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SWOSU Name Changes

(Information from Dr. Ric Baugher, faculty member in Engineering Technology Department who taught 42 years, retired in 2017, then taught one more year as an adjunct)

1901-1920 – Southwestern Normal School
1920-1939 – Southwestern State Teachers College
1939-1941 – Southwestern State College of Diversified Occupations
1941-1949 – Southwestern Institute of Technology
1949-1974 – Southwestern State College
1974-present – Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Past Leadership of SWOSU's Business School/Department

Department of Business

1949-1976 (27 years) – Dr. W. W. Ward, Department Head
1976-1982 (6 years) – Dr. Roger Egerton, Department Chair/Dean

School of Business

Name changed between 1975 and 1978
1982-1987 (5 years) – Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, Dean
1987-1990 (3 years) – Dr. Randy Russell, Dean
1990-1991 (2 years) – Dr. Harry Nowka, Dean
1991-1992 (1 year) – Dr. Robert Reeder, Dean
1992-2000 (8 years) – Dr. Jerry Kaufman, Dean
2000-2003 (3 years) – Dr. Ralph May, Dean
2003-2009 (6 years) – Dr. Larry McKee, Associate Dean

Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology

Name changed in 2006; the School included business, computer science, and engineering technology programs
2009-2015 (6 years) – Dr. Les Crall, Associate Dean
2015-2022 (7 years) – Dr. Patsy Parker, Associate Dean

Past Leadership of SWOSU's Engineering Technology Program/Department

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SWOSU's "Technology" Program/Department

Manual Training Department:

1905-1910 – J. P. Whitcomb
1910-1913 – Robert Lee Clayton

1914-1919 – Department was discontinued
1919-1920 – John Foster Lance
1920-1932 – William E. Phillips
1932-1936 – Department was discontinued

Industrial Arts Department:

1936-1943 – W. A. Scott
1943-1945 – Joe Ables
1945-1970 – John Cermack
1970-1980 – James Griffin

Technology Department:

1980-1998 – Donald Mitchell
1999-2008 – Gary Bell

Industrial and Engineering Technology Department:

Name changed in 2006
2008 – 2017 – Brad Bryant

Engineering Technology Department:

Name changed in 2010
2017 – 2018 – Dr. Patsy Parker, interim Department Chair

Computer Science and Engineering Technology (CSET) Department:

Name changed in Fall 2018
2018-2019 – Dr. Patsy Parker, Department Chair
CSET Department consisted of three programs:

1. Computer Science with options in computer science and information systems
2. Engineering Technology with options in Manufacturing, Computer Electronics, and Environmental
3. Applied Engineering Management with options in Manufacturing and Electronics. Prior to 2018, this major was called Industrial Technology.

Engineering Technology Department:

Name changed back to previous name in Fall 2019 (Engineering Technology and Computer Science became two separate departments)
2019-2020 – Nathan Brooks, Department Chair
2020-present – Nathan Brooks, Department Chair