

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
OF  
OKLAHOMA**



**AGENDA**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**June 15, 2023**

**First National Center  
120 North Robinson Avenue  
Fish Room  
OKC, OK 73102**

## **AGENDA FOR JUNE 15, 2023**

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### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

June 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
First National Center  
120 North Robinson Avenue  
Fish Room  
OKC, OK 73102

Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the Agenda. The RUSO Board of Regents may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Regents may refer the matter to the Executive Director or Legal Counsel. The Regents may also refer items to staff or committees for additional study. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

- I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT**
  
- II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL**
  - A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS**
  
- III. CHAIR'S COMMENTS—Regent Connie Reilly**
  
- IV. CONSENT DOCKET**
  - A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
    - 1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, April 26, 2023.
    - 2. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, May 3, 2023.
    - 3. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, May 11, 2023.
    - 4. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 16, 2023.
    - 5. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, May 17, 2023.

**B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (See Attachment A )**

**1. Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

**a. Program Modifications**

1. BS in Biology (009)
2. BS in Microbiology (034)
3. BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (145)
4. BA in Communication (054)
5. AS in Computer Science (140)
6. MEd in Education (Biomed and Micro option) (064)
7. BA in History (022)

**2. Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

**a. Program Modifications**

1. Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (110)  
– replace a course in the Educational Technologies option. No change in total hours. No new courses.

**3. East Central University (Pages**

**a. Program/ Option Deletions**

1. BA in Criminal Justice Policy (610): Program deletion due to inadequate enrollment.
2. BA in Human Services Counseling (026): Option deletions due to low enrollment.
3. BA in Native American Studies (059): Option deletion due to low enrollment.
4. BA in Theatre (045): Program deletion due to low enrollment.

**4. University of Central Oklahoma (Pages**

Ratification of emergency approval of the following:

**New Certificates**

- Certificate, Independent Film Directing, Writing, and Entrepreneurship

This item was emergency approved April 21, 2023.

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**IV. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (See Attachment B)**

**A. SWOSU Facilities Stewardship Committee Requests—Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford**

**1. Emergency Approval Item:.**

**Project: Land purchase, 25 acres**

**Project Description:**

**Emergency request:**

SWOSU requests emergency approval to bid on land, to be sold at online auction on May 10, 2023. There are five tracts of land available, SWOSU is primarily interested in Tract 2 and Tract 3, approximately 25 acres. However, SWOSU is requesting approval to bid on any or all of the five tracts.

Legal description of Tract 2 and 3: A Tract of Land on the north side of E/2 SW/4 Section 5, Township 12N, Range 14, W.I.M., Custer County, Oklahoma, Containing approximately 25 acres. Surface rights only.

SWOSU currently owns 11 acres which borders the south portion of Tract 3; and SWOSU also owns approximately 52 acres north, not contiguous but in the same section, as this land. If successful in this bid, SWOSU would be a step closer to owning contiguous, street facing, land north of the university.

**Final results:**

SWOSU was successful in purchasing the 25 acres at a total cost of \$557,530, including estimated closing costs..

**Requested Funding**

**Approval:** \$560,000

**Congruent with Capital Master Plan:**

Yes

**Funding Source:**

765 Auxiliary

**B. SWOSU President’s Recommendations**

**1. FY 2023-2024 BUDGET**

We request approval of the FY24 budgets, tuition and fee recommendations, room and board rates.

**2. FY2023-2024 CAPITAL MASTER PLAN**

We request approval of the FY24 Capital Master Plan: A copy of the plan is attached.

**3. Purchase Agenda**

Request permission to purchase, lease or enter into consulting agreements for:

Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Informational Items  
Purchases for Annual Cost Approval FY24

Vendor	Description	Budget	Amount
CALM	Workers Compensation coverage	E& G, Auxiliary	\$ 219,000
Bank of America	Procard Purchases	E& G, Auxiliary	\$ 1, 800,000
Ell u cian Enterprise System	Software license and mainte n ance	E&G	\$ 400,000
TouchnetPaymentGatewa\	Student payment system	E&G	\$ 90,000
Touchnet One Card	Student identification card system	E& G, Auxiliary	\$ 90,000
Softdocs	Etrieve Cl oud Subscription	E&G	\$ 50,000
Softdocs	Doc e serve (Forms and workflow system)	E&G	\$ 50,000
Canvas	Learning M anageme nt System	E&G	\$ 250,000
Ferrilli Consulting	<b>Network</b> and Ellucian consu l ting	E&G	\$ 160,000
Alias Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity support services	E&G	\$ 50,000
Ruffalo Noel Levitz	Financial aid consu lting	E&G	\$ 50,000
Dell Computer Leasing	Leased computers for faculty, staff and student labs	E& G, Auxiliary	\$ 215,000
Regional Unive rsity System	RUSO Administrative office assessment	E&G	\$ 120,000
ATI, LLC	Nursing department educat i ona l assessment tools	E&G	\$ 60,000
Vivatu re (OrchestrateHR)	Sports Accident Insurance Coverage	Auxiliary	\$ 90,000
Standley Systems , LLC	Unive r sity Press equipment lease	Auxi liary	\$ 70,000
US Foods	Product purchases fo r food services	Auxiliary	\$ 350,000
Ben E Keith Company	Product purchases fo r food services	Auxiliary	\$ 350,000
Corem ark	Product purchases fo r food services	Auxiliary	\$ 250,000
EBSCO	Library books, serials and periodi cals	E&G	\$ 200,000
OMES Risk Managemenet	Insurance, property , tort and other	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 350,000
OMES	Processing and other fees	E& G, Auxiliary	\$ 100,000
Total			<u>\$ 5,364,000</u>

Southwestern Oklahoma State University- Informational Items

In accordance with board policy 2.3.3, purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000

Vendor	Description	Budget	Amount
Wenger Corporation	Buil d speciality lockers for musical instruments	290E&G	\$ 81,892.15
Growing Space	Spe cial ity gree n house for Biology Department	765 Auxiliary	\$ 82,269.00
Howa rd Industries	Purchase of Newline interactive touchscreens for classrooms	290 E&G	\$ 79,918.00

**4. TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, RESIDENCE LIFE AND FOOD SERVICE RATES INCREASES**

We recommend approval of the following Tuition and fees, Residence Life and Food Services rates effective with the 2024 fall semester:

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Tuition, Mandatory Fees, Room and Board Rates FY24	FY-23	FY-24	Dollar	Percent
	Current Cost	Proposed Cost	Increase	Increase
<b>Tuition and Mandatory Fees</b>				
Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees - Weatherford (Mandatory fees \$29.20 per hour)	\$ 256.00	\$ 262.40	\$ 6.40	2.50%
Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees - RN-BSN Online (Mandatory fees \$ 3.70 per hour)	\$ 236.75	\$ 242.67	\$ 5.92	2.50%
Graduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees (Mandatory fees \$29.20 per hour)	\$ 308.00	\$ 315.70	\$ 7.70	2.50%
Professional - Masters of Nursing Online (Mandatory fees \$ 3.70 per hour)	\$ 360.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 9.00	2.50%
Pharmacy Tuition and Mandatory Fees (Mandatory fees \$29.20 per hour)	\$ 700.00	\$ 717.50	\$ 17.50	2.50%
<b>(Mandatory fees of \$7.30 (20%) are moved from fees to tuition)</b>				
<b>Housing rates per semester</b>				
	<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Traditional-styled Residence Hall - Semi-private room per semester, annual contract (Neff, Stewart, Oklahoma, Mann North)	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 50.00	3.23%
Traditional-styled Residence Hall - Private room per semester, annual contract (Neff, Stewart, Oklahoma, Mann North)	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 75.00	3.23%
Mann Hall South - Semi-private room per semester, academic term contract	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	11.11%
Mann Hall South - Private room per semester, academic term contract	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	0.00%
Black Kettle Hall - Semi-private room per semester, academic term contract	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 50.00	2.44%
Black Kettle Hall - Private room per semester, academic term contract	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 3,075.00	\$ -	0.00%
Mary Mabry Savage Hall apartments - Unrenovated, academic term contract	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Mary Mabry Savage Hall apartments - Renovated, academic term contract	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Meal rates-per semester</b>				
	<b>Current Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Cost</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Increase</b>
8 Meals per week	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 150.00	10.00%
10 Meals per week	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 165.00	10.00%
14 Meals per week	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 175.00	9.86%
19 Meals per week	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 2,105.00	\$ 190.00	9.92%

**5. Grants, contracts and cooperative agreements**

Since April 3, 2023, the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs has received confirmation of 10 *grant awards* for a total amount of \$113,883. A profile of the award is presented below. I am available if you should have any questions.

**V. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Thomas Newsom**

**VI. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (See Attachment C)**

**A. SE President's Recommendations**

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Grants & Contracts**
- 3. PURCHASES**

In accordance with Board policy 2.3.3, purchases under \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase the following annual

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items:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Amzn Mktp Us Total	Supplies	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	125,000.00
Gotocom Total	University Phone Service	E&G	100,000.00
In *Bp Handyman Llc D Total	Repairs and Maintenance	E&G, Auxiliary	50,000.00
American Elevator Co., Inc.	Elevators Inspections	E&G, Auxiliary	95,000.00
Chemical Abstracts Service	Supplies	E&G	65,000.00
Crawford & Associates, PC	Consolidated Financials, Consulting, etc.	E&G	88,000.00
Custom Carpet Llc	Flooring	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	65,000.00
Durant Public School	Transportation	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	85,000.00
Eastern Oklahoma State College	OSBDC Center Reimbursements	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	72,000.00
EBSCO Subscription Services	Library Subscriptions and E-Books	E&G	89,000.00
Enterprise Fm Trust	Motor Pool Expenses	E&G	69,000.00
First United Bank & Trust	Banking Services	E&G	110,000.00
Great American Conference	Athletics Membership Dues and Officiating Fees	E&G, Auxiliary	120,000.00
Greenbelt Turf Management	Landscaping	E&G	55,200.00
Hinkle & Company PC	External Auditing	E&G	79,000.00
Learn to Live Inc	Student Wellness Software	E&G	58,000.00
Norlem Technology Consulting Inc	Technology Consulting	E&G	73,000.00
Onenet	IT Network	E&G	56,000.00
Orchestrate HR	Employee Benefits	E&G	80,000.00
Softdocs SC LLC	ERP Document Management	E&G	98,000.00
Texoma Educators Federal Credit Uni	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	60,000.00
Texoma Manufacturing Llc	Supplies, Signage	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	67,000.00
Tutor Com Inc	Academic Tutoring Services	E&G	120,000.00
Wes Watkins Technology Center	OSBDC Center Reimbursements	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	77,000.00

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In accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, purchases exceeding \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase the following annual items:

Vendor	Description	Budget	Amount
Academic Partnerships LLC Total	Services Provided To Assist SE For Marketing And Enrollment	E&G	8,300,000.00
Bsn Sports Llc Total	Uniforms and Other Apperal	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
CDW LLC Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	350,000.00
College Association of Liability Mg Total	Workers Compensation Premium	E&G, Auxiliary	170,764.00
Commercial Card Solutions Total	FY 2023 ProCard Purchases	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	4,500,000.00
Cxtec Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	205,000.00
Dell Marketing, L.P. Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	365,000.00
EAB Global Inc Total	Recruitment Consulting	E&G	185,000.00
Ellucian Company Lp Total	Software Service and Support	E&G	365,000.00
Flexible Benefit Administrators Inc Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	250,000.00
Follett	Bookstore	Auxiliary	275,000.00
Instructional Connections LLC Total	Instructional Coaches for Online Programs	E&G	425,000.00
Instructure Inc Total		E&G	150,000.00
Kincaid Coach Lines Inc Total	Charter Travel	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
Lone Star Coaches Inc Total	Charter Travel	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
Ok St Regents for Higher Education Total	Master Lease Debt Payments	E&G	2,200,000.00
Oklahoma Higher Educ Employ Interlo Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	6,100,000.00
Oklahoma Tax Commission Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	1,100,000.00
Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	6,200,000.00
Osu Grants & Contracts Fin Adm Total	OSBDC Center Reimbursements	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	160,000.00
Pacenet Llc Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G	400,000.00
Regional Univ System of Oklahoma Total	RUSO Administrative Office Assessment	E&G	250,000.00
Reliastar Life Insurance Company Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	175,000.00
Siemens Industry Inc Total	Yearly Monitoring Of Various Facility System	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	250,000.00
Sodexo Inc and Affiliates Total	Student Board Meals	Auxiliary	2,300,000.00
SOSU Foundation Llc Total	Shearer Hall/Suites Payment	Auxiliary	1,500,000.00
Touchnet Information Systems Inc Total	Online Payment & Billing System	E&G	150,000.00
TSA Consulting Group Inc Total	Employee Benefits	E&G	850,000.00
Varsity Spirit Fashion and Supply Total	Uniforms and Other Apperal	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	190,000.00
Village Travel Total	Charter Travel	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
WT COX SUBSCRIPTIONS INC Total	Print Journals, Periodicals And Other Library Materials	E&G	175,000.00

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**4. ROOM AND BOARD RATE INCREASES**

<b>Proposed Meal Plan Rates, FY 2024</b>				
Meal Plan	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Increase	% Percent
Unlimited w/\$100 flex	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,880	\$ 50	2.73%
10 Meals/Week with \$200 Flex	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,880	\$ 50	2.73%
Flex Choice 7 with \$500 Flex	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,880	\$ 50	2.73%
Flex Choice 5 with \$250 Flex	\$ 1,310	\$ 1,340	\$ 30	2.29%
Block 25	\$ 160	\$ 170.00	\$ 10	6.25%
<b>Proposed Housing Rates, FY 2024</b>				
Residence Hall	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Increase	% Percent
<b>Choctaw, Chickasaw, North Hall</b>				
Shared Room w/ Shared Bath	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,485	\$ 70	4.95%
Private Room w/ Shared Bath	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,200	\$ 105	5.01%
Private Room w/ Private Bath	\$ 2,275	\$ 2,390	\$ 115	5.05%
<b>Shearer Hall &amp; Suites</b>				
4-Bedroom Suite	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,890	\$ 140	5.09%
2-Bedroom Suite	\$ 3,175	\$ 3,335	\$ 160	5.04%
Efficiency	\$ 925	\$ 970	\$ 45	4.86%
<b>Other Miscellaneous Fees</b>				
Residence Hall Activity Fee, per semester	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 25	50%
Residence Hall Safety & Security Fee, per semester	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	#DIV/0!
Cancellation Fee	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%

**5. BUDGET AND TUITION & MANDATORY FEES**

Southeastern is recommending that the budget and increase in tuition and mandatory fees for the fiscal year 2024 be approved.

**VII. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (See Attachment D)**

**A. NWOSU Facilities Stewardship Committee Requests—Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford**

**Request Approval:**

**a. Campus Master Plan**

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We request approval of the updated Campus Master Plan for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. A copy of the plan is attached.

### **B. NWOSU President's Recommendations**

#### **1. Personnel**

#### **2. PURCHASES**

**The following purchases are being made in accordance with Board Policy (over \$50,000 and under \$150,000):**

Library Management System: Online Computer Library Center, Dublin, Ohio, at a cost of \$60,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Learning Management System (LMS) software and platform for faculty and students: Blackboard, Inc., Indianapolis, IL, at a cost of \$65,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Hosting service for 13+ article databases: EBSCO, Ipswich, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$80,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Yearly phone system subscription: GoTo Connect, Boston, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$85,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Lab computers, printers, servers and technology supplies: Dell, Dallas, Texas, at a cost of \$95,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds; Fund 600/650 School Land)

Enterprise content management subscription and maintenance: Softdocs, Columbia, South Carolina, at a cost of \$90,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Colleague Synoptix software and maintenance for ERP system: Ellucian Company, L.P., Reston, Virginia, at a cost of \$105,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

HVAC Services: Ideal Mechanical Services LLC, Enid, Oklahoma, at a cost of \$100,000. (Various Funds)

Printers, toner, technology supplies: CDW LLC, Chicago, Illinois, at a cost of \$80,000. (Various Funds)

Fire System Monitoring & Inspection: DAL Security LLC, Lahoma, Oklahoma, at a cost of \$70,000. (Fund 290, Fund 600/650)

**We request approval of the following purchases in accordance with Board Policy (over \$150,000):**

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Services and driver expenses associated with University owned buses: Hanza’s Soldier Xpress, Lawton, Oklahoma, at a cost of \$175,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Fuel for the University fleet: Comdata, Brentwood, Tennessee, at a cost of \$185,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Athletic uniforms and miscellaneous gear/apparel: BSN Sports, LLC, Dallas, Texas, at a cost of \$220,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds, Section 13, Fund 600/650 School Land, Auxiliary Fund)

Yearly premium aggregate deductible, administrative costs, catastrophic coverage and special risk mandatory student-athlete accident coverage: Borden Perlman, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; not to exceed \$220,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Yearly food services costs for student meal plans and other University catering/food service events and needs: Chartwells, Boston, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$2,300,000. (Auxiliary Funds)

Various University Supplies: JP Morgan Chase Bank, New York City, New York, at a cost of \$3,500,000. (Various Funds)

**3. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**TOTAL  
GRANTS .....\$645,372**

**4. BUDGET – FY24**

We request approval of the Budget for 2023-2024. Northwestern Oklahoma State University is not requesting a tuition increase or mandatory fee increase for FY24.

**5. ROOM AND BOARD RATES**

We request approval to increase board rates effective for the Fall 2023 semester. Please see the proposed room and board rates for FY24 in the following table.

**ROOM AND BOARD RATES – FY24**

	Per Semester For FY24	Per Semester for FY23	Requested Increase	Percent of Increase
<u>Room Rates</u>				

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Semi-Private	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,010	\$ -	0.0%
Private	\$ 1,745	\$ 1,745	\$ -	0.0%
	<b>Per Semester For FY24</b>	<b>Per Semester for FY23</b>	<b>Requested Increase</b>	<b>Percent of Increase</b>
<u>Meal Plan Rates</u>				
17-Meal Plan + \$100 Flex	\$1,930	\$1,760	\$170	9.7%
12-Meal Plan + \$150 Flex	\$1,840	\$1,680	\$160	9.5%
8-Meal Plan + \$200 Flex	\$1,750	\$1,600	\$150	9.4%

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is not requesting an increase in room rates for FY24.

**IX. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY (See Attachment E)**

**A. NSU Facilities Stewardship Committee Requests—Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford**

**FY 2025-2032 Long Range Campus Capital Plan**

NSU requests approval of the updated FY2024-2031 Campus Capital Plan. See attachment for our Capital Project Listing.

- 1. Project #485-0073 - Campus Repairs and Replacements**
  - a. Project Description: General building repairs to campus buildings envelope and interior on all campuses.
  - b. Requested Funding Approval: \$300,000
  - c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
  - d. Revenue Source(s): 600 fund \$200,000 – 650 Fund \$100,000  
General renovations and repairs to all buildings across all three campuses.
  
- 2. Project #485-0073 – Bagley Hall Second Floor Air Handling Unit Replacement Increase Request**
  - a. Project Description: Requesting an increase of \$45,000 to the original \$65,000 that was approved in the September 2022 board meeting.
    - b. Requested Funding Approval: \$110,000
    - c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
    - d. Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund

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The increase is to cover the cost of new duct connection, replacement of old duct, and hoisting cost for loading the new unit through the second-floor window. (The new unit cannot be broken down small enough to be maneuvered to the second floor)

### **3. Project #485-0043 – Physical Plant Flat Roof Replacement Increase Request**

- a. Project Description: This project was originally approved in September 2022 board meeting for \$260,000. We are requesting an additional \$120,000 to award the contract to the lowest bidder. This will bring the total project to \$380,000.
  - b. Requested Funding Approval: \$380,000
  - c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
  - d. Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund
- The increase is based on results of second public bid and a healthy allowance for anticipated metal deck repair/replacement.

### **INFORMATIONAL:**

#### **1. Project #485-0073 - John Vaughn Library Temporary Chiller**

- e. Project Description: Setup, disconnect and rental of a temporary Chiller used at John Vaughn Library while existing chiller underwent repairs and maintenance.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$83,944
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 295 fund \$44,000 – 600 Fund \$3,944 – 650 Fund \$36,000

Rental of Carrier Chiller during JVL Chiller tube replacement.

#### **2. Project #485-0063 – Cobb Hall Carpet Replacement**

- a. Project Description: Remove and Replace carpet in Cobb Hall resident rooms.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$75,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 751 Fund

Carpet replacement in resident room on all 4 floors

#### **3. Project #485-0063 – Courtside Apartment Repairs**

- a. Project Description: General repair and renovation to Courtside Apartments.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$28,500
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 751 Fund

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This project was primarily focused on water damage repairs to finishes surrounding bathroom showers, and stair/handrail replacement and repairs to exterior entrances.

**4. Project #485-0073 – General Campus Lighting and LED Replacement**

- a. Project Description: General repair and replacement to campus lighting.
  - b. Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000
  - c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
  - d. Revenue Source(s): 650 Fund
- Primarily focused on converting existing light fixtures to energy efficient LED fixtures, but also for general lighting repairs and additions across all campuses

**B. NSU President’s Recommendations**

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Budget Request**

Northeastern State University presents the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget request.

**3. ROOM AND BOARD RATES**

Northeastern State University is proposing a minimal housing rate increase of \$50 in two of the five residential student complexes. The average increase to all housing units is less than 1%. Revenue resulting from the increase will be utilized to offset anticipated increases in operational costs, such as furniture, supplies and utilities. Northeastern State University is also proposing a new meal plan structure. The proposed plans align more with the types of plans that current students prefer.

<b>Residence Hall Rates</b>		<b>Current FY23</b>	<b>Proposed FY24</b>
<b>Cobb Hall</b>	4 person	\$2,300	\$2,350
	2 person	\$2,550	\$2,600
	1 person	\$2,950	\$3,000
<b>Leoser Hall</b>	2 person	\$1,700	\$1,750
	1 person	\$2,150	\$2,250

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<b>Seminary Suites</b>	4 person	\$2,600	\$2,600
	2 person	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Wyly Hall</b>	2 person	\$1,850	\$1,850
	1 person	\$2,300	\$2,350
<b>Courtside</b>	1-bdrm	\$3,250	\$3,250
<b>Married/Family</b>	2-bdrm	\$3,750	\$3,750
	3-bdrm	\$4,150	\$4,150
<b>Upperclassmen</b>	1bdrm/1 student	\$3,250	\$3,250
	2 bdrm/2 students	\$2,750	\$2,750
	3 bdrm/3 students	\$2,600	\$2,600
<b>Residence Life Staff Rate</b>	1 person	\$1,000	\$1,000

<u>Current Meal Plans</u>	<u>FY23 Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Meal Plans</u>	<u>Proposed FY24</u>
		16 per week - \$200	
17 per week/\$150	\$2,270	Flex	\$2,450
15 per week/\$200	\$2,250	Block 230 - \$200 Flex	\$2,400
12 per week/\$200	\$2,190	Block 180 - \$175 Flex	\$2,250
10 per week/\$350	\$2,190	10 per week - \$150	
8 per week/\$175	\$1,750	Flex	\$2,100
Block 150/\$75	\$1,700		
25/\$75	\$350	25/\$75	\$385
50/\$75	\$595	50/\$75	\$650
80/\$100	\$870	80/\$100	\$950

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**4. PURCHASES**

**Northeastern State University presents the following items over \$150,000 to be approved in accordance with the policy of the Board. (All funding is E & G unless otherwise noted.):**

Optometry Clinics Merchandise for Resale.....(Aux)....

