

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA



MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2022

9:00 am

**Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus
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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

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- 26. Social Work (050/0500)
- 27. Theatre (0452)

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a. Program Modification

- 1. Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration (005)
- 2. Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (170)
- 3. Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (145)
- 4. Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership (775)
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- 6. Bachelor of Science in Education-- Early Childhood Education (017)
- 7. Bachelor of Science in Education—Elementary Education (017)
- 8. Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry (013)
- 9. General Education Plan Changes

V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE –Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford

Report of the Facilities Stewardship Committee, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Northeastern State University— Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1. Northeastern State University

a. Project #485-0073 – Fine Arts and Annex HVAC Equipment Replacement and Piping Extension

Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, HVAC improvements to the Fine Arts and Fine Arts Annex buildings.

Requested Funding Approval: \$500,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): 650 Fund - \$200,000: HEERF \$300,000

b. Project #485-90-20 – Seminary Hall Flat Roof Replacement

Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, removal and replacement of the two flat roofs on the North side of Seminary Hall.

Requested Funding Approval: \$400,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund - \$400,000

2. Southeastern Oklahoma State University

a. Project #660-0800 & 660-0805 Front Lawn Improvements

Project Description: This project will include improvements to the University Front Lawn from University Boulevard north to the Morrison Building. Improvements include new and

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improved sidewalks, landscaping, and utilities relocation. In addition, an Honors Plaza with a water feature will also be created. Pedestrian access to the south side of University will also be improved with the addition of a new sidewalk and cross walk.

Amount: \$600,000 Estimated

Source of Funds: Master Lease Deferred Maintenance, HEERF

Minority Serving Institutions Grant, Auxiliary, & Capital

Vendor: To be determined

b. Sale of Real Property

Southeastern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell real property at the corner of 4th and Willow Streets in Durant, Oklahoma. The property includes four structures all beyond repair and in need of demolition. The location, one and a half blocks away from the main campus, is not conducive to University development. The appraised value is \$56,000. The method of sale will be determined based on what provides the University the best return. Permission is also requested to grant President Newsom the authority to sign the deed and all other legal documents associated with the sale of the property.

Legal Description: Lots 20-24 & part of Lot 19 Block 11 Normal Heights Addition

3. University of Central Oklahoma

Approval Items:

a. Project # 120-0032 Sports Complex Project

Project Description: Request approval to award contracts, not to exceed \$225,000, for the purposes of reconfiguring and renovating the women's track and cross-country locker room. The locker room is located in the older section of Hamilton Fieldhouse and is in need of remodel to more closely match the finishes and functionality of the locker rooms added during the 2019 expansion.

Requested Funding Approval: \$225,000

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Budget Breakdown: \$200,000 for construction, \$25,000 technology and furniture

Vendor: Lingo Construction (on-call construction manager)

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Facility Fees, Foundation/Private Donation

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

Project Description: Request approval to award contracts, not to exceed \$175,000, for the purpose of replacing eight (8) rooftop HVAC units at the Jazz Lab. The units are original to the building, installed in 21001, and are becoming a maintenance issue. Median life span of a rooftop unit is listed at 15 years.

Requested Funding Approval: \$175,000

Budget Breakdown: \$165,000 mechanical, \$10,000 electrical

Vendor: Trade Mechanical and Patco (both on state contract)

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

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

Report of the Audit & Finance Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2023 Internal Audit Plan. (Pages 49-50)
2. Status report on completion of external audited financial statements for FY 2022 and scheduling the audit exit conference.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve RUSO Administrative Office Budget Revision for FY 2023.

C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Chris Van Denhende

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion of upcoming legislative session issues.—Regent Winchester
2. Discussion and possible action regarding Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Legislative Agenda.
3. Discussion of OSRHE Strategic Planning Committee.—President Newsom
4. Discussion and possible action regarding Higher Education Day 2023.
5. Discussion of development of advocacy plan for Teacher Education and Teachers.
6. Report of Journal Record opinion piece.

D. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Eric Fisher

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Executive Session Policy 1.11.

VI. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION—SENATOR DEWAYNE PEMBERTON AND SENATOR JOHN HASTE

VII. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Thomas Newsom

VIII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Total grants and contracts: \$ 115,146.86

B. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

In accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, Purchases exceeding \$50,000, but not over \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase the following items:

Description: Blackboard to Canvas Course Migrations

Vendor: K16 Solutions

Amount: \$65,000

Funding Source: E&G Part I

- 3. Grants and Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$ 0.00

C. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Total grants and contracts: \$ 3,000.00

- 3. Informational Items:**
 - a. Academic Calendar**

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Attached is the Academic Calendar for 2023-2024 for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The calendar has been submitted for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Request for Contracts:

None to report.

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 0.00

4. Purchases:

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

- a. Description: Annual Subscription Software for eBill, eRefunds, eDeposits

Vendor: TouchNet Information Systems, Inc.

Amount: \$69,126.00

Funding Source: 730 Auxiliary

- b. Description: IT Cybersecurity Risk Assessment and External Penetration Testing

Vendor: Alias Forensics Inc.

Amount: \$55,000.00

Funding Source: 295 Section 13 Offset

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

None to report.

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4. Stipends

- a. East Central University is requesting Board approval to provide a nonrecurring stipend of \$1,000 for each employee who has been at ECU since before November 1, 2022. The last raise program was in FY18-19. As you know, inflation over the past 12 months has exceeded 8% and employee turnover/unfilled positions are a significant issue at ECU.
- b. The total cost will be \$499,976.98 (\$376,000 for the 376 employees and \$123,976.98 for related taxes and benefits). Monies are available in each Fund and no transfers from other funds will be required. See below for a breakdown of employees by Fund. Grant funded employees (Fund 430) will receive the stipend if the grant has adequate funding and stipends are permissible.
- c. Due to the number of budgeted vacancies, these stipends will be funded without the need to submit a budget revision to OSRHE.

Salary and Benefits Cost	Fund	Number of Employees
\$409,981.13	290	309
\$34,998.39	730	26
\$54,997.47	430	41
\$499,976.98 Total Cost		

5. Salary Increases

East Central University is requesting Board approval to provide salary increases for 33 employees who are currently making less than \$20,000 annually. These increases, including benefits will cost \$82,896 annually or \$41,448 for the last 6 months of FY 22-23. These increases will be effective January 1, 2023. A budget revision will not be necessary.

