

About our Campus

Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City was first established as a branch campus of Oklahoma State University (OSU) in the fall of 1961. The name at the time was Oklahoma State University Technical Institute.

Under the administrative guidance of the OSU School of Engineering, the Oklahoma City campus was established to provide the people in the metropolitan Oklahoma City area and the state with technical and occupational programs at the associate degree level.

The founders worked closely with business and industry leaders to identify needs for technical personnel within the business community. Quality programs and flexible scheduling enabled full-time and part-time students to improve their job capabilities and work mobility at their own pace and provide the job industry with technicians for tomorrow's needs.

Originally, three departments, Electronics, Drafting and Mechanical Power, held their first classes in borrowed classroom and laboratory facilities at Oklahoma City University. After the spring semester of 1962, the school moved to a renovated elementary school at 1900 N.W. 10th Street; some departments remained at that site until 1982.

In the 1970's, the administrative organization was changed so that the director of the technical institute reported directly to the president of Oklahoma State University. In January 1972, the present campus at 900 North Portland was opened. The first building on campus was the Administration Building. The Health Technology Building was added in 1974, and the Police and Fire Training Centers were opened in 1975 and 1976, respectively. The City of Oklahoma City leases buildings on campus that houses the Police and Fire Training Centers.

Two facilities were opened in 1984: The Horticulture Center dedicated and opened in January and the Engineering Technology Building in October. In June 1994, the Student Center was dedicated and a year later the Learning Resource Center was dedicated. The Human Services Education Center was dedicated in March 2001. The campus expanded in spring 2008 by two more buildings: The Agriculture Resource Center dedicated in March and the Public Safety Training

Center in May. The Engineering Technology Center, the home for engineering-related programs, opened in fall 2011.

In 1985, the name of the institute was changed to Oklahoma State University Technical Branch. In 1990, the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents changed the name again and the Technical Branch became known as Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City. In 2002, Senate Bill 995 officially changed the name to Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City.

In 2016, the Allied Health Building was opened with ribbon cutting ceremony occurring on August 26, 2016. The building houses the Health Sciences programs and contains a state-of-the-art simulation center.



Philosophy

Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City (OSU-Oklahoma City) operates from the premise that each person should be:

- Treated with dignity and respect.
- Afforded equal opportunity to acquire a complete educational experience.
- Given an opportunity to discover and develop their special aptitudes and insights.
- Provided an opportunity to equip themselves for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.

Mission

OSU-Oklahoma City's mission is to advance our diverse communities through transformative career and workforce education programs and services.

Vision

OSU-Oklahoma City's vision is to be the region's leading career and workforce university.

The Cowboy Code

We end the day knowing we gave it everything we had.

Cowboys carry a work ethic of tenacious integrity.

We dream only as big as the sky.

Cowboys are creative innovators with boundless imagination.

We know challenges come with pain, but pain will not win.

Cowboys seize and respond to opportunities, no matter the

obstacles.

We have a passion to do what's right, even when it's hard.

Cowboys help others and embrace a commitment to ethical excellence.

We stand for what matters, even if we stand alone.

Cowboys understand that responsibility and leadership can sometimes be lonely.

We finish what we start.

Cowboys stop when the task is done — not when the sun goes down.

Being a Cowboy isn't in our clothes, it's in our character.

Cowboys conduct themselves with devotion and sincerity — ever Loyal and True.

Core values

Excellence - We seek excellence in all our endeavors and we are committed to continuous improvement.

Intellectual Freedom - We believe in ethical and scholarly questioning in an environment that respects the rights to freely pursue knowledge.

Diversity - We respect others and value diversity of opinions, freedom of expression and ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Integrity - We are committed to the principles of truth and honesty, and we will be equitable, ethical and professional.

Service - We believe that serving others is a noble and worthy endeavor.

Stewardship of Resources - We are dedicated to the

efficient and effective use of resources. We accept the responsibility of the public's trust and are accountable for our actions.

Governance



Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City (OSU-Oklahoma City), as part of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, is under the authority of the president of Oklahoma State University and that of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the A&M colleges.

