

Northern Oklahoma College 2013-2018 Strategic Plan
Progress Report for December 2013

1A: Enhance quality of life for students.

2012-2013 Progress toward Goals

- Smartcard access for security
- ADA Compliant door locks
- New fitness equipment purchased-T
- NOC named Certified Healthy Campus by the Health Department
- ITV classroom upgrades—all campuses
- Activity director positions established-T and E

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- The Institutional Student Affairs Committee met on Thursday, December 5, 2013. Items discussed were the comprehensive safety plan, student engagement plan, student activities, and safety and security for Northern Oklahoma College. Directives were given to review safety and security policies and procedures for all campuses and to analyze student activities offered on all 3 campuses and to report back as to the wishes of our students. Student Affairs will disseminate publications for the group to review and make recommendations on changes. The committee will meet monthly until the strategic plan is realized. Members present for the Dec. meeting were Jeremy Cook and Cassie Firth – Stillwater campus; Jerry Hawkins – Enid campus; Scott Harmon, Scott Haywood, Milynda Wade, Summer Schuelein, June Buller, and Kim Ochoa – Tonkawa campus.
- Jason Johnson was selected to fill the position of Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) in November 2013. This appointment allows the interviewing processes for the two dean positions to proceed so that year one priorities could be addressed as noted in the following categories:

Comprehensive Safety Plan

- The VPSA and security departments on the Enid and Tonkawa campuses met and are now in the process of acquiring bids for upgraded security cameras on the Tonkawa and Enid campuses.
- A new full-time security guard was hired for Enid to cover shifts that were lacking.
- The Emergency Response Plan was reviewed with the ISAC with recommendations to be made in January.
- Continuing education for NIMS training was scheduled in conjunction with the City of Tonkawa to be held on the NOC campus in January.
- The NOC-Tonkawa security vehicle was labeled with security decals.

Student Engagement Plan

- The VPSA began the process of researching successful Student Engagement Plans that would fit with Northern's mission and met with the Student Life and Activities Directors on the Tonkawa and Enid campuses to start the process of implementing a First Year Freshman Experience.

Residence Life Plan

- In addition, the VPSA and Residence Hall Directors met to discuss current plans and began research on programming that would fit Northern's residential population.

1B: Enhance recruitment, retention, and graduation.

2012-2013 Progress toward Goals

- CCSSE given Spring 2013
- IR Director hired to assist in data collection
- Loan default plan created

- First-time participation in Governor's Cup

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- Collected & reviewed CCSSE & CAAP results. CCSSE results were shared with the faculty at the August in-service workshop with brainstorming sessions on improving advisement and other issues. CCSSE was also shared with all employees through email and with students and employees through website posting.
- VPEM presented advisement challenges to faculty at the faculty in-service workshop with emphasis on meeting remediation needs as soon as possible and assisting students with extra challenges related to suspension/probation status.
- Realigned retention specialist positions & academic advisors to teach orientation, academic success strategies, & world of work in the spring 2014 semesters. Reallocated a 3/5 position into a full-time retention specialist/academic advisor position in Stillwater to begin in January 2014.
- Participated in UCO reverse transfer program to identify & graduate an additional 75 graduates.

