

# Science and Technology Council

May 25, 2017 -- 9:00 a.m.

VPR Conference Room 3201

Five Partners Place, 201 Stephenson Parkway, Suite 3100

Norman, OK

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### 1. Welcome and introductions – Secretary Droegemeier

Secretary Droegemeier expressed gratitude for former Secretary Steve McKeever's leadership, and the accomplishments of the Council under that leadership, particularly the two-part "OneOklahoma: Plan for Science and Technology. He also welcomed Dr. Kenneth Sewell, Vice President for Research at OSU and new council member.

### 2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting (2-21-17)

Michael Carolina moved approval of the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting, Brenda Rolls seconded, and the Council approved unanimously.

### 3. Presentation and discussion: The Science and Technology Council: Charge, Member Survey Results, & Current and Future Plans

Secretary Droegemeier's presentation covered the role of the Secretary of S&T, who chairs both the S&T and UAS Councils. He proposed S&T member Brenda Rolls of Stillwater to serve as vice-chair of the S&T Council, and she accepted.

He described the role of the Council as a planning and advisory group, and expressed a desire to set the meeting schedule further out so council members can plan. The Secretary also explained Council's subjection to the Open Meeting Act and is working with the Governor's legal counsel to determine whether or not it still falls under that authority. Until it is determined otherwise, the Council will follow the Open Meeting Act.

He discussed the results of a survey sent to Council members prior to the meeting and reported very positive results.

4. Changes in NSF EPSCoR and implications for OneOklahoma Strategic Plan

Sec. Droegemeier lauded the OneOklahoma Plan as a good plan that is not being implemented at the university level. He stressed that we need a portfolio of what we do well in Oklahoma. We need to invest in areas of strength, and university engagement is critical. He believes we should mine the two plans for the best things in them, rather than writing another one.

5. Fall STEM Summit

The Secretary told the Council that the 2017 Summit will look different than previous ones. He also would like to hold an all-day council retreat, possibly from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and asked the Council Assistant to poll for dates for a retreat, as well as for regular quarterly meetings.

6. Presentation and discussion: Access for Success Concept  
(.ppt presentation attached to minutes)

7. Time capsule

Secretary Droegemeier reported the Governor has asked agencies, councils, etc. to donate an item representing their particular area of endeavor to a time capsule to be laid in the part of the Capitol Building now under renovation. The Council discussed what might be an appropriate item to represent S&T. Dr. Malayer suggested something from weather science, and Dr. Blais suggested something that would indicate where we are on climate change now. An item will be decided upon and donated by the June 30 deadline.

8. Lightning round

Adjourned at 11 a.m.