

Regional University Grants and Research Council Meets at SWOSU

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The Oklahoma Council for Grantsmanship and Research recently met on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford. The council is comprised of regional university “research” administrators. Among those attending were (front from left): Melanie Buchleiter, NSU; Julie Dearing, UCO; and Anita Blankenship and Iona Miller, both of SWOSU. Back from left—Dr. Blake Sonobe, SWOSU; Kate Felzien, NSU; Gregory Wilson, UCO; Mark Denton, NWOSU; Vivian Whitney, ECU; Linda Garrett, UCO; and Linda Mason, OSRHE.

The Oklahoma Council for Grantsmanship and Research held its 5th semiannual meeting recently on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Anita Blankenship, director of sponsored programs at SWOSU, served as 2006 council chair and presided over the meeting. The SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs hosted the meeting.

The purpose of the council is to develop a collegial atmosphere in which regional university “research” administrators can discuss their mutual needs and programs regarding extramural activity, such as grants, contracts and cooperative agreements. During the business meeting, Kate Felzien, coordinator of research and sponsored programs administration at Northeastern State University, was elected 2007 chair and Vivian Whitney, grants research specialist at East Central University, was elected to serve as secretary for 2007.

Council members present were Blankenship; Felzien; Whitney; Melanie Buchleiter, Northeastern State University; Julie Dearing, Linda Garrett and Gregory Wilson, all of University of Central Oklahoma; Mark Denton, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; and Linda Mason, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Guests at the meeting were SWOSU Provost Dr. Blake Sonobe and Iona Miller, administrative assistant with the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs.

The spring 2007 meeting will be held at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.