

**NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) for hosting our Fall 2009 conference. The OKAIRP Board members appreciate everything the staff at USAO did to make us feel welcome. Special thanks go out to the presenters at the conference as well. But most importantly, we appreciate you, the OKAIRP members, for your attendance and participation – you made everyone’s efforts at the conference worth it.

OKAIRP is an organization whose primary goal is to promote opportunities for college professionals to network and enhance the skills needed to ensure that data for and about colleges is obtained and used in the most accurate and efficient ways possible. Through our website, listserv, and semi-annual conferences the OKAIRP Board achieves that goal.

I am excited to announce that our Spring 2010 conference will be held on the campus of Cameron University in Lawton on Friday, March 26. We have an exciting agenda already in the works and are ‘shaking up’ the conference format to provide the OKAIRP members with a richer experience. We plan on inviting our sister organizations (OACRAO, OACTP, OACUBO, and others) because all of the organizations can benefit from the shared goal of providing the best data possible.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**March 26, 2010**

Cameron University  
CETES Building  
2800 West Gore  
Lawton, OK 73505-6377

Changes for Spring 2010 include:

- TWO keynote presentations – one from our parent organization, AIR, and one from the State Regents’ Office
- A technical session on using Microsoft Excel for pivot tables and statistical calculations, in lieu of the Thursday technical workshop offered in the past
- The opportunity to attend a morning session plus lunch or an afternoon session plus lunch, both at reduced prices, in addition to the traditional full-day and graduate opportunities at standard prices
- A possibility of attending OKAIRP-specified sessions via videoconferencing

You can help us make the conference even better – BECOME A PRESENTER!!!  
I am pleased to announce a call for proposals for the Spring 2010 conference.

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Based on feedback from prior conferences, the OKAIRP Board is soliciting proposals for breakout sessions from the following topics or any topic of interest to people in the institutional research/effectiveness fields and a cross-section of college personnel in the academic, student affairs, financial, or administrative areas.

- HLC accreditation
  - HLC requirements for online student identity verification
  - Impact of the 2008 Higher Education Act
  - Paperless reporting of data
  - WeaveOnline software
  - Database organization with Microsoft Access
  - Assessment of academic and non-academic areas
  - Targeting data for focused recruiting or retention strategies
  - How to run an office with limited funding or less staff
  - Stress relief for educational professionals
- ANY TOPIC OF RELEVANCE TO OKLAHOMA COLLEGES

Breakout sessions should last approximately 50 minutes. Proposals for breakout sessions are due by February 24, 2010. To submit a proposal, prepare an email that includes the title, a brief description, an outline of your presentation, and the intended audience. In addition to the above, please include your contact information and any special technical arrangements needed for your presentation

Email proposals to:

Troy Milligan

OKAIRP President

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Individuals whose proposals have been accepted for presentation at the conference will be notified via email and telephone no later than February 26. Presenters should register for the conference by March 5 in order to receive the early-bird registration rate. Questions about proposals or presentations may be directed to Troy Milligan at [troy.milligan@redlandsc.edu](mailto:troy.milligan@redlandsc.edu) or 405.422.1206.

Watch the OKAIRP website ([www.okairp.org](http://www.okairp.org)) and listserv (subscribe at [www.okairp.org/listserv.shtm](http://www.okairp.org/listserv.shtm)) for Spring 2010 conference registration announcements!

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