Grants Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2013
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Enid- President’s Conference Room
Stillwater- Cowboy Mall Conference Room
Tonkawa- President’s Large Conference Room


- Call to Order

- Minutes
  Shelly Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes from the 09/15/13 meeting, Jack Cnossen seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

- Reports
  The topic of “Crowdfunding” was discussed. NOC may be able to use this new resource to obtain dollars for smaller projects $500-$5,000. Website links will be emailed to committee members for them to visit to gain knowledge of how “Crowdfunding” works. Members were asked to meet with their immediate co-workers to see if they had small projects to post on a “Crowdfunding” site that could be used as an experiment to see how the process works.

  The government shutdown was briefly discussed. Government closures have not yet affected any grants at NOC.

  A report was given on a new council that is in startup mode. The Oklahoma Community College and Career Tech Grants and Research Professionals wants to form a group to discuss grantsmanship, policy, challenges and experiences that are unique to community college and career tech institutions. The first meeting was held at OACC on Oct. 3. The next meeting will be combined with the Council of Grantsmanship Research on Nov. 7 at the NWOSU campus in Enid.

- Grant updates
  - 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. Great ideas, policy, etc. need to be shared and implemented collectively. The Oklahoma Council of Two Year College Presidents want to explore this opportunity. The center will be a hub, centrally located in Oklahoma that supports community colleges. Basically it is a grant that will pick three states to initialize a center. A letter of intent will be submitted 10/30/13. NOC will provide data and support as needed.

- 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.

  - Roundtable Discussion

    Scott Haywood led a discussion on how we can effectively reach faculty and staff to write grants. He suggested that members of the committee offer their services to help with the grant writing process.

  - The next meeting is scheduled for 11/19/13 12:30-1:30 pm.

  - A motion was made for adjournment by Scott Haywood and seconded by Tracy Emmons. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.