

OACUBO Speaker Form

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Title of Presentation: The Evolution of Higher Education Procurement

Short Session Description:

Procurement operations in the higher education environment have changed drastically over the course of the past 100 years. The process continues to evolve through the utilization of disruptive technologies, holistic supply chain approach and a continued focus on how to achieve greater savings while minimizing risks.

Learning Objective & Outcomes:

Attendees will learn about the impact that Procurement has on their institutions and how that impact has changed dramatically over the years. We will explore how the function provides critical resources that can be redirected towards achieving institutional goals. Attendees will also gain an understanding of how procurement mitigates risk through compliance and contractual methods to better protect our resources. Procurement has transformed into a vital component of operations, due in large part to advances in both technology and approach.

Speaker Bio:

Kevin Holmes has worked for OSU in Tulsa for 24 years. He serves as the Assistant Vice President for Budget and Finance for the OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS campuses. He is currently serving on the National Association of Educational Procurement board as President and has also served on the regional board through the leadership roles. He also served on the OACUBO as one of the first Purchasing Representatives.