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- The October 2013 faculty meeting was used to review remediation policy and make recommendations to further encourage students to complete remediation needs as soon as possible. Dee Cooper was also introduced as the new Coordinator of Academic Development, overseeing Orientation, Academic Success Strategies, and World of Work, and supervising initiatives to gather more assessment data in student retention courses.
- A new academic advisor (Shila Rakey) was hired in Stillwater, a full-time position replacing a 3/5 position and adding teaching responsibilities in student retention courses.
- A Memorandum was signed in October for Rick Edgington to be NOC representative for UCO in a reverse transfer project. In November, a Memorandum was signed with OSU to develop a similar relationship for reverse transfer. To date, 813 students have been identified for potential reverse transfer and efforts are ongoing to contact these students.
- NOC advisors attended UC-Ponca enrollment days on Oct. 29, 30, 31 to provide further guidance for NOC students taking courses at this site.
- AIM software, created by ACT (and purchased by NOC in past) to provide further data analysis of ACT scores, was recently updated by I.T. and recruiters have been using it to share information with clubs, organizations, and division chairs (e.g. who might be eligible for PLC)
- Kathleen Otto, in new role as IR Director, has gathered data on online pass rates and remedial completion rates. A summary of data was shared with faculty in the November faculty meeting and with the Assessment Committee so that they could make recommendations for changes in policy and procedure. The Assessment Committee recommended a rewording of Compass testing policy to allow students more retest options with division chair approval when the students completed fast-track or boot camp sessions.
- Related to goal one and four, the recommendation from Faculty Affairs was to create an Advisor Handbook for new faculty, who begin their role as academic advisors in the second year of teaching. Suggested content for this handbook was reviewed in the November faculty meeting.
- A proposal for the HLC Quality Initiative was developed, including meeting further retention and completion goals through development of new remedial models, such as boot camps. Division chairs developing these boot camps presented proposals to the Curriculum Committee on Dec. 10 for 1- and 2-credit hour versions of remedial courses to expedite the remediation process for students whose placement scores were close to the next higher level.

2: Cultivate/maintain partnerships to inform and improve academics, student experiences, and support regional needs.

2012-2013 Progress toward Goals

- Branding Campaign for clear community identity
- Agriculture Advisory Board established
- Memberships and leadership roles in area Chambers
- Host site for legislative tour
- Service agreement established between NOCF and Phillips Alumni and Friends
- Moms2College Program developed

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- NOC Civic Engagement and Service Learning Community Partnerships have been developed to offer opportunities for students to volunteer or participate in service learning activities. The Coordinator for Service Learning serves as a clearinghouse for service learning opportunities.
- With the hiring of the Director of Institutional Research and Assessment, research has begun for models to be used in creating an environmental scan on workforce needs.
- Division chairs have begun reviewing possible areas in which certificates can be developed to offer students a workforce credential as a stepping stone on their way to completing the associate degree. A letter of intent has been filed with the Oklahoma State Regents to develop and offer a Certificate in Practical Nurse Eligibility as an embedded program within the AAS in Nursing program. Students completing the certificate will be eligible to apply to the State Board of Nursing for the practical nurse licensure examination upon completion of the certificate. This certificate will allow students to increase their earning potential and gain valuable clinical experience as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) before or as they complete the AAS-RN program.
- A letter of intent has been filed with the Oklahoma State Regents requesting approval to offer 18 of its current degree programs by electronic delivery. This would enhance options for course delivery for both our current degree programs and any certificates identified to meet a workforce need or enhance students' ability to complete their programs of study.

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- A task force was created, headed by Kathleen Otto, to create a survey for workforce development to determine the needs of the local community workforce and how those needs impact NOC. Division chairs identified some possible areas related to certificate and grant areas, as well as representatives for the task force to examine certificates and other needs (e.g. PTA, Agriculture, etc.).
- In a November 4, 2013, meeting of that task force (including Kathleen Otto, Cara Beth Johnson, Sara Olson, Tricia Moore, Bart Cardwell, Jeanine Deterding, and Suzi Brown), members discussed the following topics:
 - Where to start with list of businesses and survey questions
 - Data needed for NOC graduates to include transfer numbers, job placement and any other alumni information that is available
 - Possibility of a localized place on the NOC website to post comprehensive information as it is gathered for institutional use
 - Possibility of a survey being added to Northern's Hire Northern Grad website as an incentive to become part of the page
 - Need for the task force to meet with local Chambers of Commerce to begin dialogue with the community and businesses
 - Possible demand for certificates needed in the region, such as one for math tutoring to aid the local high schools, or life guard or first aid certification.
- As follow up, the committee will be viewing the Nursing surveys for examples of question types since Nursing is already doing a small environmental scan as part of their accreditation and will continue to compile a list of businesses and corporations to begin dialogue with; then a survey will be developed to address workforce needs. Initial business areas identified for the scan include banking, temp agencies,

