

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA



MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2021

9:00 am

Physical Meeting Site:

**Northeastern Oklahoma State University
W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center
6th Floor, Room 608
Tahlequah, Oklahoma**

Zoom Meeting Site:

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University
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FINAL AGENDA

April 16, 2021
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Attending Regular Meeting via Zoom: Regent Susan Winchester,
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Regent Connie Reilly, Regent Jane McDermott, Regent Amy Anne
Ford, Regent Eric Fisher, Regent Joy Hofmeister

Northwestern
Oklahoma
State
University

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

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Southeastern
Oklahoma
State
University

III. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Susan Winchester

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Southwestern
Oklahoma
State
University

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, February 24-25, 2021
2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 26, 2021
3. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, March 3, 2021

**B. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair,
Regent Eric Fisher**

1. Southwestern Oklahoma State University

a. Program Modifications

1. M Ed in Education Parks and Recreation Management (064) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
2. BS Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
3. BS Parks and Recreation Management (049) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
4. BA Chemistry (013) - Add course to elective list
5. BAE English Education (019) - course name change ENGL 4673
6. BAE Art Education (008) - replacing one professional course
7. BFA Graphic Design (007) - unbolding courses in list

2. University of Central Oklahoma

a. New Program

1. First Professional Education Specialist, School Psychology

b. Option Deletion

1. M.A. in School Psychology (Do not delete unless new Ed.S. in School Psychology is approved)

c. Letter of Intent

1. M.S. in Data Science (traditional delivery)

3. East Central University

a. Option Deletion

1. Communication and Performance Studies: Communication Studies (0451)

b. Program Name Change

1. Communication and Performance Studies (045)

c. Program Requirement Changes

1. Theatre: Theatre (0452)
2. Theatre: Musical Theatre (0454)
3. Mass Communication: Advertising/Public Relations (0493)
4. Mass Communication: Media Production (0494)
5. Master of Management in Management (102)

d. Option Addition

1. Mass Communication: Strategic Communication (0495)

4. Southeastern Oklahoma State University

a. Program Modification Request

1. **Master of Business Administration (075)** – Delete the Hospitality Management concentration; switch out

classes in the Aerospace Logistics and Marketing concentrations; delete courses and replace with new courses in the Accounting and the Human Resource concentrations. Three new courses added to inventory. Two courses deleted from inventory. No change in total hours.

5. Northwestern Oklahoma State University

a. Reports

1. **Action by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)** - Commission on Accreditation – continuing accreditation granted to Northwestern's baccalaureate and master's programs in social work. The accreditation status is effective between February 2021 and February 2029.
2. **Action by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN)** – Education Informal Disposition Panel – after receiving supporting data pertaining to Northwestern's first graduating DNP class, the Board moved to grant Full Approval status for Northwestern's BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE –Chair, Regent Connie Reilly

1. Northeastern State University

a. Damage from Winter Weather and Energy Blackouts

As reported at the February 26 meeting, due to an extended period of freezing winter weather and rolling energy blackouts from February 15 – 19, NSU had domestic pipes, fire suppression, and other systems to freeze and burst on the three campuses. Water damage occurred primarily in Cobb Hall (Auxiliary Housing) and the Broken Arrow Annex. In total, fourteen locations experienced water damage. NSU's emergency response efforts were conducted in consortium with OMES Risk Management. The remediation process required us to remove ceiling tiles, carpet and sheetrock

through several of the affected areas. Elements to restore those areas will be bid in accordance with the applicable competitive bidding laws.

The property deductible for NSU is \$200,000 per occurrence. All fourteen of the affected locations/buildings will be considered as a single occurrence for insurance purposes. Estimated remediation and restoration totals could exceed \$1 million. Although our part is \$200,000, there may be instances where NSU will pay approved invoices and be reimbursed for related expenses exceeding our deductible.

Informational Items:

a. Project #485-0073 - College of Business and Technology Finance Lab

Project Description: Installation of a Finance Lab including Stock Trak simulation and tickers

Requested Funding Approval: \$70,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

b. Project #485-0073 - Center for Teaching and Learning Renovation

Project Description: Build a new space inside the library to house the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Requested Funding Approval: \$85,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): 295 Fund

2. **Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

a. **Project: Purchase of the Cedar Canyon facility, located at Crowder Lake**

Project Description: Request approval to purchase land (60 acres) and building (approximately 10,232 square feet) currently owned by the SWOSU Foundation. This property is located next to Crowder Lake University Park where SWOSU offers classes in sailing, wilderness survival, archery. The Wildland Fire Management students train in firefighting methods and rescue operations. Purchase of this building would allow the expanding Parks and Recreation Department to offer Law Enforcement and other related training options.

Requested Funding Approval: Requesting \$500,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Auxiliary funds and from sale of other property listed below.

b. **Project: Sale of Foss Lake Facility**

Project Description: Request approval to sell to another state agency, or sell at public auction, the Foss Lake Facility which contains 17.432 acres of land and has three buildings. The main building is approximately 10,000 square feet and is compliant with current fire and safety codes. Another building is approximately 1,200 square feet and needs renovation; the last building is about 900 square feet and is a garage storage facility. This was used as a juvenile detention center for many years but is currently vacant. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable

c. **Project: Sale of Lawton facility**

Project Description: Request approval to sell at public auction, a building located at 824 SE Second Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. The site has approximately 27,720 square feet or .64 acres of land. The building is one story containing a total of 11,960 square feet. SWOSU purchased this facility in 2013 to operate a residential juvenile facility. SWOSU ceased

operating the facility in 2015 and leased it to another operator. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable

3. University of Central Oklahoma

a. Annual Campus Capital Master Plan

Request approval of the annual campus capital master plan for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects. Approved plan will be forwarded in June 2021 to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and State Long-Range Planning Commission. Refer to the attached Long-Range Capital Planning Commission Agency Summary by Priority for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

Information Items:

a. Project # 120-1090 New Dining Center

Project Description: Change order #10 in the amount of \$30,933 was issued to Lingo Construction Services, Inc. to include ductwork modification and an ONG refund.

b. Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk Minor Projects

Annual renewals for the On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects for work not to exceed \$1,000,000 per project (RUSO Board meeting April 12, 2019 and June 20, 2019) were sent March of 2021. The second of up to four one-year term renewals were sent to the following On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects:

1. Lingo Construction Services, Inc.
2. Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc.
3. Hall Construction, Inc.

4. **East Central University**

a. **University Center Renovation Alternate (230-0071)**

Project Description: Alternate in the amount of \$314,131.73 to Piazza Construction, LLC for masonry wall removal, new finishes, and the addition of e-sports gaming lab. This alternate will increase the contract to \$1,671,406.07.

Budget Breakdown: \$314,131.73

Revenue Sources: University Center Facility Fee Revenue

This item is for information purposes only as this project was approved 15 November 2019 at a total cost of \$2,000,000.

b. **University Center Renovation Change Order #1 (230-0071)**

Project Description: Approve change order #1 in the amount of (\$19,252.26) to Piazza Construction, LLC for e-sports gaming lab changes. This change order will decrease the contract to \$1,652,153.81.

Budget Breakdown: (\$19,252.26)

Revenue Sources: University Center Facility Fee Revenue

c. **University Center Renovation Change Order #2 (230-0071)**

Project Description: Approve change order #2 in the amount of \$118,150.00 to Piazza Construction, LLC for repairs and repurposing of racquetball courts due to flooding that occurred during construction. This change order will increase the contract to \$1,770,303.81.

Budget Breakdown: \$118,150.00

Revenue Sources: Insurance Proceeds Revenue

d. **Project – Danley Hall Chiller (230-0043)**

Project Description: Request permission to purchase new ninety-ton chiller for Danley Hall from Johnson Controls, Inc.

Requested Funding Approval: \$100,000

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the University's Facility Master Plan.

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Funds

5. Southeastern Oklahoma State University

a. *2021 Series Master Lease Projects*

Request approval to enter into the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority 2021 Real Property Master Lease Program with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to participate in the two University projects listed below.

For the two projects below, current projected annual debt payment amounts total about \$450,000. At the present time, annual master lease debt payments total about 1.8 million dollars. Within 12 months, almost \$800,000 in debt payments will be retired from the annual debt service payments. Within 18 months, an additional \$210,000 in annual master lease debt service payments will be end. With this in mind it is important to note that even with this additional debt, future University debt service will decrease from current expense levels.

1. Deferred Maintenance & Renovations

Project Description: Due to aging facilities and infrastructure, it has become necessary to accelerate key projects across both campuses. This project will include upgrading HVAC systems to more energy-efficient systems, replacing and repairing several roofs, replacing exterior doors, updating 30-plus year-old IT wiring infrastructure, and repairs of parking lots, sidewalks, and streets across both campuses.

Project Budget: \$5,700,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma

SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Appropriated Capital, Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity's Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority's 20154 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

It is anticipated that certain expenses related to the project may be required to be paid by the University prior to the receipt of the bond proceeds.

Under Federal Guidelines, a reimbursement allocation is a designated use of bond proceeds to pay an expenditure which was previously paid from sources other than bond proceeds. According to Internal Revenue Code, Section 1.150-2, certain preliminary original expenditures related to capital projects may be reimbursed from bond proceeds if the Board declares the intent to do so in a formal resolution. This item will serve as the formal resolution for the reimbursement for this project.

2. Classroom Upgrades and Improvements

Project Description: Program & enrollment growth along with aging facilities have created a situation where some learning spaces cannot be utilized efficiently. Aging classroom space could potentially hinder the learning environment and growing enrollment. Many spaces have not seen upgrades for several decades. This project will renovate many of those learning spaces by adding new, high-efficiency LED lighting and new classroom furniture.

Project Budget: \$1,200,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma

SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Fund 290, Appropriated Capital, and Revolving Funds

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b. Real Property Purchases

In accordance with Board policy 1.12.3, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase two properties.

1. Starnes Property

On April 6, 2015 SE and the SE Foundation entered into an agreement to lease property adjacent to the University located at 1307 North 7th and 1321 North 7th, Durant Oklahoma (see attached map). Part of that agreement was an option to purchase the lots after 5 years. The University wishes to now execute the purchase option and buy the properties from the SE Foundation at the previously agreed-upon price.

Vendor: SE Foundation

Amount: \$111,117

Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

2. 1422 North 8th

Request approval to delegate authority to the President to sign a contract to purchase a house and lot, pending satisfactory appraisal for purchase price, located at 1422 North 8th, Durant Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion (see attached map).

Amount: Not to Exceed \$120,000

Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

c. Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation

According to the contract provision that requires approval from the board for any construction or renovation to the presidential residence, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate the following project:

Project Name: Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation

Project Description: Complete bathroom remodel including removing closet wall to expand space and opening up old covered up windows and replacing with new ones.

Project Number(s): 660-0800

Amount: \$20,000 Estimated

Source of Funds: Foundation Funds

Vendor: To Be Determined

6. Northwestern Oklahoma State University

a. Easement

Northwestern Oklahoma State University requests approval to grant and execute an easement with the Agricultural Research Service ("ARS") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The ARS of the USDA seeks an easement for dam improvements on approximately 0.0918 acres on the SE corner of 40 acres in Woodward County, Oklahoma, that NWOSU has leased from Oklahoma State University. The Real Property Work Map is attached for reference. The small section in orange is the property that would be subject to the easement.

B. AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Gary Parker

1. In accordance with board policy 2.1.2, Budget Submission and Approval, East Central University is requesting to amend the following FY2021 budget as indicated below.

E&G Part I, Fund 490 increase of \$877,414 from \$6,608,529 to \$7,485,943.

C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Regent Eric Fisher

1. Legislative update—Luke Martin.
2. RUSO Newsletter Report.

VI. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson

VII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel
2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 0.00

3. COVID-19 Report

B. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Purchases Agenda:

Informational Items in excess of \$50,000:

Vendor:	Description:	Amount:	Fund:
CDW LLC	Technology upgrades (PO750) (State contract pricing – to upgrade and enhance network capabilities)	\$ 59,417.18	CARES ACT
Chickasaw Telecom	Technology upgrades (PO767) (State contract pricing – to upgrade and enhance network capabilities)	\$ 124,492.48	CARES ACT
CDW LLC	Technology upgrades (PO773) (State contract pricing – to upgrade and enhance network capabilities)	\$ 72,770.62	CARES ACT
TRANE US INC	HVAC upgrades (PO792) (Consortium pricing – to upgrade HVAC systems)	\$ 91,480.00	CARES ACT
Dell Marketing LP	Engineering Lab Computer upgrade (State contract pricing)	\$80,255.28	290 Fund
Carter Chevrolet Agency LLC	Vehicles for Physical Plant (State contract pricing)	\$72,091.00	765 Fund

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 88,237.00

4. COVID-19 Report

C. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

1. Personnel

2. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 0.00

3. Purchases for Approval:

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- a. Transact, formerly entitled Blackboard Transact, licensing and maintenance for the university's OneCard campus I.D. system.
Source: E&G\$185,000
- b. Oracle, annual software licensing and support.
Source: E&G.....\$315,000
- c. Ellucian Company L.P., License Exchange & Enhancements Agreement for Banner ERP and related systems.
Source: E&G.....\$1,300,000

4. Informational Items from Purchasing:

- a. Ellucian Company LP., CRM Recruit software
Source: E&G\$72,787
- b. Cellco Partnership dba- Verizon Wireless, internet hotspots
Source: E&G\$90,000
- c. Onefire Media Group Inc., marketing consulting services for LX Studio
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$57,600
- d. Chickasaw Telecom Inc., support for technology infrastructure and network services
Source: Technology Fee.....\$61,304
- e. Dell USA, LP
Source: Central Tech Store funds\$72,941

5. Proposed Housing and Dining Rate Increases:

- a. The University of Central Oklahoma proposes a 3.05% average rate increase for Housing and Dining operations for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Housing Rate Change Average change	3.11%
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Dining Rate Change Average change	3.00%
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Overall Rate Change Average change	3.05%
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Housing

	Current Semester Rate	Proposed Semester Rate	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	Annual \$ Difference	Annual % Difference
Murdaugh Hall						
Double	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,195	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,390	\$ 140	3.29%
Premium	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,900	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,800	\$ 100	1.75%
Single	\$ 2,825	\$ 3,045	\$ 5,650	\$ 6,090	\$ 440	7.79%
West Hall						
Double	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995	\$ 3,990	\$ 3,990	\$ -	0.00%
Premium	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,745	\$ 5,450	\$ 5,490	\$ 40	0.73%
Single	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,845	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,690	\$ 290	5.37%
University Suites						
Suite Double	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,300	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,600	\$ 300	4.76%
Private Bath Double	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,700	\$ 7,000	\$ 300	4.48%
4 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,750	\$ 7,300	\$ 7,500	\$ 200	2.74%
The Quad						
Pod Room	\$ 2,995	\$ 2,995	\$ 5,990	\$ 5,990	\$ -	0.00%
Pod Room - Single	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,845	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,690	\$ 290	3.92%
University Commons						
2 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 4,060	\$ 4,150	\$ 8,120	\$ 8,300	\$ 180	2.22%
4 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,850	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,700	\$ 200	2.67%

Dining

	Current Semester Rate	Proposed Semester Rate	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	Annual \$ Difference	Annual % Difference
Residential Dining Plans						
The Max + \$100 Flex	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,275	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,550	\$ 130	2.94%

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The 14 + \$200 Flex	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,235	\$ 4,340	\$ 4,470	\$ 130	3.00%
The 10 + \$25 Flex	\$ 1,880	\$ 1,935	\$ 3,760	\$ 3,870	\$ 110	2.93%
The 9 + \$425 Flex	\$ 2,130	\$ 2,195	\$ 4,260	\$ 4,390	\$ 130	3.05%
167 + \$240 Flex	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,165	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,330	\$ 130	3.10%
125 + \$300 Flex	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,645	\$ 3,190	\$ 3,290	\$ 100	3.13%

6. COVID-19 Report

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Request for Contracts:

None to report at this time.

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 526,393.00

4. Purchases

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

None to report at this time.

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

- a. Request to engage Howard Technology Solutions to provide and install audio visual equipment for technology upgrades to 158 classrooms at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000.00, utilizing NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program under State of Oklahoma Contract No. SW1020 (CARES Funding).

5. COVID-19 Report

E. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Purchases**

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

a. Campus Technology Upgrades

Purchase items associated with campus-wide technology replacement plan. This includes the purchase of classroom teaching technology, faculty computers, staff computers, laptops with docking stations, monitors, as well as associated peripherals.

Project Number(s): 660-0801 & 660-0892

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
McCurtain Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: \$2,100,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: Various Vendors with State Contracts including Dell & CDW-G.

b. Technology Infrastructure Improvements

Request approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate services related to the network re-wire of residence halls and our main academic distance learning classroom building. This re-wire will replace end-of-life category V cable to current industry standard cable from the end-point switch to the device. The services will include the purchase and installation of equipment. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training necessary for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: \$900,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: To Be Determined

c. End-Point Switch Replacement

Replacement of end-of-life and aging end-point switch gear, in multiple buildings, to new fully powered Ethernet switches. The services will include the purchase of and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training as needed for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: \$500,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: CXTec, Federal Contract TIPS# 200105

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 95,662.00

4. COVID-19 Report

F. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Purchases:

NWOSU requests approval of the following purchases in accordance with Board Policy (over \$150,000):

- a. Permission to bid and award the purchase of two used charter busses to add to the University fleet for student transportation. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000.
(Fund 490/CARES Funding)

3. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 155,035.00

4. Informational Items:

a. Summer Hours

Northwestern will continue the summer work schedule implemented in 2002. Employees will work 10-hour days, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with a 30-minute lunch break. Summer hours will be in effect for 10 weeks, May 17, 2021, to July 22, 2021.

5. COVID-19 Report

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

IX. RESOLUTION FOR OUTGOING REGENT

X. ELECTION OF FY 2022 OFFICERS

XI. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Zoom Link:

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A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:

1. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of East Central University.
2. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
3. Discussion regarding the compensation of the Presidents of East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and University of Central Oklahoma.

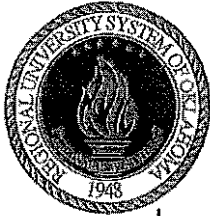
B. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (4) to discuss the following:

1. Discussion regarding Oklahoma State University-Tulsa's program proposal to offer Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting.
2. Confidential communications with legal counsel concerning all pending claims or actions and litigation.

XIV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT



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The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met in regular session at 9:02 a.m., April 16, 2021, via Zoom videoconference. Notice of the regular meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, March 10, 2021 and a copy of the Agenda posted by 9:00 a.m., April 15, 2021 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

Chair Winchester called the meeting to order. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with 5 Regents present.

Susan Winchester, Chair, Position 1
Gary Parker, Regent, Position 3

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Connie Reilly, Vice Chair, Position 5
Jane McDermott, Secretary, Position 6
Eric Fisher, Regent, Position 8

A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott to excuse Regent Dunn, Regent Carpenter, and Regent Ford from the meeting.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

University Presidents

Randy Beutler, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Janet Cunningham, President, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma
Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, President, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
Thomas Newsom President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
Katricia Pierson, President, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma
Steve Turner, President, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Regional University System of Oklahoma Administrative Staff

Sheridan McCaffree, Executive Director
Debra Lyon, General Counsel
Angela Michael, Assistant General Counsel
Priya Desai, Executive Assistant

Others in Attendance

Brenda Burgess, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Jonathan Buxton, Attorney, XLCR Legal, P.L.L.C., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Caitlin Dennis, Digital Marketing Manager, Anglin Public Relations, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Kevin Freeman, Vice President of Finance and Operations, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
Joy Hofmeister, Regent, Position 9, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Jessica Kilby, Vice President of Administration and Finance, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma
Christy Landsaw, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Diana Lovell, President-Elect, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Luke Martin, Capital Plus Consultants, Choctaw, Oklahoma
Brad Parmer, Regional Sales Director, Ellucian, Frisco, Texas
David Pecha, Vice President of Administration, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma
James South, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Robin Stubbs, Sales Consultant, Ellucian, Frisco, Texas
Christopher Van Denhende, appointed regent for Position 2, Tulsa, Oklahoma, pending Senate confirmation
Dennis Westman, Vice President for Business Affairs, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

III. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Susan Winchester

Chair Winchester welcomed incoming regent Christopher Van Denhende to the meeting and thanked him for his participation in this meeting.

Chair Winchester reported that Spring 2021 commencement dates have been sent to the Regents. Chair Winchester asked that each Regent attend at least one ceremony if possible.

Chair Winchester thanked the RUSO institutions for holding vaccination clinics at their campuses.

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Parker to approve all of the items on the Consent Docket:

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, February 24-25, 2021

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 26, 2021
3. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, March 3, 2021

**B. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair,
Regent Eric Fisher (Attachment A, Pages 53-62)**

1. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Page 53)

a. Program Modifications

1. M Ed in Education Parks and Recreation Management (064) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
2. BS Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
3. BS Parks and Recreation Management (049) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
4. BA Chemistry (013) - Add course to elective list
5. BAE English Education (019) - course name change ENGL 4673
6. BAE Art Education (008) - replacing one professional course
7. BFA Graphic Design (007) - unbolding courses in list

2. University of Central Oklahoma (Pages 54-55)

a. New Program

1. First Professional Education Specialist, School Psychology

b. Option Deletion

1. M.A. in School Psychology (Do not delete unless new Ed.S. in School Psychology is approved)

c. Letter of Intent

1. M.S. in Data Science (traditional delivery)

3. East Central University (Page 56)

a. Option Deletion

1. Communication and Performance Studies:
Communication Studies (0451)

b. Program Name Change

1. Communication and Performance Studies (045)

c. Program Requirement Changes

1. Theatre: Theatre (0452)
2. Theatre: Musical Theatre (0454)
3. Mass Communication: Advertising/Public Relations
(0493)
4. Mass Communication: Media Production (0494)
5. Master of Management in Management (102)

d. Option Addition

1. Mass Communication: Strategic Communication
(0495)

4. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Page 57)

a. Program Modification Request

1. **Master of Business Administration (075)** – Delete the Hospitality Management concentration; switch out classes in the Aerospace Logistics and Marketing concentrations; delete courses and replace with new courses in the Accounting and the Human Resource concentrations. Three new courses added to inventory.

Two courses deleted from inventory. No change in total hours.

5. Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Pages 58-62)

a. Reports

1. **Action by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)** - Commission on Accreditation – continuing accreditation granted to Northwestern's baccalaureate and master's programs in social work. The accreditation status is effective between February 2021 and February 2029.
2. **Action by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN)** – Education Informal Disposition Panel – after receiving supporting data pertaining to Northwestern's first graduating DNP class, the Board moved to grant Full Approval status for Northwestern's BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE –Chair, Regent Connie Reilly (Attachment B, Pages 63-82)

Regent Reilly reported that the Facilities Stewardship Committee met April 15, 2021 via Zoom, and thanked Regent Carpenter, Presidents and Business Officers for attending. Each university had Facilities requests as listed on the agenda. Regent Carpenter and Regent Reilly reviewed each item with Presidents, Business Officers and RUSO staff at the committee meeting. Each question was answered to the Committee's satisfaction. She thanked the Presidents and Business Officers for their diligence and stewardship of their facilities.

Regent Reilly thanked President Turner and Vice President of Administration and Finance Christy Landsaw for the tour of Wilson and Seminary Halls that she and Regent Parker attended. Regent Reilly applauded the restoration and beautification of these buildings and commented that the additional space on campus will be phenomenal.

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the facilities requests as listed in the agenda.

1. Northeastern State University (pages 63-64)

a. Damage from Winter Weather and Energy Blackouts

As reported at the February 26 meeting, due to an extended period of freezing winter weather and rolling energy blackouts from February 15 – 19, NSU had domestic pipes, fire suppression, and other systems to freeze and burst on the three campuses. Water damage occurred primarily in Cobb Hall (Auxiliary Housing) and the Broken Arrow Annex. In total, fourteen locations experienced water damage. NSU's emergency response efforts were conducted in consortium with OMES Risk Management. The remediation process required us to remove ceiling tiles, carpet and sheetrock through several of the affected areas. Elements to restore those areas will be bid in accordance with the applicable competitive bidding laws.

The property deductible for NSU is \$200,000 per occurrence. All fourteen of the affected locations/buildings will be considered as a single occurrence for insurance purposes. Estimated remediation and restoration totals could exceed \$1 million. Although our part is \$200,000, there may be instances where NSU will pay approved invoices and be reimbursed for related expenses exceeding our deductible.

Informational Items:

a. Project #485-0073 - College of Business and Technology Finance Lab

Project Description: Installation of a Finance Lab including Stock Trak simulation and tickers

Requested Funding Approval: \$70,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

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Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

b. Project #485-0073 - Center for Teaching and Learning Renovation

Project Description: Build a new space inside the library to house the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Requested Funding Approval: \$85,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): 295 Fund

2. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (pages 65-66)

a. Project: Purchase of the Cedar Canyon facility, located at Crowder Lake

Project Description: Request approval to purchase land (60 acres) and building (approximately 10,232 square feet) currently owned by the SWOSU Foundation. This property is located next to Crowder Lake University Park where SWOSU offers classes in sailing, wilderness survival, archery. The Wildland Fire Management students train in firefighting methods and rescue operations. Purchase of this building would allow the expanding Parks and Recreation Department to offer Law Enforcement and other related training options.

Requested Funding Approval: Requesting \$500,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Auxiliary funds and from sale of other property listed below.

b. Project: Sale of Foss Lake Facility

Project Description: Request approval to sell to another state agency, or sell at public auction, the Foss Lake Facility which contains 17.432 acres of land and has three buildings. The main building is approximately 10,000 square feet and is compliant with current fire and safety codes. Another building is approximately 1,200 square feet and needs renovation; the

last building is about 900 square feet and is a garage storage facility. This was used as a juvenile detention center for many years but is currently vacant. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable

c. Project: Sale of Lawton facility

Project Description: Request approval to sell at public auction, a building located at 824 SE Second Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. The site has approximately 27,720 square feet or .64 acres of land. The building is one story containing a total of 11,960 square feet. SWOSU purchased this facility in 2013 to operate a residential juvenile facility. SWOSU ceased operating the facility in 2015 and leased it to another operator. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable

3. University of Central Oklahoma (pages 67-72)

a. Annual Campus Capital Master Plan

Request approval of the annual campus capital master plan for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects. Approved plan will be forwarded in June 2021 to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and State Long-Range Planning Commission. Refer to the attached Long-Range Capital Planning Commission Agency Summary by Priority for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

Information Items:

a. Project # 120-1090 New Dining Center

Project Description: Change order #10 in the amount of \$30,933 was issued to Lingo Construction Services, Inc. to include ductwork modification and an ONG refund.

b. Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk Minor Projects

Annual renewals for the On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects for work not to exceed \$1,000,000 per project (RUSO Board meeting April 12, 2019 and June 20, 2019) were sent March of 2021. The second of up to four one-year term renewals were sent to the following On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects:

1. Lingo Construction Services, Inc.
2. Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc.
3. Hall Construction, Inc.

4. East Central University (pages 73-75)

a. University Center Renovation Alternate (230-0071)

Project Description: Alternate in the amount of \$314,131.73 to Piazza Construction, LLC for masonry wall removal, new finishes, and the addition of e-sports gaming lab. This alternate will increase the contract to \$1,671,406.07.

Budget Breakdown: \$314,131.73

Revenue Sources: University Center Facility Fee Revenue

This item is for information purposes only as this project was approved 15 November 2019 at a total cost of \$2,000,000.

b. University Center Renovation Change Order #1 (230-0071)

Project Description: Approve change order #1 in the amount of (\$19,252.26) to Piazza Construction, LLC for e-sports gaming lab changes. This change order will decrease the contract to \$1,652,153.81.

Budget Breakdown: (\$19,252.26)

Revenue Sources: University Center Facility Fee Revenue

c. University Center Renovation Change Order #2 (230-0071)

Project Description: Approve change order #2 in the amount of \$118,150.00 to Piazza Construction, LLC for repairs and repurposing of racquetball courts due to flooding that occurred during construction. This change order will increase the contract to \$1,770,303.81.

Budget Breakdown: \$118,150.00

Revenue Sources: Insurance Proceeds Revenue

d. Project – Danley Hall Chiller (230-0043)

Project Description: Request permission to purchase new ninety-ton chiller for Danley Hall from Johnson Controls, Inc.

Requested Funding Approval: \$100,000

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the University's Facility Master Plan.

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Funds

5. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (pages 76-80)

a. *2021 Series Master Lease Projects*

Request approval to enter into the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority 2021 Real Property Master Lease Program with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to participate in the two University projects listed below.

For the two projects below, current projected annual debt payment amounts total about \$450,000. At the present time, annual master lease debt payments total about 1.8 million dollars. Within 12 months, almost \$800,000 in debt payments will be retired from the annual debt service payments. Within 18 months, an additional \$210,000 in annual master lease debt service payments will be end. With this in mind it is important to note that even with this additional debt, future University debt service will decrease from current expense levels.

1. **Deferred Maintenance & Renovations**

Project Description: Due to aging facilities and infrastructure, it has become necessary to accelerate key projects across both campuses. This project will include upgrading HVAC systems to more energy-efficient systems, replacing and repairing several roofs, replacing exterior doors, updating 30-plus year-old IT wiring infrastructure, and repairs of parking lots, sidewalks, and streets across both campuses.

Project Budget: \$5,700,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma

SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Appropriated Capital, Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity's Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority's 20154 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

It is anticipated that certain expenses related to the project may be required to be paid by the University prior to the receipt of the bond proceeds.

Under Federal Guidelines, a reimbursement allocation is a designated use of bond proceeds to pay an expenditure which was previously paid from sources other than bond proceeds. According to Internal Revenue Code, Section 1.150-2, certain preliminary original expenditures related to capital projects may be reimbursed from bond proceeds if the Board declares the intent to do so in a formal resolution. This item will serve as the formal resolution for the reimbursement for this project.

2. **Classroom Upgrades and Improvements**

Project Description: Program & enrollment growth along with aging facilities have created a situation where some learning spaces cannot be utilized efficiently. Aging classroom space could potentially hinder the learning environment and growing enrollment. Many spaces have not seen upgrades for several decades. This project will renovate many of those learning spaces by adding new, high-efficiency LED lighting and new classroom furniture.

Project Budget: \$1,200,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Fund 290, Appropriated Capital, and Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity's Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority's 20154 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

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b. Real Property Purchases

In accordance with Board policy 1.12.3, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase two properties.

1. Starnes Property

On April 6, 2015 SE and the SE Foundation entered into an agreement to lease property adjacent to the University located at 1307 North 7th and 1321 North 7th, Durant Oklahoma (see attached map). Part of that agreement was an option to purchase the lots after 5 years. The University wishes to now execute the purchase option and buy the properties from the SE Foundation at the previously agreed-upon price.

Vendor: SE Foundation

Amount: \$111,117

Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

2. 1422 North 8th

Request approval to delegate authority to the President to sign a contract to purchase a house and lot, pending satisfactory appraisal for purchase price, located at 1422 North 8th, Durant Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion (see attached map).

Amount: Not to Exceed \$120,000

Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

c. Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation

According to the contract provision that requires approval from the board for any construction or renovation to the presidential residence, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate the following project:

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Project Name: Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation

Project Description: Complete bathroom remodel including removing closet wall to expand space and opening up old covered up windows and replacing with new ones.

Project Number(s): 660-0800

Amount: \$20,000 Estimated

Source of Funds: Foundation Funds

Vendor: To Be Determined

6. Northwestern Oklahoma State University (pages 81-82)

a. Easement

Northwestern Oklahoma State University requests approval to grant and execute an easement with the Agricultural Research Service ("ARS") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The ARS of the USDA seeks an easement for dam improvements on approximately 0.0918 acres on the SE corner of 40 acres in Woodward County, Oklahoma, that NWOSU has leased from Oklahoma State University. The Real Property Work Map is attached for reference. The small section in orange is the property that would be subject to the easement.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

B. AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Gary Parker (See Attachment C, Pages 83-84)

1. In accordance with board policy 2.1.2, Budget Submission and Approval, East Central University is requesting to amend the following FY2021 budget as indicated below.

E&G Part I, Fund 490 increase of \$877,414 from \$6,608,529 to \$7,485,943.

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Reilly, to approve the Budget Revision Request for East Central University to increase their E&G Part 1, und 490 in the amount of \$877,414.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Parker also reported that the Sources and Uses of Funds would be discussed at the June meeting to allow enough time to review and analyze the reports.

C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Regent Eric Fisher

Regent Fisher reported Regent Ford asked him to report on behalf of the System Advancement Committee because she is unable to attend the meeting. We hope that she will be able to join us for some part of the meeting.

Regent Fisher reported that the Committee did not meet yesterday, but the Committee is active throughout the legislative session. Regent Fisher thanked Regent Ford and Regent Winchester for their extraordinary efforts to communicate with legislators, cabinet officials and other thought leaders to advocate on behalf of RUSO. He also thanked all RUSO regents for the many ways they advocate for RUSO universities and going out of their way to appear on behalf of RUSO. It is often thankless, frustrating, and time-consuming work.

1. Legislative update—Luke Martin.

Mr. Luke Martin provided an update on the legislation being tracked that pertained to higher education.

2. RUSO Newsletter Report.

Ms. Caitlin Dennis with Anglin Public Relations provided a report on the activity of the RUSO newsletter, web, and social media reports from November 2020 to March 2021.

Regent Carpenter joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

VI. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson

President Pierson reported that the Presidents are continuing to meet and share critical information regarding their campuses. Topics include COVID-19 and Department of Education guidelines for CARES Act funding.

President Pierson reported that Presidents and Business Officers met earlier in the week to discuss appropriate ways to use CARES Act funding within Department of Education guidelines, such as personal protective equipment, technology, cleaning supplies, and how to calculate for lost revenue.

President Pierson reported that the Presidents continue to monitor COVID-19 very closely as well as legislation affecting higher education.

VII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment D, pages 85-96)

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the President's Recommendations for Northeastern State University as presented by President Steve Turner.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Chair Winchester commented on her tour of the NSU Optometry Building. NSU's School of Optometry is 3rd in the nation. Chair Winchester and Secretary Walters are working toward Governor Stitt touring the facility and seeing the improvements that need to be made.

President Turner reported a positive visit with Governor Stitt about the property. The Dean and Associate Dean of the School of Optometry have been meeting members of the Oklahoma House and Senate Appropriations Committee as well. President Turner thanked Chair Winchester for participating in the tour on March 9, 2021.

President Turner reported that NSU's online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program was recognized as one of the most affordable programs for 2021, according to a www.bestcollegesonline.org ranking list. According to its website, approximately 280 accredited colleges and universities were reviewed

as part of its evaluation to determine the top 30 most affordable online RN to BSN programs for 2021. NSU ranked number eight on the list.

President Turner reported that NSU has been ranked as the best college in Oklahoma for a Health Administration degree, according to www.Universities.com. NSU's Bachelor of Business Administration, with a concentration in health care administration, aims to prepare students to manage and improve health care organizations.

President Turner reported that NSU's School of Optometry is ranked number three in the nation out of the 23 Schools of Optometry in the Nation. NSU also ranks number one in the number of patients served and number of complex procedures performed.

President Turner reported that construction projects on campus are progressing well, including the Veteran's Monument Plaza.

President Turner reported that the Spring Commencement Ceremonies are a blend of in person, virtual, and hybrid ceremonies. Multiple ceremonies are scheduled to take place on May 7, 8, and 9, 2021. For the first three ceremonies Brigadier General Jon M. Harrison, who is the Director, Joint Staff, Oklahoma National Guard, will be speaking. For the remaining three ceremonies, Colonel Lance Turlington, who serves as a Colonel and Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, will be speaking. Both speakers are NSU Alumni. Every graduate is allowed two guests to attend their respective commencement ceremony.

President Turner reported that NSU is holding their fourth COVID-19 vaccination clinic on campus that is open to the community on April 16, 2021. They average 1,200 vaccinations at each clinic they host.

President Turner thanked the Regents for their support and attendance at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education meeting that occurred on April 14, 2021, at which they contested OSU-Tulsa's proposal and duplication for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, in Accounting.

B. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment E, pages 97-100)

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher, to approve the President's Recommendations for Southwestern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Randy Beutler.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Beutler reported that SWOSU will be holding spring commencement ceremonies for 2020 and 2021 graduates at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center from April 30-May 2, 2021. President Beutler thanked Dr. James South and his team in making these ceremonies possible. Students are allowed two guests per graduate.

President Beutler reported that Dr. Howard Kurtz, Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2021 at SWOSU. Kurtz was presented the prestigious award at the annual Bernhardt Award ceremony held virtually this year. He received a \$5,000 cash award, clock, pen and medallion. SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

President Beutler reported that SWOSU student Emily Bedea of Canute won the overall grand prize at the recent 26th annual Oklahoma Research Day at the Capitol. Bedea becomes SWOSU's third grand prize winner since the inception of the Oklahoma Research Day at the Capitol. Her research topic was infectious disease and Bedea's faculty mentor is Dr. Vijay Somalinga, Assistant Professor in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences.

President Beutler reported that SWOSU's Physics Club in Weatherford has been named a "Distinguished Chapter" by the national office of the Society of Physics Students (SPS). The SWOSU organization, a small but active group, was started a rocketry project with the goal of competing in the Argonia Cup, a national collegiate rocketry competition held in Argonia, Kansas.

President Beutler reported that SWOSU will be hosting their annual finals breakfast before finals. There will also be a fireworks display for the beginning of finals.

President Beutler thanked the Regents for approving their facilities request in which they will irrevocably cut ties with juvenile affairs facilities.

President Beutler reported that he is meeting with incoming president, Dr. Diana Lovell at least once a week if not more to facilitate a smooth transition. Dr. Lovell begins her presidency July 1, 2020.

C. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

(See attachment F, pages 101-116)

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott, to approve the President's Recommendations for the University of Central Oklahoma as presented by President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO will hosting three outdoor commencement ceremonies May 7-8, 2021 at Wantland Stadium. In case of inclement weather, there will be a backup ceremony held on May 9, 2021.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO has selected Dr. Jeremy Oller as Dean of the College of Business. He was serving as the interim dean since January 2020. His position as the Dean of the College of Business will begin June 1, 2021.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO is currently conducting searches for deans for the College of Fine Arts and Design and College of Mathematics and Science.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO's Debate Team recently competed in Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) Tournament last weekend and took second place. The UCO team lost by one point against the University of Texas. UCO beat teams from Baylor, Wake Forest, New York University, and Kansas.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO's Student Transformative Learning Record (STLR) was published in a book called "Pursuing Quality Access and Affordability in Education" as an up and coming best practice.

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

(See attachment G, Pages 117-122)

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter, to approve the President's Recommendations for East Central University as presented by President Katricia Pierson.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Pierson reported that the ECU Nursing students and faculty conducted a vaccination clinic on campus and invited the campus and community to get their vaccinations. President Pierson thanked Mercy Hospital for sending any left-over vaccination doses to ECU, and in some cases go building to building to make sure vaccines are not wasted.

President Pierson thanked the ECU athletic teams for taking the lead in getting vaccinated. All teams are officially vaccinated and there were no conscientious objectors. Vaccines are not mandatory. All athletes volunteered to get vaccinated after discussions with other students and family members.

President Pierson reported that the ECU football team played a game against a Division I institution and won.

President Pierson reported that a former ECU student from Sulphur, Oklahoma, Elsa, Moseley, who graduated in 2018 with a degree in political science as been accepted into Oxford as an Oxford Scholar. She was accepted twice into Oxford for two programs. She has chosen the International Affairs Program.

President Pierson reported that the students from the Stonecipher School of Business competed in the Annual Love Cup in which the ECU team won three out of four competitions in product retail and service categories. Two of the six students have advanced to the finals competition on April 22, 2021.

President Pierson reported that ECU is having one ceremony for spring commencement. It will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2021 at Koi Ishto Stadium. Graduates will be allowed four guests. There are expected to be 550 graduates walking across the stage.

President Pierson reported that there have been zero COVID-19 cases on campus for the past six weeks.

E. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment H, Pages 123-128)

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher, to approve the President's Recommendations for Southeastern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Thomas Newsom.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Newsom reported SE will be holding three and possibly four in-person ceremonies May 7, 8, and 9, 2021. There are expected to be 700 graduates walking across the stage. The ceremonies will be held at the football stadium on campus, weather permitting. Each graduate can invite up to three people.

President Newsom reported that sporting events on campus have had good attendance. The SE Women's Softball team is ranked number one in the Great American Conference, and there are a number of students who are qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo.

President Newsom reported that SE has hired a firm in Oklahoma City to help with their campus-wide long-range planning efforts. This firm has experience with other RUSO institutions as well. Much of deferred maintenance needs will be at the top of the list.

President Newsom reported that there have been no COVID-19 cases the last few weeks on campus. SE is planning to reduce COVID-19 protocols campus including allowing outside groups to come onto campus in the summer. Classrooms will return to their setups as they were before COVID-19. Residence and dining options will be available as well.

President Newsom reported that SE held a vaccination clinic on campus for faculty, staff, students, retirees and alumni. Over 250 people got their vaccinations. The second clinic will take place on April 28, 2021. President Newsom thanked the Bryan County Health Department and the National Guard for their assistance in deploying an effective vaccination campaign. SE has also had a big presence at sites

across the county via the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps and SE is proud to see their community at these sites.

F. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment I, pages 129-136)

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher, to approve the President's Recommendations for Northwestern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Janet Cunningham.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Cunningham reported that spring commencement will be held in person at 10:30 a.m. at Ranger Field.

President Cunningham reported that the reaccreditation of the Social Work Program went very well. There were no findings or areas of concern identified. President Cunningham thanked the Social Work faculty for their efforts for a successful reaccreditation.

President Cunningham reported that the Doctor of Nursing Program (DNP) will be celebrating 11 graduates compared to seven last spring. NWOSU's DNP program was ranked 13th in the nation according to www.intelligent.com. Factors considered included student return on investment, curriculum quality, and post-graduate employment outcomes.

President Cunningham reported that there have been no COVID-19 cases for the last few weeks. NWOSU held a vaccine pod and are planning for a second one on April 19, 2021.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

Ms. McCaffree asked the Regents to let the RUSO office know if they have regalia needs for the spring commencement ceremonies.

Ms. McCaffree reported that third quarter reports will be completed and sent out shortly.

Ms. McCaffree asked General Counsel Debra Lyon to provide a brief overview of the NAVEX PolicyTech software that the RUSO information technology, student affairs, and human resources cohort groups have been interested in. Ms. Lyon reported that a joint digital meeting with the RUSO Presidents and Business Officer will be held so they can review the software and how it would be used individually and systemwide.

Ms. McCaffree reported that the month of May will be busy as budgets are being worked on. A budget conference call with the universities will be scheduled in May.

IX. RESOLUTION FOR OUTGOING REGENT (See Attachment J, Pages 137-138)

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter to accept the resolution for outgoing Regent, Jeffrey T. Dunn.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

X. ELECTION OF FY 2022 OFFICERS

Ms. McCaffree reported that the Personnel Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for FY 2022:

Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Regent Jane McDermott, Vice Chair
Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher to accept the slate of FY 2022 officers.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

XI. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Parker to move into Executive Session.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Hofmeister joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:17 a.m.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:18 a.m.

Regent Amy Anne Ford joined Executive Session via Zoom at 10:25 a.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99538362466?pwd=eVFUTFM1bmF3QVl5aE9BZ3c1cU1XQT09>

Teleconference Number: 877-853-5257 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 995 3836 2466

Regents Attending Regular Meeting Executive Session Via Zoom: Regent Susan Winchester, Regent Jeff Dunn, Regent Lake Carpenter, Regent Gary Parker, Regent Connie Reilly, Regent Jane McDermott, Regent Amy Anne Ford, Regent Eric Fisher, Regent Joy Hofmeister

A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:

1. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of East Central University.
2. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
3. Discussion regarding the compensation of the Presidents of East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and University of Central Oklahoma.

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

1. Discussion regarding Oklahoma State University-Tulsa's program proposal to offer Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting.
2. Confidential communications with legal counsel concerning all pending claims or actions and litigation.

Regent Carpenter left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Regent Hofmeister left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:47 p.m.

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to convene in Public Session.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

The Regents reconvened in Executive Session again at 12:53 p.m.

Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher to move into Executive Session.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Reilly left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher to move into Public Session.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

XIV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to authorize legal remedies to prevent duplication of NSU at Tulsa's Accounting Program by OSU-Tulsa.

Voting for the motion: Regents Parker, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Abstain: Regent Winchester

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to ratify emergency approval to retain Tom Wolfe to represent the Regional University System of Oklahoma in the above matter.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to ratify emergency approval granted to President Turner on April 12, 2021 to retain Jonathan Buxton to represent Northeastern State University in regard to the above matter.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to delegate authority to Regent Eric Fisher to make decisions about pursuing legal remedies to prevent duplication as needed and to report back to the Board.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

XV. ADJOURNMENT


Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher to adjourn the meeting.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Parker, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Submitted by:


Susan Winchester
Chair


Jane McDermott
Secretary

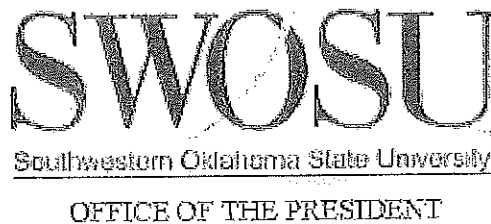
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ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

April 16, 2021

Attachment

A.	Educational Excellence Committee.....	53-62
	* 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.	
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TO: Board of Regents of the
Regional University System of Oklahoma
Susan Winchester, Chair

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: April 02, 2021

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items – April 16, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the January 31, 2020, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Program Modification requests for the following programs:
 1. M Ed in Education Parks and Recreation Management (064) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
 2. BS Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
 3. BS Parks and Recreation Management (049) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
 4. BA Chemistry (013) - Add course to elective list
 5. BAE English Education (019) - course name change ENGL 4673
 6. BAE Art Education (008) - replacing one professional course
 7. BFA Graphic Design (007) - unbolding courses in list

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

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TO: Academic Affairs Committee Chair

FROM: Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President

DATE: March 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Agenda Items – April 8-9, 2021

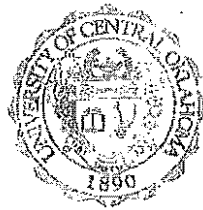
Please place the University of Central Oklahoma on the Academic Affairs Committee agenda for the April 8-9, Board of Regents meeting. We request approval of the following items:

New Program

- Add new program for First Professional Education Specialist, School Psychology

Option Deletion

- Delete option for M.A. in School Psychology (Do not delete unless new Ed.S. in School Psychology is approved)



April 1, 2021

Ms. Sheridan McCaffree
Executive Director
Regional University System of Oklahoma
3555 NW 58 Street, Suite 320
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. McCaffree,

In accordance with the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) policy guidelines, this letter serves to inform you of the University of Central Oklahoma's intent to submit the following program request:

New Program:

- M.S. Data Science (traditional delivery)

The program listed above will be taught on the University of Central Oklahoma campus unless otherwise stated.

Your consideration of this letter of intent is appreciated. Please contact Dr. Charlotte Simmons, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at (405) 974-3371 should you have any questions or need further clarification.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar".

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President



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TO: Regional University System of Oklahoma
Educational Excellence Committee
Eric Fisher, Chair

FROM: Katricia G. Pierson, President

DATE: March 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items

Dear Regent Fisher:

Please place East Central University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the April 8, 2021 meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

- Option Deletion:
 - Communication and Performance Studies: Communication Studies (0451).
- Program Name Change:
 - Communication and Performance Studies (045)
- Program Requirement Changes:
 - Theatre: Theatre (0452)
 - Theatre: Musical Theatre (0454)
 - Mass Communication: Advertising/Public Relations (0493)
 - Mass Communication: Media Production (0494)
 - Master of Management in Management (102)
- Option Addition:
 - Mass Communication: Strategic Communication (0495)

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you!

Documents for these requests are attached. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President



March 31, 2021

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

RE: Educational Excellence Committee

Dear Board Members:

We are seeking approval for the following program modification.

Master of Business Administration (075) – Delete the Hospitality Management concentration; switch out classes in the Aerospace Logistics and Marketing concentrations; delete courses and replace with new courses in the Accounting and the Human Resource concentrations. Three new courses added to inventory. Two courses deleted from inventory. No change in total hours.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

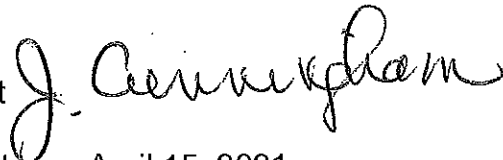
Thomas W. Newsom
President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: April 1, 2021

To: Regional University System of Oklahoma
Educational Excellence Committee
Eric Fisher, Chair

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President



Re: Educational Excellence Agenda Item – April 15, 2021

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee Agenda for the April 15, 2021, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

We report the following:

Action by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) - Commission on Accreditation – continuing accreditation granted to Northwestern's baccalaureate and master's programs in social work. The accreditation status is effective between February 2021 and February 2029.

Action by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) – Education Informal Disposition Panel – after receiving supporting data pertaining to Northwestern's first graduating DNP class, the Board moved to grant Full Approval status for Northwestern's BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JC:md



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March 22, 2021

Janet Cunningham, EdD

President

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Office of the President

jlcunningham@nwsu.edu

RE: *Reaffirmation*

Northwestern Oklahoma State University (OK)

Baccalaureate Social Work Program (BSW)

2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

Dear President Cunningham:

At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the self-study, the COA *Letter of Instruction*, the *Site Visit Report*, and the program's response to the report as the *Reaffirmation* application for the baccalaureate/master's social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the accreditation of the program for eight years, ending in February 2029.

Congratulations on this achievement.

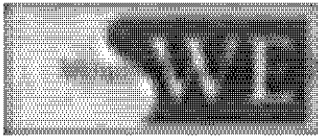
COA reaffirmation decision types are described in section 2.6 COA *Reaffirmation Determination and Decisions* in the EPAS Handbook.

The accreditation status obtained at *Reaffirmation* only covers the components that were reviewed in the self-study at the time of the COA review. Changes may take place within the program prior to its next scheduled accreditation review; however, some program changes impact compliance with EPAS and require reporting to the COA or DOSWA per section 1.2.4 *Program Changes* in the EPAS Handbook. Accreditation is an elective, program-driven, and self-managed peer-review process. Programs are solely responsible for implementing, demonstrating, and maintaining compliance with the EPAS during and in-between review cycles.

Please be in touch with Katie Benson, MSW, Accreditation Specialist in the Department of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,

Deana F. Morrow, PhD, LICSW, ACSW
Chair, Commission on Accreditation
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March 25, 2021

Shelly Wells, PhD, MBA, MS, APRN-CNS
Division Chair
Northwestern OK State University
Division of Nursing
709 Oklahoma Blvd.
Alva, OK 73717-2799

Dear Dr. Wells,

During the March 2021 meeting, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing considered the following recommendations by the Board's Education Informal Disposition Panel.

- a. Accept the written report
- b. Grant full approval status for the BSN to DNP Family Nursing Practitioner Program

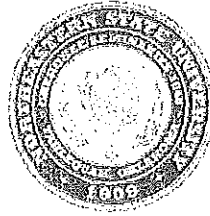
The Board's decision was to accept both recommendations by the Board's Education Informal Disposition Panel and to grant Full Approval status for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University, BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Terri L. Walker, MSN, RN
Nursing Education Consultant

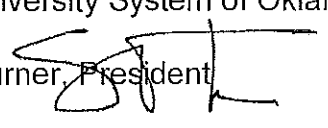
cc: Kyle Foster, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for
Higher Education



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

DATE: April 2, 2021

TO: Connie Reilly, Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

FROM: Dr. Steve Turner, President 

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items–April 2021

REMEDiate WINTER STORM DAMAGE – MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

As reported at the February 26 meeting, due to an extended period of freezing winter weather and rolling energy blackouts from February 15 – 19, NSU had domestic pipes, fire suppression, and other systems to freeze and burst on the three campuses. Water damage occurred primarily in Cobb Hall (Auxiliary Housing) and the Broken Arrow Annex. In total, fourteen locations experienced water damage. NSU's emergency response efforts were conducted in consortium with OMES Risk Management. The remediation process required us to remove ceiling tiles, carpet and sheetrock through several of the affected areas. Elements to restore those areas will be bid in accordance with the applicable competitive bidding laws.

The property deductible for NSU is \$200,000 per occurrence. All fourteen of the affected locations/buildings will be considered as a single occurrence for insurance purposes. Estimated remediation and restoration totals could exceed \$1 million. Although our part is \$200,000, there may be instances where NSU will pay approved invoices and be reimbursed for related expenses exceeding our deductible.

INFORMATIONAL:

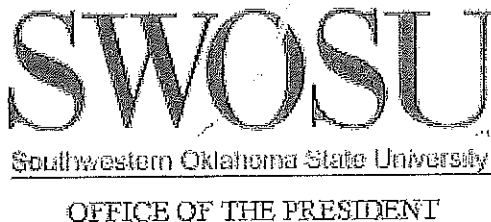
- 1. Project #485-0073 - College of Business and Technology Finance Lab**
 - Project Description: Installation of a Finance Lab including Stock Trak simulation and tickers
 - Requested Funding Approval: \$70,000

Northeastern State University

- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

2. Project #485-0073 - Center for Teaching and Learning Renovation

- Project Description: Build a new space inside the library to house the Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$85,000
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- Revenue Source(s): 295 Fund



TO: Board of Regents of the
Regional University System of Oklahoma
Susan Winchester, Chair

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: April 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Facility Stewardship Committee Agenda Items – April 16, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facility Stewardship Committee agenda for the April 16, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- **Project: Purchase of the Cedar Canyon facility, located at Crowder Lake**

Project Description: Request approval to purchase land (60 acres) and building (approximately 10,232 square feet) currently owned by the SWOSU Foundation. This property is located next to Crowder Lake University Park where SWOSU offers classes in sailing, wilderness survival, archery. The Wildland Fire Management students train in firefighting methods and rescue operations. Purchase of this building would allow the expanding Parks and Recreation Department to offer Law Enforcement and other related training options.

Requested Funding Approval: Requesting \$500,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Auxiliary funds and from sale of other property listed below.

- **Project: Sale of Foss Lake Facility**

Project Description:

Request approval to sell to another state agency, or sell at public auction, the Foss Lake Facility which contains 17.432 acres of land and has three buildings. The main building is approximately 10,000 square feet and is compliant with current fire and safety codes. Another building is approximately 1,200 square feet and needs renovation; the last building is about 900 square feet and is a garage storage facility. This was used as a

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

juvenile detention center for many years but is currently vacant. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable

- **Project: Sale of Lawton facility**

Project Description:

Request approval to sell at public auction, a building located at 824 SE Second Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. The site has approximately 27,720 square feet or .64 acres of land. The building is one story containing a total of 11,960 square feet. SWOSU purchased this facility in 2013 to operate a residential juvenile facility. SWOSU ceased operating the facility in 2015 and leased it to another operator. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable



Date: April 9, 2021
To: Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma
Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair, Connie Reilly
From: President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar

University of Central Oklahoma **April 2021 Facilities Stewardship Committee**

1. Approval Items:

a. Annual Campus Capital Master Plan

Request approval of the annual campus capital master plan for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects. Approved plan will be forwarded in June 2021 to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and State Long-Range Planning Commission. Refer to the attached Long-Range Capital Planning Commission Agency Summary by Priority for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

2. Information Items:

a. Project # 120-1090 New Dining Center

Project Description: Change order #10 in the amount of \$30,933 was issued to Lingo Construction Services, Inc. to include ductwork modification and an ONG refund.

b. Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk for Minor Projects

Annual renewals for the On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects for work not to exceed \$1,000,000 per project (RUSO Board meeting April 12, 2019 and June 20, 2019) were sent March of 2021. The second of up to four one-year term renewals were sent to the following On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects:

1. Lingo Construction Services, Inc.
2. Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc.

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3. Hall Construction, Inc.

Attachments:

Campus Map

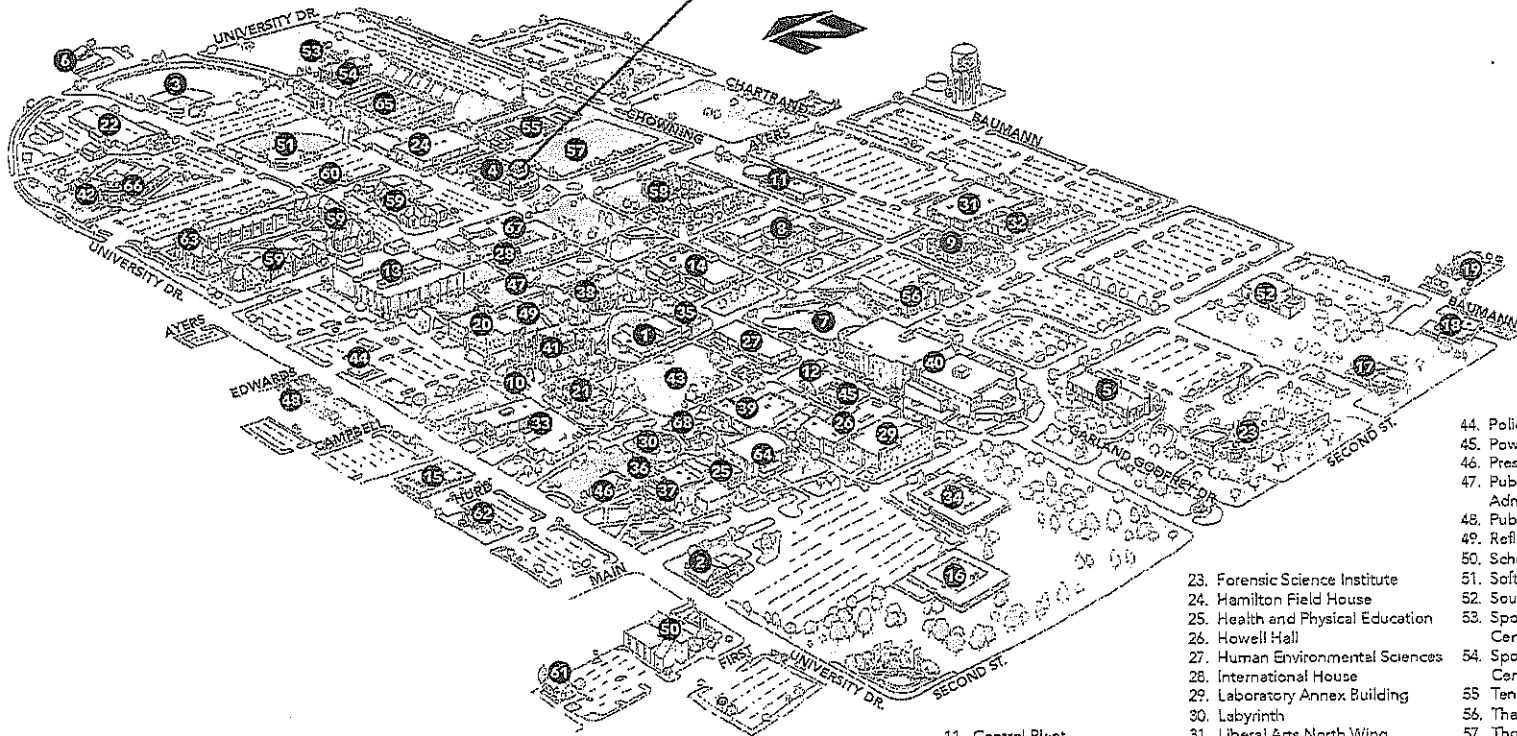
Annual Campus Capital Master Plan

Change Order Form New Dining Center

Annual Campus Capital Master Plan
1. a.

Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction
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Project # 120-1090
New Dining Center
2.a.



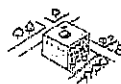
MAP LEGEND

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

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
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

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

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Center for eLearning and
Connected Environments
201 N. Bryant Ave.,
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Center for Outdoor
Adventure Recreation
Arcadia Lake - Second St.
and Midwest Blvd.



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UCO at Carnegie Centre
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UCO at Santa Fe Plaza
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LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENCY SUMMARY BY PRIORITY
Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027

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Agency:	120	University of Central Oklahoma				
			Federal	Other	State	Total
Priority	Name of Project:	Proj. #	Funds	Funds	Approp	Project
1	Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance	120-0027	-	8,000,000	12,000,000	20,000,000
2	Health & Safety Projects	120-0060	2,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000	12,000,000
3	Parking, Sidewalks, Lights & Landscaping	120-0013	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000
4	Vehicle and Equipment Replacement	120-0042	-	300,000	1,200,000	1,500,000
5	Roof Repair and Replacement	120-0043	-	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
6	Elevator Replacement Project	120-0029	-	600,000	900,000	1,500,000
7	Business Bldg Renovation & Additions	120-0079	-	6,000,000	8,000,000	14,000,000
8	Wantland Hall Renovation and Additions	120-0092	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000
9	Univ Ctr Misc Renovations & Improvements	120-1010		5,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000
10	Residence Hall Improvements	120-1012	2,000,000	8,000,000	-	10,000,000
11	Lillard Admin Building Renovation	120-0041	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
12	Howell Hall Renovation & Addition	120-0010	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
13	Murdaugh Hall Renovations & Addition	120-1078	-	1,000,000		1,000,000
14	Sports Complex Improvements	120-0032	-	4,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
15	Liberal Arts Renovation & Addition	120-0008	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
16	Coyner Hall Renovation & Addition	120-0080	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000

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LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENCY SUMMARY BY PRIORITY
 Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027

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Agency:	120	University of Central Oklahoma				
			Federal	Other	State	Total
Priority	Name of Project:	Proj. #	Funds	Funds	Approp	Project
17	Distance Education/Downtown Facility	120-0098	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
18	Math/Science Bldg Renovations/Additions	120-0061	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
19	Max Chambers Library Renovation Misc	120-0047	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
20	New Allied Health Building	120-0096	-	35,000,000	5,000,000	40,000,000
21	Library Learning Commons Renovation	120-0097	-	10,000,000	7,500,000	17,500,000
22	Land Acquisitions	120-0049	-	3,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
23	Dept of Public Safety & Visitor Center	120-0056	-	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
24	Major Parking Improvements	120-1091	-	14,000,000	-	14,000,000
25	New Art Building Renovations & Additions	120-0018	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000
26	Wellness Center Phase II & III	120-0044	-	7,500,000	7,500,000	15,000,000
		Totals	4,000,000	130,900,000	81,100,000	216,000,000
FY22 Budget Request					Capital Outlay Summary	

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CHANGE ORDERS FOR BUILDING PROJECTS
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA
FAX NO. (405) 942-8847

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 Prepared by: Kevin Freeman
 9-Apr-2021

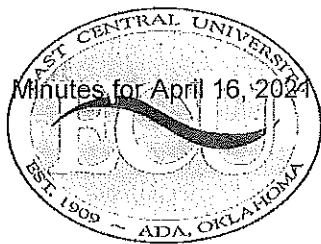
University: University of Central Oklahoma
 Building Project: New Dining Center
 Contract Execution Date: 26-Oct-18
 Original Board Approval: \$19,000,000.00
 Type of Funding: Master Lease Bond Funds, Auxiliary Funds, & Section 13 Funds

Contractor: Lingo Construction Services
 Original Contract Amount: \$15,368,858
 RUSO Approval Date: 4-Nov-16
 Final Inspection Date: TBD
 Final Contract Amount: TBD

Date Approved	Change Order No.		Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Total Cumulative Change Orders	%	Total Cumulative Project Cost
2/8/2019*	1	Pier, Millwork, Piping, and Garbage Disposal Modifications	\$24,417.00	\$24,417.00	0.16%	\$15,393,275.00
2/8/2019*	2	Add New Panels, Fusible Safety Switches, and Reduce Feeder Size to OSL2	\$12,431.00	\$36,848.00	0.24%	\$15,405,706.00
4/12/2019*	3	Exterior Site Grading	\$16,884.00	\$53,732.00	0.35%	\$15,422,590.00
4/12/2019*	4	Storm Improvements Deduct, Storm Sewer Modifications, Additional Paving, & Misc.	\$23,161.00	\$76,893.00	0.50%	\$15,445,751.00
6/20/2019*	5	Modifications to Floor Covering, Equipment, and Dumpster Enclosure	\$1,194.00	\$78,087.00	0.51%	\$15,446,945.00
11/15/2019	6	Additional Parking and Sitework	\$144,000.00	\$222,087.00	1.45%	\$15,590,945.00
	7	Exit Light Swap, Appliances and Installation, and Additional Receptacles	\$21,461.00	\$243,548.00	1.53%	\$15,612,406.00
	8	Ionization Bar AHU201	\$11,626.00	\$255,174.00	1.66%	\$15,624,032.00
	9	Exhaust Band Extensions	\$2,310.00	\$257,484.00	1.68%	\$15,626,342.00
	10	Ductwork Modification, and ONG Refund	\$30,933.00	\$288,417.00	1.88%	\$15,657,275.00
*Information Item		** Alternates presented at the bid opening are not subject to the change order percentage				
		*** Unit pricing is not subject to the allowable change order percentage				

Contracts of one million (\$1,000,000) or less shall not exceed a fifteen percent (15%) cumulative increase in original contract amount.
 Contracts of over one million (\$1,000,000) shall not exceed the greater of one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) or a ten percent (10%) cumulative increase in the original contract amount.