\$1,700,000

Media Placement (advertising) Services.....  
\$660,000

Annual Postage - All mailings for recruiting, billing, and routine correspondence -  
(Funding – Agency Special) .....  
\$150,000

Athletic Insurance

.....\$360,000

Charter Tour Buses/Yearly – Athletics

.....\$200,000

Central Computing Admin and Instructional Software  
Maintenance .....\$1,285,000

- Banner.....\$ 800,000
- TouchNet Support.....\$ 210,000
- Microsoft Campus Agreement License.....\$ 85,000
- Adobe Agreement.....\$ 65,000
- SmartNet Network Support.....\$ 125,000

Campus Wide Copier Lease/Maint. - (Both E & G and Agency Special

Funds).....\$200,000

Blackboard/Learning Management System and

Hosting.....\$400,000

Contractual Janitorial Supplies – (Both E&G and Agency Special Funds) ..... \$250,000

PC replacement program and support (Both E&G and Agency Special

funds).....\$1,100,000

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Information	Services
(Library) .....	\$700,000
Data Center Refresh (IT).....(2 <sup>nd</sup> of 5 year contract).....	\$272,000
Telephone and Long Distance Services (Both E&G and Agency Special Funds).....	\$180,000
Third Party Independent Contractor for Great Expectations .....	\$400,000
 Campus	
Furniture .....	\$260,000
 Optometry	
Equipment.....	\$1,000,000

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**The following purchases are presented as information items in accordance with Board policy, over \$50,000 and under \$150,000. (All funding is E & G unless otherwise noted.):**

Contractual Services for Elevators-3 campuses .....	\$150,000
Contractual Services for On-Call Plumbing Services.....	\$130,000
Contractual Services for On-Call Electrical Services.....	\$160,000
Contractual Services for On-Call HVAC Services.....	\$200,000
Contractual Services for Grounds Keeping Services... (Both E&G and Agency Special Funds).....;	\$100,000
International Student Health Insurance... ..	\$105,000
Athletic Apparel & Equipment .....	\$125,000
Fire Alarm Monitoring & Repair.....	\$100,000

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Student Lifecycle Management Software.....	\$95,000
Room Scheduling Software.....	\$55,500
Academic Reporting Software.....	\$100,000
Student Learning Assessment and Engagement Software.....	\$130,000
Student Degree Planning Software.....	\$112,000
Accounting and Auditing Firms.....	\$150,000
Motorpool Vehicle Lease .....	\$100,000
Unleaded gasoline .....	\$165,000
CRM Software.....	\$105,00

**6. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**Total Grant and Contract Awards:..... \$104,180.00**

**7. Action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §307 (B) (3) to discuss the purchase or appraisal of real estate.**

**8. Reconvene in Public Session**

Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session

**XI. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (See Attachment F)**

**A ECU President’s Recommendations**

**1. PERSONNEL**

**2. ROOM AND BOARD RATES**

**Proposed Housing & Dining Rate Increases**

East Central University proposes a 6.55% average rate increase for Housing and Dining operations for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please note the meal plan amount and structure is changing based on student feedback and requests.

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**HOUSING RATE CHANGE AVERAGE 6.60% change  
DINING RATE CHANGE AVERAGE (as adjusted) 6.50% change  
 OVERALL RATE CHANGE AVERAGE 6.55% change**

Proposed Housing Rates for 2023-2024								
	Current Semester Rate	Proposed Semester Rate	% Difference	\$ Difference	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	% Difference	\$ Difference
<b>Briles *</b>								
Single	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	0.00%	\$ -
Single - Private	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 4,200	100.00%	\$ 2,100
Double	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,850	0.00%	\$ -
<b>Chokka-Chaffa'</b>								
Double	\$ 1,875	\$ 2,075	10.67%	\$ 200	\$ 3,750	\$ 4,150	10.67%	\$ 400
<b>Pasagi</b>								
Double	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,200	4.35%	\$ 50	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,400	4.35%	\$ 100
Super Single	\$ 1,825	\$ 2,025	10.96%	\$ 200	\$ 3,650	\$ 4,050	10.96%	\$ 400
<b>Pontotoc</b>								
Single	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	11.11%	\$ 200	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,000	11.11%	\$ 400
Single - Private	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,100	10.53%	\$ 200	\$ 3,800	\$ 4,200	10.53%	\$ 400
Double	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,425	16.33%	\$ 200	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,850	16.33%	\$ 400
<b>Stadium</b>								
Apartment - 1br	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,825	0.89%	\$ 25	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,650	0.89%	\$ 50
Apartment - 2br	\$ 2,475	\$ 2,675	8.08%	\$ 200	\$ 4,950	\$ 5,350	8.08%	\$ 400
Animal Friendly	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,825	7.62%	\$ 200	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,650	7.62%	\$ 400
<b>Tiger Commons</b>								
Suite - 2br	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,925	7.34%	\$ 200	\$ 5,450	\$ 5,850	7.34%	\$ 400
Suite - 4br	\$ 2,475	\$ 2,675	8.08%	\$ 200	\$ 4,950	\$ 5,350	8.08%	\$ 400
<b>Housing Average</b>	\$ 2,028.57	\$ 2,162.50	6.60%	\$ 134	\$ 4,057.14	\$ 4,325	6.60%	\$ 268
* Briles Hall was offline in FY23								
Proposed Dining Rates for 2023-2024								
<b>Meals Per Week</b>								
10	\$ 1,489.00	\$ -			\$ 2,978.00	\$ -		
10 + \$125 Flex	\$ -	\$ 1,625.00	9.13%	\$ 136.00	\$ -	\$ 3,250.00	9.13%	\$ 272.00
14	\$ 1,658.00				\$ 3,316.00			
14 + \$100 Flex	\$ -	\$ 1,914.00	15.44%	\$ 256.00		\$ 3,828.00	15.44%	\$ 512.00
19	\$ 1,808.00				\$ 3,616.00			
19 + \$75 Flex	\$ -	\$ 2,050.00	13.38%	\$ 242.00		\$ 4,100.00	13.38%	\$ 484.00
Flex Plan	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,000.00	5.26%	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	5.26%	\$ 100.00
<b>Meal Plan Average</b>	\$ 1,476.25	\$ 1,647.25	11.58%	\$ 171.00	\$ 2,952.50	\$ 3,294.50	11.58%	\$ 342.00
<b>Meal Plan Average Adjusted for Flex</b>	\$ 1,476.25	\$ 1,572.25	6.50%	\$ 96.00	\$ 2,952.50	\$ 3,144.45	6.50%	\$ 191.95

**3. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS**

None to report at this time.

**4. PURCHASES**

The following purchases are presented as informational items in accordance with Board Policy, 2.3.3 over \$50,000 and under \$150,000:

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Flexible Benefit Administrators, Inc. Employee Benefits  
Source: E&G, Aux, 430.....\$111,742.00

Pasco Scientific, 850 Universal Interface with Comprehensive  
Physics System, Site License.  
Source: E&G..... \$56,862.00

Piazza Construction, Briles Hall bathrooms renovation Pay  
Application 1.  
Source: AUX.....\$69,000.00 (\$1,155,532 Project Total)

Regional University System of Oklahoma for RUSO Administrative  
Office Assessment  
Source: E&G..... \$110,058.27

**We request approval to make the following purchases in  
accordance with Board Policy 2.3.4 (over \$150,000):**

Replace Fire Alarm System at Pesagi Hall (residential housing;  
obsolete system not parts available for repairs).  
Source: AUX..... Estimate \$200,000

Academic HealthPlans Inc. for International Students Insurance  
Source: AUX..... \$336,294.00

Bankfirst for Master Lease Debt payments  
Source: AUX..... \$332,206.00

Blackboard, Inc for Learning Management Systems, Visual  
Data integration, Outcomes Assessment, 24-hr HelpDesk,  
SmartView Cloud base Software Platform  
Source: E&G, AUX .... \$170,000.00

College Association of Liability Management for Workers  
Compensation  
Source: E&G..... \$195,000.00

CDW for computer replacements, lab upgrades PC, UPS, MACS,  
Absolute, Monitors  
Source: AUX.....\$200,000.00

COMDATA Inc. for Motor Pool fleet vehicle fuel  
Source: AUX.....\$151,000.00

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Compass Group USA (Chartwells) for Foodservices contract meal plans event catering  
Source: AUX.....\$2,345,000.00

Communications Federal Credit Union for Employee payroll deductions  
Source: E&G, AUX, 430..... \$224,000.00

EBSCO for Library system maintenance, books, periodicals, electronic database Source: E&G..... \$264,051.00

Elsevier Inc. for Nursing educational assessment tools  
Source: E&G..... \$258,930.00

Ellucian Enterprise System for System maintenance, ODSL, consulting  
Source: E&G, AUX ..... \$200,000.00

Johnson Controls for Preventative Maintenance Planned Services Contract, emergency repairs and non-covered service  
Source: E&G, AUX, SEC 13... .. \$387,000.00

JP Morgan Chase Bank for Purchase Card transactions  
Source: AUX..... \$2,203,000.00

Office of Management & Enterprise Services for Insurance premiums, Fine Arts, Educators Legal Liability, Vehicle Liability, Property Insurance, Tort Liability  
Source: E&G..... \$465,200.00

Oklahoma Higher Education Employee Interlocal for Health insurance premiums  
Source: E&G, AUX, 430.....\$4,550,000.00

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Educ for Master Lease Debt payments  
Source: E&G, AUX, SEC 13, New College Fund..... \$1,850,928.73

Oklahoma Tax Commission for Tax Collection Payments  
Source: E&G, AUX, 430.....\$700,000.00

Teachers Retirement System of Oklahoma for Employee Benefits  
Source: E&G, AUX, 430..... \$4,291,000.00

Texas Book Company for Sales and services

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Source: AUX..... \$694,000.00

TruProducts LLC for Fire Alarm monitoring and maintenance  
Source: E&G, AUX, SEC 13... ..\$153,000.00

Varsity Brands Holdings Co Inc for Athletic uniforms, gear,  
equipment  
Source: AUX..... \$250,000.00  
Village Travel LLC for Athletic teams travel  
Source: AUX..... \$160,000.00

VOYA Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co. for Retirement  
Contributions  
Source: E&G, AUX, 430..... \$400,000.00

Wiley Edu LLC for bundled services including Online  
Course Curriculum Development & Training Services, Marketing,  
Market Research,  
Enrollment Management and Retention Services  
Source: E&G.....\$1,967,500.00

National Bus Sales for 2024 Executive Coach Commercial  
Widebody 51 Passenger bus, logo wrapped.  
Source: AUX.....\$340,000.00

**The following purchases are being made in accordance  
with Board policy (over \$50,000 and under \$150,000):**

Annual library system maintenance from EBSCO at  
approximate cost of \$63,469 (E & G, Part I)

Annual book expenditures from EBSCO Print and online  
periodicals at approximate cost of \$52,000 (E & G, Part I)

Annual electronic database expenditures from EBSCO  
Online at approximate cost of \$143,736 (Library  
Technology Fee; E & G, Part I)

TouchNet Information System \$66,467.00, Annual  
Subscription (Auxiliary Fund)

Elsevier Inc \$103,363.36 comprehensive educational  
materials and access for clinical assessment for School of  
Nursing cohort 2021-2022 (Education and General Fund)

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**Request approval to make the following purchases which will be made in accordance with Board policy (over \$150,000):**

Renew services contract with Johnson Controls at an estimated cost of \$350,000 (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

Academic Health Insurance for International Students at an estimate of \$390,000 (Auxiliary Fund)

Contract extension with Compass Group (Chartwells) for Board bill at an estimated annual cost of \$3.1M (Auxiliary Fund)

Contract extension with JPMorgan Chase Bank NA for annual Purchase Card (Pcard) purchases at an estimated cost of \$3.7M (Auxiliary Fund)

Elsevier Inc. for the purchase of comprehensive educational materials and access for clinical skill and assessment for the School of Nursing cohorts at an estimate of \$170,000. (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

EBSCO for annual print periodicals, online periodicals, and annual electronic online database, library system maintenance estimate of \$275,000 (Library Technology Fee, Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

Blackboard for renewals (3) IT Helpdesk Support, and Learning Management Software as a Service, and Outcomes Assessment Module at an estimate of \$175,000 (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

The Learning House dba Wiley Edu, LLC to provide bundled services including Online Course Curriculum Development & Training Services, Marketing, Market Research, Enrollment Management and Retention Services for 2022-2023 at an estimate of \$2.2M (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

Village Tours for charter bus services estimate of \$200,000 (Education and General

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Fund, Auxiliary Fund, and Education and General Fund Part II) (OHEPC - Oklahoma Higher Ed Procurement Consortium Contract)

Computer purchases for lab upgrades and replacements at an estimate of \$190,000 (Education and General Fund, Auxiliary Fund)

ECU request approval to solicit bids and contract for plumbing services for On-Call and small projects ranging from a few thousand dollars up to \$200,000. After the RFP process award for one-year term with option to renew on an annual basis for 5 years. (All Funds)

### **5. BUDGET FOR FY 2023-2024**

We recommend approval of the FY24 budget, tuition, and fees.

## **XII. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (See Attachment G)**

### **A. UCO Facilities Stewardship Committee Requests—Chair, Regent Anne Ford**

#### **1. Approval Item:**

##### **a. Approval Item:**

City of Edmond Sidewalk Easement (See Attachment G, Pages 87-97)

##### **b. Facility Name Change**

Request permission to name Room 106, a lecture hall in the UCO W. Roger Webb Forensic Science Institute, the Dwight E. Adams Lecture Hall and the forensic science wing of the Donald Betz Research and Learning Center as the Dwight E. Adams Forensic Science Wing in honor of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our nation and his alma mater, UCO.

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**2. Information Items:**

**a. Project # 120-0033 Existing Building Renovations & Additions**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$92,015 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the construction of teaching lab/“crime house” within the Forensic Science Institute. The space is a conversion of the former digital task force lab. Lippert Bros. on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Student Facility Fee, Foundation Funds

**c. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance**

Project Description: Issued contract to Legacy Painting in the amount of \$87,850 for interior painting of public spaces at the Wellness Center. This work is primarily focused on the large entry/rotunda. Legacy Painting is under a UCO on-call contract expiring in 2027.

Fund Source: Wellness Center Facility Fee

**d. Project # 120-0032 Sports Complex Improvements**

Project Description: Issued contract to on-call construction manager Lingo Construction in the amount of \$57,409 for the construction of a masonry enclosure to surround new electrical service equipment. Lingo’s on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

**e. Project # 120-0047 Max Chambers Library Renovation Misc.**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$56,525 to Johnson Controls International for installation and programming of (2) new network engines. The controllers are part of the JCI proprietary *Metasys* building controls system and will allow greater visibility of the library’s current HVAC controls. This is the first step in a needed overhaul of the library’s old system. As part of the JCI campus-wide network of building controls, the engines were procured via sole-source agreement.

Fund Source: Library Facility Fee

**f. Project # 120-1012 Residence Hall Improvements**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$55,000 to Patco Electrical Services for the installation of redundant inline fuses on 535

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HVAC units. These units are located in both Murdaugh Hall and The Quad dormitories. Patco's UCO on-call electrical contract expires August 2024.

Fund Source: Auxiliary (Campus Enterprises)

**g. Project # 120-0033 Existing Building Renovations & Additions**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$51,641 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the construction of two offices within the Forensic Science Institute. The offices are a conversion of a large conference room and are to accommodate academic advisors. Lippert Bros. on-call contract expires July 2024.

und Source: Student Facility Fee

**h. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance**

Project Description: Issued contract to Johnson Controls International in the amount of \$37,726 for the installation of (4) outdoor variable frequency drives located at the Math and Computer Science Building. The pumps that connect to the heating and cooling hydronic loops and serve the building did not have VFD's associated with them. As an effort to conserve energy and reduce equipment wear and tear, they are recommended. JCI utilized their government service agreement to provide pricing for the project.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

**B. UCO President's Recommendations**

**1. Personnel**

**2. Nepotism Waiver**

Pursuant to RUSO policy (Section 5.12), UCO Interim President Andrew Benton has approved a nepotism waiver for Ms. Barbara Weidell, whose appointment as the Department Chairperson of Art in the College of Fine Arts and Design will be effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Weidell is the spouse of Ms. Charleen Weidell, the current Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design. The Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design, Ms. Jill Priest, will perform all supervisory responsibilities for Ms. Barbara Weidell as per RUSO policy.

### **3. Naming of Academic Department**

UCO requests approval to re-name the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies The Dr. Virginia Peters Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies.

Dr. Virginia Peters taught, coached, advised students; served as Department Chair, Director of Women's Athletics; was a primary leader in Health and Physical Education, not only at Central but across the state and nation. She was a role model, motivator, an inspiration, and a significant influence on hundreds of students, faculty, & colleagues during her 36 years, leaving a legacy. Dr. Peters was a student at Central in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies in 1953. She returned to Central in 1958 and taught in the department until her retirement in 1992. Dr. Peters has dedicated herself to the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies and to the University of Central Oklahoma for the past 70 years. She is a dedicated educator that continues to touch the lives of those around her.

### **4. Executive Summary of Awards**

Following are the new contracts that have been awarded since the last Board Letter:

#### **April 2023**

Isolation of Salmonella Enterica Phages from Oklahoma Wastewater, \$5,719  
OK-INBRE Smart  
May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024  
Hari Kotturi, College of Math and Science  
This grant will fund the investigation and diversity of mycobacteriophages from Oklahoma soil.

Analysis of Radiopaque Coatings on PCL Flow Diverters for Brain Aneurysms, \$5,774  
OK-INBRE Smart  
June 15, 2023 – August 15, 2023  
Mohammad Hossan, College of Math and Science  
The goal of this project is to study various radiopaque coatings of the PCL flow diverters and its effect on the mechanical properties and deployability through vascular catheter and to evaluate, select and optimize the radiopaque coatings of non-braided PCL flow diverters as functions of strut thickness, porosities and pore densities.

Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting, \$2,000

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OK-INBRE Travel

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Gan Xu, College of Math and Science

This grant will fund travel expenses for Dr. Gang Xu to attend the 2023 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Presenting Research in the SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics, \$2000

OK-INBRE Travel

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Mohammad Hossan, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will allow Dr. Mohammad Hossan to attend and present his research at the SEM Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Multimodal Neuroimaging Assessment and Rehabilitation of Cognitive Impairment in Brain Tumor, \$129,929

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Nesreen Alsbou, College of Math and Science

CFDA# 93.859

The long-term goal of this project is to establish the mechanism and rehabilitation pathway of cognitive impairment in patients with brain tumors.

INBRE Program Coordinator, \$66,851

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Melville Vaughan, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will enable Dr. Vaughan to serve as the OK-INBRE Program Coordinator for 2023-2024 and help support his INBRE-related research.

INBRE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP), \$4,400

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Lillian Chooback, College of Math and Science

Dr. Chooback will mentor two students. This grant will fund the supplies needed for the students' research.

INBRE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP), \$4,400

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Hari Kotturi, College of Math and Science

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Dr. Kotturi will mentor two students. This grant will fund the supplies needed for the students' research.

OK-INBRE Release Time, \$15,000

OK-INBRE

August 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Morshed Khandaker, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will provide release time for Dr. Khandaker's research in designing a novel patient-specific, 3D-printed scaffold for the biological resurfacing of critical sized defects of long bones. It will also aid in solving the current problem of weakness of the bioabsorbable interlock nailing system.

Oklahoma Research Day, \$15,000

OUHSC / OK-INBRE

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Gregory Wilson, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase supplies and INBRE items for the 2023 Oklahoma Research Day, which is an annual event that celebrates student and faculty research and scholarly activities.

Oklahoma Research Day, \$5,000

EPSCoR

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Gregory Wilson, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase conference bags for the 2023 Oklahoma Research Day event held at UCO.

UCO Endeavor Games, \$50,000

Move United

Through UCO Foundation

March 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Leigha Pemberton, Student Affairs

This grant will fund operational costs for the UCO Endeavor Games in Partnership with The Hartford. The overall goal of the Endeavor Games is to aid in developing ongoing rehabilitative, therapeutic, and whole-life health adaptive sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces.

### **May 2023**

Oklahoma Behavior Consultation Project, \$142,234

Oklahoma State Department of Education

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Scott Singleton, College of Education and Professional Studies

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Funding from this grant will enable Behavior Analysis graduate students from UCO to conduct behavior consultation services for Oklahoma Public Schools.

Center for Active Living and Learning, \$70,372

Areawide Aging Agency, Inc.

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Gregory Wilson, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

The purpose of this grant is to fund the delivery of the evidence-based SAIL program to older adults in the metropolitan community by using funds to train and pay student instructors and faculty supervisors, supply classes, and market programming.

Effects of Two Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons on Hemodynamic Flow in the Chick Embryonic Heart, \$5,958

OK-INBRE Smart

May 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023

Christopher Goodchild, College of Math and Science

The specific goal of this project is to examine the effects of embryonic exposure to two PAHs on hemodynamic flow through the heart using a custom-built optical coherence tomography system.

Bioactivity of Marine Extract 02PD1L Fractions, \$5,490

OK-INBRE Smart

May 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023

Melville Vaughan, College of Math and Science

The goal of this project is to test marine sponge extracts for bioactivity, then isolate compounds from bioactive extracts. Funding from this grant will allow further fractionation to concentrate active ingredients toward identification. Students will be involved in either the upstream in the fractionation phase or downstream in the bioactivity testing phase.

Acquisition of Mass Flow Meter and Multiplexer Modules for Automated Multi-Animal Metabolic System, \$18,495

OK-INBRE Equipment

May 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023

Christopher Goodchild, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase the FB-8 Mass Flow Diverter and the RM-8 Respirometry Flow Multiplexer to use in addition to the currently owned Sable System Inc. Field Metabolic System. Utilizing the full capacity of all equipment will enhance the rate and quality of data collection in metabolic phenotyping.