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

1. Personnel

2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 930,210.00

3. Purchases for approval:

- a. Technolutions, upgrade recruitment/communications system with Slate customer relations management (CRM) software.
Source: E&G\$250,000

4. Informational Items from Purchasing:

- a. Ex Libris USA, Inc., subscription to web-based library services platform.
Source: E&G\$101,489
- b. Ex Libris USA, Inc., maintenance for library services platform.
Source: E&G\$64,930
- c. The Hanover Research Council LLC, grant development services.
Source: E&G\$50,000

F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 15,589.00

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

X. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. 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 the University of Central Oklahoma.
2. Discussion regarding the employment of a RUSO Government Relations Officer.

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. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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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- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Terry Worcester v. East Central University, District Court of Pontotoc County Case #CJ-2019-37.
- i. Billy Elliott v. University of Central Oklahoma, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2021-3586.
- j. Jane Roe v. The State of Oklahoma ex rel University of Central Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma, Case #CIV-22-237-SLP.
- k. Sierra Rudman and Calyn Boyd v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma and Kay Robinson, Western District of Oklahoma Case # CIV-22-91-PRW.
- l. Jackson Shepherd and Mallory Scott et al. v. Regional University System of Oklahoma et al., District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-20-2383.
- m. David B. Young v. University of Central Oklahoma and State of Oklahoma ex rel. Regional University System of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-22-711-SLP.
- n. Tatum Robertson, Eve Brennan, and Marin Rhodes v. University of Central Oklahoma and Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2022-836-HE

Claims:

- a. Tort Claims pending with State Risk Management

Alan Scott Asher claims he was on the Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow campus when he slipped and fell, breaking his hip and femur. Mr. Asher and his wife have both

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submitted claims to Oklahoma State Risk Management under the Oklahoma Governmental Tort Claims Act.

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

None.

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”)

Miscellaneous Matters

None.

XIII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

- A. Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session.
- B. Possible action to hire an Interim President for the University of Central Oklahoma.
- C. Possible action to begin the national search process for the President of the University of Central Oklahoma.
- D. Possible action to hire a RUSO Government Relations Officer.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

Chair Reilly called the meeting to order. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with 7 Regents present.

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

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A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott to excuse Regents Parker and Hofmeister from the meeting.

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

Voting against the motion: none

III. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Connie Reilly

Regent Reilly welcomed guests and thanked Regent McDermott for chairing October's meeting.

Regent Reilly also thanked President Turner and his staff for their hospitality.

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- 21. Native American Studies (059)
 - a. General (0590)
 - b. Cultural Resource Management (0591)
- 22. Nursing (034)
 - a. General (0340)
 - b. RN to BSN (0341)
- 23. Physics (035)
 - a. General (0350)
 - b. Medical Physics (0353)
 - c. Teacher Certification (0351)
- 24. Political Science (018/0181)
- 25. Psychology (037)
 - a. General (0371)
 - b. Behavioral Health (0372)
- 26. Social Work (050/0500)
- 27. Theatre (0452)

5. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Page 65)

a. Program Modification

- 1. Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration (005)
- 2. Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (170)
- 3. Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (145)

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4. Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership (775)
5. Master of Science in Management (153)
6. Bachelor of Science in Education-- Early Childhood Education (017)
7. Bachelor of Science in Education—Elementary Education (017)
8. Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry (013)
9. General Education Plan Changes

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

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Parker arrived at the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE –Regent Lake Carpenter (Attachment B, Pages 67-76)

Report of the Facilities Stewardship Committee, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Regent Carpenter thanked President Turner and his staff for the way they fulfill their mission to steward the Broken Arrow Campus and expressed appreciation for the thoughtful design features, including skywalks, large windows, and art throughout the campus.

Regent Carpenter thanked the people of Broken Arrow who had the initial vision to create the campus and who voted to tax themselves on two occasions to provide funding that allowed NSU to build and then expand the campus.

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Regent Carpenter reported that the Committee reviewed and discussed every item on the agenda.

Regent Carpenter noted that NSU's Fine Arts and Annex HVAC System has been quite a challenge and commended President Turner for leaning in and working to solve the heating and cooling issues for the Fine Arts students and faculty who use that facility and the musical instruments that need to be protected.

Regent Carpenter pointed out that SE's requested front lawn improvements are a request to bid and award that construction contract. The Regents look forward to SE's plans to change the entryway to the campus and learning more the Honors Plaza and public art spaces that are being planned.

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher to approve each of the Facilities Stewardship requests as listed on the agenda:

1. **Northeastern State University** (Pages 67-68)
 - a. **Project #485-0073 – Fine Arts and Annex HVAC Equipment Replacement and Piping Extension**

Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, HVAC improvements to the Fine Arts and Fine Arts Annex buildings.

Requested Funding Approval: \$500,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): 650 Fund - \$200,000: HEERF \$300,000
 - b. **Project #485-90-20 – Seminary Hall Flat Roof Replacement**

Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, removal and replacement of the two flat roofs on the North side of Seminary Hall.

Requested Funding Approval: \$400,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund - \$400,000

2. **Southeastern Oklahoma State University** (Pages 69-73)

a. **Project #660-0800 & 660-0805 Front Lawn Improvements**

Project Description: This project will include improvements to the University Front Lawn from University Boulevard north to the Morrison Building. Improvements include new and improved sidewalks, landscaping, and utilities relocation. In addition, an Honors Plaza with a water feature will also be created. Pedestrian access to the south side of University will also be improved with the addition of a new sidewalk and cross walk.

Amount: \$600,000 Estimated

Source of Funds: Master Lease Deferred Maintenance, HEERF
Minority Serving Institutions Grant, Auxiliary, & Capital

Vendor: To be determined

b. **Sale of Real Property**

Southeastern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell real property at the corner of 4th and Willow Streets in Durant, Oklahoma. The property includes four structures all beyond repair and in need of demolition. The location, one and a half blocks away from the main campus, is not conducive to University development. The appraised value is \$56,000. The method of sale will be determined based on what provides the University the best return. Permission is also requested to grant President Newsom the authority to sign the deed and all other legal documents associated with the sale of the property.

