



January 2, 2025

We look forward to your visit to Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) on January 23rd and 24th for a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Board of Regents.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the evenings of Wednesday, January 22nd and Thursday, January 23rd at the Lucille's Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn Express) which is located at 3825 E. Main Street, Weatherford, Oklahoma. The hotel telephone number is (580) 774-0400. Please call the hotel directly to reserve your room. Reference "RUSO at SWOSU" to receive the special rate of \$99.99. We have held the rooms for two nights for the convenience of those who plan to be on our campus early on the morning of Thursday, January 23rd. A map is accessible for your use by clicking [here](#).

The working itinerary (**please note that all of this is subject to adjustment as we draw closer to the relevant meeting dates—this has been reviewed by Dr. Tatum on behalf of RUSO and President Hannaford on behalf of our Council of Presidents**) is as follows:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

*Most Thursday activities will be located at the **Memorial Student Center**. Please click [here](#) to access a map for your use—the Memorial Student Center is facility #12. Parking will be reserved on the cul-de-sac which is situated directly to the southwest of the Memorial Student Center and the south of the Centennial Plaza & Clock Tower/Duke Statue. SWOSU personnel will be onsite to greet and guide you upon arrival and RUSO-branded signage will also be on display to direct and assist.*

9:00 a.m. – Noon: Pension Committee Meeting, Main Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Audit & Finance Committee Meeting, Bonny Family Boardroom

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Council of Presidents Meeting, East Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: A buffet will be made available in the East Ballroom with seating in place for Presidents and other university executives, RUSO Regents and staff, and others who are moving to and from committee meetings.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Facilities Committee Tour of Parker Hall

5:20 p.m.: - Transportation will be available at the entrance to the Lucille's Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn Express) to bring guests from the Lucille's Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn Express) back to the Memorial Student Center

5:30 p.m.: – Reception – East Ballroom, Memorial Student Center

6:30 p.m.: – Dinner- Main Ballroom, Memorial Student Center (our program will feature State Chamber President & CEO Chad Warmington)

8:00 p.m.: – Transportation will be available to bring guests from the Memorial Student Center to the Lucille’s Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn Express)

8:15 p.m.: – Hospitality Suite Fellowship – Lucille’s Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn Express)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

All Friday activities will be located at the Pioneer Events Center, 900 N. 7th St., Weatherford, Oklahoma. Please click [here](#) to access a map for your use. Parking will be reserved on the west side of the center directly in front of the main entrance. SWOSU personnel will be onsite to greet and guide you upon arrival and RUSO signage will also be on display to direct and assist.

8:00 a.m.: – Breakfast – North Lobby, Pioneer Events Center

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: – RUSO Board of Regents Meeting – Skyview Suite, Pioneer Events Center

- Boxed lunches will be available in the North Lobby, Pioneer Events Center, following adjournment of the RUSO Board of Regents meeting.

The appropriate attire for all activities is Business.

The RUSO staff will communicate as necessary regarding registration for various Board and Committee activities. **However, SWOSU kindly asks that institutions which plan to have representatives participating in the Reception/Dinner on the evening of Thursday, January 23rd, please do us the courtesy of registering by clicking [here](#).** This will allow SWOSU to undertake adequate preparations beforehand.

We are truly excited that you are coming to the Hilltop! If there is anything we at SWOSU can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call my Executive Assistant, Ms. Carla Sandy, at 580-774-3766.

Sincerely,



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President