to DJ a radio station broadcast at different sporting events. EOSC added a soccer program for men and women on campus.

Jeri Thornton-Dulaney – WOSC has expanded their evening program for working adults.

Anita Gordy Watkins – OSUIT shared reporting awhile back on a master planning process, and now, it is complete. The first project OSUIT is working on is a Culinary Building. Another piece of the master plan is to have the campus link to downtown. OSUIT will be rerouting some of the streets and the campus entrance will be moved to face downtown. OSUIT has purchased two buildings downtown and will turn those into housing for students. Ms. Gordy Watkins has announced that she is retiring at the end of September.

Sheryl Hale – OSUIT has a department of labor grant called Green Novation, which is focused on training people in sustainable energy type program in the construction field. Also, OSUIT was recently recognized by the Henry Bellman Sustainability Award. OSUIT is working on a Department of Defense grant and are in phase I.

2015-16 EDC Priorities

- a. **Economic Development Reporting Template, Ryan Blanton committee chair**
 - a) Ryan Blanton, CSC
 - b) Jill Worthington, RCC

- b. **Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony and reception, Kathy Harrell, committee chair**
 - a) Kathy Harrell, CASC
 - b) Sheri Snyder, NOC
 - c) Larry Smith, SSC

- d) Cecil Carter, MSC
- e) Kathy Hendrick, SOSU

c. EDI Training, Doug Misak, committee chair

- a) Doug Misak, SWOSU
- b) Jon Claybon, OCCC
- c) Stan Greil, RSC
- d) Kaben Smallwood, EOSC

6. Breakout into committees to determine action plans for the year

Mr. Tilak allowed the committees to share important information and explained to the council what the committee is about. Mr. Tilak had the committees break out into groups.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.