Legal Description: Lots 20-24 & part of Lot 19 Block 11
Normal Heights Addition

3. University of Central Oklahoma (pages 74-76)

Approval Items:

a. Project # # 120-0032 Sports Complex Project

Project Description: Request approval to award contracts, not to exceed \$225,000, for the purposes of reconfiguring and renovating the women's track and cross-country locker room. The locker room is located in the older section of Hamilton Fieldhouse and is need of remodel to more closely match the finishes and functionality of the locker rooms added during the 2019 expansion.

Requested Funding Approval: \$225,000

Budget Breakdown: \$200,000 for construction, \$25,000 technology and furniture

Vendor: Lingo Construction (on-call construction manager)

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Facility Fees, Foundation/Private Donation

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

Project Description: Request approval to award contracts, not to exceed \$175,000, for the purpose of replacing eight (8) rooftop HVAC units at the Jazz Lab. The units are original to the building, installed in 21001, and are becoming a maintenance issue. Median life span of a rooftop unit is listed at 15 years.

Requested Funding Approval: \$175,000

Budget Breakdown: \$165,000 mechanical, \$10,000 electrical

Vendor: Trade Mechanical and Patco (both on state contract)

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

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

Voting against the motion: none

The order of the agenda changed to:

C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Chris Van Denhende

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

*** Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 were not discussed.**

- 1. Discussion of upcoming legislative session issues.—Regent Winchester**
- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Legislative Agenda.**
- 3. Discussion of OSRHE Strategic Planning Committee.—President Newsom**
- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding Higher Education Day 2023.**
- 5. Discussion of development of advocacy plan for Teacher Education and Teachers.**

Regent Van Denhende thanked Dr. Vanessa Anton and Dr. Debbie Landry of NSU, Dr. Brian Duke of UCO, Dr. Jen Oswald of NWOSU, and Dr. Joel Kendall of SWOSU for sharing their research and expertise with the Committee.

Regent Van Denhende reported that Teacher Education is RUSO's original historical and fundamental mission. RUSO universities started well over one hundred years ago as teacher education colleges before they became comprehensive universities.

RUSO needs to serve as and to be recognized as the thought leader and the innovator that can solve the many challenges facing the teacher education profession today. Those challenges are multi-faceted including: financial; respect and prestige; perspectives about the profession, and the lack of male teachers. Some possible solutions discussed were more scholarships for teacher education; paying students for internships; restoring induction and mentoring support for new teachers; universities partnering with school districts; allocating funds for teacher certification exam costs; signing bonuses; tuition waivers; more legislative advocacy; flipping the

narrative about the profession; creating a social media campaign focusing on teachers as heroes; creating a statewide data system about different pathways and the quality of teaching to create centralized data. Other state models to consider are the Tennessee paraprofessional program and North Carolina's Pathways to Excellence program.

Regents asked Teacher Education Deans to attend Higher Education Day to speak with the Governor and legislators.

6. Report of Journal Record opinion piece.

D. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Eric Fisher (See Attachment D, Pages 79-80)

Report of the Policy and Procedures Committee, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Executive Session Policy 1.11.

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford, to approve the revisions to Policy 1.11.

Regent McDermott, seconded by Regent Reilly made a motion to table the original motion.

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

Voting against the motion: none

The order of the agenda changed.

**B. AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Gary Parker
(Attachment C, Pages 77-78)**

Report of the Audit & Finance Committee, Thursday, November 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 2023 Internal Audit Plan. (Pages 77-78)

Regent Parker reported that the FY 2023 Internal Audit Plan was developed by the internal auditors, Crawford and Associates, after consultation with all of the business officers. It is based on a risk management strategy, and it complies with all applicable statutes.

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher, to approve the FY 2023 Internal Audit Plan.

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

Voting against the motion: none

2. Status report on completion of external audited financial statements for FY 2022 and scheduling the audit exit conference.

Regent Parker reported that this item does not require a vote. The external auditor, Hinkle and Company, has filed the combined audit report on time on October 31, 2022. The individual audit reports are expected to come in a couple of weeks and the committee will then schedule audit exit conferences in January.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve RUSO Administrative Office Budget Revision for FY 2023.

Regent Parker reported that the RUSO Administrative Office has requested a budget revision in the amount of \$143,343 to cover the costs of the Jason Meriwether consultant contract and approved staff salary increases. The Administrative Office also requested authority to further revise the budget as needed after the executive session discussion regarding the addition of a Government Relations Officer to the RUSO staff in an amount that has not been determined yet. They will provide the revisions in budget format as soon as they are available.

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford, to approve the RUSO Administrative Office Budget Revision for FY 2023 in the amount of \$143,343 and to give them the authority to further revise the budget as necessary for the Government Relations Officer position.

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

Voting against the motion: none

The order of the agenda changed:

VI. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION—SENATOR DEWAYNE PEMBERTON AND SENATOR JOHN HASTE

Senator Dewayne Pemberton provided an overview of higher education appropriations discussions and prospects for the upcoming legislative session.

Senator John Haste provided a brief overview of the work and results of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Concurrent Enrollment Task Force.

Chair Reilly declared a break at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:44 a.m.

Regent Fisher returned to the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

The order of the agenda changed.

D. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Eric Fisher (See Attachment D, Pages 79-80)

Report of the Policy and Procedures Committee, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow Campus, Administrative Services Building, 1st Floor, Annex, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Executive Session Policy 1.11.

Regent Fisher reported that the proposed policy change makes the first paragraph more concise without making substantive changes. The second paragraph now requires the Executive Director and General Counsel to attend executive sessions except when the Board may choose to exclude them at the Board's discretion.

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford, to approve the revisions to Policy 1.11.

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

Voting against the motion: none

The order of the agenda resumed.

