# Shirley A. Lawler

# **EDUCATION**

Ed.D., University of Missouri, Columbia, 2005 Ms.Ed., Secondary Education, Missouri State University, 1984 B.S., Business Education, Missouri State University, 1981

Dissertation: A+ Schools Participation: A Comparison of the Performance of Students at Ozarks Technical Community College

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 1997--June 2012 (Retired July 1, 2012) Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC), Springfield, Missouri I served in the following positions during my tenure at OTC:

- July 2010--June 2012
   Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
- July 2006--June 2010
   Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- January 2002--June 2006
   Dean of Technical Education
- July 2000--December 2001 Dean of Academic Services
- March 1998--July 2000
   Director of Curriculum Development and Grants
- January 1997--March 1998
   Director of the School-to-Work Program

August 1994--December 1996 Coordinator for the A+ Schools Program for Logan-Rogersville High School, Rogersville, Missouri

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August 1984--1994

Business instructor at Logan-Rogersville High School, Rogersville, Missouri

August 1984-2002

Adjunct instructor for Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri

August 1983--May 1984

Graduate assistant in the Department of Finance and General Business at Missouri State University

August 1982--June 1983

Business instructor at Lebanon Senior High, Lebanon, Missouri

January 2011--May 2012

Adjunct instructor for Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri

August 2012--2014

Adjunct instructor for Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, Missouri

# RESPONSIBILITIES AS PROVOST/VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS (CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER)

- Served as acting Chancellor in the absence of the College Chancellor.
- Interpreted and implemented state and local policies as they relate to academic and student affairs.
- Worked with appropriate staff in the development of alternate funding sources to provide range and enrichment of all academic and student affairs programs.
- Recommended and set goals for student affairs.
- Recommended long range instructional plans as they related to curriculum, faculty, instructional and student facilities.
- Responsible for the development and maintenance of all curricula.
- Recommended to the Chancellor full-and part-time staff personnel for Academic and Student Affairs.
- Developed, recommended, and, upon adoption, implemented budgets for Academic and Student Affairs.
- Approved budgeted expenditures for Academic and Student Affairs.
- Evaluated the services of all Academic and Student Affairs personnel and made recommendations concerning their retention and advancement.

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- Worked with the Office of Public Information on public relations activities related to academic and student programs.
- Responsible for the articulation of curriculum with other high school, college, and university instructional programs.
- Responsible for evaluating the academic and student affairs programs of the college and promoted activities directed toward their continuing improvement.
- Assigned, approved, and recommended staff assignments and other duties as appropriate.
- Assisted in the planning and development of Academic and Student Affairs facilities.
- Provided leadership regarding the development of academic and student publications.
- Coordinated the development of the college calendar.
- Responsible for insuring agreements with hospitals and other clinical instructional agencies are maintained and up to date.
- Served as an active member of community organizations and participated in higher education organizations as a representative of the college.

#### PAST PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Held memberships in the following organizations: Missouri Community College Association American Association of Career and Technical Education Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators National Council for Workforce Education Delta Kappa Gamma

Held offices in the following professional organizations:
Board of Directors, Missouri Community College Association 2006-Present
Missouri Representative, National Council for Workforce Education 2006-2010
President of Missouri Business Education Association 1989-90
President of Southwest Missouri Business Teachers Association 1986-87
President of Logan-Rogersville Community Teachers Association 1988-89
Vice President of Public Relations, Phi Delta Kappa 1988-89
Vice President of Programs, Phi Delta Kappa 1987-88

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

## Missouri Community College Association

I served on the MCCA board for several years during my tenure with OTC, and I also represented the retirees of the Missouri community college districts through 2017.

# Springfield Public Schools

I have, on numerous occasions, worked cooperatively with Springfield Public Schools to address prevailing problems such as student dropout rates, absenteeism, and parental involvement. I am currently serving on the advisory committee for the GOCAPS program, Technology Solutions. This is a program for secondary students seeking a career in the information technology field.

# Friends of the Library

I currently serve as the president-elect on the board of the Greene County Friends of the Library. The primary goal of this organization is to promote literacy in the community.

# Secretary of State's Council for the Missouri State Library.

I have been appointed and I am currently serving on this Council to provide input and oversight for the activities of the State Library.

## Community Foundation of the Ozarks

I served on the steering committee for the Springfield 2025 Higher Education Project. The goal of this group is to increase the number of individuals from underrepresented populations with post-secondary credentials and degrees.

## Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

I was a member of the WIB for several years (2002-2010), and chaired the Planning and Oversight Committee. The WIB served a seven-county area in southwest Missouri.

#### Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Council

I served for several years as a board member and assisted with the reorganization of this large regional council. I also served on the Board Development Committee and assisted with recruiting volunteers for this organization.

## **Educational Community Credit Union Board**

I served for two years on the Educational Community Credit Union governing board to promote financial responsibility among college students and to provide meaningful financial services for local educators.

#### Springfield Chamber of Commerce

I have served on various committees over the past 16 years.

United Way of the Ozarks

I served on this board from 2011-2013 and represented Ozarks Technical Community College.

# Delta Kappa Gamma

I am an active member of this international society for female educators.

#### LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve on the OTC Presidential Search Committee and, at the request of the Board of Trustees, also served as the College host for the Presidential candidates, 2005-2006.

Served as Chair for the OTC Developmental Education Taskforce, which developed a comprehensive strategy to meet the needs of underprepared students at OTC, 2006-2012.

Appointed to the state-wide Developmental Education Taskforce, 2010-2012.

Led the effort to develop the Leadership OTC program, which began in the fall of 2007.

Presented Leadership workshops for Cox College, Springfield, Missouri, 2012-2013.

Led the effort to develop several new technical education programs at the college such as a Master Welder Certificate and a Power Plant Option for the Industrial Maintenance Program, 2005-2006.

Led the effort to reformat the delivery of many of the technical education programs such as construction, welding, and manufacturing technology, 2006-2010.

Served as the Ex-Officio for several college committees including curriculum, grants, and academic services, 2002-2010.

Presented workshop entitled "Developing Community College Leaders" at the Missouri Community College Association Annual Conference, Fall 2009.

Presented workshop entitled "Transitioning from Secondary to Post-Secondary Education" at the Conference for Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators held in Columbia, Fall 2005.

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Elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Community College Association, Fall 2006-2017.

Requested by Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to serve on multiple committees over the past twenty years.

Served on the Business Education Curriculum Committee for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The committee worked to develop a model for business education curriculum for the state of Missouri, Fall 1993.

Served on DESE committee to write a curriculum and develop a competency profile for business law for Missouri high school classrooms, Fall 1992.

Served on the Teacher Education Task Force implemented by DESE, Fall 1992. Served on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education evaluation team for the University of Missouri--St. Louis. Served as lead person for the Department of Business Education, October 1991.

Served on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education evaluation team for Evangel College in Springfield. Served as lead person for the Departments of Business Education and Finance, November 1994.

Served on Missouri School Improvement Program teams for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1994-1995.

Served on the North Central Re-evaluation visiting committee for Hillcrest High School. Served as committee chairman for the Department of Business Education, January 1990.

Served as cooperating teacher for seven student teachers from Missouri State University. I have worked as a supervising teacher for student aides from MSU, Drury and Evangel College, 1984-1994.

Selected as a member of the assessment task group to work on Missouri's new assessment system mandated by Senate Bill 380, Summer 1994.

Presented workshop entitled "Networking: From the Bottom Up!" at the 1994 National Business Education Association conference held in Kansas City, April 1994.

Presented workshop entitled "Networking: Do's and Don'ts" at the Missouri Vocational Association summer conferences, July 1993-1994.

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Presented workshops entitled "Teaching Academics in the Vocational Classroom" at the Missouri Vocational Association summer conferences, July 1990-1991.

Presented at the SMSU summer workshop for vocational teachers and to the business education methods class at SMSU, 1989-1994.

Presented workshop entitled "Developing Self-esteem" at the 1990 North-Central FBLA Fall Leadership Conference held in St. Louis, Fall 1990.

#### AWARDS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Received the honor of being named one of Springfield's "Most Influential Women" for 2007.

Invited by the Springfield Business Journal to serve as a judge for the "Most Influential Men" for 2012.

Invited by the Springfield Business Journal to serve as a judge for the 2007 Economic Impact Awards.

Profiled in the *Springfield!* magazine as an "Outstanding Educator" in July 2006.

Received the 2004 Executive of the Year Award from local chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals.

Received the secondary "Educator of the Year Award" from the Missouri Business Education Association at the 1993 Missouri Vocational Association conference held in Springfield, Missouri, July 1993.

Received the "Outstanding Service Award" in business education. Presented by the Southwest district of the Missouri Business Education Association at the MSTA fall district teachers' meeting held October 11, 1991.

Received the "Educator of the Year Award" at Logan-Rogersville High School 1987-88. Sponsored by the Logan-Rogersville CTA and voted on by faculty members.

Inducted into "Who's Who in Business Education," state of Missouri, July 1993.

Received the "Koinonia Award" in October 1986 for outstanding service in education from the Southwest Missouri Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

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