Chambers of Commerce, Accounting firms, IT Outsourcing and IT departments, Casinos, City/County Governments, YMCAs, local florists, and Phillips. In addition, the committee identified potential agricultural partners for the scan, including Farmers Grain – Pond Creek, Farmers Co-op - Ranch Drive, Two Rivers – Ark City, Kugel/Spraying – Tonkawa, P & K Equipment (John Deere) – Stillwater, Case-International – Kremlin, Warren Cat – Enid, Waco, Inc. –Enid, Livingston Equipment – Fairview, SST (GPS equip) – Stillwater, Stillwater Milling – Stillwater, WS Johnston’s – Enid, and local veterinarians who could provide feedback on curriculum needs in embryo transfer, and artificial insemination.

3: Upgrade facilities for quality and efficiency.

2012-2013 Progress toward Goals:

- 90% Completion of \$7.5 million Energy Performance Management System Improvements, T and E
- Student Residential Housing Priority #1 & 2 on Campus Master Plan: information collected from the town hall meetings supported the need, T and E
- \$10 million submitted to Oklahoma State Regents Real Property Master Lease Program for student residential housing in January 2013 and approved through state senate, T and E, pending master lease program decision
- NOC Regents’ approval to proceed with architect selection process received; solicitation process for feasibility study to begin in September
- Regents’ and administrative employees’ tour of area student residential housing to assess various design models
- Existing position reallocated to create a Landscape and Nursery Manager position, T and E, applicants interviewed
- Unsafe and dilapidated structures removed from campus, rental house property -T, Music Building-E
- Unusable property of Clay Hall sold with proceeds to be used for campus renovations, E
- Wilkin Hall and Harold Hall exterior rehabilitation in progress, T
- Implemented electronic maintenance work order system
- Powder coating of faded benches, trash containers, and light poles, T and E
- Everest Administration Building interior renovation, E
- Curb and guttering replacement on circle drive, T
- Installation of bollards on circle drive, T
- Art Building front steps replaced and drainage issues corrected, E
- Exterior painting projects at various buildings, E
- Upgraded projectors for Cowboy Mall classrooms
- Office renovations and furniture replacement at Cowboy Mall, S
- Improvements and repairs to athletic facilities including basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, T and E
- Replacement of damaged campus sidewalks, T and E
- Emergency replacement of HVAC units, safety and accessibility concerns, compliance items, removal of unused chemicals, roof replacements, and asbestos abatement, T and E

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- The Goal 3 Strategic Plan Committee met on October 29th to identify the committee priorities for facilities and campus projects. A spreadsheet matrix of the projects is being compiled.
- Requests for Letters of Interest were sent out to architectural consultants for the Student Residential Housing Project. Thirteen responses were received and reviewed by the Screening Committee, six firms were selected for interviews, and a recommended firm will be proposed for the NOC Board of Regents at the December meeting. T and E

- Cynergy AEC was identified by OMES Construction and Properties as our consultant for conducting a feasibility study for student residential housing. NOC representatives met with Cynergy to determine the scope of the feasibility study. Results of the study will be presented to the NOC Board of Regents at the January meeting. T and E
- Documentation in conjunction with the Master Lease Real Property Program for the construction of Student Residential Housing was submitted to the Council of Bond Oversight to be considered for approval December 19th. T and E
- Drawings of proposed Science Lab renovations are being reviewed and are scheduled to be completed in Summer 2014. T and E
- Exterior restoration on Harold and Wilkin continues. Window install at Harold is 90% complete and coating is complete. Stone for Wilkin is scheduled for delivery, and cleaning of the upper cornice has started. T
- Media technology and configuration for ITV classroom equipment have been approved for Walcher Conference Center. T
- Ceiling break pockets will be installed in Harold Hall to increase the natural light from the windows. T
- Lecture Capture Systems are being purchased for ITV classrooms in Wilkin and Zollars. T and E
- Two 2014 super duty 15 passenger vans are being purchased. T and E
- Camcorders for recording/streaming campus events have been purchased. T, E, and S
- The interior of the Art Building and offices in Gantz have been painted. E
- Beds and chairs have been purchased for residence halls. T and E.
- The NOC Alert Notification System has been renewed for another year. T, E, and S
- Lobby furniture was replaced in residence hall lobbies. T
- Exterior metal on the CDSA building has been painted. E
- Fencing around the soccer field has been installed. T
- Netting and turf have been installed in the indoor practice facility. T
- Window shades for Harold Hall have been ordered. T
- A projector for the Planetarium was purchased and installed. E
- WiFi was installed at the soccer field to enable video streaming. T
- Bushes, trees and stumps were removed in front of the Art Building. E
- Office furniture was purchased for Gantz and Mabee Center. E

