Engaged: Oklahoma Higher Education Network

Inaugural Symposium

Friday, November 13, 2020
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Virtual Webinar

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PROGRAM

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Opening Introductions: Jane Irungu, Ph.D., Executive Director, Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, Associate Provost for Inclusive Faculty Excellence

Welcome: Jill Irvine, Ph.D., Interim Senior Vice President and Provost, Presidential Professor of International and Area Studies

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Jane Irungu, Ph.D.
Dr. Chan Hellman - “The Science and Power of Hope”
Professor, Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work
Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Health Promotion Science – College of Public Health
Director, The Hope Research Center
The University of Oklahoma

10:30 AM – 11:50 AM The Power of One: Creating A Culture of Equity
Moderated by Karlos Hill, Ph.D., Associate Professor of African and African American Studies, The University of Oklahoma

Panelists:
- Tommy Chesbro, MHR
  Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tulsa Community College
- Dewayne Dickens, PhD
  Director, Culturally Responsive Practices; former English faculty, Tulsa Community College
- Kristen Marangoni, PhD
  Assistant Professor, English, Tulsa Community College

12:00 PM – 1:20 PM Inclusive Student Services and Support: Oklahoma College and University Diversity Officers Panel
Moderated by Lindsay Echols, Executive Director, OK Campus Compact, & Director, Student Affairs & Diversity at OK State Regents for Higher Education

Panelists:
- Amanda Chastang
  Diversity Officer, The University of Tulsa
• **Byron Dickens**  
  Architect and Director of the Oklahoma City Community College mentorship program: Students Connecting with Mentors for Success  

• **Dr. Belinda Higgs-Hyppolite**  
  Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, The University of Oklahoma  

• **Dr. Jason F. Kirksey**  
  Vice President for Institutional Diversity and the Chief Diversity Officer, Oklahoma State University  

• **Dr. Talia Carroll**  
  Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Oklahoma City University  

• **Dr. Jason Johnson**  
  Assistant Vice President for Student Success, Langston University

1:30 PM – 2:50 PM  **The Importance of Town and Gown in Oklahoma Communities: Lessons Learned in Collaboration**  
Moderated by Marcia Shottenkirk, M.A., Professor for Liberal Arts and Director of Service Learning, Redlands Community College  

Panelists:  
• **Martha Parrott**  
  Professor and Associate Dean, Northeastern State University  

• **Valarie Blue Bird Jernigan**  
  Professor of Rural Health, Executive Director, Center for Indigenous Health Research and Policy, Oklahoma State University  

• **Robert Spinks**  
  Professor of Sociology and Justice Studies, Oklahoma City University  

• **Haley Biram**  
  Community Engagement Manager of Recruitment, Reading Partners Tulsa

3:00 PM – 4:25 PM  **Action Planning & Wrap-up**  
**Operationalizing Hope in OK: Higher Education Success for All Students**  
Facilitated by Chan Hellman, Ph.D., Professor, Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work and Kathleen Shea Smith, Ph.D., Associate Provost for Academic Advising, The University of Oklahoma  

**Format:** breakout sessions (8-10 participants; 1-2 moderators per breakout)  
**Goal:** to create connections across the state that provide a network of mutual support for higher education faculty and staff and their community partners. Action planning will be used to generate a vision statement for the OHEN group.  

**Agenda:**  
3:00-3:10 – Introduction (Chan and Kathleen)  
3:10-3:45 – Breakout groups (all)  
• Introductions  
• Choose a scribe and a facilitator for the group  
• Begin the conversation with these questions:  
  o What is going well at your institution (in OK)? Please share success examples from your institution.  
  o How do we address ongoing gaps in higher ed? Please share success examples from your institution.
What do you want the vision of OHEN to include? (e.g., resources, meetings, mutual support (how?))

Shall OHEN be a clearinghouse of resources? If so, do we need a website?

Send email to engage@ou.edu that includes facilitator name, key discussion points, what participants want moving forward.

Once back in main room, facilitators, please place your name and key points in Chat.

3:45-4:25 – Action Planning Report Out and Wrap-up (Chan and Kathleen)

4:25 PM – 4:30 PM Conclusion
Jane Irungu, Ph.D.

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