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DATE: April 7, 2021

TO: Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Facilities Stewardship Committee

FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Item for April's Meeting

Please place East Central University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the April 15-16, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

University Center Renovation Alternate (230-0071)

Project Description: Alternate in the amount of \$314,131.73 to Piazza Construction, LLC for masonry wall removal, new finishes, and the addition of e-sports gaming lab. This alternate will increase the contract to \$1,671,406.07.

Budget Breakdown: \$314,131.73

Revenue Sources: University Center Facility Fee Revenue

This item is for information purposes only as this project was approved 15 November 2019 at a total cost of \$2,000,000.

University Center Renovation Change Order #1 (230-0071)

Project Description: Approve change order #1 in the amount of (\$19,252.26) to Piazza Construction, LLC for e-sports gaming lab changes. This change order will decrease the contract to \$1,652,153.81.

Budget Breakdown: (\$19,252.26)

Revenue Sources: University Center Facility Fee Revenue

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University Center Renovation Change Order #2 (230-0071)

Project Description: Approve change order #2 in the amount of \$118,150.00 to Piazza Construction, LLC for repairs and repurposing of racquetball courts due to flooding that occurred during construction. This change order will increase the contract to \$1,770,303.81.

Budget Breakdown: \$118,150.00

Revenue Sources: Insurance Proceeds Revenue

Project – Danley Hall Chiller (230-0043)

Project Description: Request permission to purchase new ninety-ton chiller for Danley Hall from Johnson Controls, Inc.


Requested Funding Approval: \$100,000

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the University's Facility Master Plan.

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Funds

If I need to provide further information, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,



Katricia G. Pierson, PhD
President

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March 31, 2021

Regent Connie Reilly
Regional University System of Oklahoma
Landmark Tower, Suite 320
3555 N. W. 58th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

RE: April Facilities Stewardship Committee

Dear Regent Reilly:

Please place Southeastern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda for April 2021 for the following items:

2021 Series Master Lease Projects

Request approval to enter into the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority 2021 Real Property Master Lease Program with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to participate in the two University projects listed below.

For the two projects below, current projected annual debt payment amounts total about \$450,000. At the present time, annual master lease debt payments total about 1.8 million dollars. Within 12 months, almost \$800,000 in debt payments will be retired from the annual debt service payments. Within 18 months, an additional \$210,000 in annual master lease debt service payments will be end. With this in mind it is important to note that even with this additional debt, future University debt service will decrease from current expense levels.

PROJECT ONE

Name of Project: Deferred Maintenance & Renovations

Project Description: Due to aging facilities and infrastructure, it has become necessary to accelerate key projects across both campuses. This project will include upgrading HVAC systems to more energy-efficient systems, replacing and repairing several roofs, replacing exterior doors, updating 30-plus year-old IT wiring infrastructure, and repairs of parking lots, sidewalks, and streets across both campuses.

Project Budget: \$5,700,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Appropriated Capital, Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity's Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority's 20154 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

It is anticipated that certain expenses related to the project may be required to be paid by the University prior to the receipt of the bond proceeds.

Under Federal Guidelines, a reimbursement allocation is a designated use of bond proceeds to pay an expenditure which was previously paid from sources other than bond proceeds. According to Internal Revenue Code, Section 1.150-2, certain preliminary original expenditures related to capital projects may be reimbursed from bond proceeds if the Board declares the intent to do so in a formal resolution. This item will serve as the formal resolution for the reimbursement for this project.

PROJECT TWO

Name of Project: Classroom Upgrades and Improvements

Project Description: Program & enrollment growth along with aging facilities have created a situation where some learning spaces cannot be utilized efficiently. Aging classroom space could potentially hinder the learning environment and growing enrollment. Many spaces have not seen upgrades for several decades. This project will renovate many of those learning spaces by adding new, high-efficiency LED lighting and new classroom furniture.

Project Budget: \$1,200,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Fund 290, Appropriated Capital, and Revolving Funds

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Real Property Purchases

In accordance with Board policy 1.12.3, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase two properties.

Real Property Purchase, Starnes Property

On April 6, 2015 SE and the SE Foundation entered into an agreement to lease property adjacent to the University located at 1307 North 7th and 1321 North 7th, Durant Oklahoma (see attached map). Part of that agreement was an option to purchase the lots after 5 years. The University wishes to now execute the purchase option and buy the properties from the SE Foundation at the previously agreed-upon price.

Vendor: SE Foundation
Amount: \$111,117
Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

Real Property Purchase

Request approval to delegate authority to the President to sign a contract to purchase a house and lot, pending satisfactory appraisal for purchase price, located at 1422 North 8th, Durant Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion (see attached map).

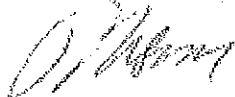
Amount: Not to Exceed \$120,000
Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

Construction & Renovation

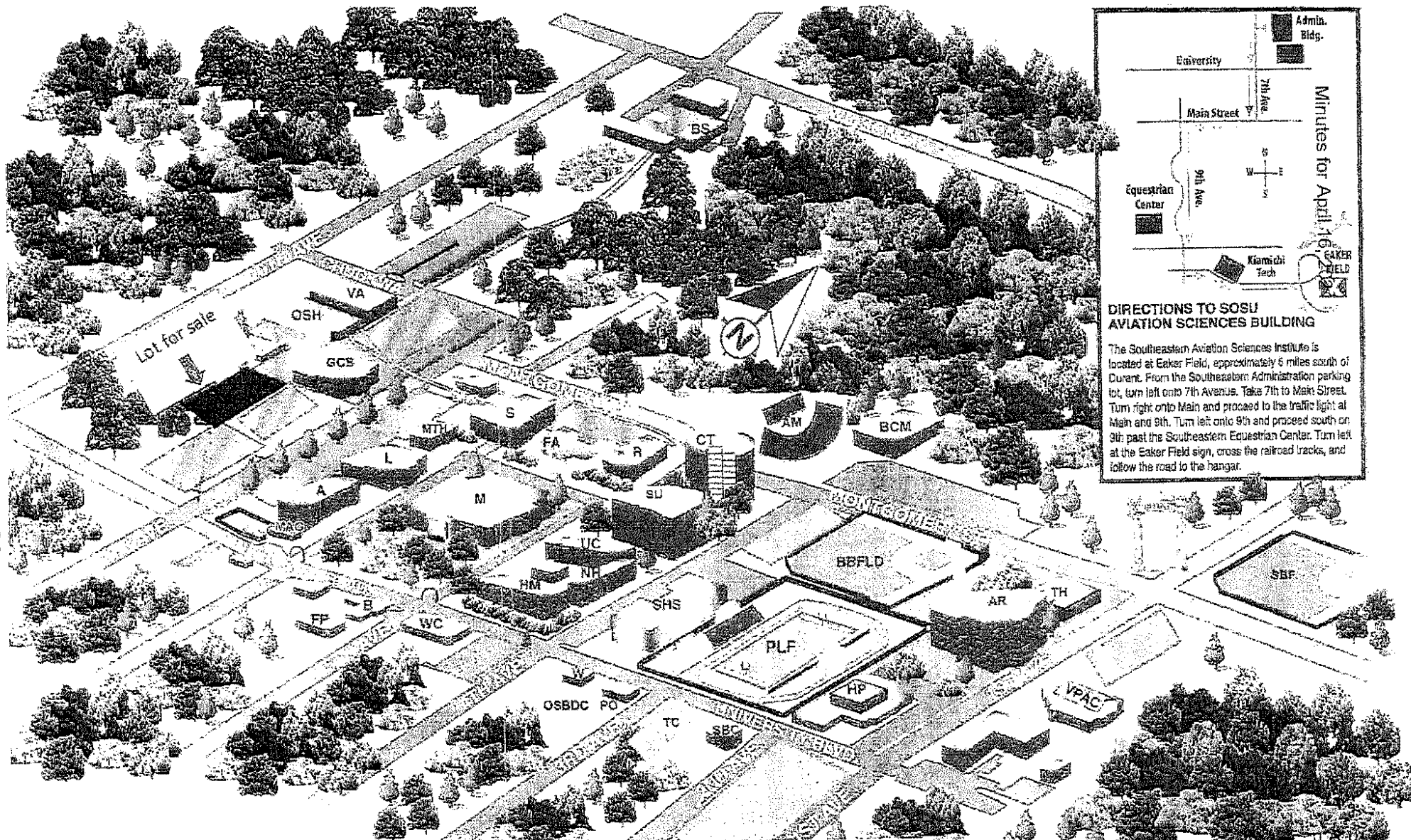
According to the contract provision that requires approval from the board for any construction or renovation to the presidential residence, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate the following project:

Project Name: Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation
Project Description: Complete bathroom remodel including removing closet wall to expand space and opening up old covered up windows and replacing with new ones.
Project Number(s): 660-0800
Amount: \$20,000 Estimated
Source of Funds: Foundation Funds
Vendor: To Be Determined

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom
President



A	Administration	HM	Ballroom/Hallie McKinney
AC	Activity Center	HP	Bloomer Sullivan Gymnasium (HPER)
AM	Amphitheatre	L	Henry G. Bennett Library
AR	Bloomer Sullivan Arena	M	Morrison Hall (Montgomery Auditorium)
B	Bookstore	MAG	Magnolia House
BBFLD	Baseball Field	MTH	Math Building
BCM	Baptists Collegiate Ministries	NR	North Hall
BS	Biological Sciences	OSBDC	Oklahoma Small Business
CT	Chickasaw/Choctaw Towers	OSH	Occupational Safety & Health
EC	Equestrian Center	PLF	Pauli Laird Field
FA	Fine Arts Building	PO	Campus Police
FP	Federal Programs	R	Russell Building (John Massey School of Bus.)
GCB	General Classroom Building		

S	Science Building
SBC	Student Bible Center
SBF	Softball Field
SHS	Shearer Hall & suites
SU	Glen D. Johnson Student Union
TC	Tennis Courts
TH	Theatre
UC	University Center
VA	Visual Arts
VPAC	Visual & Performing Arts Center
W	Wesley Center
WC	Welcome Center

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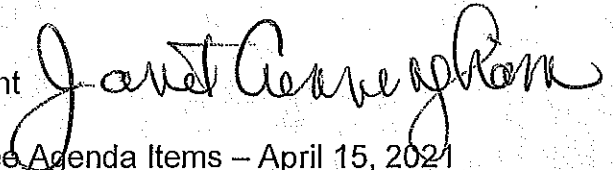
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: April 1, 2021

To: Regional University System of Oklahoma
Facilities Stewardship Committee
Connie Reilly, Chair

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President

Re: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items – April 15, 2021



Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the April 15, 2021, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following item:

Easement

Northwestern Oklahoma State University requests approval to grant and execute an easement with the Agricultural Research Service ("ARS") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The ARS of the USDA seeks an easement for dam improvements on approximately 0.0918 acres on the SE corner of 40 acres in Woodward County, Oklahoma, that NWOSU has leased from Oklahoma State University. The Real Property Work Map is attached for reference. The small section in orange is the property that would be subject to the easement.

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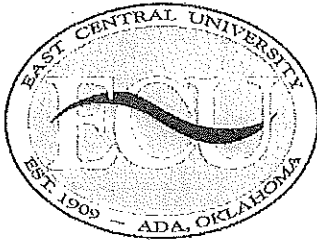
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- 1 Upstream landrights based on effective top of dam elevation.
- 2 Includes area below Principal Spillway Crest Elevation.
- 3 Includes area between Principal Spillway Crest Elevation and Auxiliary Spillway Crest Elevation.
- 4 Includes area between Auxiliary Spillway Crest Elevation and Top of Dam Elevation.
- 5 Includes area downstream of Centerline of Dam.

ARS FIELD STATION LAKE IS LOCATED IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 10.75 MILES SOUTH AND 2 MILES WEST OF WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA. IN WOODWARD

LEGEND

- WORK LIMITS
- FENCE TO BE REMOVED
- +— EXISTING FENCE



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DATE: March 11, 2021
TO: Regent Gary Parker, Chair
Audit & Finance Committee
FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President
SUBJECT: Audit & Finance Committee

Please place East Central University on the Audit & Finance Committee agenda for the April 15-16, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following item:

Approval of FY21 Budget Revision

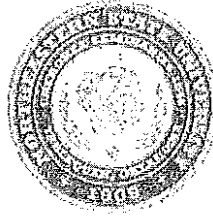
In accordance with board policy 2.1.2, Budget Submission and Approval, East Central University is requesting to amend the following FY2021 budget as indicated below.

- E&G Part I, Fund 490 increase of \$877,414 from \$6,608,529 to \$7,485,943.

If I need to provide further information, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Katricia G. Pierson, PhD
President



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

April 2, 2021

Regional University System of Oklahoma
3555 N.W. 58th Street, Suite 320
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northeastern State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY CHANGE OF STATUS

Dr. Daniel McNeill, Clinical Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has resigned effective July 31, 2021 rather than the previously reported date of May 31, 2021, at the January 28-29, 2021 RUSO Board meeting

B. FACULTY COMPLETING A DOCTORATE

Dr. Troy Bender, Instructor / Program Director of Physician's Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has earned his D.M.S. in Physician Assistant Education. The degree was conferred on January 22, 2021 from the University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, Virginia.

C. RETIREMENTS WITH RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Margaret Dobbs, Instructor of Health and Kinesiology, in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective June 1, 2021. She has worked for NSU since August 2006.

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Dr. Lucinda (Cindi) Fries, tenured Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education announced her retirement effective August 1, 2021. She has worked for NSU since August 2003.

D. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Connor O'Dell, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science Department in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted his letter of resignation effective May 11, 2021. He has worked for NSU since August 2018.

Ms. Alyssa Ross, Instructor of Library Services in the John Vaughn Library has submitted her resignation effective March 26, 2021. She has worked for NSU since August 2018.

E. NON-REAPPOINTMENTS

The following faculty members have been notified of non-renewal prior to March 1, 2021.

Dr. Erica Argyropoulos	Instructor of Library Services John Vaughn Library
Dr. Xiao-Ming (David) Liu	Associate Professor of Biology Gregg Wadley College of Science & Health Prof
Dr. Theodore Ward	Assistant Professor of Computer Science Gregg Wadley College of Science & Health Prof
Dr. Naixue (Neal) Xiong	Associate Professor of Computer Science Gregg Wadley College of Science & Health Prof

F. PROMOTION IN RANK

The following faculty members are recommended for advancement in rank effective with the beginning of the **2021 fall semester**. The faculty members listed below have been recommended by the respective College Dean and the Provost:

College of Education

Dr. Alesha Baker	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Samantha Benn-Duke	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Ms. Sheila Fritts	Instructor to Assistant Professor

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Dr. Jericho Hobson	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. MooSong Kim	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Elizabeth Melles	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Paula Schornick	Associate Professor to Professor
Ms. Kimberly (Loy) Seibold	Instructor to Assistant Professor
Dr. Sophia Sweeney	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Tobi Thompson	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Takahiro Yamaguchi	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Min-Chi Yan	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Joseph Farmer	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Christopher Flavin	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Herbert Clark Gibson, III	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Beth Green-Nagle	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. James "Buster" Hall	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Christine Hallman	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Raymond Hasselman	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Farina King	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Nicole Lasky	Assistant Professor Associate Professor
Dr. James Lindroth	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Justin McBride	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. John McIntosh	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Christopher Miller	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Whitney Myers	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Amy Proctor	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Robin Pursley	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Lara Searcy	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Candessa Tehee	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Denis Vovchenko	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Jeffrey Wall	Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Christopher Weaver	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions

Dr. Dianne Kirk	Instructor to Assistant Professor
Ms. Kelley (Frost) Sky Eagle	Instructor to Clinical Assistant Professor

Oklahoma College of Optometry

Dr. Matthew Krein	Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Jenna Lighthizer	Associate Professor to Professor

Northeastern State University**G. TENURE**

The following faculty members are recommended for tenure effective with the beginning of the **2021 fall semester**.

Name	Appointment Date	Academic Area
<u>College of Education</u>		
Dr. Alesha Baker	August 2016	Educational Leadership
Dr. Samantha Benn-Duke	August 2014	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Jericho Hobson	August 2013	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. MooSong Kim	August 2016	Health & Kinesiology
Dr. Elizabeth Melles	August 2015	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Min-Chi Yan	August 2015	Curriculum & Instruction

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Samuel Asante	August 2015	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Joseph Farmer	August 2013	English
Dr. Herbert Clark Gibson, III	August 2019	Jazz Studies
Dr. Beth Green-Nagle	August 2012	Spanish
Dr. Farina King	August 2016	History
Dr. Nicole Lasky	August 2016	Criminal Justice
Dr. Justin McBride	August 2015	English
Dr. John McIntosh	August 2016	Geog/Pol Science
Dr. Whitney Myers	August 2017	Music
Dr. Amy Proctor	August 2008	Criminal Justice
Dr. Lara Searcy	August 2014	English
Dr. Candessa Tehee	August 2016	Cherokee
Dr. Christopher Weaver	August 2016	Geog/Pol Science

Oklahoma College of Optometry

Dr. Matthew Krein	August 2016	Optometry
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H. REAPPOINTMENT OF TENURE TRACK FACULTY DURING PROBATIONARY PERIOD

In accordance with Board policy, the following persons on tenure track status will be retained for the **2021-2022 academic year**.

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NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Ms. Alissa Baker (Oglesbee)	Assistant Professor	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Dustin Baucom	Assistant Professor	Natural Sciences
Dr. Christian Bester	Assistant Professor	Music
Dr. Jenny Bledsoe	Assistant Professor	English
Dr. Sridhar Boppana	Assistant Professor	Biology
Ms. Dana Boren-Boer	Assistant Professor	Media Studies
Dr. Beth Bowin	Assistant Professor	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Yen-Ting Chen	Assistant Professor	Health & Kinesiology
Ms. Kimberly Church	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. David Corcoran	Assistant Professor	History
Dr. Carolyn Cox	Assistant Professor	Social Work
Dr. Ryan Fenska	Associate Professor	Optometry
Dr. Jari Frazier	Assistant Professor	Optometry
Dr. Christopher Garland	Assistant Professor	Social Work
Ms. Tonya Garrett	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Nathan Green	Assistant Professor	Chemistry
Dr. Toni Hail	Assistant Professor	Social Work
Ms. Jarilyn Haney	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Tiffanie Hardbarger	Assistant Professor	Cherokee
Dr. Benjamin Hay	Assistant Professor	Music

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Dr. Ashalee Hurst	Assistant Professor	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Janaki Iyer	Assistant Professor	Biology
Dr. Jonathan Janzen	Assistant Professor	Optometry
Dr. Maureen Johnson	Assistant Professor	English
Dr. Stephanie Jones	Assistant Professor	Management
Dr. Karl Kruczek	Assistant Professor	Mathematics
Dr. Gary Linn	Assistant Professor	Accounting
Dr. Sarah Lowman	Assistant Professor	Spanish
Dr. Connor Lubojacky	Assistant Professor	Management
Dr. Arunkumar Madapusi	Assistant Professor	Management
Dr. Carolyn Majcher	Associate Professor	Optometry
Dr. Jeffrey Maloney	Assistant Professor	English
Dr. Douglas Martin	Assistant Professor	EHSM
Ms. Cheri Mays	Assistant Professor	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Alexandra Meyers-Ellett	Assistant Professor	Psychology & Counseling
Dr. Wendi Middleton	Assistant Professor	Nutritional Sciences
Dr. Rene Moquin	Assistant Professor	Information Systems
Dr. Michael Morgan	Assistant Professor	Biology
Dr. Nayyer Naseem	Assistant Professor	Marketing

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Dr. Lori Peterson	Assistant Professor	Management
Dr. Deborah Petrik	Assistant Professor	Biology
Ms. Kimberly Phillips	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Jason Proctor	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Janette Quarles	Assistant Professor	Speech-Language Path
Dr. Bryan Raya	Assistant Professor	Music
Dr. Christy Reed	Assistant Professor	Early Childhood Education
Dr. Elaina Ross	Assistant Professor	Communications
Dr. Kathy Seibold	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Tushar Shah	Assistant Professor	Management
Dr. Siewe Siewe	Assistant Professor	Political Geography
Dr. Nicole Stout	Assistant Professor	Optometry
Dr. Jamie Thomas	Assistant Professor	Speech-Language Path
Dr. Tracy Thompson	Assistant Professor	Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Cammi Valdez	Assistant Professor	Chemistry
Dr. Elizabeth Waring	Assistant Professor	Biology
Dr. Richard Zamor	Assistant Professor	Biology

I. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY

I recommend the following faculty for reappointment on a non-tenure track basis for the **2021-2022** academic year.

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Dr. Margaret Bates	Clinical Asst Prof	Occupational Therapy
Dr. Troy Bender	Instructor	Physician Assistant Studies
Ms. Jameie Combs	Instructor	Curriculum & Instruction

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Ms. Lisa Czlonka	Instructor	Management
Mr. James Dodd	Instructor	Library Services
Dr. Sydney Dorrough	Instructor	Occupational Therapy
Dr. Julie Estes	Clinical Asst Prof	Occupational Therapy
Ms. Dee Gerlach	Assistant Prof	Health & Kinesiology
Dr. Hector Gonzalez	Assistant Prof	Health Professions
Mr. Joshua Graff	Instructor	Mathematics
Ms. Courtney Hamby	Instructor	Health Care Admin
Ms. Kristin Korte	Instructor	Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Joseph LaTurner	Instructor	Finance
Mr. Timothy LaQuerre	Instructor	Information Technology
Ms. Susan LaVictoire	Clinical Asst Prof	Physician Assistant Studies

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Ms. Amber Long	Instructor	Nutritional Science
Mr. Brandon Martin	Instructor	Library Services
Ms. Allison Mason	Clinical Asst Prof	Social Work
Mr. Jason Nichols	Instructor	Political Science
Dr. Leticea Newton	Clinical Asst Prof	Physician Assistant Studies
Ms. Sylvia Hunter Nitti	Instructor	Art
Mr. Aaron Pope	Instructor	Library Services
Mr. Anthony Riggs	Instructor	Accounting
Mr. Chad Stangl	Instructor	Health & Kinesiology
Ms. Sara Swaim	Instructor	ESL
Ms. Cathryn Thomas	Instructor	Communications
Ms. Amber Whisenhunt	Instructor	Accounting

J. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED FACULTY AFTER SEVEN YEARS

In compliance with personnel policies of the Board concerning employment of non-tenured faculty beyond seven years, I recommend approval to continue employment of the following faculty during the **2021-2022** academic year.

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Mr. Grant Alexander	Assistant Professor	Information Systems
Dr. Ron Cambiano	Assistant Professor	Education
Ms. Sharon Clevenger-Baldrige	Instructor	English
Mr. Lyle Deiter	Instructor	English
Dr. Heather Fenton	Clinical Asst Prof	Nursing
Ms. Cassie Frieze	Instructor	Mass Communications
Ms. Barbara Fuller	Instructor	Teacher Education
Dr. Stephen Grissom	Instructor	Teacher Education
Ms. Deborah Hyde	Instructor	General Physical Sciences
Ms. Rhea Kaltenbach	Instructor	Health & Kinesiology
Dr. Diana Mashburn	Clinical Asst Prof	Nursing
Mr. Brandon Oberg	Instructor	Library Services
Dr. Ronald Petty	Assistant Professor	Marketing
Mr. Steven Rice	Instructor	Computer Science

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Mr. Thomas Rink	Instructor	Library Services
Mr. Karl Siewert	Instructor	Library Services
Ms. Susan Semrow	Instructor	English
Ms. Vicki Spencer	Instructor	Accounting
Mr. William Thompson	Assistant Professor	Hospitality & Tourism

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Mr. Darren Tobey	Instructor	Library Services
Ms. Sheree Whiteside	Instructor	Psychology & Counseling
Ms. Sarah Whittle	Instructor	Library Services
Dr. Weijia Zhu	Instructor	Physics
Ms. Sophia Beverley Threatt	Instructor	Library Services

K. STATUS OF TEMPORARY FACULTY

The following temporary faculty members will complete their one-year contract at the end of the **2021-2022** academic or fiscal year.

NAME	RANK	DEPARTMENT
Dr. Louis Blowers, II	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Ms. Tina Bolton-Linn	Instructor/Sch Supervisor	Speech-Language Path
Dr. Tara Brown	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Kelsey Buford	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Saunya Burkhardt	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Christian Bussey	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Richard Castillo	Clinical Professor	Optometry
Dr. Caitlin Chevalier	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Rebekah Doyle	Assistant Professor	Criminal Justice
Ms. Shannon Jankowski	Instructor	English
Ms. Amanda Lamberson	Instructor	Art
Dr. John Lindsay	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Dawn Pewitt	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Seth Rich	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Bret Seamons	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Heidi Thoden	Clinical Assoc Professor	Optometry
Dr. Jessica White	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Andrew Young	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry
Dr. Bryan Young	Clinical Asst Professor	Optometry

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Turner, Ph.D.
President

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Margaret Sanders Dobbs will retire as Instructor of Health and Kinesiology at Northeastern State University on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for the past 15 years and served a coordinator for multiple courses; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining NSU, she dedicated several years to the profession as a public school science teacher and later as a self-employed fitness owner/instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs is an innovative teacher who has served as a coordinator for multiple courses, developed online courses, and authored e-books and online course materials through Top Hat; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has participated in numerous Northeastern State University recruitment events; mentored, advised, and recruited students in the Health and Kinesiology area; and represented Northeastern State University as a board member and president for the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs is an active scholar who has presented research at multiple symposiums and conferences for the American College of Sports Medicine, the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and Oklahoma Research Day; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has demonstrated professionalism through membership in associations such as the Regional and National American College of Sports Medicine, state and national Associations for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and fitness associations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has served on multiple committees and demonstrated a commitment to community engagement as the president of the Eufaula School Board and a taskforce member of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Ms. Dobbs is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on Northeastern State University, her colleagues, Health and Kinesiology educators and majors, area businesses, and the children and families of our state and nation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **Ms. Margaret Sanders Dobbs** the honorary title of **“Instructor Emeritus of Health and Kinesiology”** and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contributions to the success of Northeastern State University and wish for her continued prosperity, good health, and a feeling of satisfaction so rightly deserved by one who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator for the students of Oklahoma; 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 Chair of the Board, be forwarded to Ms. Margaret Sanders Dobbs in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

Regional University System of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucinda “Cindi” Fries will retire as Associate Professor of Teacher Education at Northeastern State University on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for 18 years and served as coordinator for multiple programs and courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has made many contributions as a faculty member which have benefitted students, colleagues, the university, and the community, and has been recognized by her students and colleagues as a Circle of Excellence in Teaching nominee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her creation and commitment to the Teacher Education International Internship Program as she consistently provided NSU teacher candidates with opportunities to cultivate awareness of cultural differentiation and global awareness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has shown her dedication to the teaching profession through service with the international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi, and received the Chapter Counselor Award for 15 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has served the institution and profession by researching, developing, and executing STEAM workshops for public school teachers and students to inspire them and encourage interest and awareness in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Dr. Fries is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on Northeastern State University, her colleagues, public school educators, teacher education majors, and the families of our state and nation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **Dr. Lucinda Fries** the honorary title of “**Associate Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education**” and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contributions to the success of Northeastern State University and wish for her continued prosperity, good health, and a feeling of satisfaction so rightly deserved by one who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator for the students of Oklahoma; and

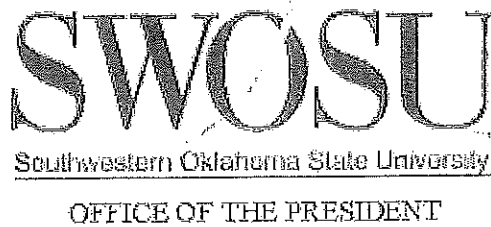
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, and be forwarded to Dr. Lucinda Fries in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma



April 2, 2021

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

▪ **RETIREMENTS with Emeritus Status**

Dr. **David Hertzel** will retire from his Professor position in the department of Social Sciences effective May 4, 2021.

▪ **FACULTY HIRES**

Dr. **Mark Garcia** 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 11, 2021. His salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$52,863.00. Dr. Garcia earned a Ph.D in Evolutionary Biology from the University of Alabama.

Dr. **Linzi Allen** has been appointed to a voluntary Assistant Professor position in Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective February 25, 2021. She will be involved in precepting College of Pharmacy students in the experiential program. Her appointment will be for twelve-months. This is a continuing appointment that automatically renews each year. Dr. Allen earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. **Lisa Boyles** has been appointed to the Department Chair and Professor position in the Department of Art, Communication, and Theater in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective May 4, 2021. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$73,128.00, which includes the chair stipend of \$3,200.00. Dr. Boyles has been employed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University since August 22, 2005.

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Dr. **Denise Landrum-Geyer** has been appointed to the Department Chair and Professor position in the Department of Language and Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective May 4, 2021. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$68,150.00, which includes the chair stipend of \$3,200.00. Dr. Landrum-Geyer has been employed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University since August 16, 2010.

II. PURCHASE AGENDA

Informational Items in excess of \$50,000:

Vendor:	Description:	Amount:	Fund:
CDW LLC (State contract pricing – to upgrade and enhance network capabilities)	Technology upgrades (PO750)	\$ 59,417.18	CARES ACT
Chickasaw Telecom (State contract pricing – to upgrade and enhance network capabilities)	Technology upgrades (PO767)	\$124,492.48	CARES ACT
CDW LLC (State contract pricing – to upgrade and enhance network capabilities)	Technology upgrades (PO773)	\$ 72,770.62	CARES ACT
TRANE US INC (Consortium pricing – to upgrade HVAC systems)	HVAC upgrades (PO792)	\$ 91,480.00	CARES ACT
Dell Marketing LP (State contract pricing)	Engineering Lab Computer upgrade	\$ 80,255.28	290 Fund
Carter Chevrolet Agency LLC (State contract pricing)	Vehicles for Physical Plant	\$ 72,091.00	765 Fund

VI. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

SWOSU has received confirmation of four (4) grants for a total amount of **\$88,237**. A profile of these awards is presented below:

A. Functional Characterization of Alternative Splice Variants of Elongation of Very Long Chain Fatty Acids-4 (ELOVL5) in Human Disorders \$8,337

The **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education** through Oklahoma IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence awarded a grant called "Functional Characterization of Alternative Splice Variants of Elongation of Very Long Chain Fatty Acids-4 in Human Disorders" in the amount of \$8,337. The primary function of this award is research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Keturah Adams**.

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B. Expanding Language Learning Opportunities Beyond the Classroom \$500

The **Oklahoma Humanities Council** awarded a grant called "Expanding Language Learning Opportunities Beyond the Classroom" in the amount of \$500. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Tugba Sevin**.

C. Syringafactin: Bactericidal Mechanisms and Applications in Food Safety \$4,400

The **Oklahoma IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence** awarded a grant called "Syringafactin: Bactericidal Mechanisms and Applications in Food Safety" in the amount of \$4,400. The primary function of this award is Research. This award also includes two \$5,000 research stipends awarded directly to two of Dr. McGrane's research students. The principal investigator is **Dr. Regina McGrane**.

D. OK-INBRE Equipment Carryover \$75,000

The **National Institutes of Health** through the Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence awarded a grant called "OK-INBRE Equipment Carryover" in the amount of \$75,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Muatasem Ubeidat**

Respectfully submitted,



Randy L. Beutler
President

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Dr. David Hertzel will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on May 4, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has had a prestigious career for 25 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has served with distinction as Professor of the Department of Social Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has provided invaluable service in the Department of Social Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has demonstrated dedication to his profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching, publishing, and in service as Faculty Sponsor to Southwestern International Student Association, as well as other student organizations, and as Faculty Senator; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel is deserving of special recognition for his loyal and faithful service to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon Dr. David Hertzel the honorary title of "Professor Emeritus" and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his many contributions to the success of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and wishes 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 in the education profession of Oklahoma; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, be forwarded to Dr. David Hertzel at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Sixteenth day of April 2021.

Susan C. Winchester, Chair
Board of Regents of the
Regional University System of Oklahoma

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary



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Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma

April 9, 2021

Board of Regents Regional University System of Oklahoma
Landmark Towers
3555 N.W. 58th St., Suite 320
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Board Members:

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

I. PERSONNEL

A. Faculty Appointments

College of Business

Mr. Benjamin Pratt has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Management**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 9, 2021.

Mr. Pratt's degrees are: Ph.D. (anticipated 2021), Organizational Behavior/Human Resource Management, and M.S. (2015), Sociology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN; M.S.W. (2008), Social Work, University of Houston, Houston, TX; and B.A. (2006), Sociocultural Anthropology, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

His professional experiences include: Graduate Research Assistant (5.5), and Graduate Teaching Assistant (2.5), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN; and Assistant Chief of Social Work Services (1.5), and Telehealth Social Worker (2.5), VA Healthcare System – Salt Lake City,

University of Central Oklahoma
Salt Lake City, UT.

Mr. Pratt will be paid an annual salary of \$111,000.

College of Education and Professional Studies

Mr. David Rehfeld has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 9, 2021.

Mr. Rehfeld's degrees are: Ph.D. (anticipated 2021), Educational Psychology, and M.S. (2014), and B.A. (2013), Communication Sciences & Disorders, Baylor University, Waco, TX; and M.Ed. (2017), Special Education, Texas Tech University, College Station, TX.

His professional experiences include: Speech-Language Pathologist (1), DMR Therapy Services, Waco, TX; Speech-Language Pathologist (2), Gatesville Independent School District, Gatesville, TX; and Assistive Technology Team Lead (1), Speech-Language Pathologist (1), and Intern (1), Waco Independent School District, Waco, TX.

Mr. Rehfeld will be paid an annual salary of \$62,500.

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Travis Jones has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **School of Criminal Justice**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 9, 2021.

Dr. Jones' degrees are: Ph.D. (2020), M.A. (2011), and B.A. (2009), Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

His professional experiences include: Visiting Assistant Professor (1), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Instructor (2), Keiser University, Tallahassee, FL; Graduate Assistant/Instructor (2), Adjunct Instructor (1.5), and Teaching Assistant (1.5), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; and Training Instructor (1), South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Columbia, SC.

Dr. Jones will be paid an annual salary of \$55,434.60.

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B. Resignations

Dr. Mohammad Anas Irfan, Assistant Professor in the **Department of Information Systems and Operations Management**, has resigned his position, effective February 12, 2021. Dr. Irfan has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2019.

Dr. Nathaniel Stafford, Lecturer in the **Department of Psychology**, will resign his position, effective June 30, 2021. Dr. Stafford has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2019.

Ms. Marie Stone, Lecturer in the **Department of Biology**, will resign her position, effective May 11, 2021. Ms. Stone has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2016.

C. Retirements

Dr. Burle Steelman, Assistant Professor in the **School of Criminal Justice**, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. Steelman has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2013.

D. Retirements with Resolution

Dr. Louis Furmanski, Professor in the **Department of Political Science**, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. Furmanski has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 1991.

Mr. David Hardman, Instructor in the **School of Music**, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Mr. Hardman has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2003.

Dr. James Machell, Professor in the **Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services** and former Dean of the **College of Education and Professional Studies**, will retire his position, effective June 30, 2021. Dr. Machell has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2005.

Ms. Sandra Martin, Lecturer in the **Department of Mass Communication**, will retire her position, effective May 1, 2021. Ms.

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Martin has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2007.

Dr. William McDaniel, Professor in the **Department of Computer Science**, will retire his position, effective August 1, 2021. Dr. McDaniel has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 1985.

Dr. Michael McKaig, Professor in the **Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services**, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. McKaig has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2008.

Dr. Susanne Rassouli-Currier, Professor in the **Department of Economics**, will retire her position, effective August 1, 2021. Dr. Rassouli-Currier has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2002.

Dr. Linda Rider, Professor in the **Department of Nursing**, will retire her position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. Rider has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2000.

Dr. Weldon Wilson, Professor in the **Department of Engineering and Physics**, will retire his position, effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Wilson has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 1992.

II. Executive Summary of Awards

No new contracts have been awarded since the last Board Letter.

III. Purchases for Approval

- a. Transact, formerly entitled Blackboard Transact, licensing and maintenance for the university's OneCard campus I.D. system.
Source: E&G\$185,000
- b. Oracle, annual software licensing and support.
Source: E&G.....\$315,000

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- c. Ellucian Company L.P., License Exchange & Enhancements Agreement for Banner ERP and related systems.
Source: E&G.....\$1,300,000

IV. Informational Items from Purchasing

- a. Ellucian Company LP., CRM Recruit software
Source: E&G\$72,787
- b. Cellco Partnership dba- Verizon Wireless, internet hotspots
Source: E&G\$90,000
- c. Onefire Media Group Inc., marketing consulting services for LX Studio
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$57,600
- d. Chickasaw Telecom Inc., support for technology infrastructure and network services
Source: Technology Fee.....\$61,304
- e. Dell USA, LP
Source: Central Tech Store funds\$72,941
- f. Signature Landscape LLC., storm damage debris removal
Source: E&G\$83,225
- g. Northwest Lawn Maintenance Inc., snow removal
Source: E&G\$108,165

V. Proposed Housing and Dining Rate Increases

- a. The University of Central Oklahoma proposes a 3.05% average rate increase for Housing and Dining operations for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Housing Rate Change Average change	3.11%
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Dining Rate Change Average
change

3.00%

Overall Rate Change Average
change

3.05%

Housing

	Current Semester Rate	Proposed Semester Rate	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	Annual \$ Difference	Annual % Difference
Murdaugh Hall						
Double	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,195	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,390	\$ 140	3.29%
Premium	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,900	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,800	\$ 100	1.75%
Single	\$ 2,825	\$ 3,045	\$ 5,650	\$ 6,090	\$ 440	7.79%
West Hall						
Double	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995	\$ 3,990	\$ 3,990	\$ -	0.00%
Premium	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,745	\$ 5,450	\$ 5,490	\$ 40	0.73%
Single	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,845	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,690	\$ 290	5.37%
University Suites						
Suite Double	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,300	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,600	\$ 300	4.76%
Private Bath Double	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,700	\$ 7,000	\$ 300	4.48%
4 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,750	\$ 7,300	\$ 7,500	\$ 200	2.74%
The Quad						
Pod Room	\$ 2,995	\$ 2,995	\$ 5,990	\$ 5,990	\$ -	0.00%
Pod Room - Single	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,845	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,690	\$ 290	3.92%
University Commons						
2 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 4,060	\$ 4,150	\$ 8,120	\$ 8,300	\$ 180	2.22%
4 Bedroom Apartment	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,850	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,700	\$ 200	2.67%

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Dining

	Current Semester Rate	Proposed Semester Rate	Current Annual Rate	Proposed Annual Rate	Annual \$ Difference	Annual % Difference
Residential Dining Plans						
The Max + \$100 Flex	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,275	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,550	\$ 130	2.94%
The 14 + \$200 Flex	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,235	\$ 4,340	\$ 4,470	\$ 130	3.00%
The 10 + \$25 Flex	\$ 1,880	\$ 1,935	\$ 3,760	\$ 3,870	\$ 110	2.93%
The 9 + \$425 Flex	\$ 2,130	\$ 2,195	\$ 4,260	\$ 4,390	\$ 130	3.05%
167 + \$240 Flex	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,165	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,330	\$ 130	3.10%
125 + \$300 Flex	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,645	\$ 3,190	\$ 3,290	\$ 100	3.13%

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, Professor in the Department of Political Science has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirty years; and

WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirty 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. LOUIS FURMANSKI's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI**, the honorary title of "**Emeritus Professor of Political Science**" and extends 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. LOUIS FURMANSKI**.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN, Instructor in the School of Music has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN, Instructor in the School of Music, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for eighteen 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, DAVID HARDMAN's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DAVID HARDMAN,** the honorary title of "***Emeritus Instructor of Music***" and extends 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 **DAVID HARDMAN.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL, Professor in the Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services and former Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL, will retire on July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for sixteen 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. JAMES MACHELL's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. JAMES MACHELL,** the honorary title of "**Emeritus Professor of Advanced Professional and Special Services and Emeritus Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies**" and extends 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. JAMES MACHELL.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN, Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN, will retire on May 1, 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **SANDRA MARTIN,** the honorary title of "**Emeritus Lecturer of Mass Communication**" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for her 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 **SANDRA MARTIN.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL, Professor in Computer Science has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL, will retire on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirty-six 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. WILLIAM MCDANIEL's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL,** the honorary title of "**Emeritus Professor of Computer Science**" and extends 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. WILLIAM MCDANIEL.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, Professor in Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirteen 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. MICHAEL MCKAIG's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG,** the honorary title of "**Emeritus Professor of Advanced Professional and Special Services**" and extends 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. MICHAEL MCKAIG.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, Professor in the Department of Economics, has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, will retire on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for nineteen years, has shared her talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted and inspired them in a variety of career areas; her contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and her dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by her service on Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER,** the honorary title of "**Emeritus Professor of Economics**" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for her 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. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER, Professor in the Department of Nursing, has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. LINDA RIDER,** the honorary title of "**Emeritus Professor of Nursing**" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for her 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. LINDA RIDER.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON, Professor of Engineering and Physics has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for twenty-nine 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. WELDON WILSON's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. WELDON WILSON,** the honorary title of “**Emeritus Professor of Engineering and Physics**” and extends 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

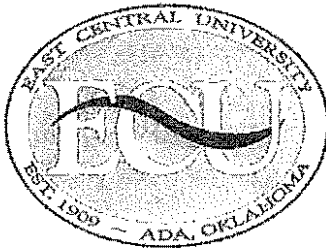
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to **DR. WELDON WILSON.**

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma



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1 April 2021

Regional University System of Oklahoma
Landmark Towers
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Dear Chair Winchester and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

MR. SHAHID HUSSAIN has been appointed to a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the Accounting Department, effective 11 August 2021. Mr. Hussain's annual salary will be \$87,500 for a ten-month period, pending conferral of his DBA degree by the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester. Should his doctoral degree not be conferred by that time, his salary will be \$85,000. He is replacing Dr. Randall Stone.

Mr. Hussain earned a bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Karachi, Pakistan (1978), an MBA in Finance from the University of Central Missouri (1984), and an MS in Accounting/Tax from the University of North Texas (1989). Furthermore, Mr. Hussain has taught courses in accounting and taxation at St. Mary's University for the past four years, and he also taught for two years at Iowa Wesleyan University. His credentials and teaching experience, along with his CPA, make him academically qualified under ACBSP to teach at the under graduate and graduate level.

DR. PAULETTE PITT has been appointed to a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the Psychology Department, effective 11 August 2021. Dr. Pitt's annual salary will be \$51,000 for a ten-month period. She is replacing Dr. Joanna Harris-Young.

Dr. Pitt earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas (1995) and her Master of Education in Counseling from the University of North Texas (2002). Furthermore, she received a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis (2005), and she earned her Ph.D. in Psychology from Texas Woman's University (2008).

East Central University

DR. STEVEN RORING has been appointed to a non-tenure track, instructor position in the Psychology Department, effective 12 August 2021. Dr. Roring's annual salary will be \$46,450. He is replacing Dr. Santa Valez.

Dr. Roring received a B.A. in Psychology with Honors from Southeastern State University (2006), an M.S. in Counseling from Oklahoma State University (2008), and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma State University (2012). Having taught at ECU before, Dr. Roring is familiar with ECU's policies and processes. He has had excellent teaching evaluations and demonstrated knowledge in both psychology and counseling. His experience with Blackboard and ECU's weekend and evening formats will make him an excellent addition to the Psychology Department.

DR. EMILY SIMPSON has been appointed to a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the Psychology Department, effective 11 August 2021. Dr. Simpson's annual salary will be \$51,000 for a ten-month period. She is replacing Dr. Ellen Harwell.

Dr. Simpson earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Sewanee: University of the South (2011) and her master's degree in Psychology from Wake Forest University (2014). She earned her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Sciences from the University of Connecticut (2019) and, additionally, is currently a T32 NIDA Postdoctoral Fellow in the Prevention and Methodology Training Program at The Pennsylvania State University.

B. RETIREMENT WITH EMERITUS RESOLUTION

DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG, Professor, Department of Psychology, has announced her retirement effective 1 August 2021. Dr. Harris-Young began employment at ECU in 1990.

C. PROMOTION IN RANK (effective 2021-2022 academic year)**Instructor to Assistant Professor**

Dr. Misty Gray, Instructor of Nursing

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Dr. Nathaniel Berman, Assistant Professor of Performing Arts

Dr. Jennifer Dorsey, Assistant Professor of English and Languages

Dr. Dwight M. Hite, Assistant Professor of Business Administration

Dr. Alisha Howard, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

East Central University

Dr. Melissa Inglis, Assistant Professor of Professional Programs and Human Services

Dr. Jessica Koch, Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology

Dr. April Nesbit, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Associate Professor to **Professor**

Dr. Jenna Owens, Associate Professor of Politics, Law and Society

Dr. Andrew Wells, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

D. TENURE

In accordance with Board policy, the following persons are recommended for tenure effective with the 2021-2022 academic year.

Dr. Nathaniel Berman, Assistant Professor of Performing Arts

Dr. Jennifer Dorsey, Assistant Professor of English and Languages

Dr. Dwight M. Hite, Assistant Professor of Business Administration

Dr. Alisha Howard, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Melissa Inglis, Assistant Professor of Professional Programs and Human Services

Dr. Jessica Koch, Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology

Dr. April Nesbit, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

FROSTED ELFIN DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS.....\$2,500

East Central University received an \$2,500 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The project period: 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. This grant will provide visitation of several locations in the southeast corner of Oklahoma known to be within the historic range of the Frosted Elfin butterfly, to locate populations. The Project Director is Ms. Leah Dudley.

East Central University

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND CARES ACT – MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS.....\$523,893

East Central University received an \$523,893 grant from The U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 8 June 2020 to 7 June 2021. The grant provides funding to offset costs associated with the delivery of instruction and reimbursement for expenses related to the coronavirus. The Project Director is Ms. Jessica Kilby.

Total Grants and Contracts--\$526,393

IV. PURCHASES

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

None at this time.

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

Request to engage Howard Technology Solutions to provide and install audio visual equipment for technology upgrades to 158 classrooms at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000.00, utilizing NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program under State of Oklahoma Contract No. SW1020 (CARES Funding).

Respectfully submitted,



Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG has dedicated her life and devotion to the teaching of psychology and the preparation of future professionals in the field; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG has served East Central University since 1990, first as assistant professor; then was promoted to associate professor in 1995 and full professor in 2000; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as chair of ECU's Department of Psychology from 2007-2016; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as the Graduate Director for ECU's College of Education and Psychology from 2012 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as the Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Psychology Graduate programs from 2007 to 2021 and as the Director of the Counseling Option from 2011 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG has dedicated her service to ECU through the development and revision of innovative online and in person psychology programs; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG was awarded the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award at ECU in 1998; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as the mentor for three graduate student master's theses; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG has served on the Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology Steering Committee since 2007 and mentored numerous graduate and undergraduate research projects; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Oklahoma in 1982; Master of Arts in Developmental Psychology in 1986; and Doctorate in Developmental Psychology from the University of Oklahoma in 1990; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG** the honorary title of "**Professor Emeritus of PSYCHOLOGY**" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her many contributions to the success of East Central University and wishes for her 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 the State of Oklahoma; and

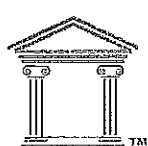
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, be forwarded to **DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG** in Ada, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary



Office of the President
Southeastern Oklahoma
State University

Regent Susan Winchester
 Regional University System of Oklahoma
 Landmark Towers
 3555 Northwest 58th, Suite 320
 Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Regent Winchester:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Robert Shauger has been appointed to the position of full-time Assistant Professor of Education (Special Education) in the Department of Educational Instruction and Leadership, effective June 1, 2021 at a 10-month salary of \$50,000.

