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OSU's economic impact on Oklahoma nearly \$2 billion a year

A study released today at the Oklahoma State University Board of Regents meeting in Tulsa reveals that the total economic impact of the OSU System on the state of Oklahoma is nearly \$2 billion a year. The report, conducted by national consulting firm Angelou Economics, shows that with a total economic impact of \$1.89 billion, OSU produces \$13 in economic output for each \$1 it receives from the state in appropriations. Looking at state employment, OSU has a significant impact, accounting for 31,200 jobs. The OSU System produces nearly \$120 million in local and state tax revenue through the spending of students, employees and visitors, as well as from state income tax on employee wages and local property taxes on employee housing. That payment to the state in taxes is approximately half the \$241 million the OSU System receives in state appropriations. "It is our obligation to provide the taxpayers of Oklahoma, as well as our alumni and donors, a clear picture of their return on investment at OSU," said David J. Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. "This analysis by outside experts does just that and offers real insight into the significant role OSU plays in the economic vibrancy of our state." For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=460&Itemid=90> .

Buchert chosen to direct Academic Master Plan Building

Mike L. Buchert, P.E., of Tulsa, was named director of Oklahoma State University's long-range facilities planning by the Oklahoma State/A&M Regents during their meeting at OSU-Tulsa today. As director, Buchert will be in charge of overseeing the non-athletic build-out of the university's \$826 million initial development master plan, as well as other projects. Since 1990, Buchert served as the assistant public works director of the Tulsa Public Works Department. He received his B.S. degree in civil engineering in 1975 and his master's degree in civil and hydrologic engineering in 1980, both from OSU. "We are embarking on an unprecedented period of growth that will transform Oklahoma State University and we are delighted to have an alumnus direct our efforts. We are confident Mike will provide the leadership and coordination we need for such a huge undertaking," said Dr. David J. Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=462&Itemid=90> .

Lucas selected to direct undergraduate admissions

Karen E. Lucas of Florida International University in Miami was named the new Oklahoma State University director of undergraduate admissions Friday at the Oklahoma State University/A&M Board of Regents meeting at OSU-Tulsa. "We are pleased to have Karen join our team," said Dr. David J. Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. "She is a recognized leader with an excellent record in directing undergraduate admissions and recruitment." Schmidly also acknowledged Lucas' fluency in Spanish that will aid in OSU's on-going recruitment of Hispanic students and the university's new efforts in Puebla, Mexico. Lucas received her B.S. degree in journalism from Boston University and her M.S. degree in history from Florida Atlantic University. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=463&Itemid=90> .

OSU names Williams Associate AD for Compliance

Scott Williams, assistant athletic director for compliance in the Oklahoma State University Athletic Department since 2005, was named associate athletic director for compliance at the OSU Board of Regents meeting. The appointment is effective Nov. 1 and follows a national search. Williams has been serving in an interim