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UCO PLANS STATE-OF-THE-ART COMMUNICATION CENTER

EDMOND, Okla.—University of Central Oklahoma officials announced plans to build a state-of-the-art communication center to house mass communication students.

"The UCO mass communication department is projecting a 35 percent enrollment increase over the next five years," said Dr. Rozilyn Miller, chair of the Department of Mass Communication.

The current communication department includes integrated media courses in journalism, public relations, advertising, digital media, audio/video production and postproduction.

"Technology and specialized facilities are required to educate students for communication careers," Dr. Miller said.

A total of \$6.8 million has been raised through alumni and other donors in efforts to fund this project; \$10 million is available through the university's capital fund reserve for new building projects; and approximately \$3 million remains to be raised to purchase technology for the new facility.

The heating, cooling and electrical will be torn down to accommodate the new communication center as it is completed.

The new communication facility is currently under construction and is expected to be completed for the 2017 fall semester.

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