

**Minutes of the
Economic Development Council
Meeting**

May 8, 2018

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Members present: Shannen McCroskey, Carl Albert State College; Dr. Kaben Smallwood, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Dr. David Shideler, Oklahoma State University; Stan Greil, Rose State College; Doug Misak, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Dr. Patrick Green, Tulsa Community College; Dr. Mark Kinders, University of Central Oklahoma; Cassandra Ersland, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Guests present:

Patrick Clanin, Oklahoma City Community College (on behalf of John Claybon); Cody Ruiz, Joel Dean, OSRHE Staff.

1. **Welcome and Introductions of all members and guests, Doug Misak, chair**
Doug Misak Called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Introductions were made and guests were welcomed.
2. **Approval of January 9, 2017, minutes**
There was a motion seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, meeting of the Economic Development Council. The minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Nomination of the Vice Chairperson from the four-year tier for the 2018-19 academic year.**
Mark Kinders was nominated for the position. Cassandra Ersland moved to approve and Chairman, Mark Kinders Seconded. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Election of 2018-19 Executive Committee members (two from each of the two year and four-year tiers)**
Stan Greil and Shannen McCroskey volunteered from the two-year tier which was seconded by Kaben Smallwood and the vote was unanimous. Casandra Ersland and Mark Kinders volunteered from the four-year tier which was seconded by Doug Misak and the vote was unanimous.
5. **Form the 2019 Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award ceremony and reception planning committee.**
John Claybon, Dana Hope Chism and Cecil Carter had all expressed interest in the committee previously. They were appointed to the committee (none were present). They will meet to discuss a chairperson.
6. **Bring Successes! Be prepared to share in two minutes what is happening at your**

institution.

Kaben Smallwood – Eastern Oklahoma State College: Justice Colbert gave the commencement speech and Robin Nevling was hired as Vice President for Academic Affairs. She had been serving as the interim VPAA and was previously over the Nursing department at Eastern. She also served at an institution in Colorado.

David Shideler—Oklahoma State University: Ross McKnight is coming to speak at OSU commencement. He is the namesake of the soon to open McKnight Performing Arts Center. OSU has been heavily involved in the wildfire aftermath. They have assisted in applying for disaster assistance and various charitable organizations donating hay and offering assistance to those impacted by the fires.

Patrick Green—Tulsa Community College: The commencement speaker will be Tulsa Mayor G. T. Bynum. They recently had their advisory committee breakfast that had over 200 employers represented. They have opened the Tulsa Regional Fire Academy. The academy is credit bearing and it went live in May.

Cassandra Ersland—University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma: USAO has reopened one of the dorms that was shuttered in the 1980s. They also did a soft opening of an art studio downtown and have recently joined a young professional’s task force as a part of the Chickasha Area Economic Development Council. They are working on making the town more of a college town.

Shannen McCroskey—Carl Albert State College: The City of Poteau recently donated their National Guard armory to Carl Albert. CASC has taken over that property and has received approval from the board to turn it into a student activity and fitness center. It will include a hammock park, indoor park, ball game rooms, cardio room, etc. They also were approved for a bid this summer to build a safe room and event center on campus. Carl Albert is also going through a rebranding campaign this summer.

Stan Greil—Rose State College: For the first time in 18 years Stan is no longer in charge of workforce, and instead will be over Government and Military, which reminded him that the EDC has not toured Tinker in many years. Rose State just finished hosting their seventh Disney Institute that cost \$50,000 and hundreds of hours of intensive labor, but it was a success. They brought in people from all over the country. The old student center is coming down, and hopefully, by fall of 2019, RSC will have a new Student Union.

Patrick Clanin—Oklahoma City Community College: They are transitioning a grant program into a full Industrial Maintenance Program that will provide HVAC, electric, etc. trade training that students can then transfer into a Journeyman Program. They are looking to get this program accredited. The campus also currently has the only Honda Auto Technician Program in the state, the Honda Pac Program. They just finished a drone training program with the US Bureau of Narcotics as well.

Mark Kinders—University of Central Oklahoma: David Holt and Dave Lopez spoke at UCO

graduation. In April they hosted the National Council of Undergraduate Research Conference and had over 1,000 Oklahoma students participate. Oklahoma City beat Atlanta to host this event. UCO took first place in their division of the Love's Entrepreneur's Cup with the winning group named "Bright Eyed and Brave".

Doug Misak—Southwestern Oklahoma State University: Southwestern hosted a lot of the responders to the wildfires. Since Rodgers Hall was recently finished being remodeled, the fire marshal fast-tracked certification so that they had a place to stay. They are also very close to having a major donor that will allow them to update their technology and do some remodeling.

*Samantha Lankford – Cameron University: , Dr. Samantha Lankford is the new Director of CETES (Center for Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies) at Cameron University and also, the new southwest representative for the OKSBDC (Oklahoma Small Business Development Center). One of Dr. Lankford's first inaugural projects includes the launching of The Cameron University and Lawton Entrepreneurial Innovation Team (CULE_IT), thanks to a generous grant from the McMahan Foundation, who will sponsor and house a new collaborative and immersive learning environment to foster the development of high-impact entrepreneurial programming and consulting services. CULE_IT will empower recent Cameron University graduates to stimulate innovative, startup activity in Lawton during a year-long internship. In other news: Cameron University Accounting Students were selected for A Prestigious National Training Program in Washington D.C. Elementary school students were invited to participate in Cameron University's 2018 Young Learners Science Exposition. Finally, Cameron University Alumnus, Hon. Emmit Tayloe, addressed the class of 2018 at graduation ceremonies.

*Comments submitted via email after the meeting.

7. **New Business**

Kaben Smallwood asked David Shideler if he was still interested in being a part of the Economic Development Training Committee. Kaben Smallwood will be following up with everyone who has been on the committee recently and wants to set up a time to begin meeting on the training occurring this fall.

8. **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.