4: Enhance professional development and quality working conditions for NOC employees.

2012-2013 Progress toward Goals

- Faculty professional development survey created by DeLisa Ging
- New office furniture purchased in multiple areas, all campuses
- Train-the-trainer session provided for 15 faculty training volunteers for Blackboard
- Staff training provided in customer service, FERPA, loan default plan, and sexual harassment

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The goal coordinators have been reviewing the new employee checklists/orientation processes used by other colleges and universities, as well as available commercial satisfaction surveys. A professional development survey was given to the faculty during in-service meetings in August and some of the results are summarized below. Here is some of the material reviewed in the last quarter:

- New employee checklists/orientation models reviewed:
<http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/forms/Forms/new-employee-checklist>
<http://www.utexas.edu/hr/current/new/checklist.html>
<http://ucsfhr.ucsf.edu/index.php/training/article/new-employee-checklist/>
<http://www.mchcp.org/stateMembers/newEmployees/newEmployeesChecklist.asp>

<http://uhr.umd.edu/new-employee-checklist/>

http://hr-utk-edu.wengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2011/08/new_employee_checklist.pdf

http://www.comalisd.org/Human_Resources/Employee_Resources/PDF/Maintenance-Packet-2013.pdf

http://www.upstate.edu/hr/new_staff/orientation/checklist.php

<http://hr.siu.edu/html/New%20Employee%20Information/Cdale%20New%20Employee%20Orientation%20Checklist.pdf>

- The following employee satisfaction surveys are being reviewed as possible models to present to employees for consideration:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/employee-satisfaction-surveys/>

<http://www.zarca.com/online-survey-resource/sample-surveys/employee-satisfaction-survey-detailed-version.pdf>

http://bestcompaniesgroup.com/assessment_tools/programs/paid/BCG_eess.pdf

<https://www.noellevitz.com/higher-education-market-research/higher-education-market-research-services/college-employee-satisfaction-survey>

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/institutionaleffectiveness/upload/Assessing-Faculty-and-Staff-Satisfaction-University-of-Alaska-Anchorage-2.pdf>

http://www.ttuhsu.edu/oipa/documents/ESS_Fall2012_Institutional_Report.pdf

To date, most satisfaction surveys reviewed are geared either to non-educational organizations with questions less fitting for the academic setting or are focused on university settings rather than community college settings.

- Top Five Professional development activities identified as areas of interest from NOC faculty completing the in-service survey:

1. Methods to Assist Faculty in Keeping Current in Their Fields

2. Designing more Effective Online Courses

3. Hands-on Learning Approaches for Students

4. Understanding Students' Learning Styles

5. Reaching the Non-Traditional Student

The next step will be to narrow the survey and checklist options down and then work with the appropriate committees and staff to refine them to meet the specific needs of NOC.