VII. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Thomas Newsom

President Newsom reported on the status of the OSRHE Strategic Planning Committee. The proposed report is lengthy with a significant number of potential initiatives. The Committee made the recommendation to make the report more concise. Presidents throughout the state will get a document to review. The final report is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

President Newsom reported Dr. Meriwether is working with liaisons across the six RUSO campuses and work is underway to make sure everything is provided to facilitate the enrollment management contract

President Newsom reported that OSRHE has released the plans for Higher Education Day 2023. It will take place February 14, 2023, at the State Capitol with some sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m. and then will end with a reception in the evening.

President Newsom also reported that the OSRHE Legislative Tour Dates have been released. Dates start January 10, 2023, and end February 3, 2023. All Regents are invited to attend the tour in their region.

President Newsom reported that the Presidents will be attending the NCAA Convention in January in San Antonio. There are significant legislative items regarding the new constitutional changes for the NCAA that they will be able to vote on and give opinions and feedback.

VIII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment E, pages 81-90)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Turner reported that former NSU President Larry Williams passed away and that NSU held a memorial service for him. President Turner expressed his appreciation for President Williams and his wife Pam Williams for their vision and planning that led NSU to where it is today.

President Turner reported that NSU held a successful teacher recruitment fair and are working with local area schools to build recruitment relationships.

President Turner reported there will be two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

President Turner provided an update on the new Optometry building plans. Since the original vision in 2016 and assessment of design and construction costs, construction costs have increased significantly. NSU may come back to the Board to request a funding increase. President Turner will keep the Board apprised and is working with partners and donors to get additional funding.

President Turner reported that for the last 15-18 months NSU has been hosting town halls about the next fundraising campaign to identify funding needs. Themes are emerging from these meetings. It is almost time to conduct a feasibility study to understand what donors are going to support. NSU will bring this to the Board in Spring 2023.

President Turner reported that on January 5 2023, NSU will host a final visioning session where key priorities for the entire institution and then each division will spend the day revising their part of the strategic plan based on what their findings. NSU is expected to present the plan in March or April of 2023.

B. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment F, pages 91-92)

Regent Winchester made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter, 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, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Newsom reported two new endowed professorships -- Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Professor in Mathematics and Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Professor in Computer Science and Technology.

President Newsom reported that SE's air fleet is now upgraded and complete, including the 737 Max Simulator. The Simulator has enhanced the program and potential for aviation and aviation students.

President Newsom reported that former SE President Kate Galt Zaneis, was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society on November 1, 2022, at the Oklahoma History Center. In 1935, Zaneis was appointed as the ninth president of Southeastern and became the first female to head a state college or university in the nation. Zaneis served as president from May 1935 to July 1937, and she accomplished a great deal, including overseeing a 33 percent increase in enrollment, obtaining Public Works Administration funding for facilities, equipment, and athletic field improvements, and increasing funding for student work programs. SE is very proud of her induction to the Hall of Fame.

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President Newsom reported that SE will hold two fall commencement exercises in December. On Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, master's degrees will be conferred at 6 p.m., while on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, baccalaureate degrees will be awarded at 9 a.m. Both ceremonies will be held in Bloomer Sullivan Arena. All of the Regents are invited to attend.

President Newsom reported that the SE campus is hosting several Native November events including student athletes wearing special jerseys which are the colors of the Choctaw Nation and say Savage Storm in Choctaw, "Kucha Okpulo". This was the idea from the SE Women's Basketball Team as a recognition of SE's Native American traditions and history.

President Newsom reported that the walking bridge development project is now moving forward thanks to the cooperation between the city and number of community members and the department of transportation. Construction is expected to begin in the summer. There will also be a walking route.

C. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment G, Pages 93-100)

Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott, to approve the President's Recommendations for Northwestern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Bo Hannaford.

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Hannaford reported that on October 23, 2022, NWOSU held the 2023 Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Northwestern Outstanding Teen Pageant which drew many outstanding candidates.

President Hannaford reported that NWOSU won the NWOSU Rodeo Competition. The men's team won first place. Homecoming was a big success on November 5, 2022, and many people turned out for the celebration.

President Hannaford reported that NWOSU held two Employee Service Recognition ceremonies, November 8 & 9, 2022, in Alva and Enid, to

honor and recognize employees who work at Alva, Enid, and Woodward campus locations.

President Hannaford reported that e-sports competitions are a big draw from surrounding communities. NWOSU recently hosted a competition in their e-sports facilities and more than 100 students turned out for the event. The students really enjoy the dedicated facility.

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

(See attachment H, pages 101-106)

Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter, to approve the President's Recommendations for East Central University as presented by President Wendell Godwin.

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Godwin asked to amend the ECU request for stipends that was submitted and approved for this meeting to be effective in November rather than September of this year. These stipends will begin the process of increasing salaries to meet ECU goals.

President Godwin reported that two teams from ECU who earned the right to compete in the Global Entrepreneurship Challenge held in Chicago finished in the top 100 globally. ECU is very proud of them.

President Godwin reported that Trisha Trammell, an ECU Alumnus, was just announced as the new head coach for the WNBA Dallas Wings.

President Godwin reported ECU's Fall Commencement Ceremony will take place on December 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and all of the Regents are invited to attend.

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

(See attachment I, pages 107-110)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO has risen 23 spots on the America's Top Online Colleges list. The Business Program has been online for four years and has been incredibly successful.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that applications for Fall 23 are up 44% to date, which is an additional 288 students. UCO has also increased admitted students for Fall 2023 by 100%. Student visits to campus increased 54% over last year and increased 40% over our pre-pandemic numbers. The contract with EAB will allow UCO to start some targeted marketing to build relationships with high schoolers, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, in order to build a pipeline and a rapport with students over time. EAB reports that UCO is an anomaly in the country right now from their perspective. Most regional data sets they are seeing are down 12% nationally.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that faculty and staff on campus have been doing amazing work to effect positive change for the greater good. For example, UCO's prison outreach program, homelessness initiative, capstone projects, and classroom transformative learning experiences involve UCO in addressing hunger and poverty. UCO has collected these research projects together, into a virtual umbrella project to be named in honor of a beloved faculty member who passed away in March, John Maisch. He was a faculty member in our College of Business and a beloved person at UCO. He worked tirelessly on his own time to effect change in Whiteclay, Nebraska, and on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. There had been a significant severe problem with alcohol distributors using predatory credit practices and taking advantage of people there. There were three liquor stores within a block of each other, trying to take over the money and the population and the spirit of those people. He was able to do to do pro bono legal work to stop the predatory practices. He spent his own money and bought land nearby and gave it to the reservation and Native American community so that they could build a community center to help people with alcohol, poverty, and homelessness on the

reservation. UCO as a campus cannot think of anyone more worthy of having something like this named after him, that will honor what he has done.

