

**Minutes of the
Economic Development Council
Meeting and Retreat**

October 9, 2012
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Members present:

Arun Tilak, CU; Nina Ritchie, CASC ; Ryan Blanton, CSC; Rick Wetherill, ECU; Janet Wansick, EOSC; Cecil Carter, MSC; Greg Gardner, OCCC; Jeri Koehler, RSU; Doug Misak, SWOSU; Lisa Palmer, TCC; Mark Kinder, UCO; Jason Morrison, WOSC

Guests present:

Heather Kay, OSU-OKC; Anita Gordy-Watkins, OSUIT; Renae Brill and Emelia Ross OSRHE staff

1. Welcome

Chairperson Greg Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of September 11, 2012 minutes

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting of the Economic Development Council were approved as presented.

3. Committee work group reports on goals, objectives and desired outcomes

- a. EDC Internship Program, Greg Gardner, committee chair
This is an effort by the EDC to have an internship program. It is a connection between EDC and the community. Mr. Gardner stated that the committee members would like to seek about \$45,000 in funding to allow each institution about \$1,800 per student for internship. Mr. Gardner shared with the EDC that the internship program committee will send out more information either by email or LinkedIn. Mr. Gardner also shared that the committee members talked about creating an online application submission through the state regents' office.
- b. MPM/Economic Development Summit, Cecil Carter, committee chair
Mr. Carter discussed the future MPM/Economic Development summit conference. Mr. Carter stated that the group had brought up the idea that workshops and breakout sessions should be focused around presenting solutions to problems within the four tenants of MPM (Livable Communities, Innovative Economy, Collaborative Government, and Social Inclusion).

c. Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony and reception, Janet Wansick, committee chair; Mr. Kinders spoke on behalf of Ms. Wansick. Mr. Kinders Shared with the EDC that the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony will be held on Monday, April 29, 2013 at UCO. The Reception start time will be at 3:45 pm with a start time of program at 4:00 pm. January 31, 2013 will be the deadline for submissions. Mr. Kinders also stated that he will ask for a sponsorship through SODEXO.

4. New Business – No new business

5. Adjournment – 2:15

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the State Regents' Conference Room in Oklahoma City.