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- The review of the employee satisfaction surveys has led to an option (Noel Levitz) that can be customized with up to 27 questions to individualize for Northern. Faculty had an opportunity to review the instrument in the December faculty meeting and will be providing feedback on additional questions needed through the end of the fall semester.
- A new employee checklist (modeled after a Southern Illinois school) is also being reviewed in H.R. to see how well it might meet overall employee needs.
- A faculty orientation checklist was circulated among faculty through Faculty Affairs and these items will be used to either supplement the general employee checklist, or if the processes are not complementary, the faculty checklist will be addressed through the hiring process in Academic Affairs.
- The Faculty Professional Development Committee met Nov. 11, 2013, to review the professional development survey taken by faculty in August and to recommend other on-campus training options. These options were also discussed in the December faculty meeting with most faculty expressing an interest in free webinars being posted and in further Blackboard training, particularly if offered at different skills levels.

5: Diversify and increase revenue streams

2012-2013 Progress toward Goals

- FEMA Homeland Security Program Grant was awarded in the amount of almost \$20,000 with safety training on all campuses.
- AACC 50+ Grant for Nursing was funded in the amount of \$16,400 over a two and a half year period, with April Heitfeld as director.
- AT&T Grant of \$12,700 allowed for purchase of electronic response system (Clickers) in math classrooms.
- For the 2012-2013 academic year, the Foundation awarded \$97,670 in scholarships to 129 recipients from the Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater campuses plus \$10,359 in loans to 53 students on the Tonkawa campus.

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A. Explore sales and property tax revenue

- Initial meetings have been conducted to explore the possibility of a pilot program in Garfield County for the NOC Enid campus.
- A contingency group from NOC met with officials for Tulsa Community College to learn about their Tulsa Achieves Program – a higher education access and workforce development project.
- The NOC Bookstore has implemented their new software program and have begun expanding their online bookstore with more items for purchase.

B. Implement updated foundation strategic plan (NOCF Activity)

- During the June NOC Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, post-workshop follow up reports from the April Strategic Planning Workshop were shared with the Board.
- The Board appointed the executive committee and others the task of reviewing the report and summary notes and draft a five-year action plan to present to the Board for consideration at the October Board meeting.
- The NOC Foundation Board approved the Scholarship Agreement Form utilized to establish new scholarships. Additionally, they approved the following policies to take to the NOC Board of Regents for approval: Northern Oklahoma College Policy for Naming and Renaming Opportunities; Northern Oklahoma College Fundraising Policy and the Institutional Fundraising Activity Request Form.
- During the July NOC Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved the Policy for Naming and Renaming Opportunities as well as the Fundraising Policy and the Institutional Fundraising Activity Request Form.
- In June, the Foundation received a \$20,000 donation to support the establishment of a new temporarily restricted endowed scholarship for the DMI program.
- The Foundation also finalized the following new scholarships – KOCH Fertilizer, LLC. Scholarship Program; Taylor Family Character Counts Scholarship Fund; and the Enid Higher Education Council Scholarship Fund.
- In August, members/chairs were selected for the Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater scholarship committees and the committees have been meeting to award both institutional and private scholarships for the fall 2013 semester.
- The Development office continues to meet with donors/prospective donors on establishing new scholarships, continued donor correspondence, and acknowledgement of gift receipts. Additionally, planning meetings have been held for several significant anniversary dates including NOC/OSU Stillwater's ten year anniversary, NOC Foundation's fiftieth anniversary, and the NOC Roustabouts' fiftieth anniversary.
- Numerous friend-raising activities have been planned for 2013-2014 including an NOC/OSU Tailgating Events, a golf tournament, an NOC Alumni and Friends Day at the Ballpark, etc.

C. Create one-page description of NOC "wish list" for donors

D. Increase grants each year

- In August 2013, a grant accountant was hired to provide support for expanded grant submissions.

- In addition to 2012-2013 grants noted above, TANF Achieve grants for Enid and Stillwater were awarded in June 2013 for the amounts of \$143,43 and \$156,735, and a \$3000 United Way grant was awarded to the Enid campus.

