

# **REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**



## **AGENDA**

### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**November 10, 2023**

**9:00 am**

Northeastern State University- Tahlequah campus  
600 N. Grand Ave  
Roger Webb Educational Technology Center  
Tower Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor.  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

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- I. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT**
  
- II. **CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL**
  - A. **EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS**
  
- III. **CHAIR'S REPORT— Regent Jane McDermott**
  - A. **Discuss and approve creation of Educational Excellence Committee**
  
- IV. **CONSENT DOCKET**
  - A. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
    - 1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 5, 2023

**B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS– Attachment A**

**1. Northeastern State University**

**a. Letter of Intent- New Program**

1. Master of Science in Management and Technology.

**b. Certificate Modifications**

1. Business Analytics Certificate (039)
2. International Business Certificate (065)
3. Operations and Supply Chain Management Certificate (180)
4. Healthcare Administration Certification (181)
5. Healthcare Information Analytics Certificate (182)
6. Business Basics Certificate (189)
7. Soft Skills Certificate (193)
8. Quality Management Certificate (194)

**c. Program Modifications**

1. Accounting B.B.A. (001)
2. School Administration, M.Ed. (103)
3. Library Media and Information Technology, M.S. (129)
4. Medical Laboratory Science B.S.M.L.S. (147)

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### **2. Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

#### **a. New Programs**

1. Master of Science in Community Health
2. Master of Science in Health Science

#### **b. Program Modification**

1. Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management (002)

### **3. Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

#### **a. New Program**

1. Master of Business Administration in Business Administration (088) with options in Management or Health Care Administration.

#### **b. Other Program Modification**

1. Changing the department prefix of our Graduate Study Seminar course from Education (EDUC) to University (UNIV) for all master degrees

### **4. East Central University**

#### **a. Letter of Intent- New Programs**

1. Doctorate of Education in Rural Education (Ed.D.)
2. Educational Specialist in School Psychology (Ed.S.)

### **5. University of Central Oklahoma**

#### **a. Letter of Intent- New Programs**

1. B.B.A. Supply Chain Management
2. B.S. Ecology & Conservation Biology

### **6. Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

#### **a. Letter of Intent- New Programs**

1. Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

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### **b. Program Modifications**

1. Bachelor of Business Administration - Human Resource Management option addition (011)
2. Bachelor of Business Administration - Leadership and Organization Studies option addition (011)
3. Bachelor of Business Administration - Entrepreneurship (011)
4. Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration - (005)
5. Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry - Pharmaceutical Chemistry option addition (013)
6. Bachelor of Science in Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146)
7. Associate of Science in Wildland Firefighting (156)

## **V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Chair, Regent Ford Report of the Facilities Stewardship Committee, Thursday, November 9, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Northeastern State University— Tahlequah Campus, Roger Webb Educational Technology Center, Tower Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. **Report of Campus Tour**
2. **Discussion of process for approval of purchases of real estate to be referred to Policy and Procedures Committee**
3. **Southwestern Oklahoma State University**
  - a. **Land Purchase**

SWOSU requests authority for Lori Boyd, SWOSU Vice President of Administration and Finance, to sign closing documents for the purchase of 25 acres of land. Purchase of the land was approved by the RUSO Board at the June, 2023, meeting.
4. **Northwestern Oklahoma State University**
  - a. **President's House**

Project Description: Northwestern Oklahoma State University is seeking approval to update the guest shower in the second-floor bathroom of the President's House.

Estimated cost will not exceed \$9,500. All expenses for the project will be from donated funds.

**5. Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

**a. Approval Item**

**Construction & Renovation, over \$100,000**

In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval for the following project:

Project Name: Science and Fine Arts Buildings HVAC Upgrades and Repairs

Project Description: Request approval to engage Plyer Construction as the successful bidder for upgrades and repairs to HVAC systems in the Science and Fine Arts buildings. For Fine Arts, the upgrades will include moving from a 2-pipe system to a 4-pipe system. This will provide improved functionality including humidity control. For the Science building, the first and third floors will be upgraded to match the second-floor improvements (funded with Risk Management claim proceeds). In addition to better humidity control, the updated system will better manage building pressure and provide enhanced freeze protection.

Project Number(s): 660-0800 & 660-0804

Amount: \$2,540,294

Source of Funds: Master Lease, Deferred Maintenance

Vendor: Plyer Construction

**b. Informational Item**

**Construction & Renovation, between \$25,000 and \$100,000**

In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is reporting the following project:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Construction of a metal storage building 40' X 60' X 12' on a 4" concrete slab.	Rockin' B Fencing, Braxton Barton	\$79,500	Master Lease Rodeo/Ag Expo

**6. Northeastern State University**

**a. Property Lease**

Request approval to enter into a lease with the City of Broken Arrow for the use of 1,000 parking spaces used exclusively for allowing parking for patrons of the Broken Arrow Events Park and Amphitheater. The term of the lease is for one year with an option to renew the lease for three consecutive years. The annual lease rate for the first three years is \$55,000

**b. Project Requests**

**1. Project #485-0078 – Bacone Renovation and Site Improvements**

Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsible bidder the renovation of the NSU Bacone House. Renovations will include exterior stabilization, site improvements, and interior improvements including an ADA accessible first floor. Renovations will be funded by a grant over three years.

Requested Funding Approval: \$995,500

Budget Breakdown: Renovations/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Grant Funds

**2. Project #485-0073 – Student Engagement Renovation**

Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsible bidder the renovation of Student Engagement space on all three campuses. Renovations will be funded by a grant over five years. The renovation focus for the first year will be in the University Center basement.

Requested Funding Approval: \$970,466

Budget Breakdown: Renovations/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Grant Funds

**3. Project #485-73 – Baseball Patron Restroom Renovation**

Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsible bidder, the remodel and expansion of the patron restrooms.

Requested Funding Approval: \$150,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

**7. University of Central Oklahoma**

**a. Approval Item**

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

Project Description: Request approval to award TK Elevator Corporation a contract not to exceed \$140,000 for the modernization of the Human Environmental Sciences Building elevator. Contract to be awarded through *Omnia Partners Group* cooperative purchasing contract.

Requested Funding Approval: \$140,000

Budget Breakdown: \$140,000 for complete retrofit of controller and operational parts.

Vendor: TK Elevator Corporation

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan:  
Yes

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

**b. Informational Items**

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

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$47,899 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the remediation of flood damage to the Sports Performance Annex. This damage occurred as a result of a flooded telecommunication conduit entering the building. Lippert Bros.' on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

**2. Project #120-0033 Existing Building Renovations and Additions**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$26,031 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the demolition of the Annex building at the St. Mary's property/future home of the UCO School of Design. Lippert Bros.' on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset



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**B. AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE— Chair, Regent VanDenhende**

**Report of the Audit and Finance Committee, Thursday, November 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Northeastern State University— Tahlequah Campus, Roger Webb Educational Technology Center, Tower Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Approve internal audit plan for FY24.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding faculty student ratios and other financial metrics.
3. Discussion of external audited financial statements for FY 23
4. Scheduling of audit exit conference.
5. Southwestern Oklahoma State University

**Project:** Construction of the Jerry and Margaret Hodge Center

**Project Description:** SWOSU requests permission to transfer funds from 765 Auxiliary fund to 295 Fund in preparation for payment of construction costs related to the Hodge Center project. The funds requested to be transferred have been received from the City of Weatherford sales tax revenue specifically for use to construct this building.

<b>Requested Funding Approval:</b>	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Congruent with Capital Master Plan:</b>	Yes
<b>Funding Sources:</b>	Fund 765

**C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—**

**Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, November 9, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Northeastern State University— Tahlequah Campus, Roger Webb Educational Technology Center, Tower Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action to retain public relations consultant.
2. Benchmark Report— Student Satisfaction, Enrollment, Graduation, and Employment Outcomes, Joel Kendall, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, SWOSU
3. Report on State Regents Legislative Agenda for FY 24, Jarrett Jobe, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, OSRHE

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4. Report of RUSO Government Relations Officer Hayley Thompson
5. Discussion of after-action reports:
  - a. Interim Studies
  - b. Regent McDermott's report to OSRHE
  - c. Journal Record opinion piece

### **D. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

**Report of the Policy and Procedures Committee, Thursday, November 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m., Northeastern State University— Tahlequah Campus, Roger Webb Educational Technology Center, Tower Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve RUSO Policy for Response to a Proposal of a New Program.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve RUSO Chapter 4 Student Affairs policy 4.4.3(k) and analogous policy to be codified in RUSO chapter 5 to apply to others on campus.

### **E. PENSION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT—Chair, Brenda Burgess**

### **VII. NSU FOUNDATION REPORT –EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NSU FOUNDATION– PEGGY GLENN**

### **VIII. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING FREE SPEECH REQUIREMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS – DEBRA LYON & ANGELA MICHAEL**

### **IX. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Diana Lovell**

### **X. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

1. Personnel
2. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$3,955,356.00

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**3. Informational Items:**

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

1. Student Degree Planning Software (\$7,141 increase).....	\$119,141
2. RUSO School Payments.....(Aux).....	\$115,00
3. Student Recruitment Software.....	\$110,000
4. IT Contractual Services.....	\$104,000
5. Grant Consulting Services .....	\$102,900
6. Wind Tunnel Equipment.....	\$ ..97,235
7. Mail and Copier Equipment Rental.....(AUX).....	\$ 64,650
8. International Recruitment Services.....(AUX).....	\$...62,655
9. Cyber Security Support Service.....	\$.. 62,337
10. Collections Services.....(AUX).....	\$ 115,000
11. Veterans Advertising.....(AUX).....	\$... 54,700
12. Chat Box Artificial Intelligence Services.....	\$....50,715
13. Employment Personnel Services.....	\$ ... 50,000

**B. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**1. Personnel**

**2. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$2,472,822.00

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### **3. Purchases:**

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

Description:	Along with the Durant Community Facilities Authority (DCFA), SE requests permission to partner in the purchase of two new video scoreboards for Bloomer Sullivan Arena and Paul Laird Field. The Arena board will replace a 16-year-old board with a new 8 feet by 27 feet video board. The Field board will replace a 17-year-old board with a new 16 feet by 28 feet board. The DCFA will purchase and pay the first \$300,000 with the University paying the remaining balance.
Amount:	\$375,000
Source of Funding:	\$300,000 – DCFA Up to \$75,000 – Athletic Donor Funds, Corporate Partners, and Auxiliary Funds
Vendor: for Installation	Nevco for Hardware and All Seasons Sports BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative

### **C. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### **1. Informational Item**

##### **Academic Calendar**

Attached is the Academic Calendar for 2024-2025 for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The calendar has been submitted for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

### **D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**

#### **1. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$2,471,850

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**2. Informational Items:**

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

1. Academic Healthplans Inc., \$139,092.00 (AUX) for International Student insurance
2. TouchNet Information Systems, Inc., \$71,892.00 (E&G) for annual software contract for online billing and payment system.

**3. Purchases:**

**Request approval to make the following purchases which will be made in accordance with Board policy 2.3.4 (over \$150,000):**

Equipment and supplies for the College of Health and Sciences (Nursing, STEM areas) to facilitate and enhance instructional resources related to Critical Workforce Development Initiative. (Various suppliers for contract purchases or bid proposals will be issued.)

Estimated Cost: \$461,000.00

Source: E&G

**E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA**

**1. Personnel**

**2. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$3,142,258.00

**3. Informational Item:**

Mongoose Research, Cadence text messaging and solution for CRM Recruit.

Source:

E&G .....\$52,223

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**F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

- 1. Personnel**
- 2. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$89,359.00

**3. Informational Item:**

<b>Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Informational Items</b>			
<b>In accordance with board policy 2.3.3, purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000</b>			
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Howard Industries	Purchase of interactive touch display systems for USDA grant (Bid)	430 Grant	\$65,340.00
AMD Global Telemedicine	Purchase of telemedicine carts for USDA grant (Bid)	430 Grant	\$155,620.00
Country Ford Mercury	Purchase of three patrol vehicles (2023 Ford Explorer on State contract)	765 Auxiliary	\$135,703.80

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

**XII. REGENTS’ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (1) to discuss President Lovell’s Evaluation.**
- B. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (4) to discuss the following:**

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

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### Actions:

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

Marci D. Walkingstick Dixon v. State of Oklahoma ex rel the Regional University System of the Oklahoma Board of Regents sic. d/b/a Northeastern State University ("NSU"), United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma Case #CIV 19-391.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2022-836-HE.

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

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

Donald Eichler v. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges ex rel. & University of Central Oklahoma an Institution of Higher Education and a Part of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2022-5317.

### **Tort Claims pending with State Risk Management**

Cowart v. Northeastern State University, Tort Claim #2360031731

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

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

Deborah Anderson v. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, EEOC Charge No. 31B-2023-00065.

Alissa Baker v. Northeastern State University, Charge #564-2023-00897

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

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

OCR Docket # 07-23-2169, Anonymous Complainant v. East Central University



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Margo McKenzie v. Northeastern State University

### **Miscellaneous Matters**

MidFirst Bank v. Lindsay, Northwestern Oklahoma State University et al. CJ-2022-6342.

Emily Wilson v. East Central University

Appeal of IRS Audit finding by Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Reginald Thompson v. East Central University

### **XV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

ATTACHMENTS TO AGENDA

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Attachment

A. Academic Affairs .....19-33

\* Academic Affairs 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 RUSO Administrative Office and this documentation is available in the office in Oklahoma City.

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## NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

DATE: October 27, 2023  
TO: Regional University System of Oklahoma  
FROM: Rodney Hanley, President  
SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Agenda Items

The following proposals for certificate and program modifications are submitted for your consideration.

These eight certificate modifications are a result of changes to the host programs that have already been approved by RUSO.

- **Business Analytics Certificate (039)**, embedded in Business Administration BBA. Faculty propose removing a course and lowering total credit hours needed for the certificate from 18 to 15.
- **International Business Certificate (065)**, embedded in International Business Management, BBA. A prerequisite course is being removed since it is no longer part of the business core. The credit hours needed for the certificate will remain at 15.
- **Operations and Supply Chain Management Certificate (180)**, embedded in Supply Chain Management, BBA will switch a required course to logistics. The certificate will still require 15 credit hours.
- **Healthcare Administration Certification (181)**, embedded in Health Organizations Administration, BBA. Faculty propose removing several courses as prerequisites, making the certificate more accessible to students. Certificate credit hours will remain at 15.
- **Healthcare Information Analytics Certificate (182)**, embedded in Health Organizations Administration, BBA. Prerequisite courses for this certificate will also be removed while the total credit hours will remain at 15.
- **Business Basics Certificate (189)**, embedded in Business Administration, BBA. Faculty propose replacing two courses with different courses in Management and Information Systems. Total credit hours needed will remain at 15.
- **Soft Skills Certificate (193)**, embedded in Management, B.B.A. will remove the computer proficiency requirement. Students already meet that requirement through other means. Credit hours will remain at 12.
- **Quality Management Certificate (194)**, embedded in Management, B.B.A. will remove the computer proficiency requirement as it is no longer necessary.

These degree program modifications include course, admission, and a lowering of open electives to streamline degrees from 124 to 120 credit hours where possible.

**Accounting B.B.A. (001).** Faculty have added two courses to the accounting core and eliminated the program's options. This change increases program requirements from 60 to 63 credit hours. Reducing the remaining open electives to 11 credit hours lowers the degree total from 124 credit hours to 120.

**School Administration, M.Ed. (103).** Faculty propose removing admission documentation including the goals statement, copy of teaching license, and letters of recommendation. They will also modify conditional admission requirements, and candidacy requirements to remove documentation. Total credit hours remain 36.

**Library Media and Information Technology, M.S. (129).** Faculty propose removing the MAT / GRE entrance exam and replacing it with conditional admission guidelines. They will also modify the Professional Education guided elective portion of the degree. Total credit hours will remain 33.

**Medical Laboratory Science B.S.M.L.S. (147).** Faculty are clarifying minimum grade requirements as well as clarifying program dismissal standards. They are adjusting credit hours in clinical courses in the 2+2 pathway. The proposal also reduces the number of open electives to 3 from the 3+1 pathway and 9 in the 2+2 pathway will reduce the total degree hours to 120.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals. If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. Carla Swearingen.

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Carla Swearingen, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Pamela Fly, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs



**NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

October 27, 2023

Jane McDermott, Board Chair  
Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> #407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Chair McDermott:

Please accept this letter notifying RUSO of a name change for NSU's Department of Criminology, Justice Studies and Global Security to the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Changing the department name will help alleviate confusion among students as they search for criminal justice and sociology programs. It is often difficult for students to locate particular degree programs due the current name that focuses on certain areas of study, but not specific programs. Changing the name will make programs more visible to current and prospective students. Sociology and Criminal Justice, while related, are separate disciplines and both should be included in the department title.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Carla Swearingen, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Sincerely,

Rodney Hanley, Ph.D.  
President

cc: Dr. Carla Swearingen, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Mike Chanslor, Dean, College of Liberal Arts  
Dr. Brett Fitzgerald, Chair, Department of Criminology, Justice Studies, and Global Security



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

October 24, 2023

Dr. Sheridan McCaffree, Executive Director  
Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 N.W.5<sup>th</sup> #407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Executive Director McCaffree:

In accordance with RUSO policy to inform member institutions, Northeastern State University will submit to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) a *Letter of Intent* indicating NSU's intent to seek approval to offer a new program, Master of Science in Management and Technology.

The Management and Technology, M.S. will be classified as a STEM program, with an emphasis on technology in management training and operations. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (September 6, 2023) cites 2022 STEM occupations in the US as 10,365 (thousands) to 11,487 (thousands) for 2032, which is a 10.8% increase. The new program is targeted to meet this demand by growing the state's STEM workforce.

The program will be offered at both Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses in both traditional and electronic delivery formats. Complete *New Program Request Form* to offer MS in Management and Technology will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Rodney Hanley, Ph.D.  
President

cc: Dr. Carla Swearingen, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Pamela Fly, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Janet Buzzard, Dean, College of Business and Technology



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

October 30, 2023

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

RE: Educational Excellence Committee

Dear Board Members:

We are seeking approval for the following program modification.

**Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management (002)** – Add option in flight operations and dispatch. Four new courses added to inventory.

We are also seeking approval for the following new programs.

**Master of Science in Community Health** – New program, 33 total hours. Nine new courses added to inventory.

**Master of Science in Health Science** – New program, 33 total hours. Four new courses added to inventory

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this proposal.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom  
President



# Northwestern<sup>TM</sup>

## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Date:** October 26, 2023

**To:** Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Board of Regents

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

**Re:** Academic Affairs Agenda Item – November 10, 2023

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the agenda with an Academic Affairs Agenda Item for the November 10, 2023, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents. We request approval of the following items:

**Other Program Modification** – Changing the department prefix of our Graduate Study Seminar course from Education (EDUC) to University (UNIV) for all master degrees upon the recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee. Master of Education: School Counseling (011), Reading Specialist (032), Adult Education Management and Administration (082), Curriculum and Instruction (083), Educational Leadership (083); Master of Arts: American Studies (067), Heritage Tourism and Conservation (072); Master of Science: General Psychology (079); Master of Counseling Psychology (043)

**New Program** – Master of Business Administration in Business Administration (088) with options in Management or Health Care Administration. Total hours required 33, 15 new courses.

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

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## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

### FALL SEMESTER, 2024

August 19	Regular Classes Begin
August 19, 20, 21, 22	Night Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day (Holiday)
October 3, 4, 5	Homecoming
October 11	End of First Eight Weeks
October 14	Beginning of Second Eight Weeks
October 17-18	Fall Break
October 21	Classes Resume
November 27, 28, 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Classes Resume
December 8	Commencement
December 10, 11, 12, 13	Final Examinations
December 13	Last Day of Semester

### SPRING SEMESTER, 2025

Dec. 16 – Jan. 10	Spring Interim Classes
January 13	Regular Classes Begin
January 13, 14, 15, 16	Night Classes Begin
January 20	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)
March 7	End of First Eight Weeks
March 10	Beginning of Second Eight Weeks
March 17 – 21	Spring Break
March 24	Classes Resume
April 26	Alumni Spring Reunion
May 6, 7, 8, 9	Final Examinations
May 9	Last Day of Semester
May 10	Commencement

### SUMMER SESSION, 2025

May 12 - 30	Summer Interim Classes
May 26	Memorial Day (Holiday)
June 2	Classes Begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June Session (June 2 – June 30)</li><li>• July Session (July 1 – July 28)</li></ul>
June 19	Juneteenth (Holiday)
July 28	Summer Session Ends



### **Doctorate of Education in Rural Education (Ed.D.)**

**Description of Proposed Program** The ECU Doctor of Education (Ed.D) in Rural Education will support and advance rural education in Oklahoma and, possibly, the region. Although a majority of public school districts in Oklahoma identify as rural, meaning they integrate their student instruction and services with rural education’s exceptional circumstances and challenges, little higher education preparation exists in either Oklahoma or other states for rural educators and educational leaders. Currently, only three universities across the United States grant doctoral degrees in rural education leadership--none of which are located in Oklahoma. The need for more higher education learning in rural education also aligns with recent data supporting the growth in doctoral-level educational leadership and administration graduates. Increases in the number of these graduates correspond with more research related to educational leadership and administration. However, little addresses rural education with its exceptional circumstances and challenges. This has resulted in less advancement in the collective knowledge base about rural education. Additional doctoral programs geared toward rural education could alter this trend and improve understanding about rural education through sound research. These factors collectively result in a need for a doctoral degree in rural education in Oklahoma.

The term rural includes varied definitions. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (2020), rural includes whatever is not defined as urban. The U.S. Census Bureau (2021) states rural is defined as not urban in relation to population, housing, and geographic area. Geographically, 97% of the United States is defined as rural (NCES, 2020). In addition, according to NCES (2020), at least 30,000 rural schools in the United States employ at least 916,000 personnel. According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2020), 52% of the schools in Oklahoma are defined as rural. In 2020, Oklahoma had 205,945 students in rural schools, comprising about 264 school districts (OSDE, 2020).

According to the OSDE (2020), educators in rural areas must consider many special circumstances and the challenges affecting our rural students. Two of the largest challenges include educational and financial barriers (Barbera et al. 2020; Jones et al. 2020; OSDE 2020). In addition, leaders in OK rural schools should know how to address the unique issues in rural communities, such as “varying access to healthcare, food security, Internet connectivity, access to advanced coursework, and high-quality educational resources” (OSDE, 2020, para. 2).

This program is specifically designed to address and study rural education's unique circumstances and challenges. Specific coursework in the program will help education leaders understand and successfully navigate the special aspects of leadership in rural education. The program also includes coursework in advocacy, strategic planning, curriculum planning, etc., for rural education. The capstone aspect of the program is designed specifically to enhance rural education through a collaboration to address specific and unique needs of the school in development and completion of the capstone to address a specific need of the school system. Thus, the program consists of 60 hours of graduate-level coursework. Of the 60 hours, 12 hours will include the dissertation/capstone project coursework. Students will be eligible to transfer up to 30 hours of coursework from their M. Ed. Programs based on graduate school policy and review of the dean and director.

**Employment Demand for Proposed Program** According to Lightcast (2022), 2,200 job postings nationally relate to a doctorate in rural education. Post-secondary teachers and administrators make up the largest growth market for this area, but education administrators (K-12) and educators (K-12) are close behind in the top 5 (BLS, 2022; Lightcast, 2022). According to Lightcast (2022), the primary skill related to this area is curriculum development and instructional design, which are integrated into this program.

**Unmet Need for Proposed Program** Doctoral-level educational leadership and administration graduates have grown by 6% over the last 5-year average, and education administration has grown by 13% over the last 5-year average (IPEDS, 2022). In addition, specializations in this doctoral program are in the top 5 fastest growing areas nationally (IPEDS, 2022).

Even with the growth indicated, very few doctoral programs focus on rural education. There are currently only three. According to the Rural Schools Collaborative (2018), the University of West Alabama was the first doctoral program focusing on rural education launched in 2013. Since the University of West Alabama created its program, there have been only two other institutions in the United States to launch doctoral programs with a focus on rural education: West Texas A&M and Southern Arkansas University (RSC, 2018).

Research in rural education is also an unmet need. Research articles published on rural educational issues are few and highly needed compared to other research in education (Arnold et al., 2005). In addition, support for publishing articles related to rural educational research is lacking (Thornton & Mihelic, 2022). The concern about the lack of research and support led to the Chronicle of Rural Education (CoRE) (Thornton & Mihelic, 2022). CoRE is an open-accessed peer-review journal hosted by Oklahoma State University's Open Journal Website, with East Central University faculty serving as the editorial and production staff. This program directly connects to addressing the lack of research regarding rural education through dissertations/capstone projects. Program participants will be encouraged to submit research for publication in CoRE.

## Educational Specialist in School Psychology (Ed.S.)

**Description of Proposed Program** School psychology is a vital component to the public-school system as they are responsible for evaluating students for special education eligibility outlined by federal and state guidelines and standards. Additionally, they provide intervention services for students struggling academically, socially, and behaviorally. In addition, school psychologists provide consultation and training for educators thus meeting many student needs.

This program consists of 63 hours of graduate-level coursework to prepare individuals to become school psychologists. Coursework will include specific training as outlined by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), which also meets the standards of Oklahoma. The institution will be able to seek accreditation from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) if the Educational Specialist in School Psychology degree is approved.

According to the NASP (2020), "Graduate education of school psychologists occurs at the specialist-level or doctoral-level programs of study in school psychology, as defined in these standards" (p. 15). With NASP accreditation, students will be able to seek national certification (NSCP) and state certification as a school psychologist. Students will be eligible to transfer up to 33 hours from a master's program in School Psychometry.

**Employment Demand for Proposed Program** The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) recommends a student ratio of 1:500 in a school system for the school psychologist. According to NASP(January 2023), Oklahoma's ratio was greater than 1 school psychologist for every 2,000 students. Data collected by the Oklahoma School Psychology Association indicate that the school psychologist to student ratios in Oklahoma is 1: 5,251. Oklahoma local education agencies have multiple openings across the state for school psychologists, which go unfilled through the school year. A crude Internet search for school psychologist positions on June 28, 2023, revealed over 100 open positions throughout the state of Oklahoma. According to the Bureau of Labor, the demand for school psychologists is anticipated to increase by 6% in 2031.

**Unmet Need for Proposed Program** School psychology is a critical part of the public school system. School psychologists holding a National Certified School Psychologist (NSCP) credential are more sought after than school psychologists who do not hold the credential (NASP, 2020). Those with the NSCP command higher pay in the form of stipends awarded through local education agencies. Students graduating from East Central University's Educational Specialist in School Psychology will be well situated to obtain immediate employment as a school psychologist after passing the appropriate certification exams. With over 100 open positions, there is a great need to produce more qualified school psychologists.

There are currently a few other school psychology programs in Oklahoma, but none of these programs service our area. The doctoral level program at Oklahoma State University can only train a few candidates a year, thus creating the need for the ECU Educational Specialist in School Psychology. Additionally, there are only two other programs in our state that prepare school psychologists; however, they do not service the ECU area. The other programs are either blended or on-the-ground programs which is a hardship and barrier to students in our service area. The need in our area is great, and with the demand for school psychologists increasing by 6% (Bureau of Labor), there is an unmet need to prepare NSCP credential school psychologists.



November 2, 2023

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 requests:

**New Programs:**

- B.B.A. Supply Chain Management (Traditional and Online delivery)
- B.S. Ecology & Conservation Biology (Traditional delivery)

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,

Todd G. Lamb  
President



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

FROM: Diana Lovell, President

DATE: October 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Program Modification Requests – November 2023

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the agenda for the November 9-10, 2023, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Program Modification requests for the following programs:
  1. Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology – New Program
  2. Bachelor of Business Administration - Human Resource Management option addition (011)
  3. Bachelor of Business Administration - Leadership and Organization Studies option addition (011)
  4. Bachelor of Business Administration – Entrepreneurship (011)
  5. Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration – (005)
  6. Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry – Pharmaceutical Chemistry option addition (013)
  7. Bachelor of Science in Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146)
  8. Associate of Science in Wildland Firefighting (156)

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

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Sharon	Lawrence	333000
<b>Department</b>		
Allied Health Sciences	v	

## Justification For Program

### Description of Proposed Program

Southwestern Oklahoma State University currently offers five Associate of Applied Science degrees at the Weatherford Campus. The proposed Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology would be offered through contractual agreement with Great Plains Regional Medical Center to give students the opportunity to earn a degree while pursuing their professional goals of Surgical Technology certification. The Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARCSTSA) is recommending an elevation to the current certification to include an Associate level degree track. Program objectives will be compliant with the accreditation standards. Individual learning objectives of the program will be defined when the program director is in place and the accreditation process begins.

The curriculum for the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology degree plan was formulated to meet the completion objectives necessary for students to be prepared to take the certification exam. The curriculum allows students to complete the degree as well as meet all accreditation requirements set forth by the ARCSTSA.

This program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions as Surgical Technologists. The program will have a competitive admission process consisting of the following requirements: 2.0 GPA, written application, completion of all prerequisite coursework in year one. Students must also pass a background check and drug screen in order to be placed in clinical courses. Upon satisfactory completion of the Surgical Technology program, graduates will receive the Associate in Applied Science Degree and are eligible to sit for certification. Students must complete the program with a minimum 2.0 GPA. This program will seek accreditation by Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) via The Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC/STSA).

### Employment Demand for Proposed Program

According to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Industry and Occupational Employment Projections for 202 (https://oklahoma.gov/oesc/labor-market/employment-projections.html), there are approximately 30 openings a year for Surgical Technologists in Oklahoma with approximately 60 Technologists leaving the field annually creating a deficit amongst hospitals and surgery centers.

Currently, there are 130 students enrolled in Health Science that have not made any application or concrete decision on which health program path they would like to pursue. This would give an additional option. Students ask advisors in Allied Health where they can go for Surgical Technology on a regular basis. There are no Surgical Technology programs west of Yukon, Ok. This option would also fit other majors looking for a career to help them with the cost of a higher degree.

### Unmet Need for Proposed Program

This program will be offered through a contractual agreement between Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, Oklahoma. Our hospital partner is very excited about this opportunity and the opportunity for western Oklahoma to fill very needed Surgical Technology jobs in Western Oklahoma.

The benefit of offering this program will be to meet the needs of our industry partner and to draw students to SWOSU in order to achieve the degree needed to reach employment and then retain them in the BAS in Health Science to finish their bachelor degree while working in their chosen field.

### Program Method of Delivery

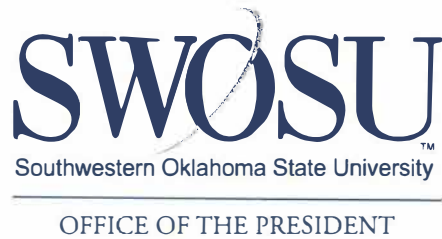
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TO: Board of Regents of the  
Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Regent Amy Ford, Chair

FROM: Diana Lovell, President

DATE: October 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items  
– November, 2023

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the November, 2023, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

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

SWOSU requests authority for Lori Boyd, SWOSU Vice President of Administration and Finance, to sign closing documents for the purchase of 25 acres of land. Purchase of the land was approved by the RUSO Board at the June, 2023, meeting.

SWOSU was successful in purchasing the 25 acres at a total cost of \$557,530, including estimated closing costs. Closing was delayed due to title issues but is expected to occur within the next 30 days.

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



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OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Date:** October 26, 2023

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

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

**RE:** Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items-November 9, 2023

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the November 9, 2023, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

## **President's House**

Project Description: Northwestern Oklahoma State University is seeking approval to update the guest shower in the second-floor bathroom of the President's House. Estimated cost will not exceed \$9,500. All expenses for the project will be from donated funds.

BH:jr



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

October 30, 2023

Regent Amy Anne Ford  
 Regional University System of Oklahoma  
 305 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street #407  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73102

RE: Facilities Stewardship Committee

Dear Regent Ford,

**Construction & Renovation, over \$100,000**

In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval for the following project:

Project Name: Science and Fine Arts Buildings HVAC Upgrades and Repairs  
 Project Description: Request approval to engage Plyer Construction as the successful bidder for upgrades and repairs to HVAC systems in the Science and Fine Arts buildings. For Fine Arts, the upgrades will include moving from a 2-pipe system to a 4-pipe system. This will provide improved functionality including humidity control. For the Science building, the first and third floors will be upgraded to match the second-floor improvements (funded with Risk Management claim proceeds). In addition to better humidity control, the updated system will better manage building pressure and provide enhanced freeze protection.  
 Project Number(s): 660-0800 & 660-0804  
 Amount: \$2,540,294  
 Source of Funds: Master Lease, Deferred Maintenance  
 Vendor: Plyer Construction

**Construction & Renovation, between \$25,000 and \$100,000**

In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is reporting the following project:

Item	Vendor	Amount	Funding Source
Construction of a metal storage building 40' X 60' X 12' on a 4" concrete slab.	Rockin' B Fencing, Braxton Barton	\$79,500	Master Lease Rodeo/Ag Expo

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom, President



# NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

**DATE:** October 27, 2023

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

**FROM:** Dr. Rodney Hanley, President

**SUBJECT:** Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items–November 2023

## Property Lease

Request approval to enter into a lease with the City of Broken Arrow for the use of 1,000 parking spaces used exclusively for allowing parking for patrons of the Broken Arrow Events Park and Amphitheater. The term of the lease is for one year with an option to renew the lease for three consecutive years. The annual lease rate for the first three years is \$55,000.

## Project Requests

### 1. Project #485-0078 – Bacone Renovation and Site Improvements

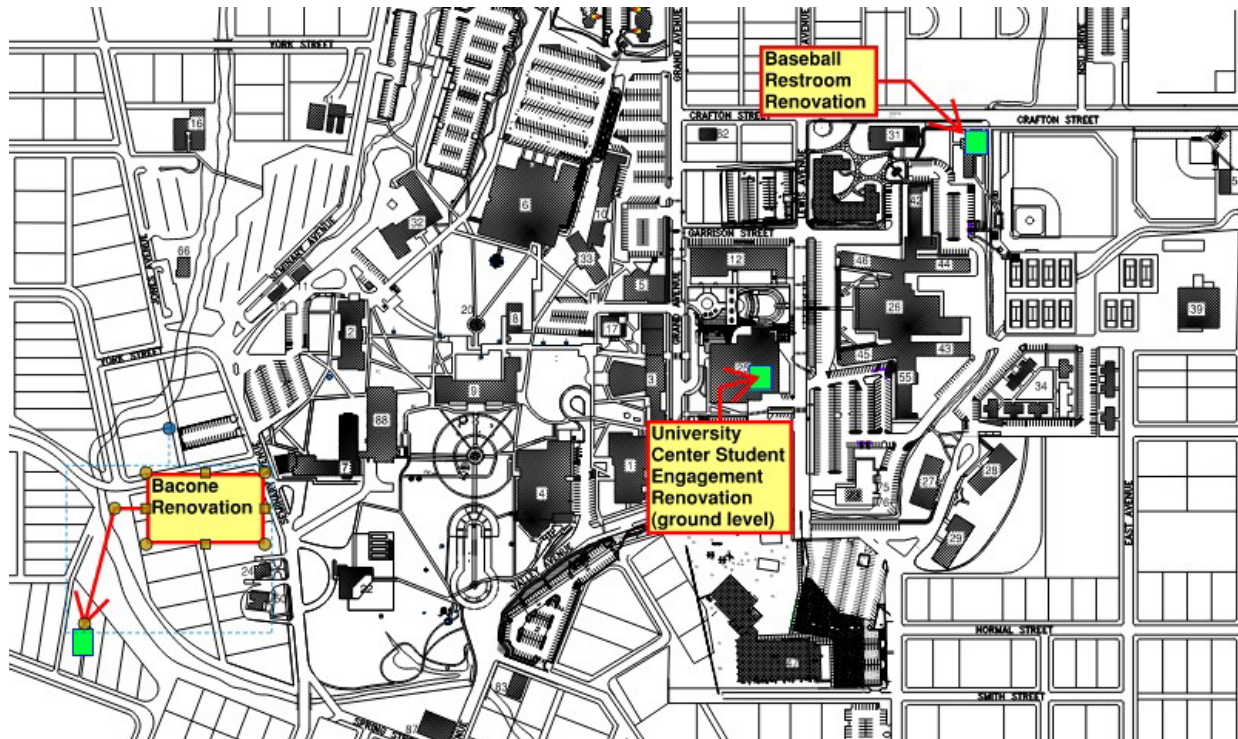
- Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsible bidder the renovation of the NSU Bacone House. Renovations will include exterior stabilization, site improvements, and interior improvements including an ADA accessible first floor. Renovations will be funded by a grant over three years.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$995,500
- Budget Breakdown: Renovations/Repairs
- Revenue Source(s): Grant Funds

### 2. Project #485-0073 – Student Engagement Renovation

- Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsible bidder the renovation of Student Engagement space on all three campuses. Renovations will be funded by a grant over five years. The renovation focus for the first year will be in the University Center basement.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$970,466
- Budget Breakdown: Renovations/Repairs
- Revenue Source(s): Grant Funds

### 3. Project #485-73 – Baseball Patron Restroom Renovation

- Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsible bidder, the remodel and expansion of the patron restrooms.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$150,000
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds





Date: November 9-10, 2023

To: Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair, Amy Anne Ford

From: President Todd G. Lamb

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**November 2023 Facilities Stewardship Committee**

1. Approval Items:

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

Project Description: Request approval to award TK Elevator Corporation a contract not to exceed \$140,000 for the modernization of the Human Environmental Sciences Building elevator. Contract to be awarded through *Omnia Partners Group* cooperative purchasing contract.

Requested Funding Approval: \$140,000

Budget Breakdown: \$140,000 for complete retrofit of controller and operational parts.

Vendor: TK Elevator Corporation

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

2. Information Items:

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

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$47,899 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the remediation of flood damage to the Sports Performance Annex. This damage occurred as a result of a flooded telecommunication conduit entering the building. Lippert Bros.' on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

**b. Project #120-0033 Existing Building Renovations and Additions**

Project Description: Issued contract in the amount of \$26,031 to on-call construction manager Lippert Bros. for the demolition of the Annex building at the St. Mary's property/future home of the UCO School of Design. Lippert Bros.' on-call contract expires July 2024.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

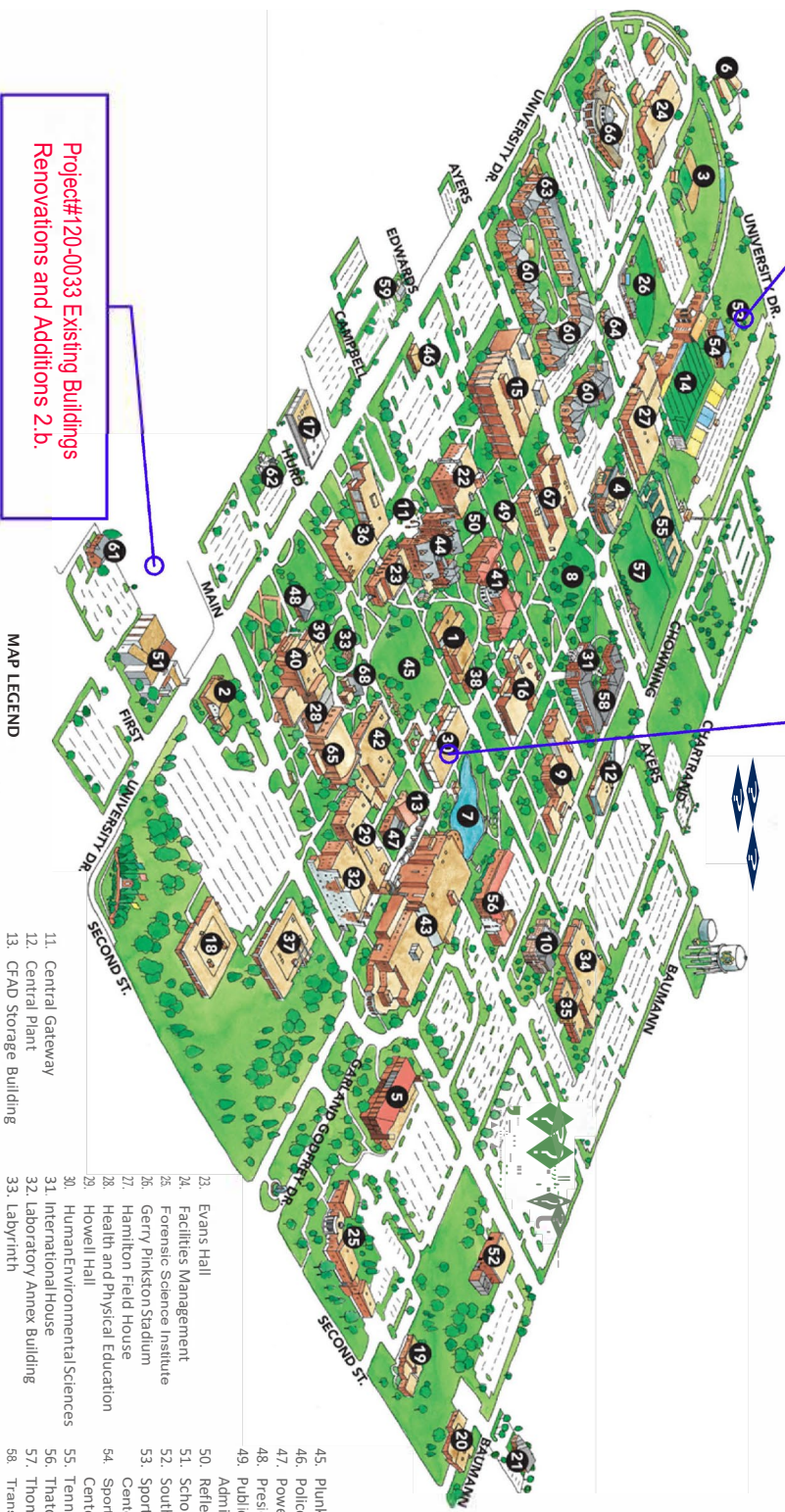
Attachment: Campus Map



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

Project#120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance 1. a.



Project#120-0033 Existing Buildings Renovations and Additions 2. b.

- 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 Lake
  7. Buddy's Lawn
  8. Business Building
  9. Center for Transformative Learning
  10. Central Gateway
  11. CFAD Storage Building
  12. Chad Richison Stadium
  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. 1.42
  19. Education Annex Building
  20. Education Building
  21. Edmond Fire Station No. 1.42
  22. Music Building
  23. Old North
  24. Evans Hall
  25. Facilities Management
  26. Forensic Science Institute
  27. Gerry Pinkston Stadium
  28. Hamilton Field House
  29. Health and Physical Education
  30. Howell Hall
  31. Human Environmental Sciences
  32. International House
  33. Laboratory Annex Building
  34. Labyrinth
  35. Liberal Arts North Wing
  36. Liberal Arts South Wing
  37. Lillard Administration Building
  38. Math and Computer Science Center
  39. Melton Art Gallery
  40. Mitchell Education Center
  41. Mitchell Hall
  42. Murdaugh Hall
  43. Music Building
  44. Night University Center
  45. Plunkett Park
  46. Police Services
  47. Power Plant
  48. President's Annex
  49. Public Safety Administration
  50. Reflection Park
  51. School of Design (future)
  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 Quadrangle (The Quad)
  59. TRIO Training
  60. University Commons
  61. University Guest House
  62. University House
  63. University Suites
  64. VET HERO Center
  65. Wantland Hall
  66. Wellness Center
  67. West Hall
  68. Y-Chapel

# Campus Map

## METRO CAMPUS LOCATIONS

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 Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM@UCO)  
 25 S. Oklahoma Ave.,  
 Downtown Oklahoma City
- 
 UCO Boathouse at Oklahoma River  
 732 Riversport Dr.,  
 Oklahoma River Boathouse District,  
 Downtown Oklahoma City
- 
 Center for eLearning and Connected Environments  
 201 N. Bryant Ave.,  
 Edmond
- 
 UCO at Carnegie Centre  
 131 Dean A. McGee Ave.,  
 Downtown Oklahoma City
- 
 Jazz Lab  
 100 E. 5th St.,  
 Edmond
- 
 UCO at Santa Fe Plaza  
 101 North E.K. Gaylord, Ste. 1  
 Downtown Oklahoma City
- 
 UCO Boathouse at Arcadia Lake  
 Arcadia Lake - Second St. and  
 Midwest Blvd.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: Board of Regents of the
Regional University System of Oklahoma
Regent Chris Van Denhende, Chair
FROM: Diana Lovell, President
DATE: October 25, 2023
SUBJECT: Audit and Finance Committee Agenda Items
- November, 2023

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Audit and Finance Committee agenda for the November, 2023, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Project: Construction of the Jerry and Margaret Hodge Center

Project Description:

SWOSU requests permission to transfer funds from 765 Auxiliary fund to 295 Fund in preparation for payment of construction costs related to the Hodge Center project. The funds requested to be transferred have been received from the City of Weatherford sales tax revenue specifically for use to construct this building.

Requested Funding Approval: \$1,000,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Funding Sources: Fund 765



**NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

October 18, 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northeastern State University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. FACULTY CHANGE IN STATUS**

**Dr. Michael Morgan**, Assistant Professor of Biology in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has been appointed to Associate Professor of Biology in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective 08/01/2023. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, 9-month position at an academic year salary of \$64,850.

**Dr. Spence Pilcher**, Professor of Chemistry in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has been appointed Professor/Coordinator of the Supplemental Instruction Program in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective 08/14/2023.

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

**Ms. Betty Barton** has been appointed as Instructor / Assistant Clinic Director of Speech & Language Pathology in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Profession BA Clinic effective 08/07/2023. This is a full time regular, non-tenure track 9-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$56,630.

Ms. Barton holds the following degrees: B.S. Communication Science and Disorders, Oklahoma State University; M.S. Speech Language Pathology, University of Tulsa.

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### C. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (TEMPORARY)

**Dr. Tara Buck** has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts effective 08/14/2023. This is a full time temporary, non-tenure track, 9-month appointment at a fiscal salary rate of \$50,520.

Dr. Buck holds the following degrees: B.A. English and M.S. English, Northeastern State University; and Ph.D. English, Applied Linguistics, from Ball University.

Her professional experience includes: Graduate Teaching Assistant Northeastern State University and Ball University.

**Dr. Jessica Tsotsoros** has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective 08/01/2023. This is a full-time, non-tenure track, temporary position at an academic salary rate of \$41,720.

Dr. Tsotsoros hold the following degrees: B.S. Occupational Therapy, M.S. Rehabilitation Sciences with Pediatric Emphasis, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Ph.D. Educational Technology, Oklahoma State University.

Her professional experience includes: Associate Professor and International Experiences Coordinator. Assistant Professor, Doctoral Capstone Coordinator University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Allied Health.

### D. RESIGNATIONS

**Dr. April J. Parker**, Associate Professor of Optometry, in the Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry has submitted her letter of resignation effective 12/31/2023.

## II. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Student Degree Planning Software (\$7,141 increase) .....	\$119,141
RUSO School Payments.....(Aux).....	\$115,000
Student Recruitment Software.....	\$110,000

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IT Contractual Services .....	\$104,000
Grant Consulting Services.....	\$102,900
Wind Tunnel Equipment.....	\$.. 97,235
Mail and Copier Equipment Rental.....(AUX).....	\$.. 64,650
International Recruitment Services.....(AUX).....	\$.. 62,655
Cyber Security Support Service .....	\$.. 62,337
Collections Services.....(AUX).....	\$ 115,000
Veterans Advertising.....(AUX).....	\$....54,700
Chat Box Artificial Intelligence Services.....	\$ ... 50,715
Employment Personnel Services.....	\$ ... 50,000

### III. GRANTS AND CONTACTS

The University has received notification of funding for the following proposals:

**OTC - A Day of Celebration 2023-2024 .....\$4,000.00**

This grant will host area high school students on the NSU BA campus, enhancing their motivation to consider a career in teaching. This will create more relationships with school partners to ultimately increase NSU’s Grow Your Own Teachers’ classes. The Project Director(s) are: Dr. Meagan Moreland, Dr. Kelli Carney and Dr. Jericho Hobson.

**See My Ability Summer Camp 2024 .....\$2,000.00**

Teachers will provide a specialized curriculum in a four-day visual arts summer camp utilizing an arts integration program where participants will get to display their artwork at the end of the camp during a gallery walk-through on the NSU Broken Arrow Campus. The Project Director is Dr. Eloy Chavez.

**NSU Teacher Acceleration (TAP) .....\$2,450,000.00**

This grant will make an unprecedented investment to combat the teacher shortage and raise awareness of opportunities for non-education majors to enter the teaching profession with a focus on science and mathematics. The Project Director is Dr. Vanessa Anton.

**NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**NASNTI – Individual Yr 1 of 5 2023-2024 .....\$599,866.00**

This grant will focus on increasing the capacity of the institution to better serve American Indian and low-income students, with primary goal of increasing their retention and graduation rates. Accomplished by strengthening infrastructure and student support services, increasing quality and efficiency, and efficiency, and focusing on Cherokee language and cultural preservation. The Project Director is Sara Barnett.

**NANSTI – Northeastern State University and Tulsa Community College Collaborative Yr 1 of 5 2023-2024 .....\$800,000.00**

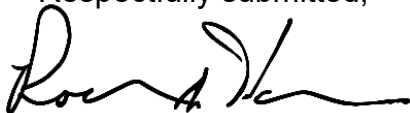
The project is designed to address the educational needs of Native American and low-income students in the NSU and TCC service areas. These students often come from deep, inter-generational poverty and have very limited social, cultural, and financial capital to successfully navigate higher education. This five-year project will provide substantial interventions to help students overcome these barriers. The Project Director is Dr. Kendra Haggard.

**Project DREAM Yr 1 of 5 2023-2024 .....\$99,490.00**

The purpose of Project DREAM is to reduce the shortage of highly qualified special education teachers and related personnel (speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, school social workers, and school counselors) including teachers and personnel of color serving school-age children. The Project Directors are Dr. Lisa Bisogno and Dr. Jarilyn Haney.

**Total Awarded Grants: .....\$3,955,356.00**

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Hanley, Ph.D.  
President



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

Regent Jane McDermott  
Regional University System of Oklahoma  
305 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, #407  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Regent McDermott:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. RESIGNATIONS**

John Massey School of Business

**Dr. Jimmie Flores, Instructor**, has submitted his resignation effective September 7, 2023. Dr. Flores has served in this capacity full-time since 2022.

Social Sciences

**Dr. David Prentice, Instructor**, has submitted his resignation effective October 18, 2023. Dr. Prentice has served in this capacity full-time since 2022.

**B. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Arts & Sciences

**Mr. Joseph McWilliams** has been appointed to the position of full-time Instructor in the Department of Art, Communication, & Theatre, effective August 1, 2023, at a 10-month salary of \$34,928.

Mr. McWilliams earned his M.S. in Sports Administration in 2023 and B.S. in Accounting in 1993 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He also earned a B.S. in Journalism/Broadcasting (Sports Media) from Oklahoma State University in 2012. His previous experience includes curating and creating content for multiple sites including the Bryan County Patriot as well as on-air talent with multiple media outlets.



**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 item:

Description: Along with the Durant Community Facilities Authority (DCFA), SE requests permission to partner in the purchase of two new video scoreboards for Bloomer Sullivan Arena and Paul Laird Field. The Arena board will replace a 16-year-old board with a new 8 feet by 27 feet video board. The Field board will replace a 17-year-old board with a new 16 feet by 28 feet board. The DCFA will purchase and pay the first \$300,000 with the University paying the remaining balance.

Amount: \$375,000

Source of Funding: \$300,000 – DCFA  
Up to \$75,000 – Athletic Donor Funds, Corporate Partners, and Auxiliary Funds

Vendor: Nevco for Hardware and All Seasons Sports for Installation  
BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative

**III. GRANTS**

**An assessment of American alligators in southeastern Oklahoma: Evaluating presence-absence, dispersal, movements, and habitat requirements ..... \$19,530**

Source: US Fish and Wildlife via Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation  
Date: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.....Directors: Dr. Jake Pruettt and Dr. Tim Patton

Survey population, home range and habitat use of adult alligators, and to monitor reproductive effort and recruitment of alligators at Red Slough Wildlife Management Area. Funding will provide materials, mileage, and wages for a graduate research assistant.

**Educational Opportunity Center..... \$601,845**

Source: U.S. Department of Education  
Date: September 01, 2023 – August 31, 2024 Yr. 3 of 5..... Director: Teriki Barnes

Serve 1,620 adults, in 11 counties in Oklahoma and Texas, seeking post-secondary education, with admissions, entrance exam prep, career counseling, personality assessments, financial aid assistance applications, financial literacy counseling, and coordination with other institutions.

**Talent Search Program..... \$496,747**

Source: U.S. Department of Education  
Date: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024..... Director: David Owen

Serve 861 participants to complete secondary school and enter and complete a postsecondary educational program. Seminars, workshops, and individual counseling are provided for Career Exploration, Study Skills, Learning Styles, College Readiness, Test Preparation, College Admissions, Financial Aid, Tutorial Assistance, Financial Literacy and Cultural Awareness.

**NASA OK Space Grant Consortium ..... \$30,000**

Source: National Aeronautics and Space Administration via Oklahoma State University  
Date: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 ..... Director: Nancy L. Paiva

Support internships, mentorship, research expenses, and visits to NASA researchers, other collaborators, or relevant facilities. Student selection is based on academic excellence, references



from faculty, financial need, interest in NASA careers, representation of cultural diversity and/or willingness to participate in NASA mission-related research projects.

**Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Summer Research Program (OK-INBRE) .....\$2,200**

Source: National Institute of Health via OUHSC

Date: May 1, 2023 – August 15, 2023 .....Director: Nancy L. Paiva

Support one summer intern with research supplies and analysis services, plus poster printing for their required final presentations at OUHSC in July. One goal is to increase the number of students pursuing Ph.D., MD, Pharmacy D. or other biomedical doctoral degrees.

**Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence SMaRT.....\$6,000**

Source: OUHSC using Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education match

Date: April 1, 2023 – August 30, 2023.....Director: Nancy L. Paiva

Support faculty time and effort for enhancing undergraduate involvement in research endeavors. A goal of the program is to help provide faculty mentored research experiences for lower level science majors, up to those completing their Freshman or Sophomore years. Funds support a small stipend for the faculty mentor, student hourly wages, and research supply funds

**SE Take Flight Aviation Science Camp.....\$10,000**

Source: Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

Date: August 11, 2023 – June 30, 2023 .....Director: Michael Gaffney

The campers learn the roles of a pilot, navigator and airport operations. The grant requires cash and in-kind matching for meals, lodging, equipment, transportation, and instructors.

**Oklahoma Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Higher Education Prevention Services: Stimulants, Opioids, and Suicide (SOS) .....\$100,500**

Source: Oklahoma Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Date: October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023..... Director(s): April Lehrling

Train and staff a professional prevention specialist. Support the education and safety of the community by providing trainings, resources and prevention services for narcotics, stimulants, and other substance abuse needs.

**University Center Economic Development Program.....\$135,000**

U.S. Economic Development Administration

Date: October 01, 2023-September 30, 2024..... Director: Eric Kennedy

Texoma Region Economic Development Center (TREE) will serve 10 southeastern Oklahoma counties. Students in SE's John Massey School of Business will work with faculty and region businesses to develop strategic marketing plans, business plans, and financial valuations. The TREE Center will give students necessary real-world experience, provide free consulting services to region businesses, and strengthen the relationship between SE and our region business partners.

**Aerospace Technology Center Renovation .....\$1,000,000**

U.S. Economic Development Administration

Date: September 14, 2023-August 13, 2028 .....Director: Mark Bison

Renovations will enable SE to enhance existing training, design new programs, and develop partnerships that will strengthen the region's aerospace workforce. The new center will serve 10 counties and meet the workforce training needs of the emerging aerospace industry along the I-35 corridor and diversify the economy of a region marked by poverty and high unemployment.

**Southwest Airlines Destination 225 University Partner.....\$71,000**

Source: Southwest Airlines

Date: September 20, 2023 – August 19, 2025.....Director: Michael Gaffney

Cover a portion of the Boeing 737 Simulator lease, software, maintenance, and instruction costs. The simulator is a key component in the Profession Pilot program and one reason Southwest Airlines recruits SE graduates.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom  
President



# Northwestern<sup>TM</sup>

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

November 26, 2023

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northwestern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

None at this time

**II. PURCHASES**

None at this time

**III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

None at this time

**IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**a. Academic Calendar**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Attached is the Academic Calendar for 2024-2025 for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The calendar has been submitted for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bo Hannaford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B".

Bo Hannaford, Ed.D.  
President



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27 October 2023

Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Landmark Towers  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Chair McDermott and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL**

None to report at this time.

**II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS**

None to report at this time.

**III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**U.S. Dept. of Ed. NASNTI Supplemental Award- First American Culture and Educational Success– Points of View (FACES-POV) \$150,000**

To coordinate and host a Tribal Education Summit, enhance/expand Indigenous Alternative Spring Break Project, enhance cultural preservation. The Project Director is Steven Martin.

**U.S. Dept. of Ed. - Promoting Early Education and Retention through Supplemental/Targeted Advising and Remedial Teaching (PEER-START) \$450,000**

To provide academic advising, mentoring, etc., to students, and strengthen academic programming at ECU. The Project Director is Dr. Haley Matlock.

**OUHS-Center for Learning and Leadership-UCEDD-CLL \$11,500**

To provide/conduct developmental disabilities education, research, and service. The Project Director is Holli Witherington.

**U.S. DOJ OVW – OVW Campus Law Enforcement Technical Assistance** **\$600,000**  
To provide Technical Assistance to Campus Law Enforcement, Security, and others across the U.S., related to gender-based violence prevention and response. The Project Director is Lindsey Tilley.

**U.S. Dept. of Ed. – Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Tiny Tigers Program** **\$53,576**  
To assist student parents with child care fee assistance, resources, and other support for student parents. The Project Director is Leah Lyon.

**NSF via OSU –OK Louis Stokes Minority Alliance for Minority Participation** **\$36,975**  
Provide resources and financial assistance for undergraduate research students and prepare them for grad school in a STEM field. The Project Director is Karen Williams.

**EPA via OSU – EPA STAR Grant** **\$234,465**  
Development of Innovative Monitoring Analysis Strategies for Rural Enhanced Aquifer Recharge Structures. The Project Director is Amy Hays.

**U.S. DHHS - Regional Mental Health Awareness Training Grant** **\$125,000**  
The purpose of this program is to: (1) train individuals to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, (2) establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services; (3) train emergency services personnel, veterans, law enforcement, fire department personnel, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder. The Project Director is Holli Witherington.

**U.S. Dept. of Ed. - Upward Bound Math Science** **\$367,692**  
To prepare low income and/or first-generation students from targeted areas to enter college and pursue a degree in a STEM area/field. The Project Director is Melissa Jones.

**U.S. Dept. of Ed.- Veterans Upward Bound** **\$340,642**  
To aid and encouragement to veterans, guard members and reservist in preparing to enter or re-enter and to be successful in programs of postsecondary education. The Project Director is Mary Meeks.