The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education was created with the people's adoption of an amendment to the State Constitution, Article XIII-A, on March 11, 1941. The amendment provided that "... All institutions of higher learning supported wholly or in part by direct legislative appropriations shall be integral parts of a unified state system to be known as the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education."

The amendment also created the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as the "coordinating board of control of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education." The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education consists of nine individuals appointed by the Governor, with Oklahoma Senate

confirmation, to nine- year, staggered terms.

Responsibilities of the State Regents include determining the functions and courses of study for each institution, establishing standards of education, submitting budget requests for the state system to the Legislature, allocating state appropriated and revolving funds to each institution, and setting student fees. The chancellor of the state system serves as the chief administrative officer of the State Regents.

The Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the A&M colleges is the specific governing board for the state colleges and universities in Oklahoma that emphasize agricultural and technical education. Created by Senate Joint Resolution Number 9, Oklahoma Session Laws 1943, page 340, it is also embodied in Article 6, Section 31a of the constitution of Oklahoma. The provisions of the constitutional amendment have been further implemented by the provisions of Title 70.

The University President is the principal administrative officer of Oklahoma State University and is directly responsible to the Board of Regents for all operations of the University.

2017: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce ranks Oklahoma higher education No. 5 in the nation in affordability.

Administrative Structure

Management responsibilities of the University are grouped according to function, with a vice president or equivalent University officer having administrative responsibility for such functions as academics, business and finance, student services, and development.

The **Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs** (hereafter VPAA) provides leadership and coordination in matters relating to all academic programs, curriculum and faculty development. Reporting to the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs are the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President of Student Services, the academic deans, Registrar, Senior Director Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, and Community Engagement.

The **Vice President for Budget and Finance** provides leadership and coordination for the campus business enterprises, financial operations, personnel, and affirmative action. Personnel reporting directly to the Vice President for Budget and Finance are those responsible for Business Services, Human Resources, Purchasing, Financial Aid, Health and Wellness, and Campus Events and Wellness.

The **Vice President for Operations** provides leadership and coordination for the campus information services, facilities operations, and maintenance. Personnel reporting directly to the Vice

President for Operations are the Budget & Finance division and those responsible for Facilities Operations, Grounds, Safety and Security, Institutional Grants and Compliance and Information Technology.

The **Senior Director of Marketing & Communications** is responsible for providing a variety of services to the campus including maintaining and growing the OSU-Oklahoma City brand through advertising, campaigns, publications, and student recruitment pieces; promoting upcoming events; and writing feature stories and press releases.

Academic program advisory boards have been established for all programs. Members are from various business, industry and community-service groups and include several graduates. These boards meet once or twice a year with the deans, department heads and faculty to discuss and offer guidance concerning curriculum, equipment, and text materials. The specialized technical knowledge provided by each technology's advisory board has proven invaluable in the institution's move towards excellence to meet the educational needs of industries and businesses.

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Faculty Representation

The style of management used at the college is participatory. Inherent in this style is the fact that decisions are based on input from all interested or affected groups within the institution. As a part of this process, councils and committees provide the input necessary for decisions to be made. These groups provide information and feedback to the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Vice President of Operations to assist in the direction of the institution. These groups may also be asked to decide on matters referred to them by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Executive Team, or their respective membership.

For a full listing of committees and their actions, agendas, minutes, and rosters, please visit the Committee SharePoint site.

Advisory Councils

The **Academic Affairs Leadership Team** group is concerned with coordination,

advisement, and planning of instructional activities on campus.

The **Faculty Senate** is a body that acts in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, or other campus-based groups regarding issues related to internal institutional policies, procedures, and programs (See Appendix A).

Standing Committees

Standing Committees are responsible for recommendations concerning much of the college's activities and business. Committees are composed of a cross-section of employees: faculty, staff, students and administrators depending on the nature and function of the committee.

Committee assignments are the result of a joint effort between Faculty Senate and Staff Council. Advice is sought from the various councils and advisory groups to provide the necessary input for decisions that are best for all concerned. In accordance with the tenets of Shared Governance, any member of the faculty, staff,

student body or the general public may attend any meeting on campus except when personnel matters are discussed.