Isolation of Salmonella Enterica Bacteriophages for Control of Zoonotic and Foodborne Pathogens, \$30,287

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OK-INBRE Mini

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Hari Kotturi, College of Math and Science

Studies have shown that approximately 48 million foodborne illnesses occur in the United States every year resulting in 128,000 hospitalizations. Salmonella enterica was found to be the most common foodborne pathogen. Funding from this grant will aid in the research of bacteriophages as a solution for controlling foodborne pathogens. In turn, this project will help in gaining a better understanding of microbial communities that contribute to the spoilage of meat while protecting food supply from foodborne pathogens.

Bioresorbable Fixation Devices for the Long Bone Fracture

Surgeries, \$51,816

OK-INBRE Collaborative

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Morshed Khandaker, College of Math and Science

The aim of this project is to determine if an interlocked intramedullary nail would remain stable during twelve weeks of simulated gait in a segmentally defected rabbit tibia. MicroCT and histology analysis will be conducted for the in vivo evaluation. Funding from this grant will aid in Orthopedic research studies.

**5. PURCHASES FOR APPROVAL**

- a. Oracle, annual database management software licensing support.

Source: E&G .....\$ 315,000

- b. Presidio (Cisco SMARTnet), technology infrastructure maintenance and support.

Source: E&G .....\$ 693,422

- c. Transact, annual software licensing and support for campus ID technology.

Source: E&G .....\$ 220,000

- d. Civitas, annual predictive analytics and college scheduler software subscription.

Source: E&G .....\$ 162,000

- e. Microsoft EES, annual software licensing and support allowing acquisition of software and services under a single subscription.

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Source: E&G.....\$ 340,000

- f. Ellucian Company LP, license exchange and enhancement agreement to facilitate Ellucian strategic alignment and modernization.

Source: E&G.....\$ 748,991

- g. Ellucian Company LP, technical advisory services.

Source: Technical Infrastructure Fee..... \$ 229,000

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM PURCHASING**

- a. TouchNet, commerce solution maintenance.

Source: E&G..... \$ 147,093

- b. Slate by Technolutions, CRM platform for admissions.

Source: IT Educational Support Svc .....\$ 105,000

- c. Carnegie Dartlet, implementation services for Slate. CRM platform for admissions.

Source: IT Educational Support Svc .....\$ 112,500

- d. Connected Analytics Operations LLC, axiom budget tool software.

Source: E&G.....\$ 91,835

- e. Video Reality Inc., visual education equipment/hardware/accessories.

Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments..... \$ 73,723

**XIII. APPROVAL OF FY 2024 BUDGET, TUITION AND FEES**

**XIV. Action to convene in Executive Session to discuss the employment of the RUSO Administrative Office staff: Executive Director, General Counsel, Assistant General Counsel, Government Relations Officer, Finance Officer and Executive Assistant pursuant to 25 O.S. section 307 (B)(1).**

**XV. Reconvene in Public Session**

- A. Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session.

**XVI. Request Approval of RUSO Administrative Office Budget for FY 24**

**XVII. Action to convene in Executive Session to discuss the employment of the presidents of East Central University, Northwestern Oklahoma**

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**State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University pursuant to 25 O.S. section 307 (B)(1).**

**XVIII. Reconvene in Public Session**

A. Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session.

**XIX. RUSO Board Mini Retreat (Attachment H)**

**Growing Revenue with Market-Responsive Majors. Charlie Anastasi. RIZE Vice President Revenue**

**XX.** Discussion and brainstorming ways to reinvent the RUSO model of providing higher education to grow revenue, increase degree offerings, lower costs to students and the universities, restructure internal policies to increase efficiency, collaboration and communication.

**XXI. RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR OUTGOING PRESIDENT**

**XV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree**

**XVII. REGENTS’ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2024**

**XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (4) to discuss the following:**

Confidential communications with legal counsel concerning all pending claims or actions and litigation.

**Actions:**

Charles E. Sneed and Tabitha Sneed v. Northeastern State University (“NSU”), Acting President Kim Cherry, and, NSU Employees, E.C.A.L. [sic et al.], Cherokee County, Case# CJ- 2007-840.

Marci D. Walkingstick Dixon v. State of Oklahoma ex rel the Regional University System of the Oklahoma Board of Regents sic. d/b/a Northeastern State University (“NSU”),

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United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma Case #CIV 19-391.

Miranda Summar, Olivia Wells, Priscilla Pena, Rheanna Jackson, Gabrielle Glidewell, and Morgan Brown Russell v. The State of Oklahoma ex re/ University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO"), Western District of Oklahoma, Case #CIV-21-473- G.

Mary H. Alvarez v. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges ("RUSO") & University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO"), District Court of Oklahoma County, Case #CJ-2018- 5269.

Ronald Wyatt, v. Jennifer Kay Wyatt, Patti Buhl, Northeastern State University Police Department, Northeastern State University Board of Regents, and Northeastern State University ("NSU"), District Court of Wagoner County, Case #CJ-2017-240.

Terry Worcester v. East Central University, District Court of Pontotoc County Case #CJ-2019-37.

Billy Elliott v. University of Central Oklahoma, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2021-3586.

Sierra Rudman and Calyn Boyd v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma and Kay Robinson, Western District of Oklahoma Case # CIV-22-91-PRW.

Mark Pendergraft v. Oklahoma Attorney General's Office, State of Oklahoma, Lauren Ray-Morales, in her individual and official capacity; Dixie Coffey, in her individual and official capacity; Southwestern Oklahoma State University/Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, Charlie Babb, in his individual and official capacity, and John Does, and Jane Doe, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2022-985 J.

Jackson Shepherd and Mallory Scott et al. v. Regional University System of Oklahoma et al., District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-20-2383.

Tatum Robertson, Eve Brennan, and Marin Rhodes v. University of Central Oklahoma and Board of Regents for

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the Regional University System of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2022-836-HE.

Dr. Rachel Tudor v. Marie Galindo et al. and Ezra Young and Brittany Stewart v. Dr. Rachel Tudor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Regional University System of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV- 2022-480-C.

Alan Scott Asher and Nancy Asher v. Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow, and the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges-Regional University System of Oklahoma, District Court of Wagoner County Case #CJ-2022- 309.

### **Claims:**

a. Tort Claims pending with State Risk Management

Cowart v. Northeastern State University,  
Tort Claim #2360031731

### **Charges pending with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”):**

Swank v. Northeastern State University, EEOC Charge No. 564-2023-00076.

Whitney Meyers v. Northeastern State University, EEOC Charge No. 564-2023-01268

### **Claims pending with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (“OCR”)**

Tony Hebblethwaite, OCR Docket #07212049 (“UCO”)

### **Miscellaneous Matters**

## **XXI. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

- A. Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session.

## **XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

ATTACHMENTS TO AGENDA

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Attachment

- A. Educational Excellence Committee.....39-42  
\* Educational Excellence Committee attachments for this meeting have been abbreviated to save paper and space. The complete submissions, which include the required Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education form documents and other supporting documents for all matters involving changes in a course or courses of study or institution of new degree programs, were provided to the Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee Regent Eric Fisher prior to the meeting. This documentation is available in the RUSO Administrative Office in Oklahoma City.
- B. Southwestern Oklahoma State University.....43-49
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Majors. Charlie Anastasi, RIZE Vice President Revenue.....116-120

TO: Board of Regents of the  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

FROM: Diana Lovell, President

DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Program Modification Requests -June 1, 2023

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the agenda for the June 15, 2023, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Program Modification requests for the following programs:
  1. BS in Biology (009)
  2. BS in Microbiology (034)
  3. BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (145)
  4. BA in Communication (054)
  5. AS in Computer Science (140)
  6. MEd in Education (Biomed and Micro option) (064)
  7. BA in History (022)

Documents for these requests are attached. If you need additional information regarding these items, please let me know.



*Office of the President*

**Southeastern Oklahoma  
State University**

May 31, 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Landmark Towers  
3555 Northwest 58<sup>th</sup>, Suite 320  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

RE: Educational Excellence Committee

Dear Board Members:

We are seeking approval for the following modification.

**Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (110) – replace a course in the Educational Technologies option. No change in total hours. No new courses.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas W. Newsom', written in a cursive style.

Thomas W. Newsom  
President



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May 24, 2023

**To:** Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents  
**From:** Wendell L. Godwin, President

**Re:** Academic Affairs Agenda Item – June 15-16, 2023 Meeting

Please place East Central University on the June agenda of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents with an Academic Affairs Agenda Item. We request approval of the following items:

- **BA in Criminal Justice Policy (610):** Program deletion due to inadequate enrollment.
- **BA in Human Services Counseling (026):** Option deletions due to low enrollment.
- **BA in Native American Studies (059):** Option deletion due to low enrollment.
- **BA in Theatre (045):** Program deletion due to low enrollment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs.

WLG: hpv

*“We educate and empower students to understand and transform our world.”*



TO: Academic Affairs Committee Chair

FROM: Andrew K. Benton ,  
Interim President

DATE: April 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Agenda Items -April 20-21, 2023

Please place the University of Central Oklahoma on the Academic Affairs Committee agenda for the April 20-21, 2023, Board of Regents meeting. We request approval of the following items:

**New Certificates**

- Certificate, Independent Film Directing, Writing, and Entrepreneurship

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: Board of Regents of the  
Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Regent Amy Ford, Chair

FROM: Diana Lovell, President

DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items  
-June,2023

Southwestern Oklahoma State University requests ratification of emergency approval from Regent Connie Reilly received on May 5, 2023, regarding the following item:

- **Project: Land purchase, 25 acres**
- **Project Description:**

**Emergency request:**

SWOSU requests emergency approval to bid on land, to be sold at online auction on May 10, 2023. There are five tracts of land available, SWOSU is primarily interested in Tract 2 and Tract 3, approximately 25 acres. However, SWOSU is requesting approval to bid on any or all of the five tracts.

Legal description of Tract 2 and 3: A Tract of Land on the north side of E/2 SW/4 Section 5, Township 12N, Range 14, W.I.M., Custer County, Oklahoma, Containing approximately 25 acres. Surface rights only.

SWOSU currently owns 11 acres which borders the south portion of Tract 3; and SWOSU also owns approximately 52 acres north, not contiguous but in the same section, as this land. If successful in this bid, SWOSU would be a step closer to owning contiguous, street facing, land north of the university.

**Final results:**

SWOSU was successful in purchasing the 25 acres at a total cost of \$557,530, including estimated closing costs..

- **Requested Funding Approval:** \$560,000
- **Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes
- **Funding Source:** 765 Auxiliary



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June 1, 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Landmark Towers  
3555 NW 58th Street, Suite 320  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Board Members:

The agenda items of Southwestern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. HIRES**

**Dr. Marcella Santos** has been appointed to a tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective August 16, 2023. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$52,863.00. Dr. Santos earned a PhD in Biology from the University of Mississippi.

**Mr. Colton Parkinson** has been appointed to a one-year temporary position as Instructor in the Department of Engineering Technology in the School of Business and Technology in the College of Professional and Graduate Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective August 16, 2023. His salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$55,181.00. Mr. Parkinson earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and is in the process of completing his Master's.

**Ms. Carrie Boe/te Atkinson** has been appointed to a non-tenure track position as Instructor and the Medical Laboratory Technician Assistant Program Director in the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences in the College of Professional and Graduate Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective July 28, 2023. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$57,841.00. Ms. Atkinson earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Science from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

**8. RESIGNATIONS**

*Dr. Robin Griffeath* has resigned from his position in the Department of Music as of July 28, 2023.

*Dr. Kristin Griffeath* has resigned from her position in the Department of Music as of July 28, 2023.

**C. CHANGE IN STATUS**

*Ms. Heather Hummel* has been appointed to the position of Coordinator of Academic Success Advising in the Department of Academic Success at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective July 1, 2023. Her salary for the twelve-month appointment will be \$41,632.00.

**II. FY 2023-2024 BUDGET**

We request approval of the FY24 budgets, tuition and fee recommendations, room and board rates.

**III. FY2023-2024 CAPITAL MASTER PLAN**

We request approval of the FY24 Capital Master Plan:

SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FY 2024  
CAPITAL MASTER PLAN

Number	Project Description	FY Project Year Ending	Parking Fees	OSRHE Master Lease Program	Academic Enhancement Fee	City Sales Tax	Federal Funds	Revolving Auxiliary Funds	Gift Funds	Sec 13 & Sec. 13 Offset New College & 295	Total Need
<b>Future Projects</b>											
6650020	Student Housing Renovation,	2023-2027		\$10,500,000				\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$12,000,000
6650036	Library Renovation (First floor) OM	OF 2023-2027								\$650,000	\$650,000
6650049	Art/Theatre/ Fine Arts Improvement	OF 2023-2027			5500,000					\$550,000	\$1,050,000
6650041	Equipment, Fire Safety & ADA Improvement	2023-2027								\$500,000	\$500,000
6650048	Campus Energy Improvement	2023-2027						\$250,000		\$250,000	\$500,000
6650035	Classroom and Office Development	OF 2023-2027			\$300,000		\$0		\$500,000	\$0	\$800,000
6650037	Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Improvements.	2023-2027	\$1,000,000								\$1,000,000
6650043	Athletic Complex Development	2023-2027							\$150,000	\$300,000	\$450,000
6650064	Student Union Addition	2023-2027							\$800,000		\$800,000
6650066	Deferred Maintenance Projects	OF 2023-2027								\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
6650056	New Residence Hall	2023-2029		\$12,000,000							\$12,000,000
6650067	Rural Health / Pharmacy Building	2023-2026		\$4,000,000		\$7,000,000	\$15,000,000		\$4,500,000	\$500,000	\$31,000,000
6650068	Art Building Renovation	OF 2023-2026		\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000					\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
6650069	Football Field Press Box Renovation	OF 2023-2029							\$1,250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
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			\$1,000,000	\$29,500,000	\$1,800,000	\$7,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$7,200,000	\$6,500,000	\$69,250,000

• Deferred maintenance total

\$11,000,000

### I PURCHASE AGENDA

Request permission to purchase, lease or enter into consulting agreements for:

Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Informational Items  
Purchases for Annual Cost Approval FY24

Vendor	Description	Budget	Amount
CALM	Workers Compensation coverage	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 219,000
Bank of America	Procard Purchases	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 1,800,000
Ellucian Enterprise System	Software license and maintenance	E&G	\$ 400,000
Touchnet Payment Gateway	Student payment system	E&G	\$ 90,000
Touchnet One Card	Student identification card system	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 90,000
Softdocs	Retrieve Cloud Subscription	E&G	\$ 50,000
Softdocs	DocuServe (Forms and workflow system)	E&G	\$ 50,000
Canvas	Learning Management System	E&G	\$ 250,000
Ferrill Consulting	Network and Ellucian consulting	E&G	\$ 160,000
Alias Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity support services	E&G	\$ 50,000
Ruffalo Noel Levitz	Financial aid consulting	E&G	\$ 50,000
Dell Computer Leasing	Leased computers for faculty, staff and student labs	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 215,000
Regional University System	RUSO Administrative office assessment	E&G	\$ 120,000
ATI, LLC	Nursing department educational assessment tools	E&G	\$ 60,000
Vivature (OrchestrateHR)	Sports Accident Insurance Coverage	Auxiliary	\$ 90,000
Standley Systems, LLC	University Press equipment lease	Auxiliary	\$ 70,000
US Foods	Product purchases for food services	Auxiliary	\$ 350,000
Ben E Keith Company	Product purchases for food services	Auxiliary	\$ 350,000
Coremark	Product purchases for food services	Auxiliary	\$ 250,000
EBSCO	Library books, serials and periodicals	E&G	\$ 200,000
OMES Risk Management	Insurance, property, tort and other	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 350,000
OMES	Processing and other fees	E&G, Auxiliary	\$ 100,000
Total			<u>\$ 5,364,000</u>

Southwestern Oklahoma State University- Informational Items

In accordance with board policy 2.3.3, purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000

Vendor	Description	Budget	Amount
Wenger Corporation	Build speciality lockers for musical instruments	290E&G	\$ 81,892.15
Growing Space	Speciality green house for Biology Department	765 Auxiliary	\$ 82,269.00
Howard Industries	Purchase of Newline interactive touchscreens for classrooms	290 E&G	\$ 79,918.00

**V. TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, RESIDENCE LIFE AND FOOD SERVICE RATES INCREASES**

We recommend approval of the following Tuition and fees, Residence Life and Food Services rates effective with the 2024 fall semester:

Southwestern Oklahoma State University		FY-23	FY-24	Dollar	Percent
Tuition, Mandatory Fees, Room and Board Rates FY24		Current Cost	Proposed Cost	Increase	Increase
<b>Tuition and Mandatory Fees</b>					
Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees - Weatherford (Mandatory fees \$29.20 per hour)		\$ 256.00	\$ 262.40	\$ 6.40	2.50%
Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees - RN-BSN Online (Mandatory fees \$ 3.70 per hour)		\$ 236.75	\$ 242.67	\$ 5.92	2.50%
Graduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees (Mandatory fees \$29.20 per hour)		\$ 308.00	\$ 315.70	\$ 7.70	2.50%
Professional - Masters of Nursing Online (Mandatory fees\$ 3.70 perhour)		\$ 360.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 9.00	2.50%
Pharmacy Tuition and Mandatory Fees (Mandatory fees \$29.20 per hour)	\$ 700.00	\$ 717.50	\$ 17.50	2.50%	
(Mandatory fees of \$7.30 (20%) are moved from fees to tuition)					
<b>Housing rates per semester</b>					
Traditional-styled Residence Hall - Semi-private room per semester, annual contract (Neff, Stewart, Oklahoma, Mann North)		\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 50.00	3.23%
Traditional-styled Residence Hall - Private room per semester, annual contract (Neff, Stewart, Oklahoma, Mann North)		\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 75.00	3.23%
Mann Hall South - Semi-private room per semester, academic term contract		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	11.11%
Mann Hall South - Private room per semester, academic term contract		\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Black Kettle Hall - Semi-private room per semester, academic term contract		\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 50.00	2.44%
Black Kettle Hall - Private room per semester, academic term contract		\$ 3,075.00	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Mary Mabry Savage Hall apartments - Unrenovated, academic term contract		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Mary Mabry Savage Hall apartments - Renovated, academic term contract		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
<b>Meal rates per semester</b>					
8 Meals per week		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 150.00	10.00%
10 Meals per week		\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 165.00	10.00%
14 Meals per week		\$ 1,775.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 175.00	9.86%
19 Meals per week		\$ 1,915.00	\$ 2,105.00	\$ 190.00	9.92%

**VI. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

Since April 3, 2023, the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs has received confirmation of 10 **grant awards** for a total amount of **\$113,883**. A profile of the award is presented below. I am available if you should have any questions.

**A. Motherhood and Childrearing in Historical Contexts: Research and Community Engagement..... \$500**

**Oklahoma Humanities** has awarded the grant, entitled, " Motherhood and Childrearing in Historical Contexts: Research and Community Engagement" in the amount of \$500. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Suzanne Dunai**.

**B. Hunger-Free Campus Grant..... \$26,667**

The **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** has awarded the grant, entitled, " Huger-Free Campus Grant" in the amount of \$26,667. The primary function of this award is Institutional Support. The principal investigator is **Ms. Susan Ellis**.

**C. SWOSU Request Form for Additional FY23 UpskillOK Scholarship Funds .....\$30,000**

The **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** has awarded the grant, entitled, "SWOSU Request Form for Additional FY23 UpskillOK Scholarship Funds" in the amount of \$30,000. The primary function of this award is Academic Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Amanda Evert**.

**D. MOU from OSHRE for travel funds to Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit, to be held 4/21/23 at Rose State ..... \$300**

The **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** has awarded the grant, entitled, "MOU from OSHRE for travel funds to Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit, to be held 4/21/23 at Rose State." in the amount of \$300. The primary function of this award is Institution Support. The principal investigator is **Ms. Lisa Friesen**.

**E. 2023 OK-INBRE TRAVEL GRANT .....\$2,000**

**OK-INBRE** has awarded the grant, entitled, " 2023 OK-INBRE TRAVEL GRANT" in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Doug Linder**.

**F. Writing for the FBI Entrance Exam micro credential.....\$20,000**

The **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** has awarded the grant, entitled, " Writing for the FBI Entrance Exam micro-credential " in the amount of \$20,000. The primary function of this award is Academic Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Kelley Logan**.

**G. Reading and Analyzing Academic Research..... \$20,000**

The **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** has awarded the grant, entitled, " Reading and Analyzing Academic Research" in the amount of \$20,000. The primary function of this award is Academic Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Taylor Orgeron**.

**H. Investigating the metabolic vulnerabilities of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (SMaRT) ..... \$6,000**

**OK-INBRE** has awarded the grant, entitled, "Investigating the metabolic vulnerabilities of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (SMaRT)" in the amount of \$6,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Pragya Sharma**.

**I. Elucidating the physiological functions of SSA\_0908, an uncharacterized substrate binding protein from Streptococcus sanguinis. (SMaRT) ..... \$6,000**

**OK-INBRE** has awarded the grant, entitled, " Elucidating the physiological functions of SSA\_0908, an uncharacterized substrate binding protein from Streptococcus sanguinis. (SMaRT)" in the amount of \$6,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Vijay Somalinga**.