F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment J, Pages 111-112)

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford, 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, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Lovell reported that the SWOSU Engineering Technology Rover Dog Team was recently selected to compete in the 2023 Human Exploration Rover Challenge April 20-22, 2023, at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participating teams will represent 45 colleges and universities and 16 high schools from 30 countries from around the world.

President Lovell reported that Dr. Tim Hubin has been presented with the 2022 Oklahoma Chemist Award by the American Chemical Society. Dr. Hubin is the first SWOSU faculty to receive this award.

President Lovell reported that the e-sports gaming has been a big draw for the university, and it is an economic multiplier. Soon SWOSU will host a tournament that will bring in 1,000 people. The Regents will get to view the e-sports space at the January 2023 meeting.

President Lovell reported that SWOSU opened their digital commons in March 7, 2016 and in the six and half years since the launch, the commons have reached a milestone of one million downloads. On November 9, 2022, this milestone was reached with international engagement from over 220 countries. The digital repository collection consists of over 25,000 items including the General Thomas Stafford Archives.

President Lovell reported that SWOSU is hosting their very first fall commencement on December 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

President Lovell reported that former US Representative William “Bill” Brewster has passed away. He was a SWOSU Pharmacy graduate. He is a great of example of students from SWOSU becoming major leaders in the state of Oklahoma.

President Lovell reported that the SWOSU Women’s Soccer Team went unscathed through the Great American Conference play in the regular season and claimed the Great American Conference regular season championship. They then went on to win the GAC Tournament Championship which was hosted at SWOSU.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

Ms. McCaffree reported that electronic travel claim forms will be sent to regents this afternoon.

Ms. McCaffree asked everyone to like, share, retweet and follow RUSO social media accounts and that RUSO would do the same for university accounts.

X. REGENTS’ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

XII. 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 the University of Central Oklahoma.
2. Discussion regarding the employment of a RUSO Government Relations Officer.

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. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Terry Worcester v. East Central University, District Court of Pontotoc County Case #CJ-2019-37.

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- i. Billy Elliott v. University of Central Oklahoma, District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2021-3586.
- j. Jane Roe v. The State of Oklahoma ex rel University of Central Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma, Case #CIV-22-237-SLP.
- k. Sierra Rudman and Calyn Boyd v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma and Kay Robinson, Western District of Oklahoma Case # CIV-22-91-PRW.
- l. Jackson Shepherd and Mallory Scott et al. v. Regional University System of Oklahoma et al., District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-20-2383.
- m. David B. Young v. University of Central Oklahoma and State of Oklahoma ex rel. Regional University System of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-22-711-SLP.
- n. Tatum Robertson, Eve Brennan, and Marin Rhodes v. University of Central Oklahoma and Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2022-836-HE

Claims:

- a. Tort Claims pending with State Risk Management

Alan Scott Asher claims he was on the Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow campus when he slipped and fell, breaking his hip and femur. Mr. Asher and his wife have both submitted claims to Oklahoma State Risk Management under the Oklahoma Governmental Tort Claims Act.

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

None.

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”)

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- c. Tony Hebblethwaite, OCR Docket #07212049 ("UCO")

Miscellaneous Matters

None.

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

The Board convened into Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:13 p.m.

- B. Possible action to hire an Interim President for the University of Central Oklahoma.**

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Winchester to hire Dr. Andrew Benton as the Interim President of the University of Central Oklahoma.

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

Voting against the motion: none

Chair Reilly declared a break at 12:13 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:24 p.m.

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

The Board reconvened into Executive Session at 12:24 p.m.

Regent Parker and Regent Carpenter left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 2:51 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

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

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

Abstain: Regent Winchester

Voting against the motion: none

- D. Possible action to hire a RUSO Government Relations Officer.**

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to delegate authority to Regent Van Denhende to finalize hiring the RUSO Government Relations Officer.

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

Abstain: Regent Winchester

Voting against the motion: none

- C. Possible action to begin the national search process for the President of the University of Central Oklahoma.**

No action was taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Connie Reilly
Chair

Amy Anne Ford
Secretary

Minutes approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 27th day of January 2023.

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NOVEMBER 18, 2022

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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

November 4, 2022

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

Dear Executive Director McCaffree:

Northeastern State University will submit to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) a *Letter of Intent* indicating NSU's intent to seek approval to offer a new program, Music, Bachelor of Music. and electronic delivery of four existing programs. In accordance with Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) practices, I am providing this information for you to share with the other RUSO institutions.

The following new program is proposed:

- **Bachelor of Music in Music**

The Department of Music proposes a Bachelor of Music in Music degree, with two options, one for Performance and the other for Jazz Studies and Commercial Music. Currently, Performance and Jazz Studies and Commercial Music are offered as options in the Music, Bachelor of Arts degree. Accreditation standards from the National Association of Music (NASM) and NSU's most recent accreditation visit emphasized the need to offer the proper degree type to match the professional level of preparation in these options. The NASM Commission Action Report, dated July 6, 2022, and the Visitor's Report, dated November 15-16, 2021, notes that the "institution states that these degrees [sic] are professional in nature." Both student learning outcomes and specific performance requirements reflect a professional intent. NASM noted that "there is a misalignment between the title of the degree(s) [sic] and NASM standards for purpose and content. It is a professional degree by purpose and content and should be titled as Bachelor of Music."

NSU would retain the Music, B.A. degree for those whose career plans do not include professional performance. After a Music, B.M. degree is formally approved, the Music, B.A. degree will be restructured, removing the performance options.

The faculty propose offering the following existing programs delivered by electronic delivery:

- **Health and Human Performance, B.S. (040)**

An online program would serve current students more effectively and reach additional students for whom the existing traditional delivery mode may not be compatible with work and other life demands. The Health and Human Performance baccalaureate degree is in high demand, and no universities in Oklahoma currently offer it online.

