General Session
Building Political & Personal Power
A discussion of the importance of building networks, managing effective consensus building, and the art of negotiation in building personal and political influence. The importance of personal perseverance of women in the political process will also be explored.

Break Out Sessions

Leading in Litigious Times
In litigious times, leaders in colleges and universities need to be alert to first avoiding litigations, and then, if unsuccessful, know how to manage, negotiate, and resolve legal matters in the university community.

Managing & Leading Change
An examination of the change process in differing contexts: from one's personal life to the work place environment to substantive change in an organization's mission/vision. The discussion will focus on leading and managing change in various types of organizations.

Developing Leadership Diversity
An appreciation of the value of diversity in the leadership of an institution requires an understanding of ethnic, cultural, and gender differences. The discussion will explore the building of such awareness and an inclusive community.

Oklahoma's annual Women in Higher Education Conference offers an opportunity for women across the state to come together to discuss issues of higher education gender equity. We invite you to join us.

SCHEDULE

8:30–9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00–10:15 a.m. Opening Remarks: Marlene Strathe, Interim President, Provost & Senior Vice President, Oklahoma State University
Welcome: Regent Julie Carson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Plenary Speaker: Shirley Raines, President, University of Memphis, “Higher Education Leadership for Tomorrow: Is Madam Administrator In?”

10:15–11:45 a.m. General Session
Building Political & Personal Power
Jari Askins, Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma;
Lee Denny, District 33 Representative, State of Oklahoma;
Susan Paddock, District 13 Senator, State of Oklahoma;
Cindy Simon Rosenthal, Moderator, Director & Curator, Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center, University of Oklahoma

12:00–1:00 p.m. Luncheon Speaker: Congresswoman Mary Fallin, District 5, United States House of Representatives;
“From a Freshman, Female Perspective: A Look at Washington”

1:15–2:45 p.m. Break Out Sessions
Leading in Litigious Times
Nancy Gerrity, General Counsel, Oklahoma City Community College;
Sheridan McCaffree, Executive Director, Regional Universities System of Oklahoma;
Nancy Canally, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
Debbie Blanke, Moderator, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, OSRHE

Managing & Leading Change
Donna Thomas, Senior Vice President, MidFirst Bank;
Alyssa Anderson, Chief, Force Development Division, Tinker Air Force Base;
Jeanie Webb, Moderator, Vice President of Student Affairs, Rose State College

Developing Leadership Diversity
Jan Clayton, Dean of Student Services, Tulsa Community College;
Phyllis Fife, Executive Director, Latino Community Development Agency;
Donnita Drain, Women’s Basketball Coach, Langston University;
Kathryn Gage, Moderator, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Central Oklahoma

2:45–3:00 p.m. Closing Session
PLENARY SPEAKER

Dr. Shirley Raines became the 11th President of the University of Memphis on July 1, 2001, and is the first woman to hold the presidency. She holds a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and doctorate degree from the University of Tennessee. Prior to her current appointment she served as Vice Chancellor of Academic Services and Dean of the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Raines is the author of fourteen books and numerous journal articles and has been the recipient of both teaching and research awards. She served as past chair of Conference-USA, as a board member of the NCAA, and is an active member of numerous boards in the Memphis area. The April 2005 issue of BusinessTN included her as one of the 100 most powerful people in Tennessee.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Congresswoman Mary Fallin represents the Fifth District of Oklahoma and is the first woman to represent Oklahoma in Congress since 1920. She first took office in 1990 as a state legislator and became the first woman and first Republican Lieutenant Governor in 1995. She has been a strong advocate for economic and small business development. During her service as Lieutenant Governor she served as president of the Senate and on ten boards and commissions to impact the quality of life and business in Oklahoma. A native of Tecumseh, Congresswoman Fallin attended Oklahoma Baptist University and holds a degree from Oklahoma State University. She has received numerous awards for her service including induction in the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame.