

# **REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**



## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**November 12, 2021**

**9:00 am**

**Northeastern State University  
Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma**



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## **AGENDA**

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

### **I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT**

### **II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL**

#### **A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS**

#### **B. WELCOME GUESTS**

### **III. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Connie Reilly**

### **IV. CONSENT DOCKET**

#### **A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 22, 2021

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**B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS–**

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Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

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

**Report of the Audit & Finance Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2021 Internal Audit Plan.
2. Status report on completion of external audited financial statements for the FY 2021 and scheduling the audit exit conference.

**C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Susan Winchester**

**Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Legislative Agenda.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding Higher Education Day 2022.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2022 RUSO legislative advocacy agenda plan.
4. Update on RUSO Fall Newsletter.

**D. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford**

**Report of the Policy & Procedures Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 2:00 p.m., Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve conflict of interest policy.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION — LEGISLATIVE BUDGET  
PROCESS — SENATOR ROGER THOMPSON, SENATE  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**VII. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION—HIGHER EDUCATION  
FINANCING 101—RUSO BUSINESS OFFICERS**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding RUSO Business Officers Presentation.

**VIII. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Janet Cunningham**

**IX. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Total grants and contracts: \$ 860,778.59

3. **COVID-19 Report**

**B. 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:

Item: Classroom Furniture

Description: Purchase new furniture including tables, desks, chairs for classrooms in Morrison, Math, Russell, and Science buildings.

Amount: \$260,000

Source of Funding: Master Lease, Series 2021A – Classroom Upgrades & Improvements

Vendor: CDW-G, State Contract SW-081419-OSRHE

**3. COVID-19 Report**

**C. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**1. Personnel**

**2. Informational Items:**

**a. Academic Calendar**

Attached is the Academic Calendar for 2022-2023 for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The calendar has been submitted for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**3. COVID-19 Report**

**D. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**1. Personnel**

**2. Grants & Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$ 70,036.00

**3. COVID-19 Report**

**E. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**

**1. Personnel**

**2. Request for Contracts:**

None to report.

**3. Grants & Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$ 503,290.00

**4. Purchases:**

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

None to report.

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

None to report.

### **5. COVID-19 Report**

## **F. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA**

### **1. Personnel**

### **2. Grants & Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$ 1,121,359.00

### **3. Purchases for approval:**

- a. Medline Industries LP. Rapid Covid testing equipment/supplies  
Source: HEERF Relief Funds.....\$231,000

### **4. Informational Items from Purchasing:**

- a. Metro Technology Centers. Short-term certifications  
Source: Grant Funds.....\$57,540
- b. Ex Libris USA Inc. Chambers Library software  
Source: E&G.....\$100,950
- c. The Professional Basketball Club Advertisement  
Source: UCO Unrestricted Cash.....\$71,750
- d. Rees Associates. Vision Study  
Source: Library Facility Fee.....\$90,000

### **5. Request Approval to Retain Outside Legal Counsel**

In accordance with Section 1.24.2 of the RUSO Policy Manual, request formal approval to retain outside legal counsel, Adam Childes and Mary Snyder, of Crowe & Dunlevy to represent UCO

in litigation filed in federal court claiming violations of Title IX. Outside counsel was needed because the Attorney General's office declined the request for representation due to a full docket and inadequate staffing.

**6. COVID-19 Report**

**X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree**

- a. Office Transition Report

**XI. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:**

- 1. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
- 2. Discussion regarding the employment of the RUSO Executive Assistant.

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

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

**Actions:**

- a. United States and Rachel Tudor v. Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Regional University System of Oklahoma, United States District Court for the Western District, Case# 5:15-CV-00324-C.
- b. 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.

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- c. Mark A. Pendergraft v. Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges ("RUSO"), David Misak, and Todd Thurman, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Case# CIV 18-793 D.
- d. 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.
- e. Deanie Hensley v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents ("RUSO") d/b/a/ Northeastern State University ("NSU"), and Steven Turner and Randy Grogan, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV 20-54-JD.
- f. Miranda Summar, Olivia Wells, Priscilla Pena, Rheanna Jackson, Gabrielle Glidewell, and Morgan Brown Russell v. The State of Oklahoma ex re/ University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO"), Western District of Oklahoma, Case #CIV-21-473-G.
- 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.
- h. 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.
- i. Vicki Dismukes v. State of Oklahoma ex rel. University of Central Oklahoma ex rel. UCO Jazz Lab, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2018-3273.
- j. Terry Worcester v. East Central University, District Court of Pontotoc County Case #CJ-2019-37.
- k. Skye Singleton et. al. v. Southwestern Oklahoma State University et. al., District Court of Custer County Case #CJ-2019-114.

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

### **Claims:**

- a. Tort Claims pending with State Risk Management

None.

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

- a. Ryan Kiggins – Charge No. 564-2021-01130
- b. Jennifer Lemon – Charge No. 564-2021-00800
- c. Stephen Quinn – Charge No. 564-2021-799
- d. Audrey Ranney – Charge No. 564-2021-797

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

- a. Compliance Audit of NSU Case # 07-15-6001
- b. Mary Brown, OCR Docket #07132064 (“NSU”)
- c. Tony Hebblethwaite, OCR Docket #07212049 (“UCO”)

## **XIV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

## **XV. ADJOURNMENT**





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### I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT

The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met in regular session at 9:01 a.m., November 12, 2021 at Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Notice of the regular meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, October 11, 2021 and a copy of the Agenda posted by 9:00 a.m., November 11, 2021 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

### II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

Chair Reilly called the meeting to order. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with 8 Regents present.

Susan Winchester, Position 1  
Chris Van Denhende, Position 2  
Lake Carpenter, Position 3  
Gary Parker, Regent, Position 4  
Connie Reilly, Chair, Position 5  
Jane McDermott, Vice Chair, Position 6  
Amy Anne Ford, Secretary, Position 7  
Eric Fisher, Regent, Position 8

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**A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS**

**Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter to excuse Regent Hofmeister from the meeting.**

**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

**B. WELCOME GUESTS**

**University Presidents**

Janet Cunningham, President, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma

Diana Lovell, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, 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

Priya Desai, Executive Assistant

**Others in Attendance**

Brenda Burgess, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Jerrid Freeman, Vice President of Student Affairs, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Kevin Freeman, Vice President of Finance and Operations, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma

Joel Kendall, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Debbie Landry, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

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Christy Landsaw, Vice President for Administration and Finance,  
Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
Dan Mabery, Vice President of University Relations, Northeastern  
State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
David Pecha, Vice President of Administration, Northwestern  
Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma  
Roger Thompson, Senator, Oklahoma Senate Appropriations  
Chairman, Oklahoma Senate, Okemah, Oklahoma  
Dennis Westman, Vice President for Business Affairs, Southeastern  
Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

### **III. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Connie Reilly**

Regent Reilly thanked President Turner and NSU for hosting a meeting that included the dedication of the new Veteran's Monument as well as the dinner and additional festivities. Regent Reilly reported that this meeting is focused on the budget and reminded everyone that Senator Roger Thompson will be present to provide an overview of the legislative budget process.

Regent Reilly reminded everyone that the next meeting will be focused on allied health and that Regent Winchester will suggest speakers for the meeting.

### **IV. CONSENT DOCKET**

**Regent Winchester made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to approve all of the items on the Consent Docket:**

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1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 22, 2021

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**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Reilly, Ford, and Fisher**

**Absent: Regents Parker and McDermott**

**Voting against the motion: none**

**Regents McDermott and Parker returned to the meeting at 9:02 a.m.**

**V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

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Regent Carpenter reported that the Committee members, Presidents, and Business Officers discussed each of the requests. Regent Carpenter reported that the Southeastern Oklahoma State University winter weather repairs will be almost completely funded by Risk Management Funds minus the \$100,000 deductible. The damages were caused by the big snow and ice storm last February.

Regent Carpenter expressed enthusiasm regarding NSU's proposed new College of Optometry Building. The site of the new facility is on Crafton Street. The new facility will allow NSU to enroll 40 students instead of the current 28 students. It will modernize the facilities and allow NSU to not only provide optometry services in the Northeastern part of the state, but also provide optometrists throughout the state workforce and throughout the region. The NSU Optometry Program is first-rate and nationally ranked and the Regents are proud of it and look forward to securing funding for the building.

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**Voting against the motion: none**

**B. AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Gary Parker  
(Attachment C, Pages 52-53)**

**Report of the Audit & Finance Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2021 Internal Audit Plan.

Regent Parker reported that Justin Kersey with Crawford & Associates made a presentation to the committee Thursday afternoon. An internal audit plan has been developed after speaking with the RUSO Executive Director, General Counsel, and Business Officers. The Internal Audit Plan covers the statutorily required annual audits and also plans for review of other areas using a risk management approach. The proposed plan has been reviewed by the RUSO Business Officers and the committee.

**Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford, to approve the FY 2021 Internal Audit Plan.**

**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

2. Status report on completion of external audited financial statements for the FY 2021 and scheduling the audit exit conference.

Regent Parker reported that the combined audit report was submitted by Hinkle & Associates to the State Auditor's Office on October 30, 2021.

Regent Parker reported that the Committee would like to schedule Audit Exit Conferences before December 31, 2021 of this year. The Committee would like to meet in person and have the materials as early as possible for prior review.

**C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE–Chair, Regent Susan Winchester**

**Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Legislative Agenda.

Regent Winchester reported that the new Chancellor, Allison Garrett, was at NSU Thursday for the Veteran's Monument Dedication. The Board is looking forward to working with Chancellor Garrett. Regent Winchester reported that the State Regents' Legislative Agenda budget request was submitted to the Legislature on November 4, 2021 when it was publicly announced. RUSO universities filed budget needs surveys with the State Regents on October 1, 2021 which stated their priorities for additional funding beyond mandatory cost increases and regular operations. However, they have had very little input into the Legislative Agenda, which does not reflect the priority funding needs of RUSO universities. For example, the state regents have announced that they will advocate for additional funding of \$12.9 million for much needed engineering programs, but that funding is intended to be allocated; \$5 million dollars each to OU and OSU; \$500,000 to UCO, and \$100,000 to every other institution in the state. The Committee is not clear on how this request for allocating the \$12.9 million was developed. We know from meeting with Kristian Olivero, the technical director at Tinker, that Oklahoma higher education needs to provide 3000 engineers to the Oklahoma workforce every year. The state is currently graduating 1553 engineers and half of them are leaving the state. RUSO graduates stay in the state at a rate of 92% their first year after graduation. OU in particular is turning away many students that want to enroll in engineering because the programs are expensive to provide and they have publicly referred to them as "loss leaders." RUSO institutions want to be able to offer engineering programs. Both ECU and NSU have filed letters of intent to offer mechanical engineering programs with the state regents and OSU has already indicated that it will protest.

There needs to be a way to get the funding that will allow RUSO to provide the programs that meet our state's critical degree workforce needs.

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2. Discussion and possible action regarding Higher Education Day 2022.

Higher Education Day has not been set yet. It is primarily an opportunity for students to interact with legislators and have a hands on learning experience about how the legislature works. The Committee always looks forward to Higher Education Day and will continue to do their part to support it.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2022 RUSO legislative advocacy agenda plan.

The Committee proposes having a meeting with the new chancellor as soon as possible to discuss these issues and address the funding disparities in the current funding model. The Committee is optimistic that she will be willing to listen and work with them to create a process that is directed to meeting the state's present and future degreed workforce needs and understands the significant role that RUSO plays in creating the degreed workforce that stays in Oklahoma.

4. Update on RUSO Fall Newsletter.

Regent Winchester reported the RUSO Fall Newsletter was sent to all employees on October 24, 2021. The industry standard in education for the open rate of newsletters is 24%. The RUSO open rate is consistently in the 40% range. This time it was 42.8%. The op ed from Regent Reilly was the most clicked on piece. It emphasized that RUSO universities on average cost 46% less to attend than OU and OSU because of hidden academic service fees they charge that are often difficult to determine prior to enrollment.

Regent Winchester reminded everyone to please share the RUSO newsletter with legislators and to make themselves available as a resource for them to understand the RUSO system and what RUSO has to offer.

### **D. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE–Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford**

**Report of the Policy & Procedures Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2021, 2:00 p.m., Northeastern State University, Webb Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve conflict of interest policy.

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Regent Ford reported that the Committee is continuing to work on the proposed conflict of interest policy and plan to have a recommendation for the Board in January 2022.

### **VI. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION — LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PROCESS — SENATOR ROGER THOMPSON, SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Senator Thompson provided valuable insight to the legislative budgeting process. He discussed the following:

- The budget process begins with the State Board of Equalization's certification of revenue available for the Legislature to spend for the coming fiscal year. The Board of Equalization meets in December for this purpose. The Governor prepares his budget from this estimate. The Board also meets in February and June to certify revenue estimates for the upcoming budget year. Estimates are prepared by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and other agencies. The Legislature uses the February estimates for appropriations legislation.
- Senator Thompson has been working with national economic rating institutions that depict the full economic picture of Oklahoma and the health and wealth of the state for budget preparation and process.
- Agencies submitted their budget requests for consideration by the legislature. These reports will be reviewed by the fiscal analysts at the state capitol on both the house and senate side for consideration in the FY 2023 budget.
- Senator Thompson encouraged regents to focus on critical occupations shortages and efforts to address and meet the needs of the STEM degreed workforce and the production of STEM graduates.

**Chair Reilly declared a break at 10:17 a.m.**

**The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.**

**Regent McDermott left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.**

**VII. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION—HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING 101—RUSO BUSINESS OFFICERS** (Attachment D, Pages 55-100)

1. Discussion and possible action regarding RUSO Business Officers Presentation.

The RUSO Business Officers provided an overview of Higher Education Financing 101. Among the topics discussed were Education and General Parts I and II, Auxiliary Services, Capital and New College Funds, Federal Stimulus Dollars, and Endowments and Restricted Funds.

**Regent Carpenter left the meeting at 11:51 a.m.**

**Chair Reilly declared a break at 11:55 a.m.**

**The meeting resumed at 12:05 p.m.**

**Regent McDermott returned to the meeting at 12:05 p.m.**

**VIII. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Janet Cunningham**

President Cunningham reported the State Regents rolled out their budget priorities which the presidents discussed.

President Cunningham also reported that the presidents attended the retirement gala for outgoing Chancellor Johnson.

President Cunningham reported that Chancellor Garrett has asked each institution to give a few institutional highlights that distinguishes the institutions. The presidents were able to coordinate that request to emphasize their RUSO connection.

**IX. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

(See attachment E, pages 101-106)

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

President Turner reported that NSU will be hosting two fall commencement ceremonies on December 18<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited to attend. There will be no processional for students or faculty, but there will be for guests. There are some COVID-19 restrictions for the ceremony.

President Turner reported that NSU has been working with the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation visit. The process is going well and NSU will have more to report to the Regents soon.

**B. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

(See attachment F, page 107-108)

**Regent Ford 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, Van Denhende, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

President Newsom reported that SE is hosting their Native American Symposium online on November 12, 2021. There will be 200 online participants for the Symposium.

President Newsom reported that the Oklahoma Political Science Academy was on campus the previous week which included 100 participants.

President Newsom reported that SE also had Veteran's Day and First-Generation Students celebration on campus as well.

President Newsom reported that during the homecoming festivities, SE renamed the small playhouse, which is a room in the theatre building after Dell McClain, the long-time theater department director at SE. His posthumous giving campaign resulted in three endowed theatre scholarships.

**C. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

(See attachment G, Pages 109-116)

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

President Cunningham reported that last month NWOSU was awarded a Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant totaling a little over \$2 million. The grant is designed to help higher education institutions expand their capacity to serve at-risk students by improving and strengthening the institution's academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability. Northwestern will use these funds to enhance the programs, people and facilities needed to provide comprehensive career preparation for students from their first day on campus through graduation. More specifically, Northwestern's Title III Leadership, Academic Success, and Superior Outcomes (LASSO): Enhancing Student Success, Engagement, and Purpose-Driven Education grant will provide first-time-full-time and at-risk students with the resources and knowledge to increase retention and, ultimately, graduation rates. Program participants will receive personalized student coaching and advising, attend a new and improved First-Year Experience course, and receive enhanced career counseling. Career counseling will assist students to identify an educational purpose and its connection to future career paths and help them declare a major earlier in their academic career. These two factors are known to improve academic success. LASSO will also provide professional development to faculty and staff to improve student retention rates and overall student success.

President Cunningham reported that NWOSU will be holding their fall commencement ceremony on December 5, 2021, and everyone is invited to attend.

**D. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

(See attachment H, Pages 117-118)

**Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent Winchester, to approve the President's Recommendations for Southwestern**

**Oklahoma State University as presented by President Diana Lovell.**

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

President Lovell reported that SWOSU is making progress on raising the matching funds for the new rural health center to include telemedicine and broadening their scope of work into allied health.

President Lovell reported that the SWOSU at Yukon bond issue passed on November 9, 2021. SWOSU will be working on the plan for that in the near future.

President Lovell reported that SWOSU is very excited to host the February meeting in which General Tom Stafford will be present.

President Lovell reported that SWOSU has already hosted two e-sports tournaments on campus. President Lovell is excited for everyone to view the e-sports arena when they come to campus in February.

**E. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**

(See attachment I, pages 119-120)

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

President Pierson reported that an ECU mass media student, Cliff Tomlinson, junior, won the Oklahoma Education Television Authority (OETA) award for one of the state's most promising media students.

President Pierson reported that ECU's volleyball team has been having their best season since 2008. They will have a shot at the championship on November 18, 2021.

President Pierson reported that ECU's Black Alumni Association has connected with Shannon Lanier, a news anchor in Houston to come

and speak at ECU in February. He may be best known for being a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings. President Pierson will send more information to the Regents as it becomes available.

**F. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA**

(See attachment J, pages 121-126)

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO will be hosting their fall commencement ceremonies on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be four ceremonies and that information will be sent to the Regents.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO will be submitting their official proposal for the Doctor of Science in Forensic Science by December 14, 2021. UCO has taken all of the steps required by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for submission and consideration. The first step in this process is for the State Regents to approve the function/mission expansion. If that is approved, they will also consider the Doctor of Science in Forensic Science Program.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO has a new mentorship program that just finished their first cohort group. The nationally renowned UCO Rowing team is using their expertise to reach underserved populations and young girls in the community that wouldn't have the opportunity to explore water sports, rowing, or even college. The three-week program took place at the UCO boathouse and provided much needed exploration and experiences that normally would not have been available to them.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that six university faculty members have been nominated for Grammy awards. They are musicians who have been working together and have recorded an album.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that Newsweek recently issued a national ranking list of the top 150 online schools. UCO made the list. OSU is the only other institution in Oklahoma to be on that list.

**X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree**

a. Office Transition Report

Ms. McCaffree reported that the office move from Landmark Towers to the M.C. Connors building has been largely completed. There are moldy records in the basement at Landmark. RUSO will seek approval to destroy the damaged records from the Archives and Records Commission which will meet in January 2022. RUSO still needs to surplus some property. A post office box has been set up as well.

Ms. McCaffree reported that Presidents and Regents are welcome to use the space at the M.C. Connors Building and will get badges for Regents and Presidents to have access.

Ms. McCaffree inquired if any Regents needed commencement regalia for the fall 2021 commencement exercises.

**XI. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None to report.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

None to report.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:**

1. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
2. Discussion regarding the employment of the RUSO Executive Assistant.

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

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

**Actions:**

- a. United States and Rachel Tudor v. Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Regional University System of Oklahoma, United States District Court for the Western District, Case# 5:15-CV-00324-C.
- b. 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.
- c. Mark A. Pendergraft v. Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges ("RUSO"), David Misak, and Todd Thurman, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Case# CIV 18-793 D.
- d. 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.
- e. Deanie Hensley v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents ("RUSO") d/b/a/ Northeastern State University ("NSU"), and Steven Turner and Randy Grogan, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV 20-54-JD.
- f. Miranda Summar, Olivia Wells, Priscilla Pena, Rheanna Jackson, Gabrielle Glidewell, and Morgan Brown Russell v. The State of Oklahoma ex re/ University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO"), Western District of Oklahoma, Case #CIV-21-473-G.
- 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.

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- h. 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.
- i. Vicki Dismukes v. State of Oklahoma ex rel. University of Central Oklahoma ex rel. UCO Jazz Lab, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2018-3273.
- j. Terry Worcester v. East Central University, District Court of Pontotoc County Case #CJ-2019-37.
- k. Skye Singleton et. al. v. Southwestern Oklahoma State University et. al., District Court of Custer County Case #CJ-2019-114.
- l. Billy Elliott v. University of Central Oklahoma, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2021-3586.

### **Claims:**

- a. Tort Claims pending with State Risk Management  
None.

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

- a. Ryan Kiggins – Charge No. 564-2021-01130
- b. Jennifer Lemon – Charge No. 564-2021-00800
- c. Stephen Quinn – Charge No. 564-2021-799
- d. Audrey Ranney – Charge No. 564-2021-797

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

- a. Compliance Audit of NSU Case # 07-15-6001
- b. Mary Brown, OCR Docket #07132064 (“NSU”)
- c. Tony Hebblethwaite, OCR Docket #07212049 (“UCO”)

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

**The Board convened into Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.**

**The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.**

**XIV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Voting against the motion: none**

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**The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.**

Submitted by:

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Connie Reilly  
Chair

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Amy Anne Ford  
Secretary

Minutes approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



## ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

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### Attachment


A.	Academic Affairs.....	41-44
	* 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 29, 2021

TO: Regents  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

FROM: Steve  President

SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Agenda Items – November 2021

The following proposals for a new program and program modifications are submitted for consideration:

**New Program**

**Mechanical Engineering, B.S.** Faculty propose a new Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree. The degree utilizes existing engineering physics courses (with a prefix / CIP code change), mathematics courses, and physics courses as well as seven new laboratory and design courses. The program fulfills a critical need in northeastern Oklahoma in both the non-urban and Tulsa Metropolitan Service Area and will be offered on the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses. The letter of intent was sent to OSRHE October 25, 2021.

**Program Modifications**

**English Education, B.A.Ed (029).** Faculty propose adjusting the core requirements, adding a new course, ENGL 4573 Social Justice Literacies, to meet National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) requirements. Elective course requirements will be adjusted to maintain the same total credit hours for the degree.

**Health and Human Performance, B.S. (040).** This program modification adds an option in Fitness Management as well as revises the set of core courses and the two existing options in Clinical/Wellness and Recreation/Fitness. Two new courses will support the revised Clinical Health and Wellness option.

**Social Work, B.S.W. (102).** Faculty propose modifying the minimum grade requirement for core social work courses from a D to a C to strengthen student preparation and improve students' opportunities for graduate-level work.

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**Homeland Security, B.S. (156).** Faculty propose revising the program name to Homeland Security & Emergency Management to better reflect the curriculum which includes a substantial number of emergency management courses.

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

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Debbie Landry, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Pamela Fly, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs



October 29, 2021

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:

Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval for the following program modifications.

- Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance (115) - replace KIN 4283 with KIN 3563 in the major and major/minor. No change in total hours.
- Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management (002) - remove specified general education courses from the degree. No changes in total hours.
- Bachelor of Science in Aviation – Professional Pilot (005) - replace two courses with 5 new courses within degree requirements. No change in total hours.
- Master of Educational Leadership (073) - add embedded certificate: Educational Leadership – Principle. 15 total hours
- Master of Educational Leadership (073) - add embedded certificate: Educational Leadership – Superintendent. 15 total hours.
- Master of Education in Curriculum Development (110) - addition of an option in reading. No new courses, no change in total hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom  
President



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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**Date:** October 28, 2021

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

**From:** Dr. Janet Cunningham, President

**Re:** Educational Excellence Agenda Item – November 11, 2021

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the agenda with an Educational Excellence Agenda Item for the November 11, 2021, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents. We request approval of the following items:

**Program Modification, Program Requirement Change - BS Criminal Justice (022)**

**Program Modification, Program Requirement Change – BA History (019)**

**Program Modification, Program Requirement Change – BA Political Science (030)**

**Program Modification, Program Requirement change – BA Sociology (037)**

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

JC:md  
Attachment



October 27, 2021

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

RE: November Facilities Stewardship Committee

Dear Regent Carpenter,

In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best bidder the following project:

Project Name: Winter Weather Repairs  
Project Description: This project is the continuation of repairs related to the extreme winter weather even this past February. HVAC systems in thirteen buildings on the Durant campus were affected to varying degrees. The most severe damage occurred in the Science, Student Union, and the Theatre buildings. Repairs range from minor plumbing and mechanical to replacement of chilled and hot water coils, boilers, and air handlers.  
Project Number(s): 660-0558, 660-0804, & 660-0800  
Amount: \$1,300,000 Estimated  
Source of Funds: Risk Management, E&G part I, Auxiliary, & Capital  
Vendor: To Be Determined

Sincerely,

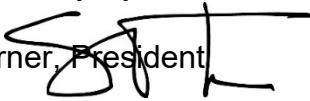
Thomas W. Newsom  
President



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

**DATE:** October 29, 2021

**TO:** Lake Carpenter, Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

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

**SUBJECT:** Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items–November 2021

**1. Project #485-0076 - Oklahoma College of Optometry**

- a. Project Description: Project design was originally approved by RUSO in September 2015 and was to be completed in two phases. Phase I consisted of \$40,000 to program and produce schematic renderings. This request is to proceed with phase II final design, and construction contract award for \$33,317,300.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$33,357,300 (Includes Phase 1 - \$40,000)
- c. Budget Breakdown: New Construction
- d. Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- e. Revenue Source(s): ARPA, Donations from the Cherokee Nation, NSU Optometry Auxiliary Revenue, Donations from Individuals, Infrastructure Fee, Reserves and OSRHE Master Lease Bond

**2. Project #485-0073 - Baseball and Softball Field Lights**

- a. Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award exterior field lighting for both softball and baseball facilities.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$1,000,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation
- d. Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- e. Revenue Source(s): Infrastructure Fee \$600,000, Fund 600 \$200,000, and private donation \$200,000

**Northeastern State University****3. Project #485-0073 - Indoor Practice Facility - Dome**

- a. Project Description: Request to design, build and award was originally approved in June 2021 with a project total cost of \$320,000. Due to the addition of a redundant mechanical system to maintain building pressure and increases in market conditions we request an increase of \$370,000 to the original \$320,000
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$690,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation
- d. Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- e. Revenue Source(s): Infrastructure Fee \$320,000 and 600 Fund \$370,000

**4. Project #485-0067 - General Landscape, Sidewalk Repairs and Maintenance**

- a. Project Description: Landscape, sidewalk, and general exterior campus improvements or maintenance
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$116,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- e. Revenue Source(s): \$75,000 650 Fund; \$41,000 Infrastructure Fee



Date: November 12, 2021

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

From: President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**November 2021 Facilities Stewardship Committee**

1. Approval Items:

**a. Project # 120-1010 University Center Misc. Renovations and Improvements**

Project Description: Request approval to fund and award contract not to exceed \$200,000 for replacement of the Nigh University Center steam boiler and supporting infrastructure. Contract to be issued to Trade Mechanical, an on-call university contractor.

Requested Funding Approval: \$200,000

Budget Breakdown: \$200,000 for equipment removal and replacement

Vendor: Trade Mechanical

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Auxiliary Funds

**b. Facility Name Change**

UCO requests approval to rename its football stadium "Chad Richison Stadium" and name the surrounding sports complex "Chad Richison Sports Complex" pursuant to a naming rights agreement submitted to the Board and considered in executive session in November 2015. Donor only recently decided to exercise his rights under this agreement.

2. Information Items:

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

Project Description: Issued contract to Trade Mechanical in the amount of \$94,817 for the purpose of adding heat to the attic spaces at the University Suites.

Fund Source: Auxiliary Funds

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

Project Description: Issued contract to Patco Electric in the amount of \$55,000 for the installation of Hamilton Fieldhouse LED court lighting.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset, Remaining Project Funds

Attachments:

Campus Map



November 12, 2021

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

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

Project # 120-1010  
University Center Misc.  
Renovations and Improvements  
1. a.



**METRO CAMPUS LOCATIONS**

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

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

Jazz Lab  
100 E. 5th St.,  
Edmond

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

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

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

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



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TO: Board of Regents of the  
Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Regent Lake Carpenter, Facilities Stewardship Chair

FROM: Diana Lovell, President

DATE: November 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items – November 11, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the November 11, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- **Project: Contractual agreement with Yukon Public Schools and Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation for classroom and office space in Yukon, Oklahoma**

**Project Description:** Request approval to enter a 25-year contract

**Requested Funding Approval:** \$5,000,000 total commitment;  
\$3,500,000 provided by the SWOSU Foundation with no repayment requirement from SWOSU.

\$1,500,000 provided by SWOSU at \$375,000 per year beginning December 31, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes

**Revenue Sources:** Auxiliary funds



## REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA (RUSO) FY2022 Internal Audit Plan

Listing of Internal Audit Areas	General description of potential procedures	2022 Internal Audit Plan – per University					
		ECU	NSU	NWOSU	SE	SWOSU	UCO
1. Encumbrance & Pre-Audit System (Alternate Claims – required to be audited annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select sample of claims processed through the Miscellaneous Claims Encumbrance and Pre-Audit System for testing compliance with the established policies and procedures and applicable State laws and regulations</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Cash on Hand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review overall policies and procedures</li> <li>Perform walkthroughs of internal controls</li> <li>Review cash listing and perform surprise cash counts across campus</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Capital Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review overall policies and procedures</li> <li>Review internal controls surrounding receiving, recording, and tracking capital assets</li> <li>Select a sample of capital assets, new and existing, and disposals and test for proper completion, documentation, and tracking</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. HR/Employment Services and Payroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review overall policies and procedures</li> <li>Review internal controls from the hiring process through the payment process</li> <li>Select a sample of employees to test for proper documentation and payment</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. Follow-up on Prior Year Audit Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review findings of Prior Year Audits and determine the status of addressing those findings</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Other Areas of Board and/or Management Interest (e.g., Performance Audits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address other areas of interest, as identified by Board and/or University Management</li> </ul>						

## Other Potential Audit Areas

**The following is a non-inclusive list of potential areas listed for the purpose of assistance while considering the scope and audit areas for the fiscal year 2022 audit plan and for future audit plans.**

Potential Audit Areas	Areas of focus (example of potential scope with audit area)
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admissions requirements</li> <li>• Scholarship awards and retention</li> <li>• Grade reporting</li> <li>• Program admissions</li> <li>• Degree requirements</li> </ul>
Performance Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance report information</li> <li>• Board reports and other presented information</li> <li>• Evaluation of cost neutral operations</li> </ul>
Individual Departments or Colleges in the Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice Plans</li> <li>• Overall Procedures regarding budget and approval processes</li> <li>• Compliance with University policies and procedures</li> <li>• ITV courses (creation, monitoring, etc)</li> </ul>
Compliance & Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controlled Substances</li> <li>• Clery Act</li> <li>• Contracts with other businesses (excluding Food Service and Bookstore)</li> <li>• Police Contracts to work off campus</li> <li>• Contracts with State Agencies</li> </ul>



# Higher Education Financing 101

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NOVEMBER 12, 2021

# Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO)

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# All Funds Budgeting

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- Important to consider all funding sources during the budgeting process and throughout the year
- Helps to determine what resources are available to fund University, Division and Department priorities



# Presentation Overview

Education & General Part I, Fund 290

Auxiliary, Student Activity & Other Revenue Funds,  
Fund 7xx

Capital, Funds 600, 650, & 295

Education & General Part II, Fund 430

Federal Stimulus Dollars, Fund 490

Restricted Endowments (Foundation)

# Educational & General, Part I

FUND 290

CHRISTY LANDSAW, NSU

# Education & General Part I, Fund 290

## Revenue by Source

	% of Total	
	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>Budget</b>
State Appropriations	27,548,632	31.7%
Appropriated Funds - Reimb	510,713	0.6%
CARES Act Funding	3,483,945	4.0%
Student Tuition (inc waivers)	41,688,033	48.0%
Student Fees	8,290,203	9.5%
Gifts & Grants	1,675,000	1.9%
Sales & Services	0	0.0%
Organized Activities	397,050	0.5%
Other Income	890,369	1.0%
Use of Reserves	2,441,055	2.8%
Total	86,925,000	100.0%

# Revenue Descriptions

Revenue Source	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>State Appropriations-Operations</b>	Allocations by the State Legislature and the State Regents to incur obligations and make operational expenditures for E&G purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base Allocation/Allotment from State</li> </ul>
<b>State Appropriations-Grants, Contracts and Reimbursements</b>	Appropriations from the state in the form of grants and/or contracts and reimbursements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Guard State-wide Literacy Program Concurrent Enrollment</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Appropriations</b>	Appropriations to the institutions directly from the federal government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HEERF I, II, &amp; III (CARES, CRRSAA &amp; ARP) Federal Stimulus Funds</li> </ul>
<b>Student Tuition (including fee waivers)</b>	Those charges to students for formal coursework based on the tuition rates approved by the Board of Regents and OSRHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional Resident and Non-Resident tuition and FW's</li> </ul>

# Revenue Descriptions

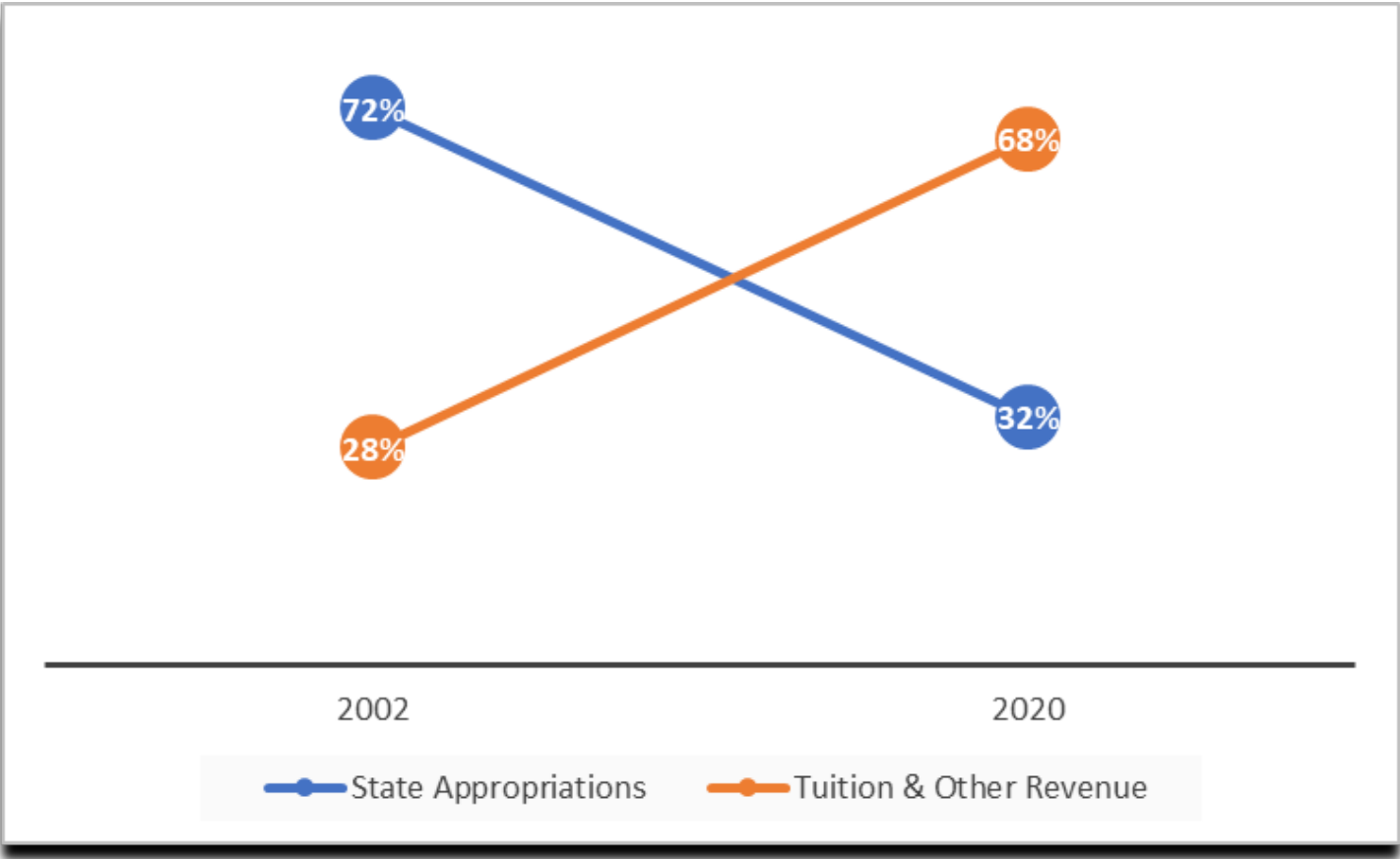
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Revenue Source	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>Student Fees-Mandatory</b>	Fees approved and charged to the entire student body as part of 290 Fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology, Records, Assessment, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Fees-Academic &amp; Instructional</b>	Fees approved and charged directly to specific instructional programs or specific courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Instruction Fees</li> <li>Facility/Equipment Fees</li> <li>Testing/Clinical Services Fees</li> <li>Classroom/Laboratory Supply &amp; Material Fees</li> <li>Other</li> <li>Special Fees</li> </ul>
<b>Gifts &amp; Grants</b>	All restricted gifts, grants, endowments or bequests received for E&G purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endowed Chair Pay</li> <li>IDC, etc.</li> </ul>

# Revenue Descriptions

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Revenue Source	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>Sales &amp; Services of Educational Depts (SSED)</b>	Income from departmental goods or services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Income resulting incidentally to regular class activity in the absence of organized program</li></ul>
<b>Organized Activities Related to Educational Depts (OARED)</b>	Income from activity organized for purpose of providing professional or technical training for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Math, Tutoring, SLP Clinics &amp; ESL</li></ul>
<b>Other Income</b>	All other income not classified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sales of Surplus, etc.</li></ul>



# State Allocation Percentage

# Education & General Part I, Fund 290

## Expense by Activity/Function

	FY 2021	% of Total Budget
Instruction	45,228,081	52.0%
Research	700,108	0.8%
Public Service	241,071	0.3%
Academic Support	7,424,852	8.5%
Student Services	9,129,402	10.5%
Institutional Support	6,621,400	7.6%
O&M of Plant	10,136,306	11.7%
Scholarships	7,443,780	8.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,925,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Function Descriptions

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Activity Number/ Function	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>11 - Instruction</b>	Faculty salaries and activities that are part of an institution's instructional program. Included are credit and noncredit courses for academic, vocational, and technical instruction; remedial and tutorial instruction; regular, special, and extension sessions; and community education. Accounts by divisions, schools, colleges, and departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Academic Instruction</li> <li>• Vocational/Technical Instruction</li> <li>• Community Education</li> <li>• Preparatory/Remedial Instruction</li> <li>• Instructional Information Technology</li> </ul>
<b>12-Research</b>	Activities specifically organized and separately budgeted to produce research outcomes, whether commissioned by an agency external to the institution or separately by an organizational unit within the institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutes and Research Centers</li> <li>• Individual and Project Research</li> <li>• Research Information Technology</li> </ul>

# Function Descriptions

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Activity Number/ Function	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>13-Public Service</b>	Activities that are established primarily to provide noninstructional services beneficial to individuals and groups external to the institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Services</li><li>• Cooperative Extension Services</li><li>• Public Broadcasting Services</li><li>• Public Service Information Technology</li></ul>
<b>14-Academic Support</b>	Support services for the institution's primary missions: instruction, research, and public service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Libraries</li><li>• Museums and Galleries</li><li>• Educational Media Services</li><li>• Academic Computing Services</li><li>• Ancillary Support/Organized Activities</li><li>• Academic Administration</li><li>• Academic Personnel Development</li><li>• Course and Curriculum Development</li><li>• Academic Support Information Technology</li></ul>

# Function Descriptions

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Activity Number/ Function	Description	Examples/Subcategories
15-Student Services	Those activities whose primary purpose is to contribute to the student's emotional and physical well-being and to his or her intellectual, cultural, and social development outside the context of the formal instructional program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Services Administration</li><li>• Social and Cultural Development</li><li>• Counseling and Career Guidance</li><li>• Financial Aid Administration</li><li>• Student Admissions/Records/Health Services</li><li>• Student Services Information Technology</li></ul>

# Function Descriptions

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Activity Number/ Function	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>16-Institutional Support</b>	This category includes 1) central executive-level activities concerned with management and long-range planning of the entire institution, such as the governing board, planning and programming, and legal services; 2) fiscal operations, including the investment office; 3) administrative data processing; 4) employee personnel and records; 5) activities that provide procurement, printing, and transportation services to the institution; 6) support services to faculty and staff that are not operated as auxiliary enterprises; and 7) activities concerned with community and alumni relations, including development and fundraising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive Management</li><li>• Fiscal Operations</li><li>• General Administration</li><li>• Public Relations/Development</li><li>• Administrative Information Technology</li></ul>

# Function Descriptions

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Activity Number/ Function	Description	Examples/Subcategories
<b>17-Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>	This category should include the operation and maintenance of physical plants for all institutional activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Plant Administration</li> <li>• Building Maintenance</li> <li>• Custodial Services</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Landscape and Grounds Maintenance</li> <li>• Major Repairs and Renovations</li> <li>• Safety and Security</li> <li>• Logistical Services</li> <li>• O&amp;M Information Technology</li> </ul>
<b>18-Scholarships and Fellowships</b>	Tuition and Fee Remissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships</li> <li>• Fellowships</li> <li>• Resident Tuition Waivers</li> <li>• Nonresident Tuition Waivers</li> </ul>

# Education & General Part I, Fund 290

## Expense by Object

	FY 2021	% of Total Budget
Teaching Salaries	21,830,465	25.1%
Professional Salaries	10,979,127	12.6%
Other Salaries & Wages	9,715,645	11.2%
Fringe Benefits	17,639,293	20.3%
Professional Services	1,397,375	1.6%
Subtotal	61,561,905	70.8%
Travel	1,566,542	1.8%
Utilities	2,566,000	3.0%
Supplies & Other Oper	8,299,534	9.5%
Equipment/Furniture	4,539,309	5.2%
Library Books & Media	947,930	1.1%
Scholarships	7,443,780	8.6%
Transfers	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,925,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Auxiliary Services

FUND 7xx

KEVIN FREEMAN, UCO

# Auxiliary Services, Fund 7xx

- Those operations that provide services to students, faculty, staff, or the general public and charge a fee for those services.
- Fees are typically use driven.
- The most distinguishing characteristic of an auxiliary enterprise is that it typically must be managed as a self-supporting activity.
- Usually operated much like a business enterprise.

# Examples: User Fee Supported

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Housing

Dining

Bookstore

Parking

Print Shop

Conference  
& Events

ID Card  
Office

# Mandatory Fees

Paid by all students

Not use-based but may be charged either as a flat fee or per unit such as credit hour

Designed to provide revenue to support a specific function

# Examples: Mandatory Fee Supported



Library Facility



Wellness Facility



University  
Center/Student  
Union



Technology  
Infrastructure



Student Activity



Athletics

# Relationship to Other Funds

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While auxiliary funds may not be commingled with other categories, it is common for functions supported through mandatory fees to also receive support from other funding sources.

- For example, the operations of the library may be supported through Educational and General (290) funds while any debt or facility needs are supported through a mandatory fee.

Auxiliary services also pays an administrative fee back to the university for shared administrative services.

Also, may be billed directly for services rendered by centralized university services such as physical plant.



RUSO BUDGET  
SUMMARY



OSRHE BUDGET  
SCHEDULE G



OSRHE BUDGET  
SCHEDULE K

# Auxiliary Services Reporting

# Capital & New College

FUNDS 600, 650, & 295

DR. DAVID PECHA, NWOSU

# History of the Commissioners of the Land Office



Link to the  
Most Recent  
Yearly Report

<https://clo.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-CLO-Annual-Report.pdf>

## Capital & New College Funds

New College (650)

Section 13 (600)

Section 13 Offset (295)

# Educational & General, Part II

FUND 430

DENNIS WESTMAN, SE

## E&G Part II, Fund 430

Funded primarily with grants dollars

Budgeted based on same function, activity, and object as E&G Part I, Fund 290

Presented as part of the budget each June

Updates and new grant awards are presented at each board meeting in the President's Recommendations

Expending funds is restricted based on grantor

PROJECTED FY2022 RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Department of Agriculture	\$ -
Department of Commerce	\$ -
Department of Defense	\$ -
Department of Education	\$ 3,116,824
Department of Energy	\$ -
Department of Health and Human Services	\$ -
Department of Homeland Security	\$ 12,384
Department of Justice	\$ -
Department of Transportation	\$ -
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	\$ 25,171
National Institutes of Health	\$ -
National Science Foundation	\$ 10,950
Other Federal Agencies	\$ 3,552,427
City and County Government	\$ 12,450
Commercial and Commercial Related	\$ 6,894
Foundations	\$ 1,007
Other Non-Federal Sources	\$ 229,183
Other Universities and Colleges	\$ -
State of Oklahoma	\$ 334,070
<b>Total Projected FY2022 Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 7,301,360</b>

# Education & General Part II, Fund 430

## PROJECTED REVENUE BY GRANTOR

# Education & General Part II, Fund 430

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## Budgeted Expenses by Function

Activity/Function		FY2021-2022 Amount
<b>Educational &amp; General Budget - Part II:</b>		
	Instruction	\$ 313,967
	Research	34,906
	Public Service	6,487,172
	Academic Support	-
	Student Services	-
	Institutional Support	103,000
	Operation and Maintenance of Plant	-
	Scholarships and Fellowships	362,315
	<b>Total E&amp;G Part II:</b>	<b>\$ 7,301,360</b>

# Education & General Part II, Fund 430

## Budgeted Expenses by Type

Object of Expenditure	FY2021-2022 Amount
Personnel Services:	
Teaching Salaries	\$ -
Professional Salaries	3,115,160
Other Salaries and Wages	617,159
Fringe Benefits	2,099,657
Professional Services	49,852
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$ 5,881,828.00</b>
Travel	225,071
Utilities	-
Supplies and Other Operating Expenses	162,615
Property, Furniture and Equipment	148,803
Library Books and Periodicals	-
Scholarships and Other Assistance	618,358
Transfer and Other Disbursements	264,685
<b>Total Expenditures by Object</b>	<b>\$ 7,301,360.00</b>

# Federal Stimulus Dollars

FUND 490

DENNIS WESTMAN, SE

# Fund 490 – Federal Stimulus

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## HEERF I or CARES

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, is a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 116th U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 27, 2020.

**\*\* \$30.75 billion for education**

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## HEERF II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020.

**\*\* \$81.88 billion in support for education**

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## HEERF III

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021.

**\*\* \$39.6 billion in support of education**

Funds are made available through the Federal Grant System or G5

In each round of stimulus dollars, there was a student and an institutional portion

Student Portion - Paid directly to students in the form of emergency grants

Institutional Portion - Could be used to reimbursement institutions for pandemic related supplies and equipment, lost revenue, remediation efforts, and pay off student accounts receivable

# Fund 490 – Federal Stimulus

# Endowments & Restricted Funds

BRENDA BURGESS, SWOSU

# Endowments & How They Work

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- Funds are provided by a private donor
- The donor usually gives money for a specific purpose
- The endowment amount is normally held in perpetuity
- The endowment amount (corpus) is to be invested
- Investment earnings can be used by the institution according to the donor's intent
- In the RUSO system, endowments are held and invested by the foundation
- Foundation trustees set investment goals and spending policies
- OSRHE has a matching endowment program
- OSRHE's funds are held and invested by OSRHE



# Different Types of Endowments

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- True endowment (permanent endowment)
- Quasi-endowment (board designated endowment)
- Term endowment (created for a specific period of years or future event)



# State Regents Endowment Fund Program Overview

OSHRE Policy and Procedures  
Manual Chapter 4, section 20) (70  
O.S. Supp. 2008)

Established: 1988, Oklahoma  
Legislature appropriated \$15  
million

Purpose: To establish endowed  
chairs and distinguished  
professorships

# Regents Endowment Fund Program Overview

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- No earnings from the trust may be used for administrative expenses for the regents to operate the trust
- Principal (corpus) is held in the fund for the benefit of the institution
- The investment return on the principal shall be allocated for the benefit of individual institutions
- Private donations are required to establish an account
- Endowed chair accounts established at \$250,000 minimum
- Endowed professorships established at \$125,000 minimum
- Lectureships, artist-in-residence, and similar accounts are established at \$25,000 minimum



# Regents Endowment Fund Program Overview

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Deposits of Private Matching Monies must be held in one of the following:

- ✓ The State Regents Endowment Fund
- ✓ The institution's endowment matching fund
- ✓ A fund of a foundation whose sole beneficiary is the institution

Institutions may draw funds at any time but are accountable for the use of the funds for the purpose of the donor agreement.



School	Number of Individual Donor restricted funds	Value of Endowed and Restricted Funds held by University Foundation at June 30, 2021	Value of Matching Endowed Funds held by OSRHE at June 30, 2021	Total Endowed Funds at June 30, 2021
ECU	352	\$ 40,142,101	\$ 5,380,196	\$ 45,522,297
NSU	298	\$ 32,430,380	\$ 2,712,940	\$ 35,143,320
NWOSU	450	\$ 36,129,190	\$ 6,948,933	\$ 43,078,123
SEOSU	200	\$ 31,961,696	\$ 7,094,777	\$ 39,056,473
SWOSU	180	\$ 31,467,260	\$ 5,820,405	\$ 37,287,665
UCO	400	\$ 50,466,332	\$ 3,142,778	\$ 53,609,110

# RUSO Endowed Funds Report

# Questions or Comments

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THANK YOU







## NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

October 29, 2021

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northeastern State University are as follows:

### I. PERSONNEL

#### A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (TENURE TRACK)

**Dr. Renee Cowan** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Reading in the College of Education effective August 1, 2021. This is a full-time regular, 9-month, tenure track position at an academic year salary rate of \$50,090. She is filling the position left vacant by Ms. Kimberly Church.

Dr. Cowan holds the following degrees: Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Oral Roberts University; M.S., Literacy, Mount Saint Mary College; and B.S., Elementary Education, State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Her professional experience includes: Assistant Principal, Ellen Ochoa Elementary School, Union Public Schools – one year; Building Principal and 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Director, Early Childhood Education Center, Sand Springs Public Schools- five years; Reading Sufficiency Act Coordinator, Sand Springs Public Schools- one year; Instructional Coach, Liberty Elementary School, Liberty Public Schools-one year; REAC3H Instructional Coach, Oklahoma State Department of Education- two years; Literacy Coach and Reading Recovery Teacher, Liberty Elementary School, Broken Arrow Public Schools- two years; Reading Specialist, Verdigris Elementary School, Verdigris Public Schools-three years; Classroom Teacher, Chester Elementary School, Chester Union Free School District, Chester, New York- three years.

**Dr. James Hurst** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies in the College of Liberal Arts effective August 1, 2021. This is a full-time

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regular, 9-month, tenure track position at an academic year rate of \$52,090. He is filling the position left vacant by Dr. Diane Hammons.

Dr. Hurst holds the following degrees from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock: Ph.D., Criminal Justice; M.A., Criminal Justice and B.A., Psychology.

His professional experience includes: the following positions at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Faculty Instructor, Department of Criminal Justice – seven years; Executive Assistant to the Chancellor – two years; Higher Education Institute Program Coordinator – two years; and Administrative Specialist III, Office of the Provost- three years.

**Dr. Kevin Jones** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Special Education in the College of Education effective August 1, 2021. This is a full-time regular, 9-month, tenure-track position at an academic year salary rate of \$50,090. This is a new position.

Dr. Jones holds the following degrees: Ed.D., Education, Liberty University; M.Ed., Education, Oklahoma Wesleyan University; and B.A., Christian Studies, Oklahoma Baptist University.

His professional experience includes: Teacher, Broken Arrow Public School – 13 years; Teacher / Coach, Town & Country School System – one year; Teacher / Coach, Hominy Public Schools – one year; Teacher, Okmulgee County Alternative Academy- one year.

**Dr. Dulanjani Wijayasekara** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Biology in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective August 1, 2021. This is a full-time regular, 9-month, tenure track position at an academic year salary rate of \$58,640. She is filling the position left vacant by Dr. David Liu.

Dr. Wijayasekara holds the following degrees: Ph.D., Biological Science, University of Tulsa; M.S., Entomology and Plant Pathology, Oklahoma State University; and B.Sc., Botany, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

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

**Ms. Sarah Diaz** has been appointed Instructor of Library Services in the John Vaughn Library effective July 6, 2021. This is a full-time regular, 12-month, non-tenure track position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$43,992. She is filling the position left vacant by Ms. Alyssa Ross.

Ms. Diaz holds the following degrees: M.S., Library Science, University of North Texas; and B.A., French & Francophone Studies, University of Louisiana Lafayette.

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Her professional experience includes: Classroom Assistant, Waco Montessori School – two years.

**Mr. Mark Perdue** has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor / Program Director of the Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective October 12, 2021. This is a full-time regular, 12 -month, non-tenure track position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$164,820. Mr. Perdue is filling the position left vacant by Dr. Troy Bender.

Mr. Perdue holds the following degrees: M.H.S., Health Science/Physician Associate, University of Oklahoma; and B.A., Religion, University of Tulsa. He is currently working toward his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

His professional experience includes: Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine; Physician Assistant Program, University of Oklahoma (Tulsa PA Program) – six years; Instructor, University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine, Physician Assistant Program, University of Oklahoma (Tulsa PA Program) – one year; Director of Academic Education, University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine, Physician Assistant Program – five years.

**Ms. Lori Riley**, Academic Advisor II (staff position) has been appointed Assessment Director and Instructor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education effective August 23, 2021. This is a full-time regular, 9-month, non-tenure track position at an academic year salary rate of \$41,080. She is filling the position left vacant by Ms. Tonya Garrett.

Ms. Riley holds the following degrees: M.A., English and B.A., English, Pittsburg State University.

## C. FACULTY COMPLETING A DOCTORATE

**Dr. Timothy Schoonover**, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling in the College of Education has earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. His degree was conferred on July 30, 2021 from the University of Arkansas.

## D. RESIGNATIONS

**Dr. Christian Bussey**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Optometry in the Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry has submitted his resignation effective September 10, 2021. He has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 2020.

**Dr. Diana Mashburn**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted her resignation effective

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August 20, 2021. She has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 1995 and will continue employment in an adjunct status.

**Dr. Leticea Newton**, Clinical Assistant Professor / Director of Clinical Education of the Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted her letter of resignation effective January 5, 2022. She has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 2019.

**Dr. Colleen Tejchma**, Assistant Professor of Optometry in the Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry has submitted her letter of resignation effective November 17, 2021. She has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 9, 2021.

**II. GRANTS AND CONTACTS**

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

**EOC-Educational Opportunity Center Year 1 of 5 2021—2022.....\$232,050.00**

The purpose is to serve (850) individuals each year by assisting the student to attain a secondary diploma or equivalency, complete the admissions enrollment process for post-secondary education and apply for federal student aid and/or other scholarships.

The Project Director is Dr. Sheila Self.

**Little Rowdy Child Care Year 1 of 4 2021—2022.....\$135,755.00**

The purpose is to increase access to post-secondary education for low-income families and/or from marginalized populations by providing high-quality drop-in accessible child care while parents further their education and careers. The Project Director is Dr. Lisa Bisogno.

**RCR Conference Year 1 of 1 2021—2022.....\$ 50,000.00**

The purpose is to provide a conference for participants from all (6) RUSO institutions to speak about gaps in the research integrity and ways to improve Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) at each individual institution. The Project Director is Dr. Jessica Martin.

**OTC Athletes to Educators: A Logical Path to Victory 2021-2022.....\$ 4,837.59**

To provide outreach initiatives to attract high school student -athletes across Oklahoma to the profession of education and teaching careers. Faculty will travel to a variety of school districts across the state to provide innovative workshops highlighting the field of teaching with an emphasis on why athletes, who may want to coach or maybe undecided, would benefit from earning a degree in teaching. The Project Director is Dr. Kelli Carney.

**NASS-Center for Tribal Studies Year 1 of 5 2021-2022.....\$438,136.00**

Funds are requested to enhance the services provided by the Center for Tribal Studies focusing on student support, professional development opportunities and community

## **Northeastern State University**

building activities. The requested funding will provide additional staff and resources to offer a more comprehensive set of services to improve student's academic performance- to support academic, career, and cultural development of the American Indian students at NSU. The Project Director is Ms. Sara Barnett.

**Total of Grant and Contract Awards:**

**\$860,778.59**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'STL', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Turner, Ph.D.  
President





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

Dear Regent Reilly:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

## I. PERSONNEL

### A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

#### School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Mr. Gregory Masters** has been appointed to the position of full-time Instructor in the Department of Educational Instruction and Leadership, effective October 1, 2021 at a 12-month salary of \$39,000.

Mr. Masters earned his M.A. in Educational Leadership at The University of Texas Permian Basin in 2001 and his B.S. in Business Administration at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1986. His previous experience includes Adult Education Site Manager and Instructor at Grayson County College for 10 years and Adjunct Instructor at North Central Texas college for one semester.

## 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:

Item:	Classroom Furniture
Description:	Purchase new furniture including tables, desks, chairs for classrooms in Morrison, Math, Russell, and Science buildings.
Amount:	\$260,000
Source of Funding:	Master Lease, Series 2021A – Classroom Upgrades & Improvements
Vendor:	CDW-G, State Contract SW-081419-OSRHE

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom  
President





# Northwestern

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 28, 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. Faculty Resignations

##### School of Professional Studies

**Jonathan Crowell**, Instructor of Nursing, submitted a letter of resignation effective December 31, 2021. Mr. Crowell has been employed with the University since January 11, 2021.

**Dr. Patricia Thompson**, Associate Professor of Nursing, submitted a letter of resignation effective May 6, 2022. Dr. Thompson has been employed with the University since August 16, 2016.

#### B. Faculty Retirement with Resolution

##### School of Arts and Sciences

**Dr. Steven Thompson**, Professor of Biology, has submitted a letter stating his intention to retire effective May 6, 2022. Dr. Thompson has been employed with the University since August 13, 1999. A resolution recognizing his years of service is attached.

## **Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

### **II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **A. Academic Calendar**

Attached is the Academic Calendar for 2022-2023 for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The calendar has been submitted for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Sincerely,

Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.  
President

JC:md

Att. (2)

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

*Regional University System of Oklahoma*

**WHEREAS, DR. STEVEN THOMPSON**, Professor of Biology at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, will retire on May 6, 2022; and

**WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON** will be leaving the University after 23 years of service; and

**WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON** has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and has established a reputation for outstanding service in the study of biology; and

**WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON** has worked steadfastly in curating the Museum of Natural History as well as the herbarium; and

**WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON** has created many outside-of-the-classroom experiences for students to expand their knowledge; and

**WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON** has given back to the community while judging science fairs across northwest Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS, DR. THOMPSON** has faithfully fulfilled the responsibilities of his position and served his 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. STEVEN THOMPSON**, the honorary title of “**Professor Emeritus of Biology**” and extends to him an expression of appreciation and commendation for his 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. THOMPSON** in Alva, Oklahoma.

**ADOPTED** by the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* this 12th day of November, 2021.

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Regent Connie Reilly, Chair  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

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Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

**OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Return by December 1, 2021 to [academicaffairsrequests@osrhe.edu](mailto:academicaffairsrequests@osrhe.edu)**

**Institution: Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023**

***NOTE: All schedules should include final exams***

**Summer 2022 Session:**

Semester (8-week session) (begins and ends)	6/1/2022 through 7/27/2022
1st 4-week session (begins and ends)	6/1/2022 through 6/28/2022
2nd 4-week session (begins and ends)	6/29/2022 through 7/27/2022

Please list dates of all holidays/breaks (no classes)

5/30/2022 through 5/30/2022
7/4/2022 through 7/4/2022

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution:

(Please note the specific length of the short term session in the shaded boxes)

-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.
-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.
-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.

Summer Commencement date (if applicable)	Click here to enter a date.
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**Fall 2022 Semester:**

16-week Semester (begins and ends)	8/15/2022 through 12/9/2022
1st 8-week session (begins and ends)	8/15/2022 through 10/7/2022
2nd 8-week session (begins and ends)	10/10/2022 through 12/9/2022
1st 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.
2nd 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.
3rd 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.
4th 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution (if applicable):

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-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. <b>through</b> Click here to enter end date.

Please list dates of all holidays/breaks (no classes)	9/5/2022 through 9/5/2022
	10/13/2022 through 10/14/2022
	11/23/2022 through 11/25/2022

Fall Commencement date (if applicable)	12/4/2022
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**Spring 2023 Semester:**

16-week Semester (begins and ends)	1/9/2023 through 5/5/2023
1st 8-week session (begins and ends)	1/9/2023 through 3/3/2023
2nd 8-week session (begins and ends)	3/6/2023 through 5/5/2023
1st 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. through Click here to enter end date.
2nd 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. through Click here to enter end date.
3rd 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. through Click here to enter end date.
4th 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. through Click here to enter end date.

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution (if applicable):

(Please note the specific length of the short term session in the shaded boxes)

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-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date. through Click here to enter end date.

Please list dates of all holidays/breaks (no classes)	1/16/2023 through 1/16/2023
	3/13/2023 through 3/17/2023
	Click here to enter begin date. through Click here to enter end date.

**\*\*\*Note: Spring Break should be scheduled for the-week that encompasses the third Wednesday in March\*\*\***

Spring Commencement date (if applicable)	5/6/2023
	Click here to enter a date.
	Click here to enter a date.

Alternative Schedules (please describe any alternative schedules not already indicated above)

Interessions (classes that meet between regularly scheduled semesters or that meet between summer session and fall semester, between fall semester and spring semester, or between spring semester and summer session):

	Fall 2022 Interession (between summer 2022 and fall 2022)	Spring/Winter 2022- 2023 Interession (between fall 2022 and spring 2023)	Summer 2023 Interession (between spring 2023 and summer 2023)
Interession begins	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>	12/12/2022	5/8/2023
Interession ends	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>	1/6/2023	5/31/2023

Summer 2022 (if applicable):

Final add date 8-week classes	6/7/2022
Final drop date 8-week classes:	6/8/2022
Final add date first 4-week classes:	6/2/2022
Final drop date first 4-week classes:	6/2/2022
Final add date 2nd 4-week classes:	6/30/2022
Final drop date 2nd 4-week classes:	6/30/2022

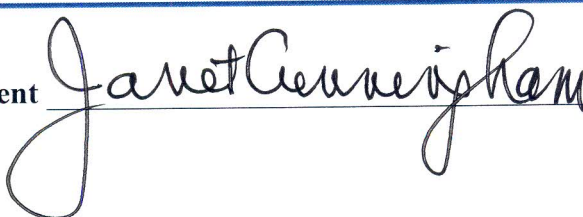
Fall 2022:

Final add date 16-week classes:	8/23/2022
Final drop date 16-week classes:	8/26/2022
Final add date 1st 8-week classes:	8/19/2022
Final drop date 1st 8-week classes:	8/19/2022
Final add date 2nd 8-week classes:	10/18/2022
Final drop date 2nd 8-week classes:	10/18/2022

Spring 2023:

Final add date 16-week classes:	1/18/2023
Final drop date 16-week classes:	1/23/2023
Final add date 1st 8-week classes:	1/13/2023
Final drop date 1st 8-week classes:	1/13/2023
Final add date 2nd 8-week classes:	3/10/2023
Final drop date 2nd 8-week classes:	3/10/2023

Signature of President



Date

10/26/21

State Regents' Policy 3.18





November 1, 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. PERSONEL***

### **A. FACULTY HIRES**

Dr. **Karen Sweeney** has been appointed to you the Department Chair and Associate Professor position in the Department of Computer Science in the School of Business and Technology College of Professional and Graduate Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective October 11, 2021. Her salary for the nine--month appointment will be \$78,713.00, which includes the chair stipend of \$3,200.00. Her prorated chair stipend will be \$2,395.09. Dr. Sweeney has been employed by Southwestern Oklahoma State University since 2009.

Dr. **Kristen Young** has been appointed to a voluntary one-year temporary position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective October 5, 2021. She will be involved in didactic teaching and precepting College of Pharmacy students in the experiential program. Her appointment will be for twelve-months. Dr. Young earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from Oklahoma State University and a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

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

SWOSU has received confirmation of **6 grants** for a total amount of **\$70,036**. A profile of these awards is presented below. I am available if you should have any questions.

**A. ISS – Enhanced Active Tissue Equivalent Dosimeter .....\$5,699**  
The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration via Oklahoma State University** has awarded the grant, entitled, “*ISS – Enhanced Active Tissue Equivalent Dosimeter*” in the amount of \$5,699. The primary function of this award is research. The principal investigator is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

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**B. Travel to the Spring 2022 National American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego, CA ..... \$2,000**

The **Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence** awarded a grant called "Travel to the Spring 2022 National American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego, CA" in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Trevor Ellis**.

**C. OK-INBRE: Release Time from teaching for grant proposal development .....\$8,337**

The **Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE)** awarded a grant called "*OK-INBRE: Release Time from teaching for grant proposal development*" in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Andrew Bigley**.

**D. 2022 ACS National Meeting ..... \$2,000**

The **Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE)** has awarded a grant entitled "2022 ACS National Meeting" in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this grant is research. The principal investigator of the grant is **Dr. Tim Hubin**.

**E. Spectroscopic Methods of Analysis for the Determination of the pKa's of Glycine Metal Complexes ..... \$2,000**

The **Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE)** has awarded a grant entitled "*Spectroscopic Methods of Analysis for the Determination of the pKa's of Glycine Metal Complexes*" in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this grant is research. The principal investigator of the grant is **Dr. Jon Henrikson**.

**F. OK-INBRE Carryover Funds.....\$50,000**

The **Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE)** has awarded a grant entitled "*OK-INBRE Carryover Funds*" in the amount of \$50,000. The primary function of this award is research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Jason Johnson**.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Lovell  
President

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Danley Hall, Suite 204

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1 November 2021

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

Dear Chair Reilly and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

**I. PERSONNEL****A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

None to report at this time

**B. RETIREMENTS**

**MS. JEANENE TAYLOR**, Instructor, Department of Professional Programs and Human Services, has announced her retirement effective 31 July 2022. Ms. Taylor began employment at ECU in 2014.

**II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS**

None to report at this time.

**III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS****CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.....\$102,790**

East Central University received a \$102,790 grant from the University of Oklahoma. The project period: 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. The purpose is to recruit and provide educational allowances to CWPEP students. The Project Director is Ms. Amy Ward.

**ERT, LLC SOIL TESTING AND ANALYSIS.....\$500**

East Central University received a \$500 grant from Environmental Resource Technologies. The project period: 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. The purpose

**East Central University**

is to provide support with supplies and student wages for lab work. The Project Director is Dr. Charlie Biles.

**NASNTI REACHE PROGRAM..... \$400,000**

East Central University received a \$400,000.00 grant from U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. The grant will improve academic outcomes and learning environments for high-need and/or Native American students here at ECU. The Project Director is TBA.

**Total Grants and Contracts--\$503,290**

**IV. PURCHASES**

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

None to report.

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

None to report.

Respectfully submitted,



Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.  
President



UNIVERSITY OF  
**Central Oklahoma**  
University of Central Oklahoma  
Edmond, Oklahoma  
November 12, 2021

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

Dear Board Members:

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

**I. PERSONNEL**

**A. Temporary Faculty Appointments**

The following has been hired as a temporary faculty member for the spring 2022 semester:

**1) Temporary Lecturer**

**College of Mathematics and Sciences**

Ms. Terri Smith

Nursing

**B. Retirements**

**Dr. Regenia James**, Professor in the **Department of Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research**, will retire her position, effective January 1, 2022. Dr. James has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2008.

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## II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF AWARDS

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

### **September 2021**

NEXUS Project for Emergent Bilinguals, \$477,879

U.S. Department of Education

September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

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.

NEH American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations, \$360,029

National Endowment for the Humanities

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Theresa Vaughan, College of Liberal Arts

Projects funded from this grant will include English Department journals and lectures; the “Diverse Oklahoma” lecture series; digitization of the Herland Archives; the Minority Graduate Student Mentoring Program; Interdisciplinary Cohort; History Education assessment, and “Central Diversity” podcasts and documentaries.

Prospective Teachers Academy, \$5,150

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

September 1, 2021 – June 1, 2022

Susan Scott, College of Education and Professional Studies

This grant will fund the Prospective Teachers Academy at the University of Central Oklahoma, which seeks to recruit prospective teachers. The academy will serve approximately 150 TEACH/Educators Rising and other students.

UCO Behavior Consultation Project, \$129,135

Oklahoma State Department of Education

September 6, 2021 – May 6, 2022

Scott Singleton, College of Education and Professional Studies

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

Fifty cases will be available during the school year.

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**Microbubbles-Associated Traumatic Brain Injury Detection Using Portable and Low-Cost Microwave Imaging System, \$63,527**

OK-INBRE

November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

Nesreen Alsobou, College of Math and Science

The goal of this research is to use a portable and low-cost microwave imaging system to detect and prevent neural tissue damage; specifically, neuroinflammation caused by microbubble-associated cavitation damage during brain injuries.

**Mechanobiological Analysis of Bioresorbable Flow Diverters for Cerebral Aneurysm, \$46,435**

OK-INBRE

November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

Mohammad Hossan, College of Math and Science

The funding for this award will be used to investigate the hypothesis that a bioresorbable flow diverter, with appropriate designs, can regulate mechanobiological responses and thrombus formation characteristics through blood flow modulation within an aneurysmal cavity, and successfully dissolve an aneurysm before it degrades.

**Marshalling Diverse Big Data Streams to Understand Risk of Tick-Borne Diseases in the Great Plains, \$36,704**

National Science Foundation (Pass-through University of Kansas Center for Research)

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Robert Brennan, College of Math and Science

CFDA# 47.083

This grant will fund research to gain a much-improved understanding of drivers of tick and tick-borne pathogen systems in the Great Plains, both now and into the future.

**Humane Education: Animal Assisted Therapy and U.S. Veterans in Higher Education, \$7,500**

Latham Foundation (Pass-through UCO Foundation)

September 1, 2021 – September 20, 2022

Susan Barnes, College of Math and Science

Funds from this grant will be used for the purchase and first-year maintenance of an animal assisted intervention/therapy dog to be used for our Veteran students.

**III. PURCHASES FOR APPROVAL****A. Medline Industries LP. Rapid Covid testing equipment/supplies**

Source: HEERF Relief Funds.....\$231,000

University of Central Oklahoma

#### **IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM PURCHASING**

- A.** Metro Technology Centers. Short-term certifications  
Source: Grant Funds.....\$57,540
- B.** Ex Libris USA Inc. Chambers Library software  
Source: E&G.....\$100,950
- C.** The Professional Basketball Club Advertisement  
Source: UCO Unrestricted Cash.....\$71,750
- D.** Rees Associates. Vision Study  
Source: Library Facility Fee.....\$90,000

#### **V. REQUEST APPROVAL TO RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL**

In accordance with Section 1.24.2 of the RUSO Policy Manual, request formal approval to retain outside legal counsel, Adam Childes and Mary Snyder, of Crowe & Dunlevy to represent UCO in litigation filed in federal court claiming violations of Title IX. Outside counsel was needed because the Attorney General's office declined the request for representation due to a full docket and inadequate staffing.

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar  
President

University of Central Oklahoma

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, DR. REGENIA JAMES, Professor in the Department of Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research,** has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of fourteen years; and

**WHEREAS, DR. REGENIA JAMES,** will retire on January 1, 2022; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon **DR. REGENIA JAMES,** the honorary title of “**Emeritus Professor of Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research**” 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. REGENIA JAMES.**

**ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 12th day of November, 2021.**

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Connie Reilly, Chairman  
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

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Amy Anne Ford, Secretary

