

**Minutes of the
Economic Development Council
Meeting**

November 11, 2015
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Members present:

Arun Tilak, CU; Kathy Harrell, CASC; Ryan Blanton, CSC; Rick Wetherill, ECU; Kaben Smallwood, EOSC, Cecil Carter, MSC; Diane Murphey, OPSU, (via-video); Jill Worthington, RCC; Stan Greil, RSC; Bill Cater, SOSU; Doug Misak, SWOSU; Brett Campbell, TCC

Guests present:

Sheryl Hale, OSUIT, Robin Roberts Krieger, OSU-OKC, Sandra Stevenson, ECU, Heather Reichert, OU, Michele Campbell, OKSBDC, Vince Howie, ODOC, Scott Farmer, Superintendent for Sallisaw Public Schools, 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 September 8, 2015 EDC meeting minutes

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the September 8, 2015, meeting of the Economic Development Council were approved as presented.

3. Main Topic: Aerospace and Defense Industry, Vince Howie, Aerospace and Defense Director from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce

Mr. Howie shared with the council the US Aerospace outlook. He talked about Aerospace in Oklahoma and how Oklahoma is the national leader in MRO (Maintenance Repair and Overhaul). Mr. Howie also mentioned Oklahoma Business Incentives and Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program. He stressed the need for engineers; electrical, mechanical, aerospace and software.

4. Best Practice: Scholars Diploma, Kathy Harrell, Carl Albert State College and Scott Farmer, Superintendent for Sallisaw Public Schools

Dr. Harrell introduced Mr. Farmer to the council. Mr. Farmer talked about The Scholars Diploma and how it is a partnership between Carl Albert State College and Sallisaw Public Schools. Working through both the Dept. of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents, the two educational entities developed a program that allows high school seniors who are interested, to enroll in a 5th year program. The plan began through discussions between Mr. Scott Farmer, superintendent of Sallisaw Public Schools, and Dr. Kathy Harrell, Vice-President of CASC-Sallisaw. Dr. Harrell had read about such a program in the northwest part of the country and Mr. Farmer was intrigued. Mr. Farmer helped develop a comprehensive plan to coordinate and encourage high school seniors to continue their higher education.

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

Sheryl Hale – OSUIT has unveiled a 12 ft. tall bronze sculpture of Pistol Pete. OSUIT has purchased two new buildings, and one will be a dormitory that will house 74 students. OSUIT is currently evaluating a partnership with the Mid-America Industrial Park; they have offered to put up \$7.5 million to create a new training center. Dr. Hale shared that they are in phase I in their Department of Defense Grant.

Bill Carter – SOSU - Mr. Carter shared that the International Trade Symposium will be December 2nd at OSU-OKC. Mr. Carter also shared that Monday, November 16th SOSU will host an Innovation Summit.

Jill Worthington – RCC received a second part of their Native American Survey Non-Tribal Institution Grant, which is a \$1.9 million grant over the next five years. RCC is partnering with El Reno High Schools on their STEM event or activities?. RCC held their first annual Business Summit and had over 50 businesses involved.

Stan Greil – RSC will be hosting a Strategic Sales Workshop on November 17th. For the Small Business clients, RSC will have a free introduction of patents and trademarks class??? on December 1st at 9am to 11am. The Million Cups have been at RSC since August and are very successful. On April 15, 2016, RSC will display 10 items they did in the FabLab.

Rick Wetherill – ECU has just completed another successful Women’s Conference with 400 attendees. ECU lost their Smart Start Grant in July, but was able to keep the Dolly Parton Imagination Library through private donations. ECU’s new business conference center hosted 132 events last year. Education building got top to bottom and inside and out renovation. ECU received a \$1.1 million Trio Grant.

Cecil Carter – MSC has expanded the Gun Smith program. The Nursing Building is finally getting the roof on; it has been a year long process for that building.

Arun Tilak – CU – Lawton trademarked the name “STEM City”; they received almost a \$1 million for a school system for STEM. Every student who passed an AP exam got \$100 and the teacher received \$100. One of the tenants in the incubator at CU is building a program online for soft skills.

Ryan Blanton – CSC was awarded a \$1.2 million Trio Grant. CSC is starting a new accelerated program. They partnered with Warner Public Schools and Muskogee Public Schools and are allowing the juniors and seniors to do online concurrent classes.

Doug Misak – SWOSU’s Center of Economic Development received their second EDA grant which will be centered on Native American Tribes. SWOSU launched an MBA/Pharmacy D program. SWOSU now has a Minor in Forensics program.

Kaben Smallwood – EOSC has a partnership with Middle Mountain Dairy which specializes in goat milk and goat cheese. EOSC will have a 30 x 96 aquaponics green house that will have 1,000 sq. ft. of aquaponics growth space as well as 6,500 gallons of water where they will be raising an edible fish species. Half of the facility will be used as an incubator.

Brett Campbell – TCC will be opening a new 50,000 sq. ft. hanger at Jones Airport in South Tulsa. TCC is implementing prior learning assessment.

Kathy Harrell – CASC has received a \$1.9 million grant. CASC’s focus will be on their virtual campus, which is 37% Native American.

Robin Roberts Krieger-OSU-OKC has some new partnerships with Tinker and Boeing. OSU-OKC received \$100,000 from the USDA for their farmer’s market. OSU-OKC is number one in the state for SNAP and SNAP for seniors.

Diane Murphey – OPSU had a student who attended the 2015 Hispanic College Quiz Bowl and won the national championship in Chicago. OPSU has a record number of nternships through their School of Business; 13 internships and 10 businesses.

2015-16 EDC Priorities

- a. **Economic Development Reporting Template, Ryan Blanton, committee chair**
Mr. Blanton shared with the Council that there will be a letter going out to all the presidents and a survey that will go out to the Council.
 - b. **Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony and reception, Kathy Harrell, committee chair**
Dr. Harrell shared with the Council that the letters went out to the presidents and a carbon copy went to each EDC member. The online submission went live on November 1st and the deadline is December 11th. The partnership will be held at UCO on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 11am to 1pm.
 - c. **EDI Training, Doug Misak, committee chair**
Mr. Misak shared with the committee that they hope to have everything set in stone by December 3rd. The ED Training will be held at the PHF conference center on February 22-24, 2016.
6. **New Business**
Mr. McCrary and Mr. Ruiz shared with the committee some dashboards they have been working on. All of it is from the productivity report and employment outcomes report, which has wage, graduation and percent of employment.
 7. **Adjournment**
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.