

President of OSU's Okmulgee campus to retire

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OKMULGEE, Okla. — The longtime president of Oklahoma State University's Okmulgee campus says he plans to retire a year from now.

Bob Klabenes has been the president since 1983 of what is now called the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology.

He said Wednesday his retirement will become effective in January 2011. In the interim, he'll remain in the position and help with the transition as OSU conducts a national search for his successor.

Under Klabenes' leadership, OSU's Okmulgee campus has expanded its reach and offerings through collaborations with the Green Country Technology Center and the College of the Muscogee Nation.

The campus also has been involved in other outreach initiatives, including the establishment of a technical training center located in the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Pryor.

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