Dr. Shauger earned his Ph.D. in Special Education (2020), M.A. in Secondary Education (2001), and teacher licensure (2000) at the University of New Mexico. He earned a B.S. in Biology at Portland State University in 1997. His previous experience includes 20 years as a middle and high school teacher in New Mexico and eight years a graduate assistant at the University of New Mexico.

B. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED FACULTY

Less than Four Years

Name	Rank	Department
Ackerson, Dr. Mark	Instructor	Mathematics
Anderson, Dr. Angela	Asst. Professor	Aviation Sciences Institute
Antinone, Dr. Patrick	Asst. Professor	Music
Bogard, Dr. Cody	Asst. Professor	Accounting and Finance
Brewer, Ms. Melissa	Asst. Professor	Biological Sciences

Brown-Harvey, Ms. Amanda	Instructor	Occupational Safety and Health
Callicoat, Ms. Rachel	Asst. Professor	Behavioral Sciences
Crow, Ms. Tammy	Instructor	Behavioral Sciences
Davis, Dr. Michael	Asst. Professor	Behavioral Sciences
Diaz, Dr. Rolando	Asst. Professor	English, Humanities and Languages
Dima, Dr. Catalin	Instructor	Music
Fridley, Ms. Carolyn	Instructor	English, Humanities and Languages
Gaffney, Mr. Michael	Asst. Professor	Aviation Sciences Institute
Garusinghe, Dr. Gamage	Asst. Professor	Chemistry, Computer and Physical Sciences
Garza, Ms. Kathy	Instructor	English, Humanities and Languages
Gerg, Dr. Ian	Asst. Professor	Music
Hampton, Dr. Ashley	Asst. Professor	Management and Marketing
Hardy, Dr. Michael	Assoc. Professor	Mathematics
Heald, Dr. Stephanie	Instructor	Social Sciences
Hornback, Dr. Patricia	Assoc. Professor	Art, Communication, and Theatre
Ioannides, Dr. Anatolia	Instructor	Music
Lee, Dr. Chaehyun	Asst. Professor	Educational Instruction and Leadership
Lodine-Chaffey, Dr. Jennifer	Asst. Professor	English, Humanities and Languages
Maple, Ms. Karen	Instructor	English, Humanities and Languages
Mills, Dr. Amy	Instructor	Behavioral Sciences
Mulig, Dr. Elizabeth	Asst. Professor	Accounting and Finance
Petty, Dr. Sondra	Asst. Professor	Social Sciences
Pruett, Dr. Jake	Asst. Professor	Biological Sciences
Risher, Dr. Jeffrey	Asst. Professor	Management and Marketing
Shannon, Dr. Kathryn	Asst. Professor	Educational Instruction and Leadership
Smith, Dr. Caleb	Asst. Professor	Chemistry, Computer and Physical Sciences
Sparacio, Dr. Matthew	Instructor	Social Sciences
Wallace, Dr. Alicia	Asst. Professor	Music
Whitlock, Dr. David	Assoc. Professor	Management and Marketing
Xu, Dr. Hanzhi	Asst. Professor	Accounting and Finance
Zhang, Dr. Juihong	Asst. Professor	Chemistry, Computer and Physical Sciences
Zhu, Dr. Mila	Asst. Professor	Educational Instruction and Leadership

Four to Seven Years

Name	Rank	Department
Alford, Mr. Connor	Instructor	Social Sciences
Bond, Ms. Tascha	Instructor	Art, Communication and Theatre
Gamble, Ms. Kelly	Instructor	English, Humanities and Languages
Gantt, Ms. Amy	Asst. Professor	Art, Communication and Theatre
Monk, Dr. David	Asst. Professor	Behavioral Sciences and Finance
Nichols, Ms. Mellena	Asst. Professor	Occupational Safety and Health
Rymel, Ms. Dena	Instructor	Chemistry, Computer and Physical Sciences
Spahn, Mr. Alexander	Instructor	Chemistry, Computer and Physical Sciences
Williams, Dr. C. Todd	Asst. Professor	Educational Instruction and Leadership

To Be Retained After Seven Years

Name	Rank	Department
Cotton-Black, Ms. Samantha	Instructor	Kinesiology
Howard, Mr. Robert	Instructor	Management and Marketing
Levins, Mr. Wayne	Instructor	Occupational Safety and Health
Mendenall, Ms. Josie	Instructor	Biological Sciences
Metts, Dr. Stephanie	Asst. Professor	Accounting
Willman, Mr. Scott	Instructor	Kinesiology

II. PURCHASES

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

Campus Technology Upgrades

Purchase items associated with campus-wide technology replacement plan. This includes the purchase of classroom teaching technology, faculty computers, staff computers, laptops with docking stations, monitors, as well as associated peripherals.

Project Number(s): 660-0801 & 660-0892

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
McCurtain Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: \$2,100,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: Various Vendors with State Contracts including Dell & CDW-G.

Technology Infrastructure Improvements

Request approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate services related to the network re-wire of residence halls and our main academic distance learning classroom building. This re-wire will replace end-of-life category V cable to current industry standard cable from the end-point switch to the device. The services will include the purchase and installation of equipment. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training necessary for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801
 Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
 Amount: \$900,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding
 Vendor: To Be Determined

End-Point Switch Replacement

Replacement of end-of-life and aging end-point switch gear, in multiple buildings, to new fully powered Ethernet switches. The services will include the purchase of and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training as needed for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801
 Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
 Amount: \$500,000
 Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding
 Vendor: CXTec, Federal Contract TIPS# 200105

III. NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS

The following grants have been awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University:

Southeastern Child Care Resource & Referral Library.....\$77,662.00

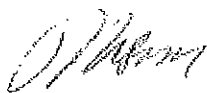
This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance Program in the amount of \$77,662. The effective date of the grant is July 1, 2021. This grant's program director is Ms. Lyndi Scarberry, Child Care Resource & Referral. The purpose of this program is to serve families, children, and childcare providers in 11 counties in Southeast Oklahoma. The program will serve SE Oklahoma communities as a free resource for families and childcare providers with the goal of creating healthier, safer, and happier children. In addition to connecting families to quality childcare, the program also provides technical assistance, training, and resources to childcare providers and head start teachers to improve the quality of care offered to families and children. The program will assist them in improving their business while meeting the individual needs of the children in their care. The

program also offers formal training for providers and teachers allowing them to obtain the yearly required hours of continuing education per Department of Human Services requirements.

PI-STEM Summer Academy.....\$18,000.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the amount of \$18,000. The effective date of the grant is March 4, 2021. This grant's academy director is Dr. Michael Hardy, Associate Professor of Mathematics. Co-Director's are Dr. Kate Shannon, Assistant Professor Educational Instruction and Leadership and Dr. Caleb Smith, Assistant Professor Chemistry, Computer and Physical Science. The purpose of the grant is to fund the PI-STEM Summer Academy and related activities. The goals of the PI-STEM Summer Academy are to enhance participants' understanding of and ability to apply STEM content, enhance motivation to learn about and increase appreciation of STEM content, and increase participants' self-efficacy as STEM problem solvers and practitioners. To achieve these goals, eighth and ninth grade participants will explore and solve STEM problems related to real-world contexts such as water rocket and balloon launching, environmental modeling and more.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom
President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 1, 2021

Regional University System of Oklahoma
3555 N.W. 58th Street, Suite 320
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northwestern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL**A. Promotion in Rank**

The following faculty members have been recommended for promotion in rank effective with their appointment dates for the 2021-2022 academic year. They have been recommended for promotion by the Dean of Faculty and the Executive Vice President.

School of Arts and Sciences

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dr. James Bell	English	Associate	Professor
Dr. Kathryn Lane	English	Associate	Professor

School of Education

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dr. Jennifer Oswald	Education	Assistant	Associate
Dr. Christie Riley	Education	Assistant	Associate

School of Professional Studies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dr. Wei Zhou	Economics	Associate	Professor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University**B. Reappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty**

I recommend the reappointment of the following non-tenured faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year.

School of Arts and Sciences

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dawn Allen	English	Assistant Professor
Dr. Luis Rocha Antunes	Communication	Assistant Professor
Jana Brown	Social Science	Instructor
Lindsey Cherry	English	Instructor
Douglas Davidson	Library	Assistant Professor
Dr. John Ellerbach	Communication	Assistant Professor
Sarah Fry	Social Science	Instructor
Shawna Gilbert	Library	Assistant Professor
Dr. Roxie James	English	Assistant Professor
Mickey Jordan	Fine Arts	Instructor
Dr. Matthew Lambert	English	Assistant Professor
Dr. Karsten Longhurst	Fine Arts	Assistant Professor
Lawana Newell	Fine Arts	Instructor
Dr. Piper Robida	Natural Science	Assistant Professor
Evan Vaverka	Computer Science	Instructor
Dr. Robert Vest	Spanish	Assistant Professor

School of Education

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dr. Tracy Beedy	Agriculture	Assistant Professor
Dr. Mariann Braten-Hall	Education	Instructor
Dr. Jason Ferrell	Psychology	Assistant Professor
Shane Hansen	Health & Sports Science	Instructor
Mistie Kline	Psychology	Lecturer
Allissa Miller	Psychology	Instructor
J. Taylor Randolph	Psychology	Instructor
Jack Staats	Agriculture	Instructor
Dr. Henry Trabuc	Education	Assistant Professor
Dr. Stephanie Widick	Psychology	Assistant Professor
Mark Zadorozny	Health & Sports Science	Instructor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University**School of Professional Studies**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dr. H. Courtney Ballina	Nursing	Assistant Professor
KeEra Busse	Nursing	Instructor
Dr. Amanda Clepper	Nursing	Instructor
Kenneth Creech	Business	Instructor
Jonathan Crowell	Nursing	Instructor
Garret Lahr	Business	Instructor
Dr. Yvette Lowery	Nursing	Assistant Professor
Dr. Joseph Paul	Business	Associate Professor
Heidi Ritchie	Nursing	Instructor
Dana Roark	Business	Instructor
Dr. Patricia Thompson	Nursing	Associate Professor

C. Reappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty After Seven Years

I recommend the reappointment of the following non-tenured faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year.

School of Arts and Sciences

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Mark Bagley	Computer Science	Instructor
Tamara Brown	Communication	Assistant Professor
Shannon Leaper	Library	Assistant Professor
Jeff McAlpin	Criminal Justice	Instructor
Keenan Meeker	Mathematics	Instructor
Kirk Rogers	Criminal Justice	Instructor

School of Education

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Steve Sneary	Agriculture	Instructor

D. Faculty Resignation**School of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. M. Seth Cudd, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands, submitted a letter of resignation effective May 7, 2021. Dr. Cudd has been employed with the University since July 1, 2018.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University**E. Retirement With Resolution**

Dr. Mary Brune, Associate Professor of Nursing, submitted a letter stating her intention to retire effective June 28, 2021. Dr. Brune has been employed with the University since August 15, 2002. A resolution recognizing her years of service to Northwestern is attached.

F. Recommendations for Tenure

I recommend the faculty members listed below be granted tenure effective the 2021 Fall Semester. Each member has been recommended for tenure by the Dean of Faculty and the Executive Vice President. Their qualifications are commensurate with policy set forth by the Board.

School of Arts and Sciences

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dr. Karsten Longhurst	Fine Arts	Assistant Professor

School of Education

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dr. Marion Braten-Hall	Education	Assistant Professor

School of Professional Studies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dr. Patricia Thompson	Nursing	Associate Professor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University**II. PURCHASES**

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

Permission to bid and award the purchase of two used charter busses to add to the University fleet for student transportation. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000. (Fund 490/CARES Funding)

III. GRANT AND CONTRACTS

**Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act
Of 2021 (HEERF II) Strengthen Institutions Programs.....\$119,035**

A grant from the U.S. Department of Education for student and institutional support. The principal investigator for the grant is Dr. David Pecha, Vice President for Administration.

State Opioid Response.....\$36,000
(Higher Education Community Outreach Initiative)

A grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to help Northwestern Oklahoma State University fund our campus outreach plan regarding opioid prevention and treatment as part of the Higher Education Community Outreach Initiative, a project in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Dr. Bo Hannaford, Executive Vice President, is the grant coordinator.

TOTAL GRANTS.....\$155,035

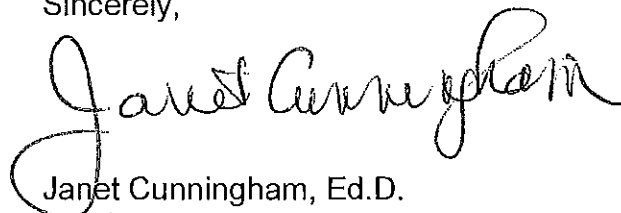
IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

A. Summer Hours

Northwestern will continue the summer work schedule implemented in 2002. Employees will work 10-hour days, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with a 30-minute lunch break. Summer hours will be in effect for 10 weeks, May 17, 2021, to July 22, 2021.

Sincerely,



Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.
President

JC:md

Att. (1)

RESOLUTION

Regional University System of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, DR. MARY BRUNE, Associate Professor of Nursing for the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, will retire on June 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE will be leaving the University after 19 years of service; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and students by establishing a reputation for exceptional service to her students; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE is a passionate and engaging educator who has personally impacted the careers of registered nurses throughout Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE established high expectations that challenged students to be critical thinkers, pushing students to their fullest potential in care of patients of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE served as a faculty volunteer in the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps mentoring Northwestern nursing students in their professional obligations to serving communities; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE maintains national status as a Certified Academic Clinical Nurse Educator to communicate to students, peers, and the academic and health-care communities that the highest standards of academic excellence are being met in her performance; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE has faithfully fulfilled the responsibilities of her position and served her students with a high degree of professionalism and concern for their success,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* bestows upon **DR. MARY BRUNE**, the honorary title of “Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing” and extends to her an expression of appreciation and commendation for her contributions to the success and reputation of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and extends best wishes for years of happiness and satisfaction, which are rightfully expected after such faithful and dedicated service; 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 Chair of the Board, be forwarded to **DR. BRUNE** in Waynoka, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* this 16th day of April, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

R E S O L U T I O N

Regional University System of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, REGENT JEFFREY T. DUNN was appointed on June 11, 2012, by Governor Mary Fallin to serve in Position No. 2 on the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* representing Ottawa, Delaware, Craig, Mayes, Nowata, Rogers, Washington, Tulsa, Pawnee and Osage Counties; and

WHEREAS, REGENT JEFFREY T. DUNN has successfully served as Chair of the Regional University System of Oklahoma for the fiscal year 2015-2016, Vice Chair for the fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2019-2020, Secretary for the fiscal year 2013-2014, Audit and Finance Chair for the fiscal year 2014, System Advancement Committee Chair for the fiscal year 2014-2015, Policy and Procedures Chair for the fiscal year 2016-2017, Investment Advisory Ad Hoc Chair for the fiscal years of 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, Vision and Planning Ad Hoc Chair for the fiscal year 2018-2019, and Vice Chair for the fiscal year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, REGENT DUNN made numerous contributions to the success of the Regional University System of Oklahoma as evidenced by his advocacy for RUSO in the seats of power in state government; articulation of the value of higher education and common education in the media and in the business community; increased communication with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Chancellor and staff; and implementation of meaningful innovations in university information technology and Board meetings and processes; and

WHEREAS, REGENT DUNN is deserving of special recognition for his guiding influence during a statewide financial downturn which included multiple revenue failures and substantial cuts to state higher education appropriations during which he applied his business acumen and wise judgment to setting a course for the advancement of the Regional University System of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, REGENT DUNN has represented the Regional University System of Oklahoma giving freely of his time, and good judgment while demonstrating his impressive leadership ability and has shown himself to be capable, tireless, visionary, good-humored, and wise in carrying out the duties of his office:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the *Regional University System of Oklahoma*, that **REGENT JEFFREY T. DUNN** be extended our expression of commendation, appreciation, and gratitude for his assuming with authority and kindness the leadership role in carrying out the constitutionally mandated responsibilities of this governing board.

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 Chair of the Board, be forwarded to **REGENT JEFFREY T. DUNN**.

ADOPTED by the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* this 16th of April 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chair

Connie Reilly, Vice Chair

Jane McDermott, Secretary

Lake Carpenter

Gary Parker

Amy Anne Ford

Eric Fisher

Joy Hofmeister