**J. SWOSU Trumpet Ensemble to 47th Annual International Trumpet Guild Conference..... \$2,416**

The **SWOSU Foundation** has awarded the grant, entitled, "SWOSU Trumpet Ensemble to 47th Annual International Trumpet Guild Conference" in the amount of \$2,416. The primary function of this award is Academic Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Richard Tirk.**



Diana Lovell  
President



Office of the President  
**Southeastern Oklahoma  
 State University**

Regent Connie Reilly  
 Regional University System of Oklahoma  
 Landmark Towers  
 3555 Northwest 58<sup>th</sup>, Suite 320  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Regent Reilly:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

**I. PURCHASES**

In accordance with Board policy 2.3.3, purchases under \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase the following annual items:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Amzn Mktp Us Total	Supplies	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	125,000.00
Gotocom Total	University Phone Service	E&G	100,000.00
In *Bp Handyman Llc D Total	Repairs and Maintenance	E&G, Auxiliary	50,000.00
American Elevator Co., Inc.	Elevators Inspections	E&G, Auxiliary	95,000.00
Chemical Abstracts Service	Supplies	E&G	65,000.00
Crawford & Associates, PC	Consolidated Financials, Consulting, etc.	E&G	88,000.00
Custom Carpet Llc	Flooring	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	65,000.00
Durant Public School	Transportation	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	85,000.00
Eastern Oklahoma State College	OSBDC Center Reimbursements	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	72,000.00
EBSCO Subscription Services	Library Subscriptions and E-Books	E&G	89,000.00
Enterprise Fm Trust	Motor Pool Expenses	E&G	69,000.00
First United Bank & Trust	Banking Services	E&G	110,000.00
Great American Conference	Athletics Membership Dues and Officiating Fees	E&G, Auxiliary	120,000.00
Greenbelt Turf Management	Landscaping	E&G	55,200.00
Hinkle & Company PC	External Auditing	E&G	79,000.00
Learn to Live Inc	Student Wellness Software	E&G	58,000.00
Norlem Technology Consulting Inc	Technology Consulting	E&G	73,000.00
Onenet	IT Network	E&G	56,000.00
Orchestrate HR	Employee Benefits	E&G	80,000.00
Softdocs SC LLC	ERP Document Management	E&G	98,000.00
Texoma Educators Federal Credit Uni	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	60,000.00
Texoma Manufacturing Llc	Supplies, Signage	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	67,000.00
Tutor Com Inc	Academic Tutoring Services	E&G	120,000.00
Wes Watkins Technology Center	OSBDC Center Reimbursements	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	77,000.00

In accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, purchases exceeding \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase the following annual items:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Academic Partnerships LLC Total	Services Provided To Assist SE For Marketing And Enrollment	E&G	8,300,000.00
Bsn Sports Llc Total	Uniforms and Other Apperal	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
CDW LLC Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	350,000.00
College Association of Liability Mg Total	Workers Compensation Premium	E&G, Auxiliary	170,764.00
Commercial Card Solutions Total	FY 2023 ProCard Purchases	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	4,500,000.00
Cxtec Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	205,000.00
Dell Marketing, L.P. Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	365,000.00
EAB Global Inc Total	Recruitment Consulting	E&G	185,000.00
Ellucian Company Lp Total	Software Service and Support	E&G	365,000.00
Flexible Benefit Administrators Inc Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	250,000.00
Follett	Bookstore	Auxiliary	275,000.00
Instructional Connections LLC Total	Instructional Coaches for Online Programs	E&G	425,000.00
Instructure Inc Total		E&G	150,000.00
Kincaid Coach Lines Inc Total	Charter Travel	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
Lone Star Coaches Inc Total	Charter Travel	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
Ok St Regents for Higher Education Total	Master Lease Debt Payments	E&G	2,200,000.00
Oklahoma Higher Educ Employ Interlo Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	6,100,000.00
Oklahoma Tax Commission Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	1,100,000.00
Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	6,200,000.00
Osu Grants & Contracts Fin Adm Total	OSBDC Center Reimbursements	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	160,000.00
Pacenet Llc Total	Computer Supplies/Equipment	E&G	400,000.00
Regional Univ System of Oklahoma Total	RUSO Administrative Office Assessment	E&G	250,000.00
Reliastar Life Insurance Company Total	Employee Benefits	PR Withholding	175,000.00
Siemens Industry Inc Total	Yearly Monitoring Of Various Facility System	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	250,000.00
Sodexo Inc and Affiliates Total	Student Board Meals	Auxiliary	2,300,000.00
SOSU Foundation Llc Total	Shearer Hall/Suites Payment	Auxiliary	1,500,000.00
Touchnet Information Systems Inc Total	Online Payment & Billing System	E&G	150,000.00
TSA Consulting Group Inc Total	Employee Benefits	E&G	850,000.00
Varsity Spirit Fashion and Supply Total	Uniforms and Other Apperal	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	190,000.00
Village Travel Total	Charter Travel	E&G, Auxiliary, 430	150,000.00
WT COX SUBSCRIPTIONS INC Total	Print Journals, Periodicals And Other Library Materials	E&G	175,000.00

**II. ROOM AND BOARD RATE INCREASES**

<b>Proposed Meal Plan Rates, FY 2024</b>				
Meal Plan	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Increase	% Percent
Unlimited w/\$100 flex	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,880	\$ 50	2.73%
10 Meals/Week with \$200 Flex	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,880	\$ 50	2.73%
Flex Choice 7 with \$500 Flex	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,880	\$ 50	2.73%
Flex Choice 5 with \$250 Flex	\$ 1,310	\$ 1,340	\$ 30	2.29%
Block 25	\$ 160	\$ 170.00	\$ 10	6.25%
<b>Proposed Housing Rates, FY 2024</b>				
Residence Hall	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Increase	% Percent
<b>Choctaw, Chickasaw, North Hall</b>				
Shared Room w/ Shared Bath	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,485	\$ 70	4.95%
Private Room w/ Shared Bath	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,200	\$ 105	5.01%
Private Room w/ Private Bath	\$ 2,275	\$ 2,390	\$ 115	5.05%
<b>Shearer Hall &amp; Suites</b>				
4-Bedroom Suite	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,890	\$ 140	5.09%
2-Bedroom Suite	\$ 3,175	\$ 3,335	\$ 160	5.04%
Efficiency	\$ 925	\$ 970	\$ 45	4.86%
<b>Other Miscellaneous Fees</b>				
Residence Hall Activity Fee, per semester	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 25	50%
Residence Hall Safety & Security Fee, per semester	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	#DIV/0!
Cancellation Fee	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%

**III. BUDGET AND TUITION & MANDATORY FEES**

Southeastern is recommending that the budget and increase in tuition and mandatory fees for the fiscal year 2024 be approved.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom  
President



**Date:** June 1, 2023

**To:** Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., #407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102-4741

**From:** Dr. Bo Hannaford, President *Bo Hannaford*

**RE:** Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items-June 15, 2023

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the June 15, 2023, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

**Campus Master Plan**

We request approval of the updated Campus Master Plan for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. A copy of the plan is attached.

BH:jr

Att. (1)



June 15, 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., #407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102-4741

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northwestern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. Faculty Appointments**

**School of Professional Studies**

**Dr. Krystal Elliott**, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Nursing in a permanent full-time position. Her appointment is effective August 8, 2023 at an academic salary rate of \$72,000.

Ms. Elliott holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2014) and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (2021) from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma.

She has previously worked as a Nurse Practitioner (1) and Registered Nurse (7) at Share Medical Center, Alva, Oklahoma. Ms. Elliott also has on-the-ground experience as a Combat Medic/Healthcare Specialist with the U.S. Army National Guard (2).

**Dr. Sierra Elsey**, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Nursing in a permanent full-time position. Her appointment is effective August 8, 2023 at an academic salary rate of \$72,000.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Science (2009) from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2012) and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (2021) from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma.

Ms. Elsey prior work experience includes: Family Nurse Practitioner (1) with the Oklahoma State Department of Health District 1; Registered Nurse (9) and International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant/Childbirth Education Teacher (6) at AllianceHealth, Woodward, Oklahoma.

**Dr. Barry Evans**, has been appointed Associate Professor of Business in a permanent full-time position. His appointment is effective August 8, 2023 at an academic salary rate of \$73,000.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology (1984) from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Master of Business Administration (1986) from University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma; Doctor of Philosophy, Human Science (1996) from Saybrook University, Oakland, California.

Dr. Evans previous work experience includes: Adjunct Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor and Dean (6.5) Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas; Dean of Fred Hale School of Business (5) at East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas; Instructor (3) at U.S. Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration, San Antonio, Texas.

**Ms. Bailey Trammell**, has been appointed Instructor of Psychology in a permanent full-time position. Her appointment is effective August 8, 2023 at an academic salary rate of \$43,000.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Health and Sports Science (2015) and a Master of Counseling Psychology (2017) from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma.

Ms. Trammell's previous work experience includes: Coordinator of Strategic Partnerships and Title IX, High School & Community Relations and Adjunct Instructor (3) at Redlands Community College, El Reno, Oklahoma. Adjunct Instructor (1) at East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma; Western Oklahoma State College, Altus, Oklahoma; Mid-America Christian University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Lead Trauma Group Therapist (1) at Northwest Treatment Center, Waynoka, Oklahoma; Licensed Mental Health Therapist (1) at Associated Therapeutic Services, Enid, Oklahoma. Director of Student Success & Counseling (2), Title III Academic Advisor (1), Adjunct Instructor (3) at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma.

### B. Promotion in Rank

The following faculty members have been recommended for promotion in rank effective with their appointment dates for the 2023-2024 academic year. They have been recommended for promotion by the Dean of Faculty and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

#### School of Professional Studies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dr. Taylor Randolph	Psychology	Instructor	Assistant
Dr. Mark Zadorozny	Health & Sports Science	Instructor	Assistant

### C. Faculty Resignation

**Dr. Michael Black**, Assistant Professor of Music/Director of Bands, has submitted a letter of resignation effective May 10, 2023. Dr. Black has been employed with the University since August 10, 2021.

**Mr. Larson Roeder**, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts has submitted a letter of resignation effective May 10, 2023. Mr. Roeder has been employed with the University since August 9, 2022.

## II. PURCHASES

**The following purchases are being made in accordance with Board Policy (over \$50,000 and under \$150,000):**

Library Management System: Online Computer Library Center, Dublin, Ohio, at a cost of \$60,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Learning Management System (LMS) software and platform for faculty and students: Blackboard, Inc., Indianapolis, IL, at a cost of \$65,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Hosting service for 13+ article databases: EBSCO, Ipswich, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$80,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Yearly phone system subscription: GoTo Connect, Boston, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$85,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Lab computers, printers, servers and technology supplies: Dell, Dallas, Texas, at a cost of \$95,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds; Fund 600/650 School Land)

Enterprise content management subscription and maintenance: Softdocs, Columbia, South Carolina, at a cost of \$90,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Colleague Synoptix software and maintenance for ERP system: Ellucian Company, L.P., Reston, Virginia, at a cost of \$105,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

HVAC Services: Ideal Mechanical Services LLC, Enid, Oklahoma, at a cost of \$100,000. (Various Funds)

Printers, toner, technology supplies: CDW LLC, Chicago, Illinois, at a cost of \$80,000. (Various Funds)

Fire System Monitoring & Inspection: DAL Security LLC, Lahoma, Oklahoma, at a cost of \$70,000. (Fund 290, Fund 600/650)

**We request approval of the following purchases in accordance with Board Policy (over \$150,000):**

Services and driver expenses associated with University owned buses: Hanza's Soldier Xpress, Lawton, Oklahoma, at a cost of \$175,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Fuel for the University fleet: Comdata, Brentwood, Tennessee, at a cost of \$185,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Athletic uniforms and miscellaneous gear/apparel: BSN Sports, LLC, Dallas, Texas, at a cost of \$220,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds, Section 13, Fund 600/650 School Land, Auxiliary Fund)

Yearly premium aggregate deductible, administrative costs, catastrophic coverage and special risk mandatory student-athlete accident coverage: Borden Perlman, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; not to exceed \$220,000. (Fund 290, E&G Funds)

Yearly food services costs for student meal plans and other University catering/food service events and needs: Chartwells, Boston, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$2,300,000. (Auxiliary Funds)

P-Card transactions for various university supplies: JP Morgan Chase Bank, New York City, New York, at a cost of \$3,500,000. (Various Funds)

**III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**Upward Bound .....\$309,505**

A grant from the U.S. Department of Education from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to increase the academic and motivational levels of eligible enrollees so that they may complete secondary school and successfully pursue post-secondary education program. Five high schools in three northwest Oklahoma counties will be serviced. This is the second year of a 5-year grant. Calleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management, is the grant coordinator.

**City of Alva..... \$272,872**

Economic Development Scholarship Incentive receipts for Spring 2023; Allen “Skeeter” Bird, Chief Executive Officer of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, is the scholarship coordinator.

**CWPEP ..... \$33,995**

The Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) is a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, awarded for FY24. It offers students the opportunity to make a commitment to serve Oklahoma families and children at risk of abuse and/or neglect. Students receive funds for their tuition, fees and textbooks and then fulfill a one-year employment obligation with OKDHS/Child Welfare. Dr. Kylene Rehder, Professor of Social Work and Chair of the Social Work Department, is the grant coordinator.

**Heartland BEST.....\$10,000**

A grant from the Charles Morton Share Trust to partially fund Heartland BEST, a collaborative event with local industry, academia and the community for high school and middle school students in northwest Oklahoma and southern Kansas to engage in engineering, science and technology at a level beyond the abilities of typical school districts. Dr. Tim Maharry, Professor of Mathematics and Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, is the event coordinator.

**OK-LSAMP STEM..... \$9,000**

A grant in cooperation with Oklahoma State University and the National Science Foundation to encourage participation of minority students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This is the fourth year of a 5-year commitment. Dr. Tim Maharry, Professor of Mathematics and Chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, is the grant coordinator.

**Boren Mentoring Initiative.....\$1,500**

A grant from the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence to help support the growth and development of K-12 mentoring programs in Oklahoma. Grant funds will be utilized to purchase laptop computers and video cameras to support virtual tutoring services provided by the NWOSU Literacy Center. Dr. Jennifer Oswald, Chair of the Division of Education, is the grant coordinator.

**Alva Tourism..... \$8,500**

Grant funds from the Alva Tourism Committee to partially support the following Northwestern events:

27<sup>th</sup> Annual NWOSU Football – Golf Tournament & Auction, \$5,000

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Baseball Tournament, \$3,500

**TOTAL GRANTS..... \$645,372**

**IV. BUDGET – FY24**

We request approval of the Budget for 2023-2024. Northwestern Oklahoma State University is not requesting a tuition increase or mandatory fee increase for FY24.

**V. ROOM AND BOARD RATES**

We request approval to increase board rates effective for the Fall 2023 semester. Please see the proposed room and board rates for FY24 in the following table.

**ROOM AND BOARD RATES – FY24**

	Per Semester For FY24	Per Semester for FY23	Requested Increase	Percent of Increase
<u>Room Rates</u>				
Semi-Private	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,010	\$ -	0.0%
Private	\$ 1,745	\$ 1,745	\$ -	0.0%

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	Per Semester For FY24	Per Semester for FY23	Requested Increase	Percent of Increase
<u>Meal Plan Rates</u>				
17-Meal Plan + \$100 Flex	\$1,930	\$1,760	\$170	9.7%
12-Meal Plan + \$150 Flex	\$1,840	\$1,680	\$160	9.5%
8-Meal Plan + \$200 Flex	\$1,750	\$1,600	\$150	9.4%

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is not requesting an increase in room rates for FY24.

Sincerely,



Bo Hannaford, Ed.D.  
President

**LONG - RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**AGENCY SUMMARY BY PRIORITY**

Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029

**Agency: 505    Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

Priority	Name of Project	Project #	Federal Funds	Other Funds	State Approp	Total Project
1	Outdoor Classroom	505-0047	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
2	Construction of Facilities	505-0015	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00
3	Alva Campus Mall	505-0014	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
4	Tuck Pointing of Campus Buildings	505-0046	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
5	Exterior Renovation of Herod Hall	505-0001	\$ -	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -	\$ 950,000.00
6	Modification of HVAC	505-0004	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00
7	Renovation of Percefull Fieldhouse	505-0032	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
8	Technology Infrastructure	505-0048	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
9	Renovation of Herod Hall Auditorium	505-0024	\$ -	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500,000.00
10	Armory Building	505-0041	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
11	Rodeo Facility	505-0040	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
12	Campus Lighting and Safety	505-0038	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
13	Accessibility Upgrades - Infrastructure	505-0037	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 235,000.00
14	Instruct. Furniture and Equipment	505-0006	\$ -	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
15	Energy Management Project	505-0026	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
16	Admin. Furniture and Equipment	505-0007	\$ -	\$ 340,000.00	\$ -	\$ 340,000.00
17	Major Repairs and Renovations	505-0005	\$ -	\$ 925,000.00	\$ -	\$ 925,000.00
18	Equipment - Library and Media Center	505-0003	\$ -	\$ 340,000.00	\$ -	\$ 340,000.00
19	Equipment - Physical Plant and Motor Pool	505-0008	\$ -	\$ 568,000.00	\$ -	\$ 568,000.00
20	Beautification of Lots and Grounds	505-0002	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
21	Purchase of Land	505-0012	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00
22	Remodel Interior - Jesse Dunn	505-0017	\$ -	\$ 6,400,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,400,000.00
23	Campus Window Replacement	505-0044	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00
Totals:			\$ -	\$ 25,513,000.00	\$ 445,000.00	\$ 25,958,000.00



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**DATE:** June 2, 2023

**TO:** Amy Ann Ford, Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

**FROM:** Dr. Steve Turner, President

**SUBJECT:** Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items-June 2023

## **FY 2025-2032 Long Range Campus Capital Plan**

NSU requests approval of the updated FY2024-2031 Campus Capital Plan. See attachment for our Capital Project Listing.

### **1. Project #485-0073 - Campus Repairs and Replacements**

- a. Project Description: General building repairs to campus buildings envelope and interior on all campuses.
  - b. Requested Funding Approval: \$300,000
  - c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
  - d. Revenue Source(s): 600 fund \$200,000 – 650 Fund \$100,000
- General renovations and repairs to all buildings across all three campuses.

### **2. Project #485-0073 – Bagley Hall Second Floor Air Handling Unit Replacement Increase Request**

- a. Project Description: Requesting an increase of \$45,000 to the original \$65,000 that was approved in the September 2022 board meeting.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$110,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund

The increase is to cover the cost of new duct connection, replacement of old duct, and hoisting cost for loading the new unit through the second-floor window. (The new unit cannot be broken down small enough to be maneuvered to the second floor)

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### 3. **Project #485-0043 – Physical Plant Flat Roof Replacement Increase Request**

- a. Project Description: This project was originally approved in September 2022 board meeting for \$260,000. We are requesting an additional \$120,000 to award the contract to the lowest bidder. This will bring the total project to \$380,000.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$380,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund

The increase is based on results of second public bid and a healthy allowance for anticipated metal deck repair/replacement.

### INFORMATIONAL:

#### 1. **Project #485-0073 - John Vaughn Library Temporary Chiller**

- e. Project Description: Setup, disconnect and rental of a temporary Chiller used at John Vaughn Library while existing chiller underwent repairs and maintenance.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$83,944
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 295 fund \$44,000 – 600 Fund \$3,944 – 650 Fund \$36,000

Rental of Carrier Chiller during JVL Chiller tube replacement.

#### 2. **Project #485-0063 – Cobb Hall Carpet Replacement**

- a. Project Description: Remove and Replace carpet in Cobb Hall resident rooms.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$75,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 751 Fund

Carpet replacement in resident room on all 4 floors

#### 3. **Project #485-0063 – Courtside Apartment Repairs**

- a. Project Description: General repair and renovation to Courtside Apartments.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$28,500
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 751 Fund

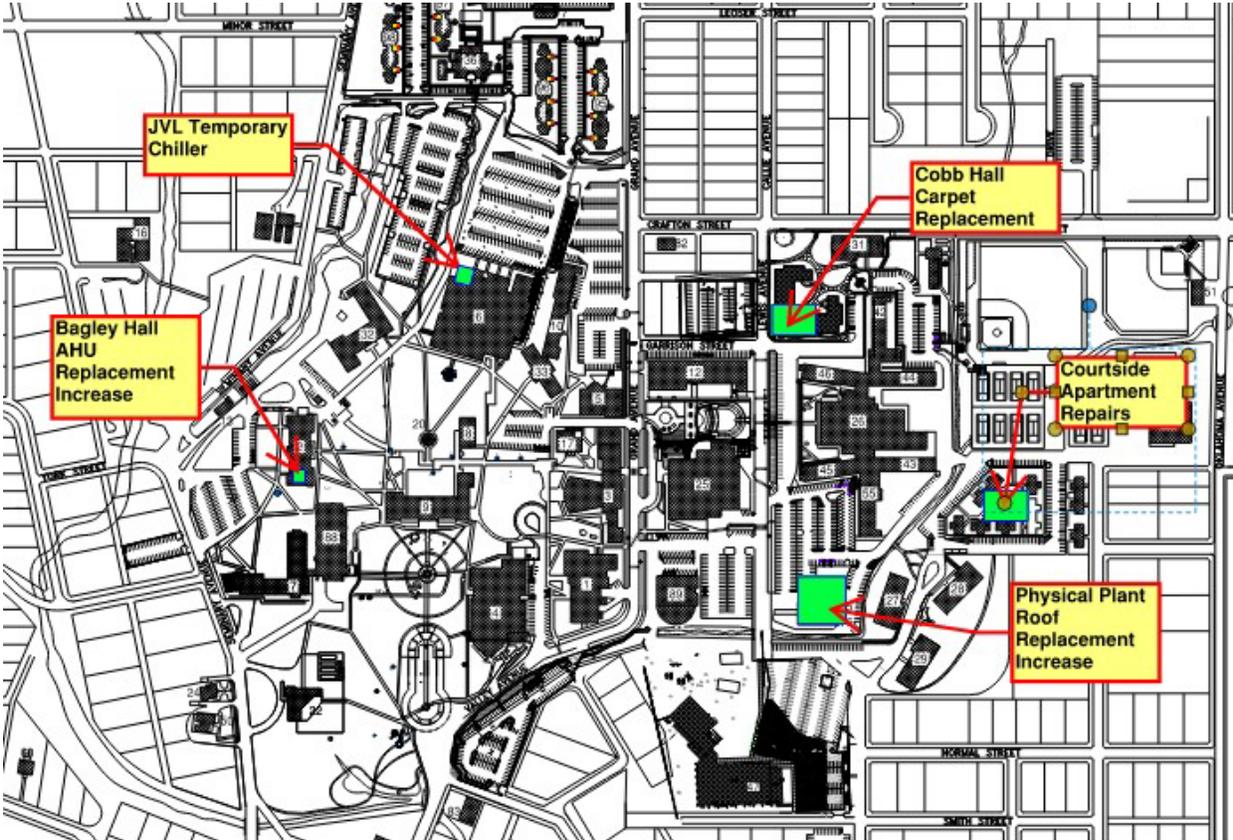
This project was primarily focused on water damage repairs to finishes surrounding bathroom showers, and stair/handrail replacement and repairs to exterior entrances.

#### 4. **Project #485-0073 – General Campus Lighting and LED Replacement**

- a. Project Description: General repair and replacement to campus lighting.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 650 Fund

Primarily focused on converting existing light fixtures to energy efficient LED fixtures, but also for general lighting repairs and additions across all campuses

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Tahlequah Campus





# NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

June 2, 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
PO Box 407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73101

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northeastern State University are as follows:

## I. **PERSONNEL**

### A. **ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES**

**Dr. Deborah Landry**, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, tenured Professor of Education in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective July 1, 2023.