- **Special Education – Mild/Moderate Disabilities, B.S.Ed. (084)**

Currently, the program includes traditional, blended, and online courses. An online program would serve current students more effectively and assist in the recruitment of future special education teachers in one of the largest employment shortage areas across the state and country. Considering needs assessments, prospective student requests, and first-year teacher and administrator survey data, an online Special Education undergraduate degree is in high demand.

- **Communication Studies, B.A. (090)**

While the program will continue its traditional delivery, having the program available by electronic delivery will assist those in rural communities to participate. The program conducted an analysis of enrollment data for the prior four years and found a consistently higher enrollment in online sections than in face-to-face or blended classes. The program currently offers a majority of course sections online, and lower enrollments in the face-to-face sections indicate student interest in online delivery of courses. Expanding the program to online delivery would better serve students in the Tulsa metropolitan market and surrounding rural areas.

- **Social Work, M.S.W. (164)**

NSU's Master of Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Since its inception, the MSW program has delivered high quality courses in a traditional, face-to-face format. However, faculty are cognizant of the need to provide social work education and training for potential MSW students in rural areas who may be better served by an online learning format. The Social Work profession is expected to grow 12 percent from 2020 to 2030, which will exceed the average rate of all other occupations. It is anticipated that, on average, there will be 78,300 job openings over the next ten years within the Social Work field due to high turnover rates and retirement. An online Master of Social Work program will not only help increase the number of providers but also equip existing social workers in rural areas with advanced clinical skills to better meet the needs of their clientele.

NSU will submit completed *New Program Request* and *Existing Program Online Delivery Request* forms in the future within the OSRHE established timeline.

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

Sincerely,

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Steve Turner, Ph.D.

President


cc: Dr. Debbie Landry, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Pamela Fly, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Vanessa Anton, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Mike Chanslor, Dean, College of Liberal Arts



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

DATE: November 4, 2022

TO: Regional University System of Oklahoma

FROM: Steve Turner, President 

SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Agenda Items – November 2022

Northeastern State University requests approval for the following program / certificate modifications as well as a certificate deletion. In addition, one degree designation to a Bachelor of Specialty is requested for the baccalaureate Speech-Language Pathology degree.

Program / Certificate Modifications

Accounting, B.B.A. (001) This is the first of several Bachelor of Business Administration degree program changes that include modifications to the BBA core course requirements, lowering the BBA core requirements from 42 to 30 credit hours. These changes are the result advisory board input. In addition, faculty propose modifying the accounting core requirements. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 60 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Health Organizations Administration, B.B.A. (004). The modifications reflected in the proposal include the changes to the B.B.A. core, the deletion of the Long Term Care Administration option, and changes to the HOA core course requirements from 12 to 21 credit hours. The remaining options in Health Administration and Health informatics will increase from 12 to 15 credit hours. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 75 to 57, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same. The embedded certificate Long Term Care Administration (183) will also be deleted.

Business Administration, B.B.A. (012). This program modification reflects changes to the BBA core as well as changes to the Health Care Management option. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 54 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Finance, B.B.A. (030). In addition to the changes in the BBA core, faculty propose creating a finance core with 9 credit hours. They also propose changes to course requirements in each option. This structure better matches other B.B.A. degrees. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Management, B.B.A. (054). The modifications reflected in the proposal include the changes to the B.B.A. core and modification of the management major core course requirements, increasing credit hours from 12 to 18. Course changes will also be made for each option. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Marketing, B.B.A. (055). In addition to the changes in the BBA core, faculty propose changes to the major course requirements and each option. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Social Studies Education, B.A. Ed. (080). This is a non-substantive modification, altering the Geography and Political Science guided elective lists.

Sociology, B.A. (081). This program change will replace one course in the required course list and will add two new courses to the guided elective list. The total credit hours from the degree remains the same.

Hospitality and Tourism Management, B.B.A. (093). This program modification reflects changes to the BBA core as well as changes to the hospitality and tourism core course requirements, lowering the required hours from 27 to 12 credit hours. The elective guided course list will also be adjusted, increasing the flexibility by increasing the number of electives allowed from 3 to 12 credit hours. The total hours for the business core and the major will change from 72 to 54 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same. This change will also impact the embedded Event Management certificate.

Information Systems, B.B.A. (123). The proposed changes include the changes to the BBA core but as well as course requirements to the Information Systems major and guided elective course list. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

International Business Management B.B.A. (126). In addition to the changes in the BBA core, faculty propose changes to the major course requirements, increasing those from 24 to 33 credit hours. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Entrepreneurship, B.B.A. (136). In addition to the changes to the BBA core, the faculty propose changes to each of the program options, increasing those options from 12 to 21 credit hours. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Supply Chain Management, B.B.A. (145) The proposed changes include the changes to the BBA core but as well as course requirements for the major and guided elective course list. Total hours for the business core and the major will change from 66 to 63 hours, but the total credit hours for the degree remains the same.

Event Management certificate (179). Due to changes in the Hospitality and Tourism Management program in which it is embedded, the course requirements for this certificate will change.

Certificate Deletion

Long Term Care Administration certificate (183). Due to changes in the Health Care Administration program in which this certificate is embedded, the certificate will be deleted. The option to which it was tied is being removed for lack of enrollment and changes to state requirements.

Degree Designation Modification

Speech-Language Pathology, B.S. (087). Faculty request the change from a Bachelor of Science to a Bachelor of Specialty (Level I), specifically Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology (B.S.S.L.P.) The Bachelor of Specialty degree is better suited to this program where students are often able to accelerate to the master's degree coursework the last semester of the bachelor's degree. Changing the degree to a bachelor of specialty degree will reduce the number of required Liberal Arts and Sciences courses from 55 to 40 and allow them to proceed to master's level SLP courses rather than take general electives to meet the higher Liberal Arts and Science requirements of the B.S. degree.

