

Welcome to  
The Texas Consortium of  
Entrepreneurship Centers  
May 22–23, 2008



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# The Texas Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers

- **Friday, May 23, 2008 – Afternoon Program**
  - 12:30 – 1:30 PM – Organizational Meeting - Texas Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers
  - 1:30 – 2:15 PM - Breakout Groups
  - 2:15– 3:30 PM - Reports/Discussion/Next Steps
  - 3:30 – 3:45 PM – Wrapup

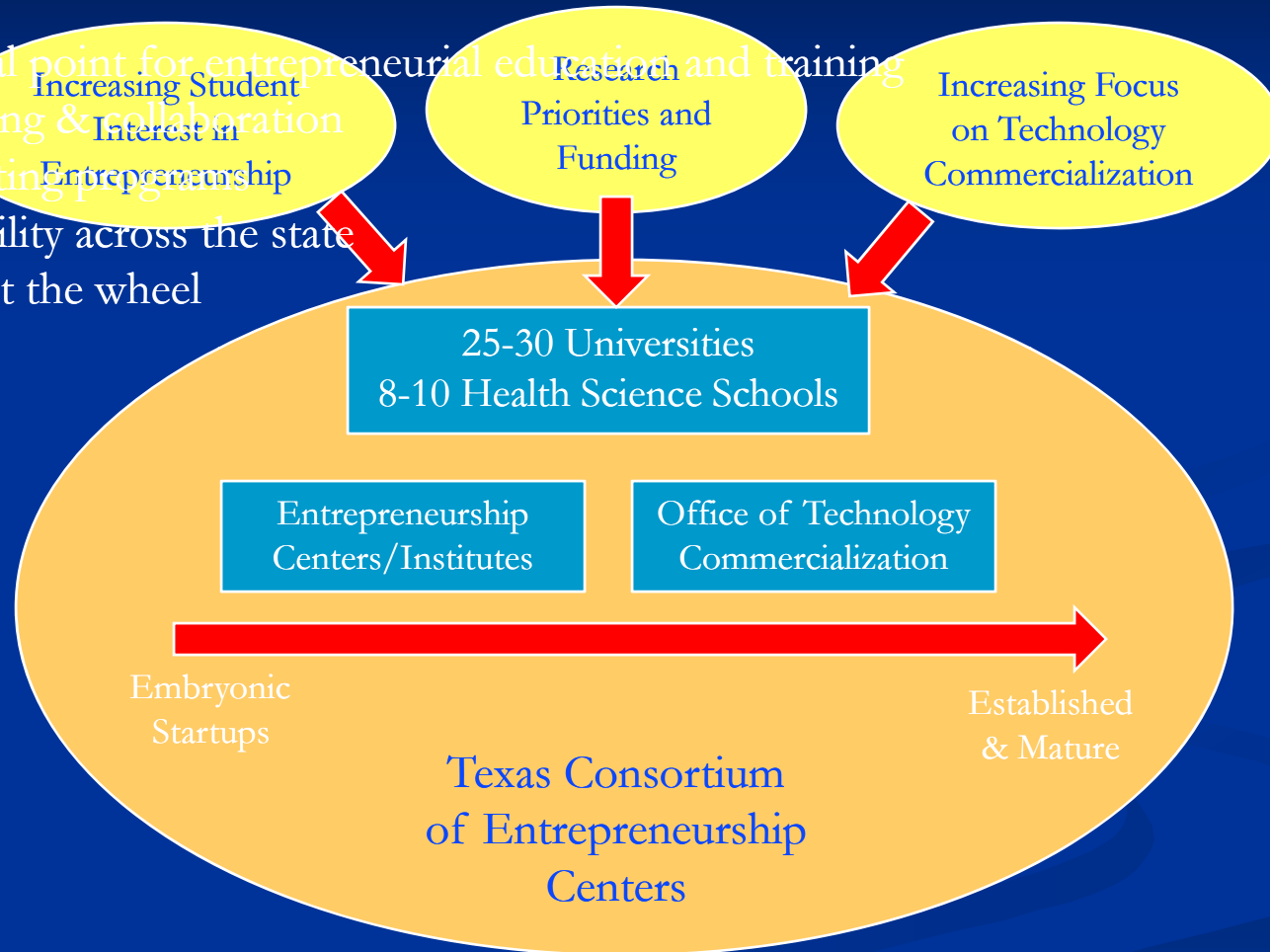
# Organizational Meeting

- General Discussion
  - Does it make sense to form a Texas Consortium?
  - What should our goals and objectives be?
  - Who should be included? Membership criteria?
  - Governance: how should we be organized?



# Our Vision

- Establish focal point for entrepreneurial education and training
- Increase sharing & collaboration
- Leverage existing programs
- Increase visibility across the state
- Don't reinvent the wheel



# Organizational Meeting

## ■ Our Vision

- Collaborative, focused, voluntary association
- What should our goals and objectives be?
  - Share ideas and best practices
  - Leverage existing programs through sharing and cross-promotion
  - Web site to provide focal point for entrepreneurial education and training in Texas
  - Increase visibility of our contributions to economic development and entrepreneurial economy
  - Common voice to represent our position to State of Texas
  - Annual/semi-annual meetings



# Organizational Meeting

## ■ Our Vision

### ■ Who should be included? Membership criteria?

- Public/private Universities and Health Science Institutions with programs in innovation/entrepreneurship
- Potential extension to include RCIC's, community colleges, economic development organization

### ■ Governance: how should we be organized?

- Elected leadership (two year terms)
- Administrative support provided by member universities (rotating)

### ■ Funding

- Annual dues to fund basic operations
- Grants (ETF/Kauffman) to fund startup and supplement budget

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## ■ Breakout Groups

- What should our goals and objectives be?
- What should we call ourselves?
- What should the membership criteria be?
- Meetings/events/program initiatives
- Shared activities
- Other thoughts/ideas

# Organizational Meeting

- Reports From Breakout Groups
  - Reports
  - General discussion



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# Organizational Meeting

## ■ Decisions

- Does it make sense?
- What should we call ourselves?
- What are our goals & objectives
- What are the membership criteria?
- Organization and governance?
- Meetings/events/program initiatives?

## ■ Next Steps



# Organizational Meeting

- Wrapup
  - Comments and feedback?
  
- Have a safe trip home and a good weekend!