**Dr. Jessica Martin**, Associate Dean, tenured Professor of Chemistry in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has been named Interim Dean of the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a fiscal year salary rate of \$142,296. Dr. Martin is filling the Dean position left vacant by the retirement of Dr. Pam Hathorn.

**Dr. Carla Swearingen**, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, tenured Professor of Chemistry in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has been named Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a fiscal year salary rate of \$164,460. Dr. Swearingen is filling the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs position left vacant by the retirement of Dr. Deborah Landry.

### B. **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (NON-TENURE TRACK)**

**Dr. David Dube'** has been appointed as Clinical Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective July 1, 2023. This is a full-time regular, non-tenure track, 12-month position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$104,340. Dr. Dube' is filling the position left vacant by Dr. Susan LaVictorie.

Dr. Dube' holds the following degrees: D.HSc., Health Sciences, A.T. Still University; M.S., Wellness Management Health Sciences; B.S., Physician Associate, The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; and B.S., Biological Sciences, Southwestern State University.

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His professional experience includes: Clinical Director Physician Assistant, Kansas State University -1 ½ years; Assistant Clinical Professor, Physician Assistant, University of New England – 1 year; Property Manager/CEO Dube' Enterprises, LLC – 6 years; Physician Assistant Senior Medical Science Liaison, Biogen – 3 years; Senior Neurology Physician Assistant and Director, OMRF Multiple Sclerosis Spasticity Center, OMRF Multiple Sclerosis Spasticity Center for Excellence – 2 years; and years of experience as a Physician Assistant.

### C. RETIREMENTS WITH RESOLUTION

**Dr. Deborah Landry**, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, tenured Professor of Education in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective July 1, 2023. Dr. Landry has been employed by the university since August 2004.

### D. RETIREMENTS

**Mr. Anthony Riggs**, Instructor of Accounting in the College of Business and Technology has announced his retirement effective May 5, 2023. Mr. Riggs has been employed with the university since August 2019.

### E. RESIGNATIONS

**Dr. Christian Bester**, Assistant Professor of Music in the College of Liberal Arts has submitted his resignation letter effective May 10, 2023.

**Dr. Thomas Franklin**, Medical Director, Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted his resignation letter because of illness, effective April 11, 2023.

**Dr. Richard Hasenauer**, Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted his resignation letter effective May 9, 2023.

**Dr. Connor Lubojacky**, Assistant Professor of Management in the College of Business and Technology has submitted his resignation letter effective May 5, 2023.

### F. RESIDENT / POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – OPTOMETRY

The following individuals are recommended for employment in our Optometry Resident Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program. These are one-year, temporary appointments for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Dr. Ameerah Al-Sadi** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry and B.S., Vision Science, Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry. Dr. Al-Sadi will be paid an annual salary rate of \$38,000. She is replacing Dr. Brooke Pankhurst.

**Dr. Ethan Gerstein** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, Southern College of Optometry; and B.S., Biology, Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Gerstein will be paid an annual salary rate of \$30,000. He is replacing Dr. Alexander Kinsinger.

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**Dr. Kinsley Gossard** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, The Ohio State University; and B.S., Biological Sciences, The Ohio University. Dr. Gossard will be paid an annual salary rate of \$37,500. She is replacing Dr. Anna Venizelos.

**Dr. Mary Jones** holds the following degrees; O.D., Optometry, Southern College of Optometry; and B.S., Biomedical Science, Ouachita Baptist University. Dr. Jones will be paid an annual salary through outside funding. She is replacing Dr. Cindy Le.

**Dr. Haley Liberty** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry; and B.S., Biomedical Science, Bryan College of Health Sciences. Dr. Liberty will be paid an annual salary through outside funding. She is replacing Dr. Trinity Doan.

**Dr. Vanessa Lin** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, University of Waterloo; and B.Sc., Life Sciences, McMaster University. Dr. Lin will be paid an annual salary through outside funding. This is a new position.

**Dr. Samantha Manzo** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry; and B.S., Biology, Birmingham Southern College. Dr. Manzo will be paid an annual salary through outside funding. She is replacing Dr. Erin Downing.

**Dr. Jadica Piela** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry; and B.S., Biology Medical Molecular, Rogers State University. Dr. Piela will be paid an annual salary through outside funding. She is replacing Dr. Kolleen Rose.

**Dr. Meghan Sue** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry & Vision Science. Dr. Sue will be paid an annual salary rate of \$40,000 (pending final budget approval). She is replacing Dr. Matthew Bills.

**Dr. Aubry Tackett** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry; and B.S., Biochemistry, Northeastern State University. Dr. Tackett will be paid an annual salary of \$40,000 (pending final budget approval). She is replacing Dr. Alia Cappellani.

**Dr. Jessica Tarka** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, New England College of Optometry; and B.S., Chemistry, McGill University. Dr. Tarka will be paid an annual salary of \$40,000 (pending final budget approval). She is replacing Dr. Cedrick Mah.

**Dr. Taylor Vincent** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry; and B.S., Human Sciences/ Nutritional Sciences, Oklahoma State University. Dr. Vincent will be paid an annual salary rate of \$32,000. She is replacing Dr. Cody Ward.

**Dr. Ethan Wohlgemuth** holds the following degrees: O.D., Optometry, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science. Dr. Wohlgemuth will be paid an annual salary of \$40,000 (pending final budget approval). He is replacing Dr. Cole Sutherland.

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## II. BUDGET REQUEST

Northeastern State University presents the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget request.

## III. ROOM AND BOARD RATES

Northeastern State University is proposing a minimal housing rate increase of \$50 in two of the five residential student complexes. The average increase to all housing units is less than 1%. Revenue resulting from the increase will be utilized to offset anticipated increases in operational costs, such as furniture, supplies and utilities. Northeastern State University is also proposing a new meal plan structure. The proposed plans align more with the types of plans that current students prefer.

<b>Residence Hall Rates</b>		<b>Current FY23</b>	<b>Proposed FY24</b>
<b>Cobb Hall</b>	4 person	\$2,300	\$2,350
	2 person	\$2,550	\$2,600
	1 person	\$2,950	\$3,000
<b>Leoser Hall</b>	2 person	\$1,700	\$1,750
	1 person	\$2,150	\$2,250
<b>Seminary Suites</b>	4 person	\$2,600	\$2,600
	2 person	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Wyly Hall</b>	2 person	\$1,850	\$1,850
	1 person	\$2,300	\$2,350
<b>Courtside</b>	1-bdrm	\$3,250	\$3,250
<b>Married/Family</b>	2-bdrm	\$3,750	\$3,750
	3-bdrm	\$4,150	\$4,150
<b>Upperclassmen</b>	1bdrm/1 student	\$3,250	\$3,250
	2 bdrm/2 students	\$2,750	\$2,750
	3 bdrm/3 students	\$2,600	\$2,600
<b>Residence Life Staff Rate</b>	1 person	\$1,000	\$1,000

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<u>Current Meal Plans</u>	<u>FY23 Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Meal Plans</u>	<u>Proposed FY24</u>
17 per week/\$150	\$2,270	16 per week - \$200 Flex	\$2,450
15 per week/\$200	\$2,250	Block 230 - \$200 Flex	\$2,400
12 per week/\$200	\$2,190	Block 180 - \$175 Flex	\$2,250
10 per week/\$350	\$2,190	10 per week - \$150 Flex	\$2,100
8 per week/\$175	\$1,750		
Block 150/\$75	\$1,700		
25/\$75	\$350	25/\$75	\$385
50/\$75	\$595	50/\$75	\$650
80/\$100	\$870	80/\$100	\$950

### **IV. PURCHASES**

**Northeastern State University presents the following items over \$150,000 to be approved in accordance with the policy of the Board. (All funding is E & G unless otherwise noted.):**

Optometry Clinics Merchandise for Resale.....(Aux).....	\$1,700,000
Media Placement (advertising) Services.....	\$660,000
Annual Postage - All mailings for recruiting, billing, and routine correspondence - (Funding – Agency Special) .....	\$150,000
Athletic Insurance.....	\$360,000
Charter Tour Buses/Yearly – Athletics.....	\$200,000
Central Computing Admin and Instructional Software Maintenance.....	\$1,285,000
• Banner.....	\$ 800,000
• TouchNet Support.....	\$ 210,000
• Microsoft Campus Agreement License.....	\$ 85,000
• Adobe Agreement .....	\$ 65,000
• SmartNet Network Support.....	\$ 125,000
Campus Wide Copier Lease/Maint. - (Both E & G and Agency Special Funds).....	\$200,000
Blackboard/Learning Management System and Hosting... ..	\$400,000
Contractual Janitorial Supplies – (Both E&G and Agency Special Funds).....	\$250,000

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PC replacement program and support (Both E&G and Agency Special funds).....	\$1,100,000
Information Services (Library) .....	\$700,000
Data Center Refresh (IT).....(2 <sup>nd</sup> of 5 year contract ) .....	\$272,000
Telephone and Long Distance Services (Both E&G and Agency Special Funds) .....	\$180,000
Third Party Independent Contractor for Great Expectations .....	\$400,000
Campus Furniture.....	\$260,000
Optometry Equipment .....	\$1,000,000

### V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**The following purchases are presented as information items in accordance with Board policy, over \$50,000 and under \$150,000. (All funding is E & G unless otherwise noted.):**

Contractual Services for Elevators-3 campuses .....	\$150,000
Contractual Services for On-Call Plumbing Services... ..	\$130,000
Contractual Services for On-Call Electrical Services... ..	\$160,000
Contractual Services for On-Call HVAC Services... ..	\$200,000
Contractual Services for Grounds Keeping Services... (Both E&G and Agency Special Funds) .....	\$100,000
International Student Health Insurance.....	\$105,000
Athletic Apparel & Equipment.....	\$125,000
Fire Alarm Monitoring & Repair .....	\$100,000
Student Lifecycle Management Software .....	\$95,000
Room Scheduling Software .....	\$55,500
Academic Reporting Software .....	\$100,000
Student Learning Assessment and Engagement Software. ....	\$130,000

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Student Degree Planning Software .....	\$112,000
Accounting and Auditing Firms.....	\$150,000
Motorpool Vehicle Lease.....	\$100,000
Unleaded gasoline.....	\$165,000
CRM Software .....	\$105,000

**VI. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence 2023-2024 Yr 4 of 5..... \$94,240.00**

A grant from Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence/National Institute of Standards & Tech – Department of Commerce. Funds will support a manufacturing Extension Agent working out of the NSU – BA Campus who will assist local manufacturers in various ways to make their businesses more successful. The Project Director is Ms. Jennifer Cothran.

**OHC Green Country Children’s Book Festival 2023... \$9,940.00**

Funds to assist in increasing outreach support for children’s literacy and cultural understanding in rural Northeastern Oklahoma through the attendance of the Green Country Children’s Book Festival. The Festival will host two Native American authors, who will further spark a love of the humanities in children through oral history and culture, reading, writing, and art, and to distribute copies of the authors’/illustrators’ books for teachers’ and librarians’ classroom use. The Project Director is Ms. Sarah Whittle.

**Total Grant and Contract Awards: ..... \$104,180.00**

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Turner, Ph.D.  
President

# LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## AGENCY SUMMARY BY PRIORITY

Fiscal Years 2025 through 2032

Agency: 485 NortheasternStateUniversity

Priority	Name of Project:	Project #	Federal Funds	Other Funds	State Approp	Total Project
1	Seminary Hall Renovation	485-90-20	0	\$ 3,000,000.00	0	\$ 3,000,000.00
2	Wilson Hall Renovation	485-0005	0	\$ 1,500,000.00	0	\$ 1,500,000.00
3	Residence Halls Renovation & Repair	485-0063	0	\$ 7,000,000.00	0	\$ 7,000,000.00
4	Computers, Phone & Network Upgrades Infr	485-0044	0	\$ 4,000,000.00	0	\$ 4,000,000.00
5	Repairs & Renovations to Campus Bldgs	485-0073	0	\$ 10,750,000.00	0	\$ 10,750,000.00
6	Roof Replacement & Repairs	485-0043	0	\$ 8,000,000.00	0	\$ 8,000,000.00
7	Elevators Repair & Replacement	485-0074	0	\$ 4,000,000.00	0	\$ 4,000,000.00
8	Landscaping, Outdoor Art & Courtyards	485-0067	0	\$ 5,000,000.00	0	\$ 5,000,000.00
9	Parking Lots	485-0048	0	\$ 5,600,000.00	0	\$ 5,600,000.00
10	Optometry Equipment	485-0062	0	\$ 7,400,000.00	0	\$ 7,400,000.00
11	Alumni Center Renovation	485-0055	0	\$ 100,000.00	0	\$ 100,000.00
12	Hazardous Material Management	485-0034	0	\$ 550,000.00	0	\$ 550,000.00
13	Campus Lock Replacement	485-90-19	0	\$ 900,000.00	0	\$ 900,000.00
14	Bacone House renovation	485-0078	0	\$ 400,000.00	0	\$ 400,000.00
15	Property Purchase	485-0037	0	\$ 1,500,000.00	0	\$ 1,500,000.00

16	Riverhawk Fields Athletic District	485-0004	0	\$ 5,000,000.00	0	\$ 5,000,000.00
17	Doc Wadley Expansion	485-0017	0	\$ 6,000,000.00	0	\$ 6,000,000.00
18	Optometry Complex	485-0076	0	\$ 40,000,000.00	0	\$ 40,000,000.00
19	Center for Performing Arts	485-0077	0	\$ 28,000,000.00	0	\$ 28,000,000.00
20	Support Services Complex	485-0039	0	\$ 3,000,000.00	0	\$ 3,000,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>			<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 141,700,000.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 141,700,000.00</u>



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2 June 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Landmark Towers  
3555 NW 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 320  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Chair Reilly and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

**Dr. Kelly Collins**, Assistant Professor, Department of Professional Programs in Human Services for the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Salary \$65,000. She will begin on 10 August 2023.

Dr. Collins holds a BS in Business and Education from the University of Central Oklahoma (1993), an MEd in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Central Oklahoma (1998), and a PhD in Counseling and Counselor Education from Regent University (2012). Dr. Collins has significant teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor in the State of Oklahoma, a Certified School Counselor in the State of Oklahoma, a Nationally Certified School Counselor, a Nationally Certified Counselor, and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional.

**Ms. Carrie Draper**, Instructor, Department of Psychology for the College of Education & Psychology, Salary \$46,000. She will begin on 10 August 2023.

Mrs. Draper is working towards her doctorate from Capella University and is expected to be completed with that degree by December 2025. She currently holds a MEd in School Counseling and an MEd in Education Leadership from East Central University. She has been most recently employed as an Assistant Principal at Ada Junior High School and was a

School Counselor for this same school from 2019-2022, as well as a Math Teacher from 2014 to 2019.

**Ms. Amy Childers-Elliott**, Instructor, Department of Business Administration, Stonecipher School of Business, Salary \$70,000. If she accepts, she will begin on 10 August 2023. We are waiting on your response.

Ms. Childers-Elliott has an MBA and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Oklahoma. She currently serves as an adjunct in the Department of Business Administration at ECU.

**Ms. Lauren Forgety**, Instructor, School of Nursing, for the College of Health & Sciences, Salary \$52,000. She will begin on 10 August 2023.

Ms. Forgety received her B.S. in Nursing from East Central University in 2013. She will complete her Master's of Science in Nursing Education at Northeastern State University before starting this August. Ms. Forgety is currently employed at Mercy Health in OKC.

**Ms. Amy Garman**, Instructor, School of Nursing, for the College of Health & Sciences, Salary \$48,000. She will begin on 10 August 2023.

Ms. Garman received her B.S. in Nursing from Oklahoma City University in 2016. She will begin a Master's of Science in Nursing at Western Governors University in April with an expected graduation date of no later than May 2025. Ms. Garman is currently employed at ECU as an adjunct instructor.

**Ms. Diana Rojas**, Assistant Professor, Department of Art + Design: Media + Communication, for the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Salary \$45,000. She will begin on 10 August 2023.

Ms. Rojas holds a BFA in New Media Art from the University of North Texas (2020), and will complete her MFA in New Media Art at the University of North Texas this coming May (2023). Ms. Rojas exhibits nationally and internationally and has published research on game development. She is the recipient of the Judson-Morrissey Excellence in New Media Award from the New Media Caucus (2022)

**Ms. Kerry Rhone**, Instructor, Department of Education, for the College of Education & Psychology, Salary \$48,000. She will begin on 10 August 2023.

Ms. Rhone is ABD at the University of Alabama in Instructional Leadership. Ms. Rhone holds a Master's of Fine Arts in Curriculum and Teaching from Fresno State (1997).

## **B. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

**Dr. Denver Strickrod** has been appointed Vice President for Enrollment Management effective 5 June 2023. His annual salary will be \$120,000.

### **C. RETIREMENT**

**Ms. Jaime Elliott**, Instructor, Accounting Department, for the Stonecipher School of Business, will retire effective 1 June 2023. She began at ECU in 2011.

### **D. RESIGNATIONS**

Ms. Anne Yoncha, Assistant Professor, Department of Art + Design: Media + Communication, for the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences has submitted a letter of resignation effective 31 July 2023. She began at ECU in August 2020.

## **II. ROOM AND BOARD RATES**

### **Proposed Housing & Dining Rate Increases**

East Central University proposes a 6.55% average rate increase for Housing and Dining operations for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please note the meal plan amount and structure is changing based on student feedback and requests.

**HOUSING RATE CHANGE AVERAGE 6.60% change**  
**DINING RATE CHANGE AVERAGE (as adjusted) 6.50% change**  
**OVERALL RATE CHANGE AVERAGE 6.55% change**

Proposed Housing Rates for 2023-2024								
	Current Semester Rate	Proposed Semester Rate	% Difference	\$ Difference	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	% Difference	\$ Difference
<b>Briles*</b>								
Single	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	0.00%	\$ -
Single - Private	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 4,200	100.00%	\$ 2,100
Double	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,850	0.00%	\$ -
<b>Chokka-Chaffa'</b>								
Double	\$ 1,875	\$ 2,075	10.67%	\$ 200	\$ 3,750	\$ 4,150	10.67%	\$ 400
<b>Pasagi</b>								
Double	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,200	4.35%	\$ 50	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,400	4.35%	\$ 100
Super Single	\$ 1,825	\$ 2,025	10.96%	\$ 200	\$ 3,650	\$ 4,050	10.96%	\$ 400
<b>Pontotoc</b>								
Single	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	11.11%	\$ 200	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,000	11.11%	\$ 400
Single - Private	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,100	10.53%	\$ 200	\$ 3,800	\$ 4,200	10.53%	\$ 400
Double	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,425	16.33%	\$ 200	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,850	16.33%	\$ 400
<b>Stadium</b>								
Apartment - 1br	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,825	0.89%	\$ 25	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,650	0.89%	\$ 50
Apartment - 2br	\$ 2,475	\$ 2,675	8.08%	\$ 200	\$ 4,950	\$ 5,350	8.08%	\$ 400
Animal Friendly	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,825	7.62%	\$ 200	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,650	7.62%	\$ 400
<b>Tiger Commons</b>								
Suite - 2br	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,925	7.34%	\$ 200	\$ 5,450	\$ 5,850	7.34%	\$ 400
Suite - 4br	\$ 2,475	\$ 2,675	8.08%	\$ 200	\$ 4,950	\$ 5,350	8.08%	\$ 400
<b>Housing Average</b>	\$ 2,028.57	\$ 2,162.50	6.60%	\$ 134	\$ 4,057.14	\$ 4,325	6.60%	\$ 268
* Briles Hall was offline in FY23								

Proposed Dining Rates for 2023-2024								
Meals Per Week								
10	\$ 1,489.00	\$ -			\$ 2,978.00	\$ -		
10 + \$125 Flex	\$ -	\$ 1,625.00	9.13%	\$ 136.00	\$ -	\$ 3,250.00	9.13%	\$ 272.00
14	\$ 1,658.00				\$ 3,316.00			
14 + \$100 Flex	\$ -	\$ 1,914.00	15.44%	\$ 256.00		\$ 3,828.00	15.44%	\$ 512.00
19	\$ 1,808.00				\$ 3,616.00			
19 + \$75 Flex	\$ -	\$ 2,050.00	13.38%	\$ 242.00		\$ 4,100.00	13.38%	\$ 484.00
Flex Plan	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,000.00	5.26%	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	5.26%	\$ 100.00
<b>Meal Plan Average</b>	\$ 1,476.25	\$ 1,647.25	11.58%	\$ 171.00	\$ 2,952.50	\$ 3,294.50	11.58%	\$ 342.00
<b>Meal Plan Average Adjusted for Flex</b>	\$ 1,476.25	\$ 1,572.25	6.50%	\$ 96.00	\$ 2,952.50	\$ 3,144.45	6.50%	\$ 191.95

### III. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

### IV. PURCHASES

**The following purchases are presented as informational items in accordance with Board Policy, 2.3.3 over \$50,000 and under \$150,000:**

Flexible Benefit Administrators, Inc. Employee Benefits  
Source: E&G, Aux, 430.....\$111,742.00

Pasco Scientific, 850 Universal Interface with Comprehensive Physics System, Site License.  
Source: E&G..... \$56,862.00

Piazza Construction, Briles Hall bathrooms renovation Pay Application 1.  
Source: AUX.....\$69,000.00 (\$1,155,532 Project Total)

Regional University System of Oklahoma for RUSO Administrative Office Assessment  
Source: E&G..... \$110,058.27

**We request approval to make the following purchases in accordance with Board Policy 2.3.4 (over \$150,000):**

Replace Fire Alarm System at Pesagi Hall (residential housing; obsolete system not parts available for repairs).  
Source: AUX..... Estimate \$200,000

Academic HealthPlans Inc. for International Students Insurance  
Source: AUX..... \$336,294.00

Bankfirst for Master Lease Debt payments  
Source: AUX..... \$332,206.00

Blackboard, Inc for Learning Management Systems, Visual Data integration, Outcomes Assessment, 24-hr HelpDesk, SmartView Cloud base Software Platform  
Source: E&G, AUX .... \$170,000.00

College Association of Liability Management for Workers Compensation  
Source: E&G..... \$195,000.00

CDW for computer replacements, lab upgrades PC, UPS, MACS, Absolute, Monitors  
Source: AUX..... \$200,000.00

COMDATA Inc. for Motor Pool fleet vehicle fuel  
Source: AUX..... \$151,000.00

Compass Group USA (Chartwells) for Foodservices contract meal plans event catering