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 11, 2022

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

Dear Executive Director McCaffree,

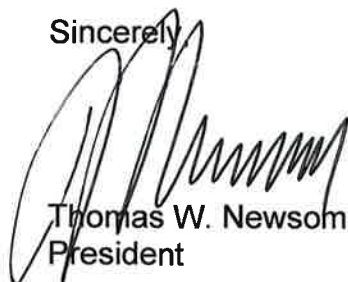
In accordance with RUSO policy (1.10.2), Southeastern Oklahoma State University is formally submitting a letter of intent requesting the approval for electronic delivery of the following existing program.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (096)

The program listed above will be offered at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Durant Campus) through both traditional and online delivery.

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

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom
President



November 2, 2022

Regional University System of Oklahoma
305 N.W. 5TH #407
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

RE: Academic Affairs

Dear Board Members:

We are seeking approval for the following program modifications.

Master of Science in Sports Administration (109) - Add a Leadership option, 6 semester hours, no new courses, no change in total hours for the degree. Add a Strategic Communication option, 6 semester hours, no new courses, no change in total hours for the degree.

Master of Education in School Counseling (071) - Change the title of two courses within the degree. No change in total hours.

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (078) - Substitute two courses within the degree. No change in total hours.

We are also requesting approval for electronic delivery of the following existing program.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (096) – The program will be offered through both traditional and online delivery.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom
President



709 Oklahoma Boulevard • Alva, Oklahoma 73717-2799 • Phone: (580) 327-8400 • Email: bshannaford@nwosu.edu

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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September 28, 2022

Sheridan McCaffree
Executive Director
Regional University System of Oklahoma
305 NW 5th Street #407
Oklahoma City OK 73102-4741

Dear Executive Director McCaffree:

In accordance with RUSO policy, Northwestern Oklahoma State University is formally submitting a letter of intent to begin offering an embedded certificate in Cybersecurity within the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program. Courses for this new certificate will be offered using traditional (i.e. face to face and ITV) method of delivery. This new program will be offered at the Alva, Enid, Woodward and Ponca City locations.

If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bo Hannaford".

Bo Hannaford, Ed. D.
President

BH/ds



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 20, 2022

Sheridan McCaffree
Executive Director
Regional University System of Oklahoma
305 NW 5th Street #407
Oklahoma City OK 73102-4741

Dear Executive Director McCaffree:

In accordance with RUSO policy, Northwestern Oklahoma State University is formally submitting a letter of intent to begin offering the following embedded certificates within the Agriculture (003) Bachelor of Science program:

- Certificate in Animal Science
- Certificate in Plant and Soil Science

Courses for this new certificate will be offered using traditional method of delivery. This new program will be offered at the Alva campus.

If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Bo Hannaford, Ed. D.
President

BH/ds



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: October 24, 2022

To: Regional University System of Oklahoma
Board of Regents

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

Re: Academic Affairs Agenda Item – November 17, 2022

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the agenda with an Academic Affairs Agenda Item for the November 17, 2022, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents. We request approval of the following items:

Program Modification – Computer Science, Bachelor of Science (049), Program Requirement Change and Other Degree Program Modification (non-substantive)

New Program Request Form for Certificate that is 15 or Fewer Credit Hours – Superintendent Certificate (graduate) (074)

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

BH:jr

Attachment



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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24 October 2022

Ms. Sheridan McCaffree
Executive Director
Regional University System of Oklahoma
M.C. Connors Building
2501 N Lincoln Blvd., Ste. 221
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. McCaffree:

In accordance with RUSO board policy, I would like to inform you that East Central University intends to submit a request for online delivery for the following program:

- MS in Human Resources - Clinical Rehabilitation and Clinical Mental Health Counseling option (0894)

Your consideration of this letter of intent is appreciated. Please contact Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at (580) 559-5204 or jgibson@ecok.edu should you have any questions or need further clarification.

Sincerely,

Wendell L. Godwin
President

cc: Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, ECU

WLG: hpv



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TO: Regional University System of Oklahoma
305 N.W. 5th #407
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

FROM: Wendell Godwin, President

DATE: November 4, 2022

Dear Board Members:

Please place East Central University on the board agenda for the November 2022 meeting for the following items:

Program Requirement Changes for the following (due to general education reform at ECU):

- Accounting (001/0010)
- Art (002)
 - Graphic Design (0022)
 - Studio Art (0020)
 - Teacher Certification (0021)
- Biology (004)
 - General (0040)
 - Clinical Laboratory Scientist (004A)
 - Ecology (004B)
 - Health Sciences (004C)
 - Medical Botany (004D)
 - Molecular Biology (0049)
 - Teacher Certification (0041)

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

- Business Administration (007)
 - Entrepreneurship (0077)
 - Finance (0073)
 - General Business (0074)
 - Management (0075)
 - Marketing (0076)
- Chemistry (010)
 - General (0100)
 - Biochemistry (0103)
 - Teacher Certification (0101)
- Computer Science (051/0510)
- Criminal Justice (052/0520)
- Early Childhood Education (054/0540)
- Elementary Education (013/0130)
- English (014)
 - General (0145)
 - Teacher Certification (0144)
- Environmental Health Science (016)
 - General (0160)
 - Environmental Management and Natural Resources (0166)
 - Public Health (0165)
- History (022)
 - General (0220)
 - Teacher Certification (0221)
- Human Services Counseling (026)
 - Aging (0261)
 - Human Services Counseling (0265)
 - Rehabilitation (0267)
 - Prevention Science (0268)

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- Information Technology Management (061)
 - Information Systems (0610)
 - Project Management (0611)
 - Data Analytics (0612)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (056/0560)
- Kinesiology (020/0202)
- Legal Studies (055/0550)
- Mass Communication (049)
 - Advertising/Public Relations (0493)
 - Media Production (0494)
 - Strategic Communication (0495)
- Mathematics (029)
 - Applied Mathematics / Pre-Actuary (0294)
 - General Mathematics (0292)
 - Teacher Certification (0293)
 - Data Science Applications (0295)
- Music (033)
 - Instrumental (0335)
 - Instrumental – Teacher Certification (0331)
 - Vocal (0337)
 - Vocal – Teacher Certification (0333)
- Native American Studies (059)
 - General (0590)
 - Cultural Resource Management (0591)
- Nursing (034)
 - General (0340)
 - RN to BSN (0341)
- Physics (035)
 - General (0350)

