



Hearing of Interim Study (IS-2021-34)

Supporting pregnant women and expectant fathers in high school, career tech, and college with improved accommodations

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Debbie Blanke, ED.d.

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Dr. Blanke serves as the chief academic officer and chief student affairs officer for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. She works directly with academic and student affairs officers on each campus, with responsibilities related to all academic degree offerings, academic policy, and statewide academic and student affairs initiatives. Dr. Blanke works directly on K-12, career technical education, and workforce development collaborations that lead to postsecondary success and completion. She also leads work on two key statewide initiatives: Reach Higher, Oklahoma's statewide adult degree completion initiative, and the Online Consortium of Oklahoma, Oklahoma's statewide collaborative to expand high quality online teaching and learning.

Prior to joining the State Regents, Debbie held various teaching and administrative roles at Oklahoma institutions, including one research university, two regional universities and one community college. Dr. Blanke earned her doctorate in Higher Education from Oklahoma State University, her master's degree from Cameron University, and her baccalaureate degree from Oklahoma State University. She has over 35 years of administrative and college teaching experiences in Oklahoma higher education. In 2013, the Journal Record's Woman of the Year program selected Dr. Blanke as a "50 Making A Difference" honoree for her role as a community leader, specifically for her work with adult students returning to college. In 2014, the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Executive Board created a graduate scholarship in her name for her work to advance women into higher education leadership roles, especially in Oklahoma. Debbie has been married for 33 years to her husband, Ray and they have one son, Brad, who completed his degree in 2018 and is launched in his professional career.



Heather N. Hendricks, *Assistant General Counsel*
Office of Legal Counsel, The University of Oklahoma

Heather Hendricks joined the University of Oklahoma Office of Legal Counsel in 2013, where she presently serves as Assistant General Counsel for the Norman Campus. Her practice area includes general issues affecting the Norman campus, such as academic affairs, research, and student affairs. Prior to joining the University, Heather spent seven years in private practice at a small Oklahoma City-based firm dedicated to the representation of Oklahoma public schools. Heather's longstanding interest in education law and policy dates back to two college internships spent working in the State Aid and Transportation sections of the Oklahoma State Department of Education in 2000 and 2001. She is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. She is admitted to practice law before the state courts of Oklahoma and Texas, and before the Eastern, Western, and Northern District Courts of Oklahoma, as well as the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Heather graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2002 with a B.A. in Public Administration and earned her J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2005.



Lindy Roberts-Ivy, *Senior Associate A.D.*
Sports Administration, The University of Oklahoma

Lindy Roberts-Ivy joined the Sooner staff in June 2000 as a graduate assistant in women's basketball. Prior to her joining the Sooner staff, she served as an undergraduate student assistant for softball for three years and as a graduate assistant coach for women's basketball for one year at the University of Central Oklahoma, a Division II school in Edmond.

Roberts-Ivy took on sport administrator duties in November 2008 when she began to oversee men's and women's gymnastics. Following her promotion to Assistant AD in January 2010, she added women's basketball, and then rowing in 2012. In her role as a sport administrator, she oversees and carries out all administrative duties that relate to the sport including budget management; oversight of renovation and capital projects; supervision of coaching staffs; serving on national and regional task forces; and interacting with external groups as they relate to her sports, as well as donor and development opportunities. In August 2015, Roberts-Ivy was promoted to Senior Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator (SWA). In addition to her role within Internal Operations and oversight of Event Management and Championships, she added that of liaison to the Big 12 Conference and NCAA, in addition to serving on the Gender Equity Sub Committee. She also added soccer to her list of sport administration oversight.

In August of 2021, Roberts-Ivy's role was adjusted to Senior Associate Athletics Director/Sports Administration/SWA. In this role, she has oversight of the sport administrator program, still with direct sport administrator oversight duties of WBB, WGYM, MGYM, and Soccer. Roberts-Ivy continues to play an integral part on the internal operations team and has oversight of all championships hosted on and off campus. She has served as the (LOC) tournament director of the hugely successful Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City since 2003.

In 2009, Roberts received the Judith M. Sweet Commitment Award from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators. The award honors athletics administrators who are committed to providing high level leadership and guidance within intercollegiate athletics and is presented to staff who are just beginning their administrative career.

Roberts-Ivy's' professional memberships include NACDA, NACWAA, and CEFMA. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Collegiate Women Sports Awards, which honors the top female athlete in each sport, as well as the prestigious Honda Cup awarded to the Top Female Athlete overall. She has participated in ongoing education efforts through her attendance of the Collegiate Athletic Operation Services Conference, the Big 12 Event Management Conferences, and the NACDA/Center for Spectator Sports Safety Security Management Forum. A graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Roberts-Ivy received her Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise/fitness management and her Master of Education degree with an emphasis in physical education.



Dr. Monique Miles Bruner, *Executive Director*
Diversity and Cultural Affairs, Rose State College

Dr. Monique Miles Bruner has excelled in her education. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Public Administration and a Masters in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, and doctorate in Educational Leadership at Southwestern College. Dr. Bruner has been teaching at the college level for over 20 years.

She has served Rose State College in several areas: academic advisement, tenured political science faculty member, associate dean, and interim dean of social sciences division and currently, she is the Executive Director, Diversity and Cultural Affairs. Dr. Bruner also has been a long-time adjunct faculty member at Langston University/OKC and Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She has received numerous awards and honors for her teaching and administration at the collegiate level.

Dr. Bruner has dedicated endless amount of time and hard work to support the community. She is involved with several community organizations, specifically The Sharing Tree, The OKC Black Chamber, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Bruner spends family time watching movies, putting together jigsaw puzzles, reading, and watching football with her husband BK Bruner, children (Angelique, Domonique, Shayla, and Isaiah) and mother, Wilma Miles.



Emily Deardorf, *Teacher/Resource Coordinator*
Baby Steps Program, Norman Public Schools

Emily Deardorf received her Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Southern Nazarene University in 2009. Following graduation, she worked as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Norman, Oklahoma until 2018. Ms. Deardorf has been with the Baby Steps program in Norman Public Schools since 2019, where she works as an adjunct teacher to students from all three high schools in Norman who are expecting a child or already parenting. She provides students with information and support related to parenting, relationships, and reaching their educational goals. Ms. Deardorf also serves as the Resource Coordinator for Norman Public Schools students raising children by connecting them to community resources to meet their needs and the needs of their children.