Source: AUX..... \$2,345,000.00

Communications Federal Credit Union for Employee payroll deductions

Source: E&G, AUX, 430..... \$224,000.00

EBSCO for Library system maintenance, books, periodicals, electronic database

Source: E&G..... \$264,051.00

Elsevier Inc. for Nursing educational assessment tools

Source: E&G..... \$258,930.00

Ellucian Enterprise System for System maintenance, ODSL, consulting

Source: E&G, AUX ..... \$200,000.00

Johnson Controls for Preventative Maintenance Planned Services Contract, emergency repairs and non-covered service

Source: E&G, AUX, SEC 13..... \$387,000.00

JP Morgan Chase Bank for Purchase Card transactions

Source: AUX..... \$2,203,000.00

Office of Management & Enterprise Services for Insurance premiums, Fine Arts, Educators Legal Liability, Vehicle Liability, Property Insurance, Tort Liability

Source: E&G..... \$465,200.00

Oklahoma Higher Education Employee Interlocal for Health insurance premiums

Source: E&G, AUX, 430 ..... \$4,550,000.00

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Educ for Master Lease Debt payments

Source: E&G, AUX, SEC 13, New College Fund... .. \$1,850,928.73

Oklahoma Tax Commission for Tax Collection Payments

Source: E&G, AUX, 430..... \$700,000.00

Teachers Retirement System of Oklahoma for Employee Benefits

Source: E&G, AUX, 430..... \$4,291,000.00

Texas Book Company for Sales and services

Source: AUX..... \$694,000.00

TruProducts LLC for Fire Alarm monitoring and maintenance

Source: E&G, AUX, SEC 13..... \$153,000.00

Varsity Brands Holdings Co Inc for Athletic uniforms, gear, equipment

Source: AUX..... \$250,000.00  
Village Travel LLC for Athletic teams travel  
Source: AUX..... \$160,000.00

VOYA Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co. for Retirement Contributions  
Source: E&G, AUX, 430.....\$400,000.00

Wiley Edu LLC for bundled services including Online  
Course Curriculum Development & Training Services, Marketing, Market Research,  
Enrollment Management and Retention Services  
Source: E&G.....\$1,967,500.00

National Bus Sales for 2024 Executive Coach Commercial Widebody 51 Passenger bus,  
logo wrapped.  
Source: AUX..... \$340,000.00

**The following purchases are being made in accordance with Board policy  
(over \$50,000 and under \$150,000):**

Annual library system maintenance from EBSCO at approximate cost of \$63,469  
(E & G, Part I)

Annual book expenditures from EBSCO Print and online periodicals at approximate  
cost of \$52,000 (E & G, Part I)

Annual electronic database expenditures from EBSCO Online at approximate cost  
of \$143,736 (Library Technology Fee; E & G, Part I)

TouchNet Information System \$66,467.00, Annual Subscription (Auxiliary Fund)

Elsevier Inc \$103,363.36 comprehensive educational materials and access for  
clinical assessment for School of Nursing cohort 2021-2022 (Education and  
General Fund)

**Request approval to make the following purchases which will be made in  
accordance with Board policy (over \$150,000):**

Renew services contract with Johnson Controls at an estimated cost of \$350,000  
(Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

Academic Health Insurance for International Students at an estimate of \$390,000  
(Auxiliary Fund)

Contract extension with Compass Group (Chartwells) for Board bill at an estimated annual cost of \$3.1M (Auxiliary Fund)

Contract extension with JPMorgan Chase Bank NA for annual Purchase Card (Pcard) purchases at an estimated cost of \$3.7M (Auxiliary Fund)

Elsevier Inc. for the purchase of comprehensive educational materials and access for clinical skill and assessment for the School of Nursing cohorts at an estimate of \$170,000. (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

EBSCO for annual print periodicals, online periodicals, and annual electronic online database, library system maintenance estimate of \$275,000 (Library Technology Fee, Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

Blackboard for renewals (3) IT Helpdesk Support, and Learning Management Software as a Service, and Outcomes Assessment Module at an estimate of \$175,000 (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

The Learning House dba Wiley Edu, LLC to provide bundled services including Online Course Curriculum Development & Training Services, Marketing, Market Research, Enrollment Management and Retention Services for 2022-2023 at an estimate of \$2.2M (Education and General Fund) (Sole Source)

Village Tours for charter bus services estimate of \$200,000 (Education and General Fund, Auxiliary Fund, and Education and General Fund Part II) (OHEPC - Oklahoma Higher Ed Procurement Consortium Contract)

Computer purchases for lab upgrades and replacements at an estimate of \$190,000 (Education and General Fund, Auxiliary Fund)

ECU request approval to solicit bids and contract for plumbing services for On-Call and small projects ranging from a few thousand dollars up to \$200,000. After the RFP process award for one-year term with option to renew on an annual basis for 5 years. (All Funds)

## **V. BUDGET FOR FY 2023-2024**

We recommend approval of the FY24 budget, tuition, and fees.

East Central University

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendell L. Godwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "G".

Wendell L. Godwin  
President

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**We educate and empower students to understand and transform our world.**



Date: June 15, 2023

To: Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair, Lake Carpenter

From: President Andrew Benton

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**June 2023 Facilities Stewardship Committee**

1. Approval Item:

**a. Facility Name Change**

Request permission to name Room 106, a lecture hall in the UCO W. Roger Webb Forensic Science Institute, the Dwight E. Adams Lecture Hall and the forensic science wing of the Donald Betz Research and Learning Center as the Dwight E. Adams Forensic Science Wing in honor of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our nation and his alma mater, UCO.

2. Information Items:

**a. Project # 120-0033 Existing Building Renovations & Additions**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$92,015 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the construction of teaching lab/“crime house” within the Forensic Science Institute. The space is a conversion of the former digital task force lab. Lippert Bros. on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Student Facility Fee, Foundation Funds

**b. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance**

Project Description: Issued contract to Legacy Painting in the amount of \$87,850 for interior painting of public spaces at the Wellness Center. This work is primarily focused on the large entry/rotunda. Legacy Painting is under a UCO on-call contract expiring in 2027.

Fund Source: Wellness Center Facility Fee

**c. Project # 120-0032 Sports Complex Improvements**

Project Description: Issued contract to on-call construction manager Lingo Construction in the amount of \$57,409 for the construction of a masonry enclosure to surround new electrical service equipment. Lingo's on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

**d. Project # 120-0047 Max Chambers Library Renovation Misc.**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$56,525 to Johnson Controls International for installation and programming of (2) new network engines. The controllers are part of the JCI proprietary *Metasys* building controls system and will allow greater visibility of the library's current HVAC controls. This is the first step in a needed overhaul of the library's old system. As part of the JCI campus-wide network of building controls, the engines were procured via sole-source agreement.

Fund Source: Library Facility Fee

**e. Project # 120-1012 Residence Hall Improvements**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$55,000 to Patco Electrical Services for the installation of redundant inline fuses on 535 HVAC units. These units are located in both Murdaugh Hall and The Quad dormitories. Patco's UCO on-call electrical contract expires August 2024.

Fund Source: Auxiliary (Campus Enterprises)

**f. Project # 120-0033 Existing Building Renovations & Additions**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$51,641 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the construction of two offices within the Forensic Science Institute. The offices are a conversion of a large conference room and are to accommodate academic advisors. Lippert Bros. on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Student Facility Fee

**g. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance**

Project Description: Issued contract to Johnson Controls International in the amount of \$37,726 for the installation of (4) outdoor variable frequency drives located at the Math and Computer Science Building. The pumps that connect to the heating and cooling hydronic loops and serve the building did not have VFD's associated with them. As an effort to conserve energy and reduce equipment wear and tear, they are recommended. JCI utilized their government service agreement to provide pricing for the project.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

Attachment:

Campus Map

June 15, 2023

FSI Auditorium RM 106 Naming  
1.a.

Project # 120-0032 Sports Complex  
Improvements 2.c.

Project # 120-0033 Existing Building  
Renovations & Additions 2.f.

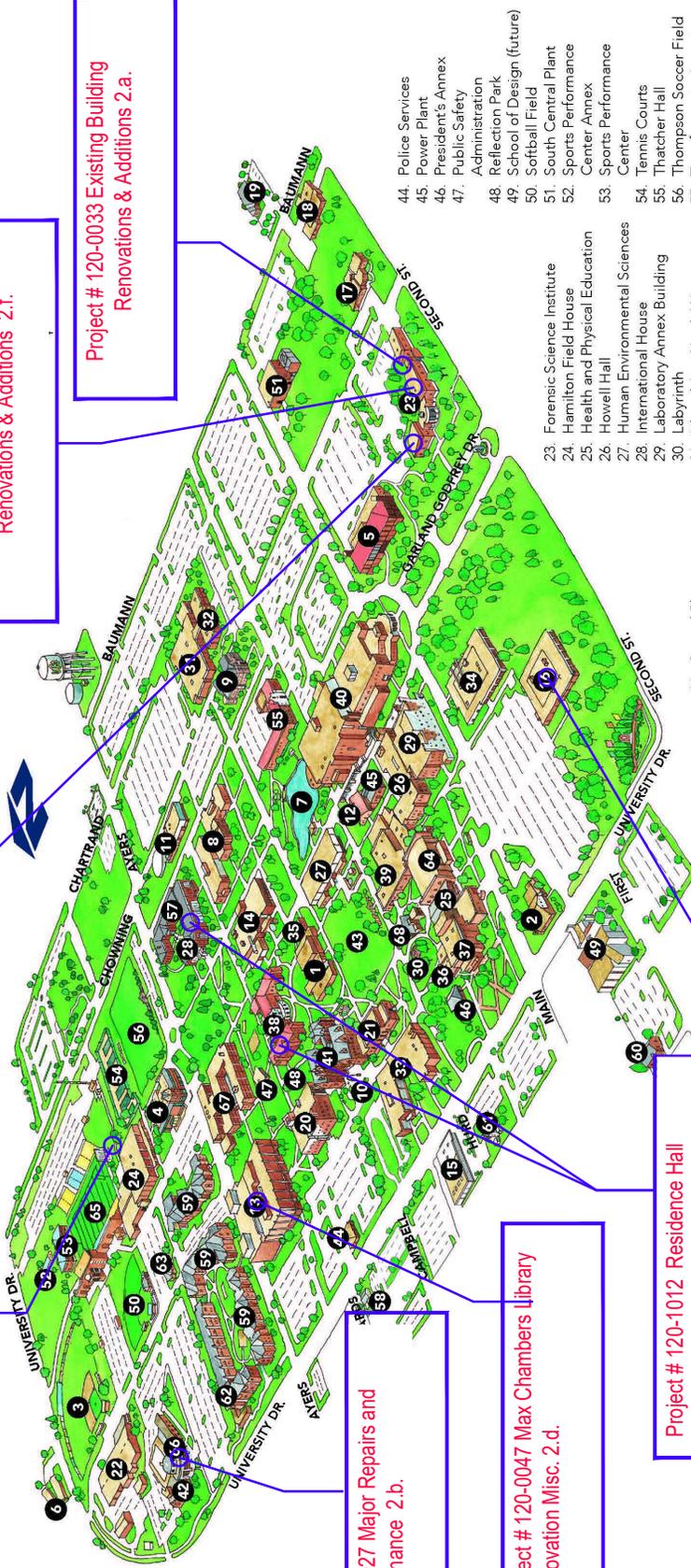
Project # 120-0033 Existing Building  
Renovations & Additions 2.a.

Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and  
Deferred Maintenance 2.b.

Project # 120-0047 Max Chambers Library  
Renovation Misc. 2.d.

Project # 120-1012 Residence Hall  
Improvements 2.e.

Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and  
Deferred Maintenance 2.g.



- 44. Police Services
- 45. Power Plant
- 46. President's Annex
- 47. Public Safety Administration
- 48. Reflection Park
- 49. School of Design (future)
- 50. Softball Field
- 51. South Central Plant
- 52. Sports Performance Center Annex
- 53. Sports Performance Center
- 54. Tennis Courts
- 55. Thatcher Hall
- 56. Thompson Soccer Field
- 57. Transformative Learning Quadrangle (The Quad)
- 58. TRIO Training
- 59. University Commons
- 60. University Guest House
- 61. University House
- 62. University Suites
- 63. VerHERO Center
- 64. Wantland Hall
- 65. Wantland Stadium
- 66. Wellness Center
- 67. West Hall
- 68. Y-Chapel

- 23. Forensic Science Institute
- 24. Hamilton Field House
- 25. Health and Physical Education
- 26. Howell Hall
- 27. Human Environmental Sciences
- 28. International House
- 29. Laboratory Annex Building
- 30. Labyrinth
- 31. Liberal Arts North Wing
- 32. Liberal Arts South Wing
- 33. Lillard Administration Building
- 34. Math and Computer Science
- 35. Melton Art Gallery
- 36. Mitchell Education Center
- 37. Mitchell Hall
- 38. Murdaugh Hall
- 39. Music Building
- 40. Nigh University Center
- 41. Old North
- 42. OU Physicians Health & Wellness Clinic
- 43. Plunkett Park

- 11. Central Plant
- 12. CFAD Storage Building
- 13. Chambers Library
- 14. Communications Building
- 15. Co-op Esports Gaming Center
- 16. Coyner Health Sciences
- 17. Edmond Chamber of Commerce
- 18. Edmond Fire Station No. 1
- 19. Education Annex Building
- 20. Education Building
- 21. Evans Hall
- 22. Facilities Management

**MAP LEGEND**

- 1. Art & Design Building
- 2. Baptist Collegiate Ministries
- 3. Baseball Field
- 4. Bausher Place
- 5. Betz STEM Research and Learning Center
- 6. Broncho IV Apartments
- 7. Broncho Lake
- 8. Business Building
- 9. Center for Transformative Learning
- 10. Central Gateway

Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM@UCO)  
25 S. Oklahoma Ave.,  
Downtown Oklahoma City

Center for eLearning and Connected Environments  
201 N. Bryant Ave.,  
Edmond

Jazz Lab  
100 E. 5th St.,  
Edmond

UCO Boathouse at Arcadia Lake  
Arcadia Lake - Second St. and  
Midwest Blvd.

**METRO  
CAMPUS  
LOCATIONS**

UCO Boathouse at Oklahoma River  
732 Riversport Dr.,  
Oklahoma River Boathouse District,  
Downtown Oklahoma City

UCO at Carnegie Centre  
131 Dean A. McGee Ave.,  
Downtown Oklahoma City

UCO at Santa Fe Plaza  
101 North E.K. Gaylord, Ste. 1  
Downtown Oklahoma City



**Office of the City Planner**  
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Edmond, Oklahoma 73083-2970  
(405) 359-4790  
Fax (405) 359-4767

## NOTICE OF INTEREST

December 9, 2022

Job Piece No: 35900 (04)

Parcel No: 4699-18-231-6565

Project No: STP-255 (561) AG

University Of Central Oklahoma Attn: Fred Feith  
100 N University Dr Box #119  
Edmond, OK 73034

Re: Edmond Planning and Public Works Authority - Public Sidewalk Easement

Dear Property Owner(s):

We are pleased to inform you the City of Edmond is planning improvements to the sidewalk along Edmond Rd / 2<sup>nd</sup> St at no cost to you. The corridor extends from the west city limits to the I-35 frontage roads. These sidewalks were identified as a part of the City's ADA Transition Plan to remove accessibility barriers and make the city more walkable.

The purpose of this letter is to acquire the necessary easement from property owners where the planned sidewalk replacement or reconstruction is located outside the street right-of-way. If you are leasing your property, please share this information with the property owner and respond at your earliest convenience.

- See **Exhibit A** of the Sidewalk Easement Form for a legal description and map.
- For **Quick approval**, <https://www.edmondok.gov/PublicSidewalkProjectConsent>

Due to lack of funding, homeowners cannot be compensated for easements on this project. For more information see the attached property rights brochure. It is the property owner's right to refuse a new sidewalk. The anticipated construction is expected to begin in the Summer, 2023. The Edmond Public Works Authority will undertake measures to lessen disruptions for traffic and sidewalk pedestrian access during construction.

Respectfully,

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ADA Coordinator  
City of Edmond Planning Department  
Office : 405 .359 .4518 | TDD : 405 . 359 .4 7 02  
<https://www.edmondok.gov/publicsidewalkprojectconsent>

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Completely read **Notice of Interest** letter and fill in the "Quick Approval" form on the website. Quick Approval will help ensure a timelier process.

<https://www.edmondok.gov/PublicsidewalkProjectConsent>

- 2) Due to lack of funding, homeowners cannot be compensated for easements on this project. For more information see the attached **Property Rights Brochure**.
- 3) Sign/Date the **Donation Certificate** to acknowledge the receipt of the Property Rights Brochure.
- 4) Fill out the **Sidewalk Easement Form** and have the first page notarized.
- 5) Should your property be in Trust, fill out the **Trust Certification Form**.
- 6) Place signed Donation Certificate, Sidewalk Easement, and Trust Certification (if applicable) in the **pre-paid envelope** and mail.





**The Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma ensure that private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation.**

It is with these provisions in mind that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and a City/County pursue the acquisition of right-of-way . This brochure provides the property owner(s)/authorized agent(s) with general information as to how this process works. A right-of-way agent will provide the property owner(s)/authorized agent(s) with additional specific information as it relates to the owner's legal and property rights.

## **APPRAISAL**

Before the initiation of negotiations for the purchase of real property, an amount is established by ODOT/City/County which is reasonably believed to be just compensation for the value of the part taken and the damages to the remaining property, if any. In cases involving the purchase of real property by ODOT/City/County with a fair market value of \$10,000 or less, no approved appraisal report will be required. Generally, real property is first appraised by a State-licensed or certified appraiser, and the property owner(s), or their designated representative(s), are given the opportunity to accompany the appraiser during the physical inspection of the subject property. The completed appraisal report is then reviewed by a separate review appraiser to ensure accuracy, completion and the proper use and full compliance with recognized appraisal principles and standards. Finally, an authorized amount is established by ODOT/City/County based upon the appraisal review for presentation to the property owner(s)/designated representative(s) .

## **NEGOTIATION**

A right-of-way agent presents the property owner(s)/designated representative(s) with a written offer letter containing the amount established as just compensation for the subject property to be acquired with the amount for damages, if any, separately set out. The option to waive the appraisal process and donate the subject property to ODOT/City/County is available if the property owner(s)/designated representative(s) wish to do so. A right-of-way agent will present the property owner(s)/designated representative(s) with an available set of plans for the project and will explain how much property must be acquired and what effect the acquisition **will** have on the remainder of the property, if any. The right-of-way agent is not authorized to alter the amount established as just compensation . No current abstract of the subject property will be requested or required from the subject



the condemnation process is for a District Judge to appoint three unbiased, disinterested freeholders, or "commissioners", to decide the amount of compensation that they believe the property owner(s) should receive.

The commissioners will be appointed at a hearing which will be held at the county courthouse, and the property owner(s) will be provided written notice at least ten (10) days prior to the aforementioned hearing. By law, the District Judge has the authority to select all three commissioners, however, in some instances the District Judge may ask the affected parties for suggestions as to whom to appoint. The property owners have the right to attend the hearing, but are not required to do so.

Three court-appointed commissioners will then inspect the subject property and assess the amount of compensation they believe ODOT/County/City should pay. Compensation awarded by the commissioners (known as the **commissioners' award**) will include the value of the property actually acquired as well as damages, if any, by way of reduction in value to the remaining portion of the property not acquired.

Any special and direct benefits to the part of the property not acquired may be offset against any injury (damage) to the property not acquired. The commissioners will then file a written **Report of Commissioners** with the Court Clerk detailing their findings.

Subsequent to the filing of the Report of Commissioners, ODOT/City/County will deposit the amount awarded by the commissioners with the Court Clerk. State law provides that upon such deposit, ODOT/City/County acquires the right to take possession of the subject property. If the property owner(s) wishes to do so, an application may be made to the Court for disbursement of the commissioners' award to the owner(s) (or at least a portion of the award to which they are entitled). The withdrawal of the commissioners' award in no way affects the property owner(s) right to pursue further legal action as detailed below.

If either party believes there has been an error or omission in the Report of Commissioners, or if the property owner(s) wish to challenge ODOT's/County's/City's legal power to take possession of the subject property, a **written exception** to the Report of Commissioners must be filed within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Report of Commissioners. The written exception must be filed with the Court Clerk and the Court may then accept or reject the written exception. If the Court accepts the written exception, it may order a new appraisal. In that event, ODOT/City/Court will have a continuing right of possession acquired via the first Report of Commissioners, unless and until the Court rules that ODOT/City/County does not have the power to condemn the subject property.



## PROPERTY RIGHTS BROCHURE

If the property owner(s) wish to review the plans on the project, or if they decide to accept ODOT's/County's/ City's offer after the right-of-way agent has completed their attempts to negotiate, they are asked to contact :

**Oklahoma Department of Transportation  
Right-of-Way and Utilities Division  
200 N.E. 21st Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105  
(405) 521-2651**

It is the sincere desire and hope of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)/County/City to be fair and to successfully negotiate with each property owner. ODOT/County/City complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which requires that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age or national origin, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which ODOT/County/City received Federal Financial Assistance .

If a property owner(s) believes that they have been discriminated against, they have the right to file a Title VI complaint with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Title VI Coordinator at (405) 521-3379 or email [kfire@odot.org](mailto:kfire@odot.org).

*The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) ensures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, retaliation or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by ODOT, its recipients, sub-recipients and contractors. To request an accommodation, please contact the ADA Coordinator at (405) 521-4140 or the Oklahoma Relay Service at 1 (800) 722 -0353. For ADA or Title VI questions, email [ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org).*

SI Right of Way Division

PROJECT: STP-255 (561) AG

COUNTY: OKLAHOMA

PARCEL: 4699-18-231-6565

J/P: 35900 (04)

**DONATION CERTIFICATE**

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**AGREE TO DONATE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have received the Property Rights Brochure, have been fully informed of my rights to receive just compensation for the right-of-way upon my property and waive the appraisal process, but have elected to donate the right-of-way to the City of Edmond for this project.