**U.S. DHHS - ECU Campus Suicide Prevention Program** **\$102,000**  
To facilitate a comprehensive public health approach to prevent suicide in institutions of higher education. The grant is designed to assist colleges and universities in building essential capacity and infrastructure to support expanded efforts to promote wellness and help-seeking of all students. Additionally, this grant will offer outreach to vulnerable students, including those

experiencing substance abuse and mental health problems who are at greater risk for suicide and suicide attempts. The Project Director is Holli Witherington.

**Grant total = \$2,471,850**

#### **IV. PURCHASES**

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

- Academic Healthplans Inc., \$139,092.00 (AUX) for International Student insurance
- TouchNet Information Systems, Inc., \$71,892.00 (E&G) for annual software contract for online billing and payment system.

**Request approval to make the following purchases which will be made in accordance with Board policy 2.3.4 (over \$150,000):**

Equipment and supplies for the College of Health and Sciences (Nursing, STEM areas) to facilitate and enhance instructional resources related to Critical Workforce Development Initiative. (Various suppliers for contract purchases or bid proposals will be issued.)

- Estimated Cost: \$461,000.00
- Source: E&G

Respectfully submitted,



Wendell L. Godwin  
President

WLG: hpv



UNIVERSITY OF

# Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma

November 10, 2023

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

Dear Board Members:

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

## I. PERSONNEL

### A. Faculty Appointments

#### College of Mathematics and Science

**Dr. Tej Lamichhane** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **School of Engineering**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective January 16, 2024.

Dr. Lamichhane's degrees are: Ph.D. (2019), Condensed Matter Physics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA; M.S. (2013), Physics, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX; and M.Sc. (2007), B.Sc. (2004), Physics, Tribhuvan University, Pokhara, Nepal.

His professional experiences include: Integration Engineer (1), Intel, Portland, OR; Postdoc Associate (1), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA; Graduate Teaching Assistant (2) and Graduate Research Assistant (5), Iowa State University, Ames, IA; and Lecturer (1), Marryland Higer Secondary School, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dr. Lamichhane will be paid an annual salary of \$87,080.00.

**Dr. Xianshan Qu** has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Computer Science**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective January 16, 2024.



Dr. Qu's degrees are: Ph.D. (2021), Computer Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; M.E. (2014), Instrument Science and Technology, Southeast University, China; and B.E. (2011), Measurement and Control Technology, Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China.

Her professional experiences include: Applied Researcher (1), Microsoft, Seattle, WA; Research Scientist (1), Meta, Seattle, WA; and Research Intern (0.5), Samsung Research America, Mountain View, CA.

Dr. Qu will be paid an annual salary of \$101,143.26.

## **B. Temporary Faculty Appointments**

### **1) Visiting Assistant Professor**

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

Rachael Kleckner

Nursing

## **II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF AWARDS**

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

### **September 2023**

NEXUS Project for Emergent Bilinguals, \$600,000

U.S. Department of Education

September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

April Haulman, Curriculum and Instruction

CFDA#: 84.365Z

Funds from this grant will be used to improve the educational services for English Learners (EL) by providing funding for teacher professional development, language and literacy programs for EL student and parents, increased diversity and equity trainings for school administrators, and more.

Paraprofessional Residency to Educator Pathway, \$4,378

Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education

September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

DiAnn McDown, Curriculum and Instruction

The funding for this grant will help to eliminate barriers that future teachers and paraprofessionals face. PREP will support a Grow Your Own model for the recruitment and preparation of comprehensively trained and certified teachers. PREP plans to leverage the experience and commitment of current

paraprofessionals to support their preparation to become teachers, while removing the common barriers to entry and completion of comprehensive programs.

Prospective Teachers Academy 2, \$7,880

Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education

September 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024

Alissa Crawford, College of Educational Sciences, Foundations & Research

This is a continuing grant that seeks to fund the recruitment of prospective teachers. The PTA 3 introduces high school juniors and seniors to college readiness, scholarship, leadership, and an overview of teacher education programs.

Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, \$70,000

National Academy of Educators

January 1, 2024 – December 15, 2024

Sara Doolittle, College of Educational Sciences, Foundations & Research

The purpose of this grant is to create a Postdoctoral Fellowship. During the fellowship period, fellows are expected to take full-time leave from their teaching and administrative duties, to work full-time on the research project described in their application proposal. Fellows will be taking full-time leave for two semesters over two academic years. The fellowship award is to be used as salary replacement and not supplement.

Science Olympiad, \$10,000

USA Foundation

September 18, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Elizabeth Allan, Biology

This grant will fund up to 8 sub-awards of \$500 each to be paid to qualifying schools who provide evidence of providing at least a dollar-for-dollar match of \$500. These funds will be used to purchase Science Olympiad related equipment and supplies. Additionally, the grant will fund up to 8 stipend awards of \$500 each to experienced Oklahoma Science Olympiad mentoring coaches who will assist and advise Coaches of qualifying schools.

American Rescue Plan – Accelerated Cohorts for Teaching Success (ACTS), \$2,450,000

Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education

September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026

Bryan Duke, Education and Professional Studies

The funding from this grant will be used to provide education and training for those interested in completing an alternative pathway, including emergency certification, that fulfills Oklahoma standard teacher certification requirements. The program will provide 6 cohorts, 4 PreK-6 (also serving middle school) totaling 70 participants and 2 Secondary totaling 50 participants.

**III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM PURCHASING**

- A.** Mongoose Research, Cadence text messaging and solution for CRM Recruit.  
Source: E&G ..... \$52,223

Respectfully,

Todd G. Lamb  
President



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 26, 2023

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

Dear Board Members:

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

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. Change in Status**

**Dr. Rachel Davis** has been appointed to the tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Her salary for the twelve-month appointment will be \$89,359.00. She will be able to apply for promotion in Fall of 2027, unless approved by the provost to apply at an earlier date.

**II. PURCHASE AGENDA**

Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Informational Items			
In accordance with board policy 2.3.3, purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000			
Vendor	Description	Budget	Amount
Howard Industries	Purchase of interactive touch display systems for USDA grant (Bid)	430 Grant	\$65,340.00
AMD Global Telemedicine	Purchase of telemedicine carts for USDA grant (Bid)	430 Grant	\$155,620.00
Country Ford Mercury	Purchase of three patrol vehicles (2023 Ford Explorer on State contract)	765 Auxiliary	\$135,703.80

### ***III. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS***

Since September 18, 2023, the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs has received confirmation of 6 grant awards for a total amount of \$89,624. A profile of the award is presented below.

**A. Vacuum thermal evaporation (VTE) processed perovskite solar cells for in space assembly-Federal.....\$17,226**

NASA has awarded the grant, entitled, “Vacuum thermal evaporation (VTE) processed perovskite solar cells for in space assembly-Federal” in the amount of \$17,226. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

**B. Vacuum thermal evaporation (VTE) processed perovskite solar cells for in space assembly-State.....\$3,960**

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has awarded the grant, entitled, “Vacuum thermal evaporation (VTE) processed perovskite solar cells for in space assembly-State” in the amount of \$3,960. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

**C. The evolution of organophosphate diesterase activity in the PHP family of enzymes.....\$29,810**

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “The evolution of organophosphate diesterase activity in the PHP family of enzymes” in the amount of \$29,810. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Andrew Bigley**.

**D. FY24 Workforce Micro-credentials and Rapid Re-employment Initiative Strategies.....\$20,102**

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has awarded the grant, entitled, “FY24 Workforce Micro-credentials and Rapid Re-employment Initiative Strategies” in the amount of \$20,102. The primary function of this award is Community Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Joel Kendall**.

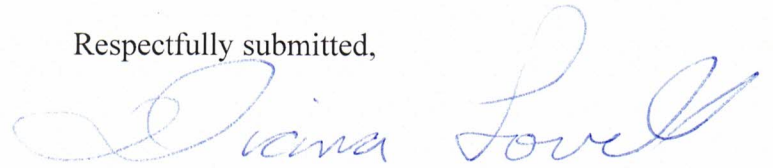
**E. Plains All American First Responder Grant Program // Selected for this grant to fund Police radios.....\$6,155**

The Plains All American First Responder Grant Program has awarded the grant, entitled, “Plains All American First Responder Grant Program // Selected for this grant to fund Police radios” in the amount of \$6,155. The primary function of this award is Institutional Support. The principal investigator is **Mr. Blake Powers**.

**F. The Writing Center United: Building Bridges through Shared Motivation and Goals & The Writing Center United: Building Bridges to Create the Ideal Writing Center .....\$6,155**

The SWOSU Foundation has awarded the grant, entitled, “The Writing Center United: Building Bridges through Shared Motivation and Goals & The Writing Center United: Building Bridges to Create the Ideal Writing Center” in the amount of \$12,371. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Ms. Natasha Tinsley**.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Lovell  
President