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- For the 2012-2013 academic year, 1230 students received community foundation scholarships in the amount of \$2,042,395.60 (includes NOCF awards). Additionally, 1085 students received institution specific scholarships in the amount of \$2,175,761.75.
- During the October NOC Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board approved the FY 2013 External Audit Report with an unqualified opinion. Total net assets as of June 30 were \$6,898,081 which reflects a 12.5% increase in total net assets; Total net assets as of September 30 were \$7,162,140, which reflects a 3.8% increase.
- During the November NOC Board of Regents Meeting, the Board approved the FY 2013 External Audit Report with an unqualified opinion. Total net position was \$26,980,184, which reflects an increase of \$59,817.
- Higher Education Cost Savings, \$43.6 million was saved statewide in FY14, which included the following: changes in salaries and benefits, changes and elimination of positions, energy conservation and conversion, reduction in supplies, and IT savings. Northern Oklahoma College's cost savings totaled \$804,488 in FY14.
- Additionally, due to the refinancing of the master lease bonds, the institution will have an estimated savings of \$154,190.

Explore sales and property tax revenue

- Continuing to explore the legal authority as it relates to sales and property tax revenue.
- Along with the new software program in the NOC Bookstore, the purchase of a mobile POS device allowed the NOC Bookstore in Tonkawa to sell merchandise at 2 soccer games this fall. The bookstore will also be attending 2 basketball games and has plans to attend baseball and softball games in the spring, including the bedlam basketball and baseball games in Enid.

Implement updated foundation strategic plan (NOCF Activity)

- During the October NOC Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, the executive committee presented a draft of the five-year action plan. The board will formally approve the action plan at the January meeting as well as any recommended actions to take at this point. The Foundation Board will continue to review our strategic plan to discuss alignment with the institutional plan for partnerships in bringing in revenue.
- Fundraising Activities – Since the approval of the Institutional Fundraising Policy and Institutional Fundraising Activity Request Form, the Development office has been busy processing numerous fundraisers. From August through October, thirty-one active fundraisers between the three campuses have been filed through the office with a projected fundraising goal totaling \$270,975.
- Presidential Partners Mailing Campaign – as of December 10, we have received \$23,430 in contributions and pledges from various donors supporting the program.
- Annual Greater Gifts Drive Campaign – The annual greater gifts drive (direct mailing campaign) was mailed out to our alumni/donor database (approximately 7,000) on December 2. Last year's drive had net proceeds of \$97,555 with the majority of those funds designated towards scholarships, programs, or departmental support. Additionally, the annual employee campaign was also sent out to solicit program and scholarship support.
- Bill and Susie Phelps Fundraising Challenge - Bill and Susie (Bristow) Phelps, 1958 Northern Oklahoma Junior College graduates and former Ponca City residents, are challenging others, especially their fellow alums and friends, to step up to their "Phelps' Fundraising Challenge" and support Northern Oklahoma College Foundation's (NOCF) Greater Gifts Drive and they have pledged a dollar-for-dollar matching donation up to \$25,000. The Development office mailed out a special greater gifts drive

campaign letter to approximately 60 fellow 1958 alums and friends of the Phelps in addition to running a press release in the area newspapers.