*Special Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(Attach Property Rights Brochure)**



**APPROVED**

as to form and legality this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

**ACCEPTED**

by the City Council of the City of Edmond this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

EXHIBIT"A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ADA COMPLIANT SIDEWALK EASEMENT

A tract of land being a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty Five (25), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Three (3) West of the Indian Meridian, Edmond, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SW/4;

Thence South 89°49'52" East along and with the South line of said SW/4 a distance of 1118.09 feet;

Thence North 0°10'8" East a distance 31.03 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Thence North 0°1'34" West a distance of 25.00 feet;

Thence North 89°58'26" East a distance of 775.00 feet;

Thence North 0°1'34" West a distance of 39.00 feet;

Thence North 89°58'26" East a distance of 196.00 feet;

Thence South 0°1'34" East a distance of 29.00 feet;

Thence North 89°58'26" East a distance of 587.03 feet;

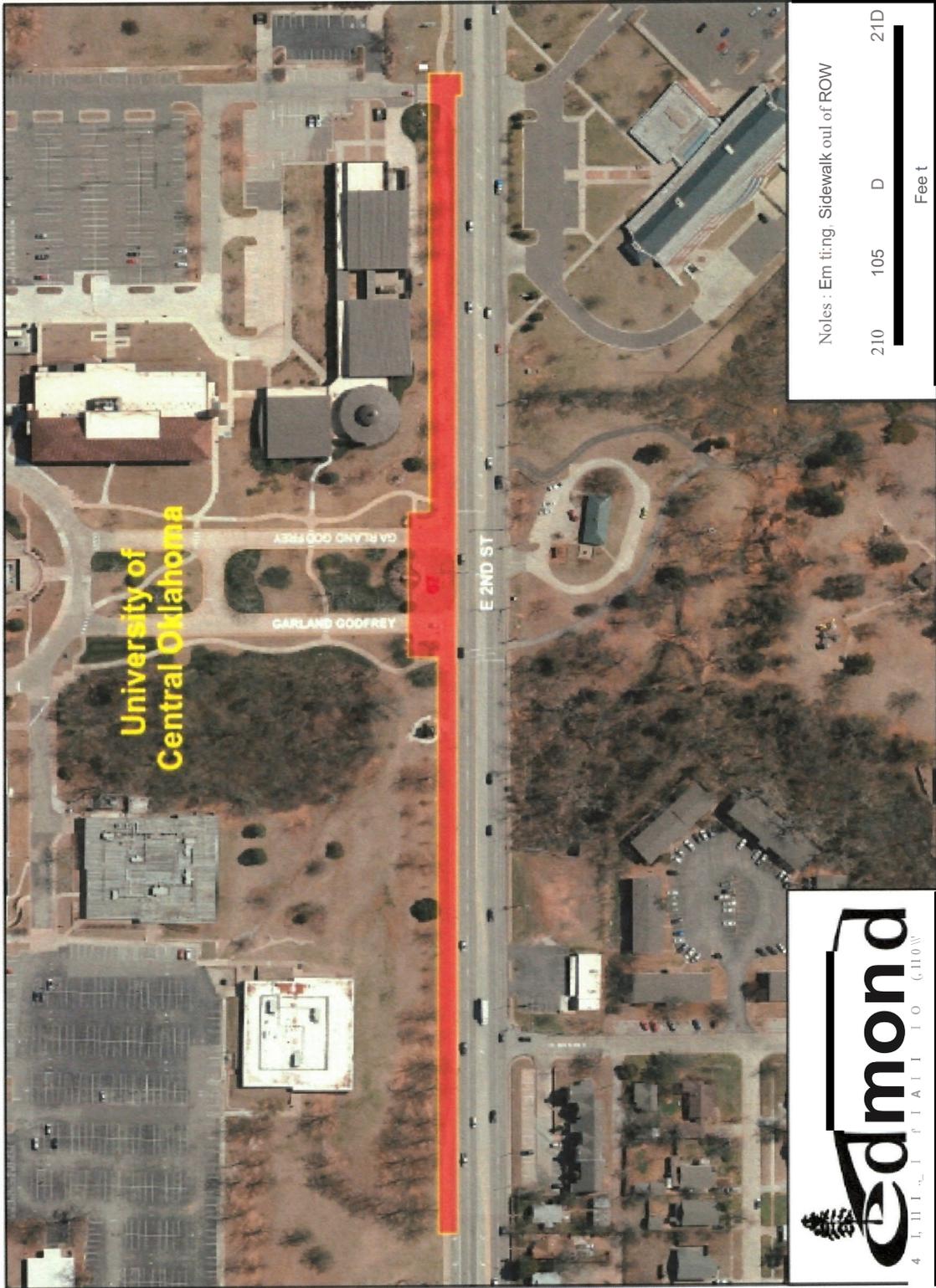
Thence South 0°27'40" East a distance of 43.53 feet;

Thence South 89°43'13" West a distance of 29.97 feet;

Thence North 0°41'5" West a distance of 8.66 feet;

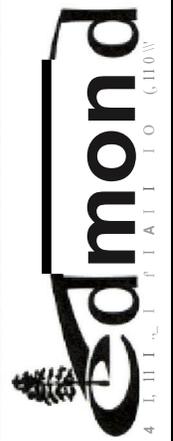
Thence South 89°58'26" West a distance of 1528.29 feet to the Point of Beginning, and containing 52727.50 square feet, or 1.2105 acres of land, more or less.

EDMOND RD / 2ND STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT  
ATTACHMENT A



Notes: Eminent Domain, Sidewalk out of ROW

210 105 D 21D  
Feet



# TRUST CERTIFICATION

PROJECT NO. STP-255 (561) AG

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: OKLAHOMA

J/P NO. 35900 (04)

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Trustee of the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies as follows:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Record owner of the following described property,  
to wit: **parcel no.** \_\_\_\_\_
2. The following is a true and correct excerpt from the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_
3. This trust is in full force and effect.
4. I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the appointed Trustee of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and that I have full power and authority  
pursuant to said trust agreement to convey unto the County/City of Edmond, Oklahoma  
the above referenced property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

State of \_\_\_\_\_,

SS

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, before me the undersigned, a notary in  
and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
known to be the identical person \_\_\_\_\_ who executed the within and  
foregoing instrument subscribed the name of the maker to the foregoing instruments as its  
\_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ executed the  
same as \_\_\_\_\_ free and voluntary act and deed and as the free and voluntary  
act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

**Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year last above written.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



UNIVERSITY OF  
**Central Oklahoma**

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**Edmond, Oklahoma**

**June 15, 2023**

Board of Regents Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 NW 5<sup>th</sup> #407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of the University of Central Oklahoma are as follows:

**XXII. Personnel**

**A. Administrative Appointments**

**Dr. Bryan Duke** has been appointed as **Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies**. His appointment, effective June 1, 2023, is at an annual salary of \$138,108.96.

Dr. Duke's degrees are: Ph.D. (2003), Instructional Psychology and Technology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; and M.Ed. (1995), Secondary Education, and B.A. Ed. (1991), English, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.

His professional experiences include: Interim Dean (2), Associate Dean (1.5), Interim Associate Dean (0.5), Assistant Dean and Director of Educator Preparation (7.5), Chair (2), Professor (9), Associate Professor (4), Assistant Professor (4), and Instructor (2), Department of Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; English and Drama Teacher (7), Westmoore High School, Assistant Principal (1), Moore West Junior High School, and Night Alternative Education Assistant Director (3), Vista Academy, all in Moore, OK

**Dr. Elizabeth Maier** has been appointed as **Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts**. Her appointment, effective June 1, 2023, is at an annual salary of \$130,088.

Dr. Maier's degrees are: Ph.D. (2006), Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska,

Omaha, Omaha, NE; M.P.A. (2002), Public Service and Administration, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; B.A. (2000), International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Her professional experiences include: Director (5), Assistant Director (4), Professor (3), Associate Professor (4), Assistant Professor (5), School of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Oklahoma; Edmond, OK; Assistant Professor (4), Norwich University, Northfield, VT; Lecturer (1), University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska.

**Dr. Mark McCoy** has been appointed as **Interim Director/Dean of the Forensic Science Institute**. His appointment, effective July 1, 2023, is at an annual salary of \$153,937.

Dr. McCoy's degrees are: Ed.D. (2000), Occupational and Adult Education, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK; M.S. (1984), Forensic Science, National University, San Diego, CA; B.S. (1980), Political Science in Public Administration, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

His professional experiences include: Digital Evidence & Cyber Security Program Administrator (15), Professor (9), Associate Professor (4), and Assistant Professor (5), Forensic Science Institute and School of Criminal Justice, University of Central Oklahoma; Edmond, OK; Deputy Inspector (4) and Special Agent (16), Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma City, OK; and Police Officer (1), Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa, OK.

## **B. Faculty**

### **Appointments.**

#### **College of**

#### **Business**

**Dr. Cindi Cary** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Accounting**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Cary's degrees are: Ph.D. (2016), Accounting, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Makhanda, South Africa; M.B.A. (1995), Business Administration, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX; B.B.A. (1982), Accounting, Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, TX.

Her professional experiences include: Visiting Assistant Professor (1), Visiting Instructor (1), and Adjunct (10), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Professor (10), Southwestern Christian University, Bethany, OK; Graduate Adjunct Associate Professor (3), Webster University, Tinker Airforce Base, Oklahoma City, OK; Controller (2) and Adjunct (21), Redlands Community

University of Central Oklahoma  
College, El Reno, OK; Adjunct Associate Professor (3), Southern

Nazarene University, Bethany, OK; and Research Analyst (3), Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX.

Dr. Cary will be paid an annual salary of \$124,500.

**Dr. Sohee Park** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Economics**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Park's degrees are: Ph.D. (2022) and M.A. (2019), Economics, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS; M.A. (2011) and B.A. (2009), Economics, Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea.

Her professional experiences include: Visiting Assistant Professor (1), Valparaiso University, IN; Research Assistant (2), Graduate Teaching Assistant (3), and Instructor (1), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS; Research Analyst (0.5), Korea Institute of Public Finance, Sejong, South Korea; Research Assistant (1) and Instructor (0.5), Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea.

Dr. Park will be paid an annual salary of \$85,000.

**Dr. Anisur Rahman** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Finance**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Rahman's degrees are: Ph.D. (2018), Finance, Florida International University, Miami, FL; M.B.A. (2014), Business, Willamette University, Salem, OR; B.B.A. (2003), Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh.

His professional experiences include: Assistant Professor (4.5), Westminster College, Fulton, MO; Instructor (3.5), Florida International University, Miami, FL; Project Management Intern (1), State of Oregon, Salem, OR; Internal Audit Specialist (5), Assistant Marketing Manager (2), Toshiba, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dr. Rahman will be paid an annual salary of \$124,000.

### **College of Education and Professional Studies**

**Dr. Brian Bobier** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Bobier's degrees are: DAT (2022), Athletic Training, Still University, Kirksville, MO; M.Ed. (2004), Physical Education, University of Houston, Houston, TX; B.S. (2001), Professional Studies, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

His professional experiences include: Clinical Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Clinical Education (1.5), University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa, TX; Athletic Trainer (3) and Science Teacher (3), Okarche High School, Okarche, OK; Athletic Training Coordinator (2.5) and Triple-A Athletic Trainer (2.5), Miami Marlins Baseball Club, Miami, FL; Athletic Trainer (1), Bethany High School, Bethany, OK; Assistant Athletic Trainer (1.5), Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; Athletic Trainer and Sports Medicine Instructor (1), Millennium High School, Agua Fria Union High School District, Goodyear, AZ; Rehabilitation and Athletic Training Coordinator (4) and Minor League Athletic Trainer (4), Texas Rangers Baseball Club, Arlington, TX; Assistant Athletic Trainer (1), University of Texas, Austin, TX; and Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer (1.5), University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Dr. Bobier will be paid an annual salary of \$64,909.

**Mr. Yuthika Kim** has been appointed as a **Lecturer** in the **Department of Psychology**. This is a full-time, non-tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Mr. Kim's degrees are: M.S. (2006), Adult Education, State University of New York at Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY; M.A. (2004), State University of New York at Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, NY; B.A. (1998), State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY; A.S. (1995), Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY.

His professional experiences include: Temporary Lecturer (1), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Professor (16), Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, OK; Instructor (4) and Adjunct (4), Monroe Community College: Damon City Campus, Rochester, NY.

Mr. Kim will be paid an annual salary of \$36,225.

**Dr. Peter Rerick** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Psychology**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Rerick's degrees are: Ph.D. (2021), Social Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV; B.A. (2016), Psychology, University of Minnesota, Morris, Morris MN.

His professional experiences include: Assistant Professor (2), Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK; Instructor (1) and Teaching Assistant (1.5), University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.

Dr. Rerick will be paid an annual salary of \$58,175.

### **College of Fine Arts and Design**

**Dr. Scott Erickson** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **School of Music**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Erickson's degrees are: D.M. (2018) and M.M. (2015), Oboe Performance, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL; B.M. (2011), Oboe and Flute Performance, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.

His professional experiences include: Lecturer (5), Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA; Graduate Teaching Assistant (3), Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

Dr. Erickson will be paid an annual salary of \$53,771.24.

**Ms. Whitney Vanheuvelen** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **School of Design**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Ms. Vanheuvelen's degrees are: M.F.A. (2006), Graphic Design, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN; B.F.A. (2001), Visual Communications, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

Her professional experiences include: Adjunct (1.5), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Owner/Creative Director (21), Whitney Creative, Oklahoma City, OK; Creative Director (1), Price Lang Public Relations, Edmond, OK; Director of Design & Creative Services/VP Communications (3), StoneHouse Marketing, Norman, OK; Director of Creative Development (2), Heritage Hall, Oklahoma City, OK; Assistant Professor & Program Director (8.5), Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK; Adjunct (1), Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK; Creative Director (0.5), The Mid-City Advocate, Oklahoma City, OK; Graduate Instructor (2.5), University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN; Adjunct (0.5), University of Oklahoma School of Art, Norman, OK.

Ms. Vanheuvelen will be paid an annual salary of \$53,000.

### **College of Liberal Arts**

**Dr. Cornel Pewewardy** has been appointed as an **Associate Professor** in the **Department of Political Science**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Pewewardy's degrees are: D.Ed. (1989), Educational Administration, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; Ed.S. (1986), Educational Administration, Education Specialist Post-Graduate Certificate,

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM; M.A. (1980), Educational Management and Development, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM; M.Ed. (1977), Guidance and Counseling, and B.S. (1976), Elementary Education and Physical Education, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK.

His professional experiences include: Vice-Chair (2) and Education Liaison (1.5), Comanche Nation, Lawton, OK; STEP Specialist (1), V-Tech STEP, Blacksburg, VA; Adjunct (0.5), University of Washington, Tacoma, WA; Special Assistant for Tribal Initiatives (5) and Lecturer (2), University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, OK; Adjunct (1), Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; Adjunct (3), Assistant Professor (0.5), and Visiting Scholar (1.5), Cameron University, Lawton, OK; Adjunct (3), Bacone College, Muskogee, OK; Fellow (2), Native American Community School Inspired Schools Network, Albuquerque, NM; Professor (7), Associate Professor (2), and Director (9), Portland State University, Portland, OR; Tribal Administrator (1), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, Coarsegold, CA; Adjunct (0.5), Fresno City Community College, Fresno, CA; Dean of Academic Instruction (1.5), Comanche Nation College, Lawton, OK; Associate Professor (2.5), Assistant Professor (5.5), Adjunct (4.5), and Lecturer (1), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS; Adjunct (10.5), Union Institute, Cincinnati, OH; Founding Principal (3.5), American Indian Magnet School and World Cultures and Languages Magnet School, Saint Paul Public School System, Saint Paul, MN; Lecturer (2), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (1.5) and Supervisory Education Specialist (2), University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; Recreation Assistant (2), Sequoyah Indian High School, Tahlequah, OK.

Dr. Pewewardy will be paid an annual salary of \$71,047.

**Dr. Joshua Rollins** has been appointed as a **Lecturer** in the **Department of Humanities and Philosophy**. This is a full-time, non-tenure track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Rollins' degrees are: Ph.D. (2016) and M.A. (2011), Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; M.A. (2008), Humanities and Social Thought, New York University, New York City, NY; B.A. (2004), History, Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK.

His professional experiences include: Visiting Assistant Professor (0.5), Temporary Lecturer (1), and Adjunct (8), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Adjunct Professor (11), Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, OK; Adjunct Instructor (8), Redlands Community College, El Reno, OK; Graduate Assistant (6) and Writing Tutor (2), University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

Dr. Rollins will be paid an annual salary of \$41,400.

**Dr. Brian Twenter** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of English**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Twenter's degrees are: Ph.D. (2016), English, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD; M.A. (2000), English, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO; B.A. (1996), English, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.

His professional experiences include: Assistant Professor (1), Willamette University, Salem, OR; Assistant Professor (2) Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO; Assistant Professor (3), University of Minnesota Morris, Morris, MN; Visiting Assistant Professor (1), Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA; Adjunct Instructor (1), University of Missouri – Kansas City, Kansas City, MO; Instructor (1), Minnesota State University – Mankato, Mankato, MN; Adjunct Instructor (1), Instructor (3), and Graduate Teaching Assistant (5), University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.

Dr. Twenter will be paid an annual salary of \$58,476.12.

**Dr. Michael Weeks** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of History and Geography**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Weeks' degrees are: Ph.D. (2016), History, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; M.A (2007), History, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ; B.A (1994) and Social Science Teaching Credential (1997), San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.

His professional experiences include: Lecturer (6), Utah Valley University, Orem, UT; Visiting Assistant Professor (1), Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX; Graduate Teaching Assistant (3), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; Graduate Teaching Assistant (1), Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ; Teacher (1) Quincy High School, Quincy, CA; Teacher (3), International Baccalaureate School of the Cascades, Redmond, OR; Teacher (2), Union Mine High School, Placerville, CA.

Dr. Weeks will be paid an annual salary of \$57,000.

### **College of Mathematics and Science**

**Dr. Justin Agan** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Biology**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Agan's degrees are: Ph.D. (2021), Zoology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK; and B.S. (2013), Biology, and B.A. (2013) Philosophy, Clayton

State University, Morrow, GA.

His professional experiences include: Lecturer (1), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Adjunct Instructor (1), Graduate Teaching Assistant (6), Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Dr. Agan will be paid an annual salary of \$62,792.42.

**Dr. Keegan Melstrom** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Biology**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 7, 2023.

Dr. Melstrom's degrees are: Ph.D. (2019) and M.S. (2016), Paleontology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; B.S. (2012), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

His professional experiences include: Professor (1.5), Rose State College, Oklahoma City, OK; Lecturer (2) and Teaching Assistant (2), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; Postdoctoral Researcher (2), Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, CA; WEST Fellow (1), Salt Lake Center for Science Education, Salt Lake City, UT; Preparator (1), Ohio University, Athens, OH; Geologist in Park (0.5), Dinosaur National Monument, Vernal, UT; REU Intern (0.5), Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL.

Dr. Melstrom will be paid an annual salary of \$62,792.42.

### C. Temporary Faculty Appointments

#### 1) Artist-in-Residence

##### College of Fine Arts and Design

Mr. Alexander Mickelthwate      Music

##### College of Liberal Arts

Mr. Zachary Scalzo                      English  
Mr. Joe Hight                              Mass Communication

#### 2) Temporary Lecturer

##### College of Fine Arts and Design

Ms. Kellie Coffey-Koch                  ACM  
Mr. Robert Derrick                      ACM  
Mr. Danny Hargis                        ACM  
Mr. Andrew Hopkins                    ACM



## **F. Nepotism Waiver**

Pursuant to RUSO policy (Section 5.12), UCO Interim President Andrew Benton has approved a nepotism waiver for Ms. Barbara Weidell, whose appointment as the Department Chairperson of Art in the College of Fine Arts and Design will be effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Weidell is the spouse of Ms. Charleen Weidell, the current Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design. The Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design, Ms. Jill Priest, will perform all supervisory responsibilities for Ms. Barbara Weidell as per RUSO policy.

## **G. Naming of Academic Department**

UCO requests approval to re-name the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies The Dr. Virginia Peters Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies.

Dr. Virginia Peters taught, coached, advised students; served as Department Chair, Director of Women's Athletics; was a primary leader in Health and Physical Education, not only at Central but across the state and nation. She was a role model, motivator, an inspiration, and a significant influence on hundreds of students, faculty, & colleagues during her 36 years, leaving a legacy. Dr. Peters was a student at Central in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies in 1953. She returned to Central in 1958 and taught in the department until her retirement in 1992. Dr. Peters has dedicated herself to the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies and to the University of Central Oklahoma for the past 70 years. She is a dedicated educator that continues to touch the lives of those around her.

## **XXIII. Executive Summary of Awards**

Following are the new contracts that have been awarded since the last Board Letter:

### **April 2023**

Isolation of Salmonella Enterica Phages from Oklahoma Wastewater, \$5,719

OK-INBRE Smart

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Hari Kotturi, College of Math and Science

This grant will fund the investigation and diversity of mycobacteriophages from Oklahoma soil.

Analysis of Radiopaque Coatings on PCL Flow Diverters for Brain

Aneurysms, \$5,774

OK-INBRE Smart

June 15, 2023 – August 15, 2023

Mohammad Hossan, College of Math and Science

The goal of this project is to study various radiopaque coatings of the PCL flow diverters and its effect on the mechanical properties and deployability through vascular catheter and to evaluate, select and optimize the radiopaque coatings of non-braided PCL flow diverters as functions of strut thickness, porosities and pore densities.

Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting, \$2,000

OK-INBRE Travel

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Gan Xu, College of Math and Science

This grant will fund travel expenses for Dr. Gang Xu to attend the 2023 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Presenting Research in the SEM Annual Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics, \$2000

OK-INBRE Travel

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Mohammad Hossan, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will allow Dr. Mohammad Hossan to attend and present his research at the SEM Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Multimodal Neuroimaging Assessment and Rehabilitation of Cognitive Impairment in Brain Tumor, \$129,929

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Nesreen Alsbou, College of Math and Science

CFDA# 93.859

The long-term goal of this project is to establish the mechanism and rehabilitation pathway of cognitive impairment in patients with brain tumors.

INBRE Program Coordinator, \$66,851

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Melville Vaughan, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will enable Dr. Vaughan to serve as the OK-INBRE Program Coordinator for 2023-2024 and help support his INBRE-related research.

INBRE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP), \$4,400

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Lillian Chooback, College of Math and Science

Dr. Chooback will mentor two students. This grant will fund the supplies needed for the students' research.

INBRE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP), \$4,400

OK-INBRE

May 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Hari Kotturi, College of Math and Science

Dr. Kotturi will mentor two students. This grant will fund the supplies needed for the students' research.

OK-INBRE Release Time, \$15,000

OK-INBRE

August 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Morshed Khandaker, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will provide release time for Dr. Khandaker's research in designing a novel patient-specific, 3D-printed scaffold for the biological resurfacing of critical sized defects of long bones. It will also aid in solving the current problem of weakness of the bioabsorbable interlock nailing system.

Oklahoma Research Day, \$15,000

OUHSC / OK-INBRE

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Gregory Wilson, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase supplies and INBRE items for the 2023 Oklahoma Research Day, which is an annual event that celebrates student and faculty research and scholarly activities.

