

# **Minutes of the Economic Development Council Meeting**

November 8, 2016  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

## Members present:

Arun Tilak, CU; Jennifer Humphreys, CASC; Ryan Blanton, CSC; Dana Hope Chism, LU; Cecil Carter, MSC; Ron Cambiano, NSU; John Claybon, OCCC; Sara Hitch, OPSU (via-video); David Shideler, OSU; Doug Misak, SWOSU; Patrick Green, TCC; Chrystal Overton, WOSC (via-video).

## Guests present:

Karen Youngblood, UCO; Shad Satterthwaite, OU; Albert Johnson, CU; LTC James Laslie, Ft. Sill; Tony Hutchison, Connie Lake, Cody Ruiz, Randy McCrary and Renae Brill, OSRHE staff.

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

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

### **2. Approval of September 13, 2016 EDC meeting minutes**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the September 13, 2016, meeting of the Economic Development Council were approved as presented.

### **3. Main Topic: Changes at Ft. Sill, Albert Johnson Jr., Vice President for University Advancement, Cameron University**

LTC James Laslie shared with the council Fort Sill's overview. The Fires Centers of Excellence (FCoE) designs the right mix of capacity, capability, skill, equipment and talent; builds the Fires force and the Army through initial entry training; and improves the Fires force through professional military education, leader development, doctrine updates and lessons learned across the Fires warfighting function to integrate and deliver cross-domain fires which enables joint combined arms maneuver. LTC James Laslie shared that the Reynolds Army Community Hospital is now used as a clinic for the Ft. Sill/Lawton area and Fort Sill has built a new Fires Fitness Center, 95<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General New Barracks and Freedom Elementary school for the public to use.

### **4. Demonstration of the online submission process for the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award, John Claybon, committee chair**

Mr. Claybon demonstrated how to use the online submission process to the council. He then 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 October 31<sup>st</sup> and the

deadline is December 13<sup>th</sup>. The partnership will be held at UCO on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 11am to 1pm.

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

Patrick Green – Tulsa Community College is developing several new, non-credit pathways for English as Second Language students in manufacturing in the Tulsa area. These non-credit versions of credit courses can be turned into credits via prior learning assessments.

Dana Hope Chism – Langston University had their gala with a record crowd of over 1,000 people. Langston’s football team is going to the playoffs and the women’s basketball team went to Baylor for an exhibition game in which they tried, but Baylor was more than what the lady lions could handle.

Ron Cambiano – Northeastern State University celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance Summit with 360 attendees. Northeastern State University also had their first Inaugural Leadership Academy with 25 members.

Jennifer Humphreys – Carl Albert State College had their Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation site visit. This week Carl Albert is hosting Senior Day for high school seniors. Carl Albert is also in the midst of their gala planning. Carl Albert also launched a new update to the online housing and scholarship application.

Cecil Carter – Murray State College enrollment is up 5% and they have dropped five or six classes.

Ryan Blanton - Connors State College received a \$1.75 million Title III Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution Grant. The grant focuses on increasing the retention and persistent rate of Connors’ Native American nursing and pre-nursing students. Connors will work on getting a career advisor, and then building over the next five years, a high-tech simulation laboratory in the new nursing and allied health building with the grant monies.

Doug Misak – Southwestern Oklahoma State University was presented a check for \$1.2 million for their relending program, which Southwestern Oklahoma State University has a not-for-profit to distribute those funds for businesses in the area. Desmond Mason, former OSU basketball player and former Oklahoma City Thunder player, is on campus today talking about entrepreneurship and different avenues for athletes.

Shad Satterthwaite – The University of Oklahoma’s Economic Development Institute will be kicking off a conference in Florida with about 120 participants. The University of Oklahoma received an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to do some resilience training to help communities stricken by natural disasters. Dr. Pappas will be retiring at the end of the year.

Karen Youngblood – University of Central Oklahoma was ranked 21st with the *Military Times* list of top schools for student veterans and military. Last week was Homecoming for the University of Central Oklahoma.

John Claybon – Oklahoma City Community College had a resource fair for the recently closed Heritage College. They had about 30-40 students for the event trying to find out the options they have to continue their education. Oklahoma City Community College is working on two Prior Learning Assessments (PLAs), one with the Independent Electrical Contractors Association to help bring in apprentices and journeymen to get college credit, and the other for a Commercial Food Equipment Technician Program.

Albert Johnson – Cameron University opened up a Psychology Clinic a few weeks ago. Cameron University has a Science and Lab building at their Duncan Campus which was built through their Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. A Gross Anatomy Lab opened this summer, and now they have four cadavers.

Sara Hitch – Oklahoma Panhandle State University recently received notification that they had earned the 25% necessary to become a Hispanic Serving Institution. Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Association of Information Technology Professionals went to the Regional Competition and received three first place finishes and six top ten scores for a total of nine awards overall. Dr. Temple Grandin will be on campus this Thursday.

Chrystal Overton – Western Oklahoma State College is working with the warrant officer group at Ft. Sill for a Military Studies degree. Western Oklahoma State College is working with a company out of Hulbert, Oklahoma called SKF (Aktiebolaget Svenska Kullagerfabriken). SKF has been closing over the past year and letting the workers go. The workers are receiving trade adjustment funds to go back to school, so Western Oklahoma State College is helping those students.

## **6. 2016-17 EDC Priorities**

### **a. Update Battelle Report, Ryan Blanton, committee chair**

Dr. Blanton shared that the committee has not met and will send an email out with information and to recruit committee members. Dr. Blanton will plan on having a meeting with Tony Hutchison prior to the next Economic Development Council meeting.

### **b. Economic Development Research Committee, all Executive Committee members**

Dr. Blanton shared that all Executive Committee members will be on this committee, and if any other council members would like to be on the committee, please email Dr. Blanton.

### **c. Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award Ceremony and Reception, John Claybon, committee chair**

Mr. Claybon shared with the council that the guest speakers are set and we are on schedule. Don't forget the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award deadline for submissions will be Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

d. **ED Training, Doug Misak, committee chair**

Mr. Misak shared with the council the tentative dates for the training, June 12-14, 2016 at the PHF conference center. The committee discussed using the same hotel as last year and keeping the same formatting for the program, half day on Monday, all day Tuesday and half day on Wednesday. This committee will meet again in December.

7. **OSRHE and Legislative update by Tony Hutchison**

Mr. Hutchison shared a couple of things with the Council. He spoke about State Question 779, the sales tax. The pros and cons; pro-they have excluded higher ed and career tech from their ads and only talk about the money going to common ed, con-there has been focus on the lack of audits of higher ed.

8. **Commerce update by Connie Lake**

Ms. Lake gave a brief update from Commerce that a Mexico Trade Representative will be in Oklahoma the week of November 15 to meet with export-ready companies interested in doing business in the Mexican market. Ms. Lake is currently working with Commerce on several expansion and recruitment projects; mainly manufacturing and warehouse distribution with investments ranging from \$50 to \$130 million; potential jobs from 75 to 1,500. Commerce is close to closing a project with a Swedish manufacturer of HVAC equipment.

9. **New Business**

No new business.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.