- The Foundation also finalized the following new scholarship – Ray M. Schiltz Memorial Scholarship Fund for Tonkawa/Enid/Stillwater. Additionally, there are 12 scholarship agreements pending final approval that the Foundation is working on.
- The Development office continues to meet with donors/prospective donors on establishing new scholarships, continued donor correspondence, and acknowledgement of gift receipts. Additionally, we continue with planning meetings for several significant anniversary dates, including the NOC Foundation’s fiftieth anniversary and the NOC Roustabouts’ fiftieth anniversary.
- The institutional scholarship program task force committee met on November 21 and December 2 to review overall procedures for awarding scholarships. The goal of the task force is to refine and improve the program within the constraints of our current and future resources. 2014-2015 Scholarship Funds Request Forms have been distributed to be completed by department and/or program chairs for us to consider during the next budget cycle. Also, as a result of the meetings, it was determined that students can use available fall financial aid for which they’re eligible to take remediation boot camp courses in the first weeks of August prior to the full fall semester beginning. Dorms and food services will be available during this time for students who wish to move in early and take care of remediation needs to aid in completion of credits for the fall semester.
- In October, the Foundation received a \$5,000 donation in support of the Taylor Family Character Counts Scholarship, a \$10,000 donation in support of the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program, a \$5,000 donation in support of the Evans and Associates Company Scholarship, and a \$17,500 donation in support of the Enid Higher Education Scholarship.
- In November, the Foundation received a \$10,448 donation in support of the John L. and Linda J. Brown Scholarship, a \$26,000 in support of the William W. and Dorothea L. Phelps Educational Scholarship and Loan and the Presidential Partners, a \$50,000 donation in support of the Zody Family Scholarship, a \$2,500 donation plus \$7,500 matching pledge totaling \$10,000 in support of Presidential Partners, a \$10,000 donation in support of the Phillips University Alumni and Friends Scholarship, and a \$20,000 donation in support of the establishment of a new Native American/Minority scholarship in memory of Dr. Christina Akers.

Increase grants each year

- TAACCCT Oklahoma Works! Round 1 – Two community colleges have dropped out of the grant which may benefit NOC by receiving the additional funds for our Biz fast track and P-tech programs. The Dept. of Labor site visit was conducted by Doug Harris. He was pleased with the institutions he toured. Sarah Olson gave him a great tour of the newly remodeled lab and demonstration on the P-tech simulation software. Sarah is investigating the addition of a new pump to be added for her program to be funded with grant dollars. A consultant to repair equipment has been hired. Forty-eight laptop computers and two carts have been delivered to the Business Division. Joe Swalwell, director of the project is filing for a No Cost Extension- requesting a full year to keep funding in place till Sept. 2015. Cohorts have been identified for reporting purposes. Data has been requested from them and will be shared with Scott Haywood to submit the Annual Report due on Nov. 7th. Ed Vineyard reported that the figures he requested from OESC will be in by the end of October.
- Department of Defense Grant Defense University Research Instrumentation Program – NOC is requesting \$234,949 for a 24” microscope to enable the astronomy department to do better research for the professional scientific community. Software will allow K-12 students all over Oklahoma to log in and do their science projects, measuring stars and tracking asteroids. The proposal is designed to get 4th graders interested and stay interested in science. If awarded, the grant will open up doors to partner internationally. NOC has been invited by the International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC) to be the minor planet center observing site and will enable us to do follow-up confirmation of student

discoveries from other IASC sites in the US and foreign countries such as Wales, China, Italy and Austria. The award will be announced in May 2014.

- Student Success Center--This is a Kresge Foundation grant for \$250,000 for each of two years. The Student Success Center is defined as a center that organizes a state's community colleges around common action to accelerate their efforts to improve student persistence and completion. A letter of intent was submitted on 10/30/13. Oklahoma made the top 11 out of 24 submissions that was invited by the Foundation to submit a full proposal. Collaborative efforts with writing the grant continue with representatives from the Two-Year Council of Presidents, Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges, and the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. A letter of commitment was submitted by Dr. Evans with other college presidents to follow. Michael DuPont with the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation in Tulsa initiated contact with the committee and expressed interest in the project. A conference call yielded continued interest in the project from the Foundation, confirmed with a letter of support and validated as a key stakeholder. Dr. Debra Stuart wrote and distributed the full proposal for the RFP to create the Oklahoma Community College Student Success Center, and after receiving feedback from Oklahoma community colleges, Dr. Stuart will submit the final proposal by 12/16/13.
- Technical Ag Services – Bart Cardwell gave an update on the work he has accomplished on the TAS grant. He met with equipment salesmen from WACO Industries out of Enid. The program can include areas in proper application of chemicals on farmland and lawns and training simulators. Two structures will need to be built--one to store the large equipment and the other to enhance the AI program. Bart also reported that recently seven out of eight ewes were successfully impregnated through the AI program.