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Meeting of the
Innovation Council
September 29, 2026

The Innovation Council met at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education and via Teams.

Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Friesen was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the Innovation Council and will serve as Chair-Elect for the upcoming year.

Budget Report

Standing Committee Reports

AI Impact Committee

Presented by Dr. Roxie James

Key initiatives include:

- Established Subcommittees for:
  - Statewide AI Symposium
  - AI Fellows Program
  - AI Policy & Practice Repository
  - AI Book Study
- Current Book Study Selection: *Teaching with AI by Jose Bowen and C Edward Watson*
- AI Symposium planning continues, with more details expected next month

Accessibility Committee

Presented by Clarissa Anderson

Committee priorities include:

- Welcomed new voting members from NEO and OSU
- Continuing Work on:
  - Accessibility Resource Hub
  - Accessibility Micro credential
  - Accessibility Workshop
- Added a new non-voting member with microcredential expertise to support project development

Open Educational Resources (OER) Committee

Presented by Dr. Anna Dunn

Updates included:

- OER Grants applications opened September 29
- Awards of up to $5,000 are available for OER course and content development.
- Committee is planning a Spring OER Showcase/Workshop

Online Learning Committee

Presented by Lisa Friesen

Committee priorities include:

- Planning Continues for the 2027 OKLIS on April 15-16 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK
    - April 15 – virtual
    - April 16 – in-person
- Committee is considering development of a statewide Quality Matters (QM) Online Course Review

H5P Statewide Learning Tool Presentation

Representatives from H5P provided an overview of interactive learning technologies that support:

- Course development
- OER creation
- Student engagement
- Microcredentials
- AI-assisted content generation

Due to technical difficulties, a full demonstration was not available.

New Business

Competency-Based Education (CBE)

Council members discussed forming an informal research group to explore competency-based education in Oklahoma

Areas of interest include:

- Workforce alignment
- Alternative credentialing pathways
- Institutional models and best practices
- Potential future recommendations for Oklahoma institutions

Interested members will continue discussion outside of regular council meetings.

Adjournment

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 29 – FY27 OER Grant Applications Open
September 29 – FY27 Microcredential Grant Applications Open

October 21 and 23 – Employer Microcredential Summit
October 27 – FY27 OER Grant and Microcredential Applications Close
November 6 – FY27 OER Grant and Microcredential Recipients Notified