Oklahoma Research Day, \$5,000

EPSCoR

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Gregory Wilson, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase conference bags for the 2023 Oklahoma Research Day event held at UCO.

UCO Endeavor Games, \$50,000

Move United

Through UCO Foundation

March 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Leigha Pemberton, Student Affairs

This grant will fund operational costs for the UCO Endeavor Games in Partnership with The Hartford. The overall goal of the Endeavor Games is to aid in developing ongoing rehabilitative, therapeutic, and whole-life health adaptive sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces.

**May 2023**

Oklahoma Behavior Consultation Project, \$142,234

Oklahoma State Department of Education

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Scott Singleton, College of Education and Professional Studies  
Funding from this grant will enable Behavior Analysis graduate students from UCO to conduct behavior consultation services for Oklahoma Public Schools.

Center for Active Living and Learning, \$70,372

Areawide Aging Agency, Inc.

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Gregory Wilson, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

The purpose of this grant is to fund the delivery of the evidence-based SAIL program to older adults in the metropolitan community by using funds to train and pay student instructors and faculty supervisors, supply classes, and market programming.

Effects of Two Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons on Hemodynamic Flow in the Chick Embryonic Heart, \$5,958

OK-INBRE Smart

May 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023

Christopher Goodchild, College of Math and Science

The specific goal of this project is to examine the effects of embryonic exposure to two PAHs on hemodynamic flow through the heart using a custom-built optical coherence tomography system.

Bioactivity of Marine Extract 02PD1L Fractions, \$5,490

OK-INBRE Smart

May 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023

Melville Vaughan, College of Math and Science

The goal of this project is to test marine sponge extracts for bioactivity, then isolate compounds from bioactive extracts. Funding from this grant will allow further fractionation to concentrate active ingredients toward identification. Students will be involved in either the upstream in the fractionation phase or downstream in the bioactivity testing phase.

Acquisition of Mass Flow Meter and Multiplexer Modules for Automated Multi-Animal Metabolic System, \$18,495

OK-INBRE Equipment

May 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023

Christopher Goodchild, College of Math and Science

Funding from this grant will be used to purchase the FB-8 Mass Flow Diverter and the RM-8 Respirometry Flow Multiplexer to use in addition to the currently owned Sable System Inc. Field Metabolic System. Utilizing the full capacity of all equipment will enhance the rate and quality of data collection in metabolic phenotyping.

Isolation of Salmonella Enterica Bacteriophages for Control of Zoonotic and Foodborne Pathogens, \$30,287

OK-INBRE Mini

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Hari Kotturi, College of Math and Science

Studies have shown that approximately 48 million foodborne illnesses occur in the United States every year resulting in 128,000 hospitalizations. Salmonella enterica was found to be the most common foodborne pathogen. Funding from this grant will aid in the research of bacteriophages as a solution for controlling foodborne pathogens. In turn, this project will help in gaining a better understanding of microbial communities that contribute to the spoilage of meat while protecting food supply from foodborne pathogens.

Bioresorbable Fixation Devices for the Long Bone Fracture Surgeries, \$51,816  
OK-INBRE Collaborative

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Morshed Khandaker, College of Math and Science

The aim of this project is to determine if an interlocked intramedullary nail would remain stable during twelve weeks of simulated gait in a segmentally defected rabbit tibia. MicroCT and histology analysis will be conducted for the in vivo evaluation. Funding from this grant will aid in Orthopedic research studies.

**XXIV. PURCHASES FOR APPROVAL**

- A. Oracle, annual database management software licensing support.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 315,000
- B. Presidio (Cisco SMARTnet), technology infrastructure maintenance and support.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 693,422
- C. Transact, annual software licensing and support for campus ID technology.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 220,000
- D. Civitas, annual predictive analytics and college scheduler software subscription.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 162,000
- E. Microsoft EES, annual software licensing and support allowing acquisition of software and services under a single subscription.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 340,000
- F. Ellucian Company LP, license exchange and enhancement agreement to facilitate Ellucian strategic alignment and modernization.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 748,991
- G. Ellucian Company LP, technical advisory services.  
Source: Technical Infrastructure Fee ..... \$ 229,000

**XXV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM PURCHASING**

- A. TouchNet, commerce solution maintenance.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 147,093
  
- B. Slate by Technolutions, CRM platform for admissions.  
Source: IT Educational Support Svc... \$ 105,000
  
- C. Carnegie Dartlet, implementation services for Slate. CRM platform for admissions.  
Source: IT Educational Support Svc... \$ 112,500
  
- D. Connected Analytics Operations LLC, axiom budget tool software.  
Source: E&G ..... \$ 91,835
  
- E. Video Reality Inc., visual education equipment/hardware/accessories.  
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments ..... \$ 73,723

**XXVI. APPROVAL OF FY 2024 BUDGET, TUITION AND FEES**

Respectfully,

Andrew Benton  
President

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, DR. DWIGHT ADAMS, Director/Dean and Professor in the Forensic Science Institute** has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of seventeen years; and

**WHEREAS, DR. DWIGHT ADAMS,** will retire on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS, DR. DWIGHT ADAMS,** having served the University of Central Oklahoma for seventeen years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

**WHEREAS, DR. DWIGHT ADAMS's** many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestow upon **DR. DWIGHT ADAMS,** the honorary title of “**Emeritus Director/Dean and Professor of Forensic Science,**” and extend to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for his continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in our State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to **DR. DWIGHT ADAMS.**

**ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.**

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Connie Reilly, Chairman  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

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Amy Anne Ford, Secretary  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, DR. DONALD GIBSON, Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry** has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of twenty years; and

**WHEREAS, DR. DONALD GIBSON,** will retire on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS, DR. DONALD GIBSON,** having served the University of Central Oklahoma for twenty years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

**WHEREAS, DR. DONALD GIBSON's** many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestow upon **DR. DONALD GIBSON,** the honorary title of “**Emeritus Professor of Chemistry**” and extend to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for his continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in our State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to **DR. DONALD GIBSON.**

**ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 21st day of April, 2023.**

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Connie Reilly, Chairman  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

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Amy Anne Ford, Secretary  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, DR. RALPH MORRIS, Professor in the School of Music,** has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirty-two years; and

**WHEREAS, DR. RALPH MORRIS,** will retire on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS, DR. RALPH MORRIS,** having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirty-two years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

**WHEREAS, DR. RALPH MORRIS'** many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestow upon **DR. RALPH MORRIS,** the honorary title of “**Emeritus Professor of Music**” and extend to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for his continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in our State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to **DR. RALPH MORRIS.**

**ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 15th day of June, 2023.**

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Connie Reilly, Chairman  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

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Amy Anne Ford, Secretary  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

## **Growing Revenue with Market-Responsive Majors: A Case Study from Rize & the LCMC**

Facing demographic headwinds, rising costs, and growing competition, many small and medium-sized colleges across the country are under increasing financial pressure to halt, and reverse, current enrollment trends. In response, [Rize Education](#) and the [Lower Cost Models Consortium](#) (LCMC) have partnered on a cooperative model to increase the lifeblood of smaller institutions: enrollment.

According to the Lumina Foundation, the academic programs offered by an institution is the most important factor in a student's college decision, yet small, especially rural, colleges offer a fraction of what is available at competitive institutions. These colleges lose thousands of students each year as a result.

The barriers to adding new programs that create this degree gap include large upfront investment, years of development, and significant ongoing costs - all of which interact to create an immense amount of risk. Per research from Burning Glass and EAB, program development averages over \$500k in upfront cost and \$100k in ongoing costs. Burning Glass also finds that over 50% of programs do not attract sufficient enrollment to cover these high costs. This often means increasing tuition to subsidize the nascent major.

Rize is focused on eliminating the historical barriers to starting new degrees. Rather than each college spending hundreds of thousands in upfront and ongoing costs, colleges pay an annual subscription fee to access high-quality curriculum and just \$500 for each student that takes a course. Launching a Rize program typically involves adding ~4 - 7 incremental courses to an existing catalog. This collaboration can mitigate a competitive disadvantage for small colleges, breadth of workforce-oriented curriculum, while preserving the mentorship and community of a smaller, residential teaching institution.

These collaborative programs are designed by leading academics, consulted upon by name brand corporations, such as Google, and, importantly, taught by instructors within our own trusted network of colleges. Rize and the LCMC specifically target enrollment-driving degrees such as Cybersecurity, Healthcare Administration, and Supply Chain that prepare students to thrive in the fastest-growing fields.

The impact on our students is immense. In addition to providing new career pathways, 80% of students already rate Rize courses to be as good, if not better, than their on-campus courses.

85 institutions have already partnered with Rize to implement 415 of these majors, minors, and certificates through their full faculty governance processes. The earliest adopter of this strategy, Adrian College, has added nearly \$8 million of enrollment revenue through their new LCMC-enabled programs in just their third year of recruiting. More generally, Rize enrollment partners are generating an estimated ~\$170k in revenue per program, a 5 - 10x return-on-investment.

[Rize Education](#), a company incubated on Adrian's campus, is the underlying technology platform and curriculum manager that powers this collaborative program model. More than just a course-sharing network, Rize partners and their students have access to Rize's instructional design and enrollment marketing teams to build, maintain, and optimize new programs. Together, Rize and LCMC members are growing enrollment by partnering on a shared mission to provide a pathway to fulfilling employment for every student.

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## LEARNING

Higher Education

### Teaming Up to Survive

Faced with declining enrollment, smaller schools are harnessing innovative ideas — like course sharing.

By JON MARCUS

Dylan Smith went to high school just two miles from Adrian College but wasn't interested in applying to the Michigan liberal arts school of just over 1,600 undergraduates. As much as he liked the idea of a small campus, he didn't think a liberal arts degree would do much to help him land a job.

Even when Adrian recruited him to wrestle and play football, Mr. Smith kept his sights set on Michigan State University, which has nearly 50,000 students. He planned to major not in history or English, but in the high-demand field of supply chain management.

Then, supply chain management suddenly showed up among the offerings at Adrian.

"I couldn't say no to getting the degree I wanted from a smaller school, instead of at a big university where you're looking at 200 students in a class," said Mr. Smith, now an Adrian sophomore.

The school is among a fast-growing number of mostly small liberal arts colleges that are adding explicitly career-focused programs through a little-noticed innovation called course sharing.

It's a sort of Amazon Prime approach to higher education that lets majors in the humanities and other disciplines "stream" classes, often taught by star faculty from top universities, in fields such as coding — without leaving their home campuses.

Using technologies that made major progress during the pandemic — most notably, the delivery of education online — course sharing generally teams up universities and colleges that have extra space in online classes with partner institutions that want to add new programs but can't afford the time or money to develop them alone.



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Adrian College is a liberal arts school of just over 1,600 undergraduates in Michigan.

At Adrian College, supply chain management courses are taught primarily by instructors from Lasell University in Massachusetts. Both schools are part of a coalition of colleges and universities that share courses with each other, often in consultation with subject-matter experts from universities including Rutgers, Harvard, Michigan, Duke and Yale.

"You get an Adrian degree, you have an Adrian experience, you play your sport," said Ryan Boyd, another Adrian student who, through course sharing, was able to add a minor in computer science to his business management major. "But you get to take courses from Michi-

gan and Harvard."

The approach is a response by some small colleges to a worsening enrollment crisis, mounting competition from other educational providers that focus mainly on job skills, and increasing skepticism among students and their parents that an investment in higher education will pay off. Nearly two-thirds of high school seniors now say a degree is not worth the cost, according to a survey by the left-leaning think tanks New America and Third Way.

"Course sharing lets us maintain what we are, which is small and residential, but compete on selection and price," said Rick Ostrander, an assistant to the pres-



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIN KIRKLAND FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Dylan Smith, a sophomore, decided to attend Adrian after the school offered supply chain management courses taught in a course-sharing program.

ident for academic innovation at Westmont College in California. “It’s a way to be more competitive with the big players while still keeping your prime value of residential education.”

For the same or similar reasons, course sharing is also being rapidly adopted by some community colleges, rural institutions, historically Black colleges and universities, or HBCUs, and universities that serve large numbers of Hispanic students, called minority-serving institutions, or MSIs.

“We’ve been talking about the sharing economy for two decades, for goodness’ sake,” said Parminder Jassal, the chief executive of Unmudl, which is developing technology to make it easier for institutions to share courses. “We’ve been sharing through Airbnb. We’re sharing cars. We’re sharing everything. Higher education is probably the last place the idea of sharing is finally hitting.”

### In Survival Mode

Through course sharing, colleges can cheaply and quickly add the programs students want, attracting critical enrollment while paying other teaching institutions — the ones that provide the already-developed courses — a discounted price per course. A growing number of intermediaries that provide the technology needed to connect the partners often also get a fee.

“This is remaking the business model,” said Jeffrey Docking, the president of Adrian College, which has used course sharing to add majors, minors and certificate programs in 17 fields in just the last two years, including computer science, web design, cybersecurity and public health.

Like Mr. Smith, Mr. Boyd — who’s still at Adrian, where he’s now finishing his master’s degree in business administration — was conflicted about going to a small liberal arts college before that

computer science minor was added. “The main attraction for me was the small class size, the small campus,” he said. “But a small campus often means a lack of options.”

Those kinds of perceptions have become an especially big problem for private colleges with low enrollments such as Adrian, 81 of which have closed in the last decade, according to the U.S. Department of Education. More are expected to fail as enrollment continues to languish and pandemic relief funding dries up.

“Hundreds of schools are going to go out of business if we don’t figure this out,” said Dr. Docking.

Small liberal arts colleges are in particular trouble, suffering from a decline in interest in the humanities. The number of degrees awarded in humanities disciplines has fallen 14 percent in the last 10 years, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences reports.

Consumers today want to study subjects they see as leading straight to careers. Even before the pandemic, getting a good job was the most important reason students gave for going to college, a national survey of freshmen by the University of California, Los Angeles’s Higher Education Research Institute showed.

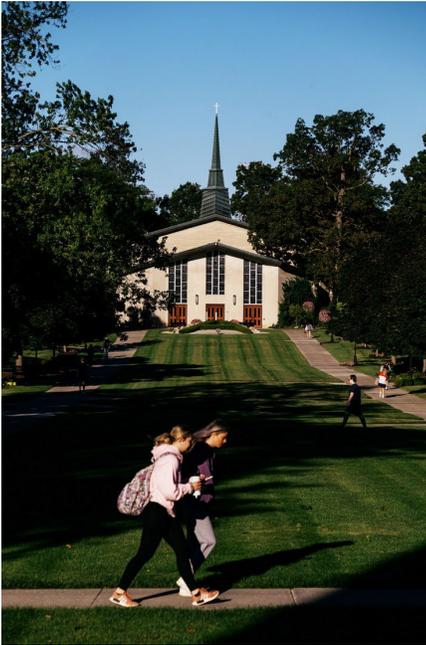
Yet half of new graduates said they’ve stopped short of applying for even entry-level jobs because they felt underqualified and unsure of their skills, according to another survey, by the publishing and technology company Cengage. And half of students who earned bachelor’s degrees in the arts and humanities said they would now choose a different field of study, yet another survey, by the Federal Reserve, found.

“There’s that reality out in the world — whether it’s social, whether it’s parental, whether it’s political — that goes, ‘Well, what good is a philosophy degree going to do for me?’” said Stephen Pruitt, the president of the Southern Regional Education Board, or SREB, and a former Kentucky state commissioner of education. “Course sharing gives people a chance to add those credentials that they can see more directly leading to a job.”

### The Liberal Arts Conundrum

At least half of employers say graduates with liberal arts degrees do, in fact, learn “very important” job skills, a survey by the American Association of Colleges and Universities found.

But that message hasn’t gotten out, said Ashley Finley, the vice president of research at the association of largely liberal arts-oriented colleges. She is heading up a program that began in August called the Curriculum-to-Career Innovations Institute, designed to better connect what the colleges teach with what students need to get jobs. Fifty-four col-



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Herrick Chapel on the Adrian campus.

leges and universities have signed up, the association says.

“You can’t fault parents and students for not seeing the one-to-one between the major and the job it’s going to lead to,” Dr. Finley said.

Adding more vocational training to traditional education appears to be a popular way of addressing this. Asked which candidate they’d hire for a job, people surveyed by Kaplan preferred an English major who also has a credential in cybersecurity over someone with only an English degree or only a cybersecurity degree.

“It’s an incredible thing to polish a liberal arts résumé to say, ‘Sure I’m an English major, but look what else I’ve got,’” said Brandon Busteed, the chief partnership officer and global head of learnwork innovation at Kaplan. Employers want “the specifically skilled graduate who is also generally educated.”

For many colleges, however, developing new programs themselves takes too long and costs too much — as much as \$2.2 million per program, according to EAB, a higher education consulting firm.

“The way that higher education has always worked is, if I wanted to offer those courses to students, I would have had to go out and hire a faculty member, add those courses and see if students would take them,” said Ann Fulop, the provost and vice president of academic affairs

at Eureka College in Illinois. Eureka used course sharing to add a computer science major this fall, instead of developing it from scratch. “And if they don’t,

what do I do with that faculty member?”

Colleges located near each other — in Atlanta, central Massachusetts’ Amherst area, Boston’s Fenway neighborhood, Pennsylvania’s Lehigh Valley and elsewhere — have long shared in-person courses and programs. Online delivery has the potential to vastly multiply those kinds of collaborations.

“It’s like taking that same idea, but being able to expand the boundaries nationally or globally instead of just regionally,” Dr. Ostrander of Westmont College said.

He said the trend has also been propelled by broader acceptance of online education among faculty at liberal arts colleges who once looked down their noses at it — and by those faculty members’ awareness that their own jobs may be on the line if students stop coming.

### Why the Concept Is Growing

“What faculty have seen is that this can be a way for them to strengthen their departments and grow their enrollments,” said Dr. Ostrander.

Hundreds of colleges have joined coursesharing networks since late 2018, when the Council of Independent Colleges launched its Online Course Sharing Consortium. It now has 303 member institutions. The Southern Regional Education Board’s HBCU and MSI Course Sharing Consortium, announced in May, already has 14. The Lower Cost Models for Independent Colleges Consortium, which includes course sharing among its projects, has 135, up from 70 before the pandemic, said Dr. Docking, the Adrian president, who is on its three person steering committee.

“These are hard times for small colleges,” said Marjorie Hass, the president of the Council of Independent Colleges and a former president of Rhodes College in Tennessee and Austin College in Texas. “They’re hard times for all colleges. But small colleges are really good at being creative. And working collaboratively is one of the creative things that we can do.”

Technology companies are cashing in on this trend, developing platforms through which colleges are linking up. One of the biggest, Acadeum, powers cooperatives including the Online Course Sharing Consortium and DigiTex, a course-sharing consortium of community colleges in Texas. (In addition to his role at Westmont, Dr. Ostrander is an academic partnerships specialist at Acadeum.)

Rize Education connects colleges that jointly develop, and split the cost of, new degree programs, majors, minors and certificate courses. Quottly expedites the exchange of courses, programs and credits among colleges and universities.

These go-betweens are necessary be-



The school’s Mahan Hall is undergoing a renovation.

cause sharing courses is “much more difficult than people realize,” said Dr.

Docking, who has a minority ownership stake in Rize. “Every school has 20 kids on different financial aid packages.

Campuses are in different time zones. What if a kid has problems with their grades? Who do they go to? How do they know when to sign up for these courses?”

Financial arrangements vary. Home institutions decide what to charge for a course, which is typically more than the rate set by the teaching institution, so that both schools make money. Acadeum gets 25 percent of the tuition collected by the teaching institution and charges course-hosting and platform access fees that total \$2,250 to \$18,000 a year, depending on college’s enrollment size, according to a Council of Independent Colleges breakdown.

But the real money is in getting students to enroll. The new majors that Adrian College has added through course sharing lured 49 students last year and 51 this year who otherwise would not have come, the university says. That translates to more than \$8 million in tuition, fees, and room and board over the four years of those students’ educations.

### Turning the Decline Around

Eureka College’s course-sharing computer science major brought in nine new freshmen this semester who Dr. Fulop said wouldn’t otherwise have come; before then, she said, the college was losing prospects who wanted career-focused majors. Rochester University in Michi-



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Jeffrey Docking is the president of Adrian, which has used course sharing to add majors, minors and certificate programs in 17 fields in the last two years.

gan, which has 1,100 students, added seven programs through course sharing, including digital marketing, computer science and certified financial planning, programs that it says collectively attracted 78 applicants — 32 of whom enrolled.

“This can be a way of saying, ‘We’re willing to go beyond what we have here, if that’s what you want. We’d much rather you stay here, so let’s figure out a way

to get you that course,” said Ben Selznick, an associate professor in strategic leadership studies at James Madison University, who focuses on innovation in higher education.

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Community colleges are using course sharing, too, both to restore their enrollment, which has also been plummeting, and to fill gaps caused by faculty departures, said Rufus Glasper, the president and chief executive of the League for Innovation in the Community College. “This may be another leg of the stool until we can stabilize our enrollment going forward,” he said.

HBCUs are also adopting the approach. “A student chooses a small HBCU for its overall culture,” said Roslyn Clark Artis, the president of Benedict College, an HBCU in South Carolina, and co-chair of the SREB course-sharing consortium. “That doesn’t mean the student then shouldn’t have access to programs that can be considered professional in nature.”

As for the advantage to the college, she said, having career-focused programs available through course sharing “is a marketing element for us.”

And it’s having an effect, based on the decisions of some applicants.

Even though she wanted to go to a smaller college, Jordan Hunt had dismissed the idea of applying to Adrian because it didn’t have a computer science major. “Then they started up the major.” Ms. Hunt is now a sophomore at Adrian studying computer science.

Rebekah Wright went to the even smaller Emmaus Bible College in Iowa, which had an enrollment last year of 193 students. She and her parents alike “thought that it would be just way too small. One of their questions when I visited Emmaus was, ‘What’s the placement rate? How many students go directly into the workforce?’”

Through course sharing, however, Ms. Wright was able to add digital marketing to her business administration major, and she now works as a digital marketer — for the college.

### **Optimism for the Future**

An ardent advocate for course sharing, Dr. Docking, the president of Adrian, said it can save imperiled colleges and their unique cultures.

“I want to preserve everything that’s good about these kinds of schools,” he said. “I want kids to move to a college and sing in the choir and be on the sports teams and be in that teaching-learning relationship with a professor — everything that has guided these schools for the last 150 to 200 years” — but also have access to more subjects consumers see as vocationally useful.

“If we’re willing to work together, and share some courses,” Dr. Docking said, “we can offer many, many more majors and minors and academic programs for very little cost.”

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