- Medical Physics (0353)
 - Teacher Certification (0351)
- Political Science (018/0181)
- Psychology (037)
 - General (0371)
 - Behavioral Health (0372)
- Social Work (050/0500)
- Theatre (0452)

Documents for these requests are attached. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Sincerely,



Wendell L. Godwin
President

WLG: hpv



TO: Board of Regents of the
Regional University System of Oklahoma
Connie Reilly, Chair

FROM: Diana Lovell, President

DATE: November 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Program Modification Requests – November 8, 2022

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the agenda for the November 18, 2022, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Program Modification requests for the following programs:
 1. Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration (005)
 2. Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (170)
 3. Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (145)
 4. Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership (775)
 5. Master of Science in Management (153)
 6. Bachelor of Science in Education-- Early Childhood Education (017)
 7. Bachelor of Science in Education—Elementary Education (017)
 8. Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry (013)
 9. General Education Plan Changes

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




NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

DATE: November 4, 2022

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

FROM: Dr. Steve Turner, President 

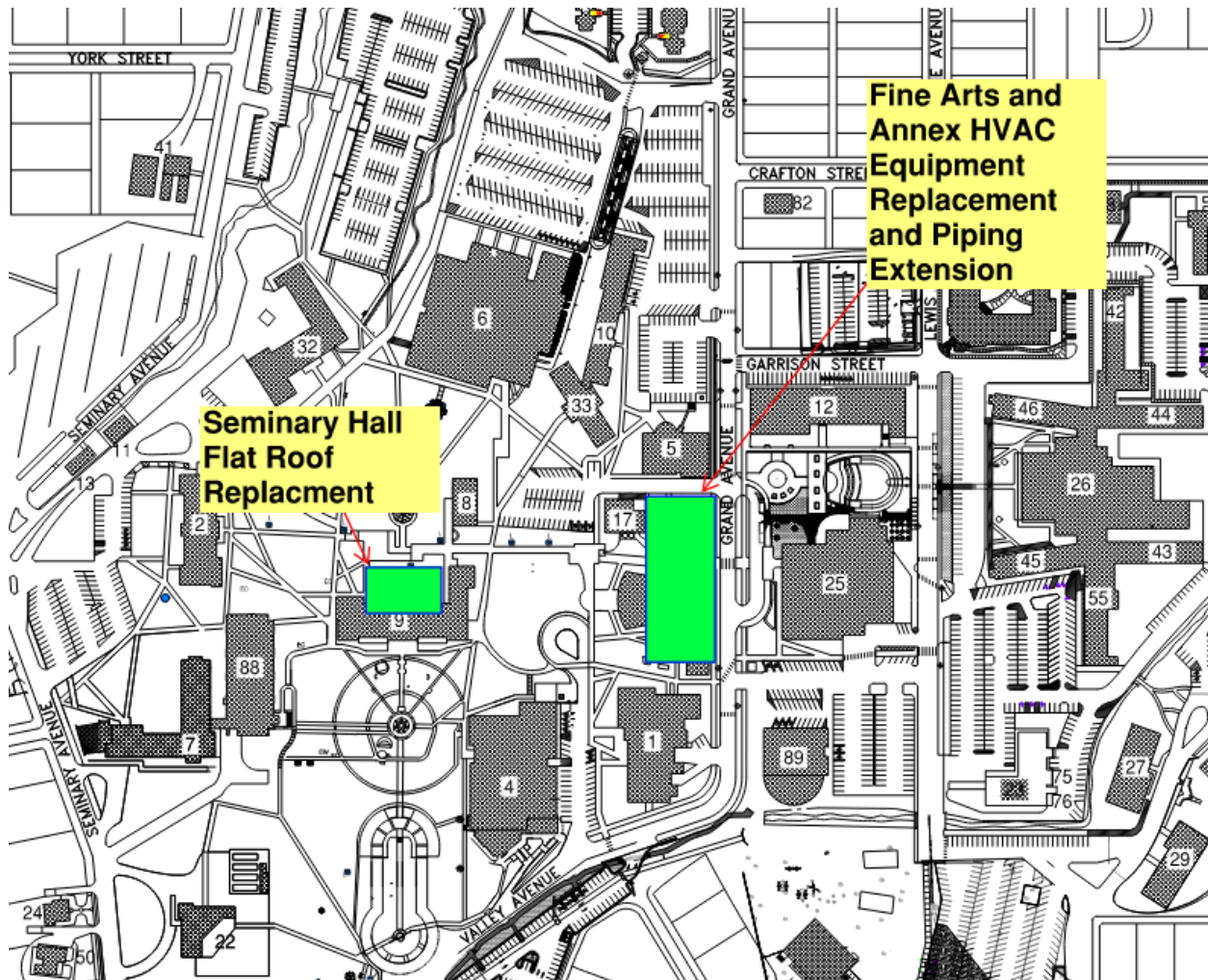
SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items–November 2022

1. Project #485-0073 – Fine Arts and Annex HVAC Equipment Replacement and Piping Extension

- a. Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, HVAC improvements to the Fine Arts and Fine Arts Annex buildings.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$500,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): 650 Fund - \$200,000: HEERF \$300,000

2. Project #485-90-20 – Seminary Hall Flat Roof Replacement

- e. Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, removal and replacement of the two flat roofs on the North side of Seminary Hall.
- f. Requested Funding Approval: \$400,000
- g. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- h. Revenue Source(s): 600 Fund - \$400,000





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

November 2, 2022

Regent Amy Anne Ford
Regional University System of Oklahoma
305 N.W. 5th #407
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

RE: November Facilities Stewardship Committee

Dear Regent Ford,

In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects exceeding \$100,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval for the following projects:

Project Name: Front Lawn Improvements

Project Description: This project will include improvements to the University Front Lawn from University Boulevard north to the Morrison Building. Improvements include new and improved sidewalks, landscaping, and utilities relocation. In addition, an Honors Plaza with a water feature will also be created. Pedestrian access to the south sound of University will also be improved with the addition of a new sidewalk and cross walk.

Project Number(s): 660-0800 & 660-0805

Amount: \$600,000 Estimated

Source of Funds: Master Lease Deferred Maintenance, HEERF Minority Serving Institutions Grant, Auxiliary, & Capital

Vendor: To be determined

Sale of Real Property

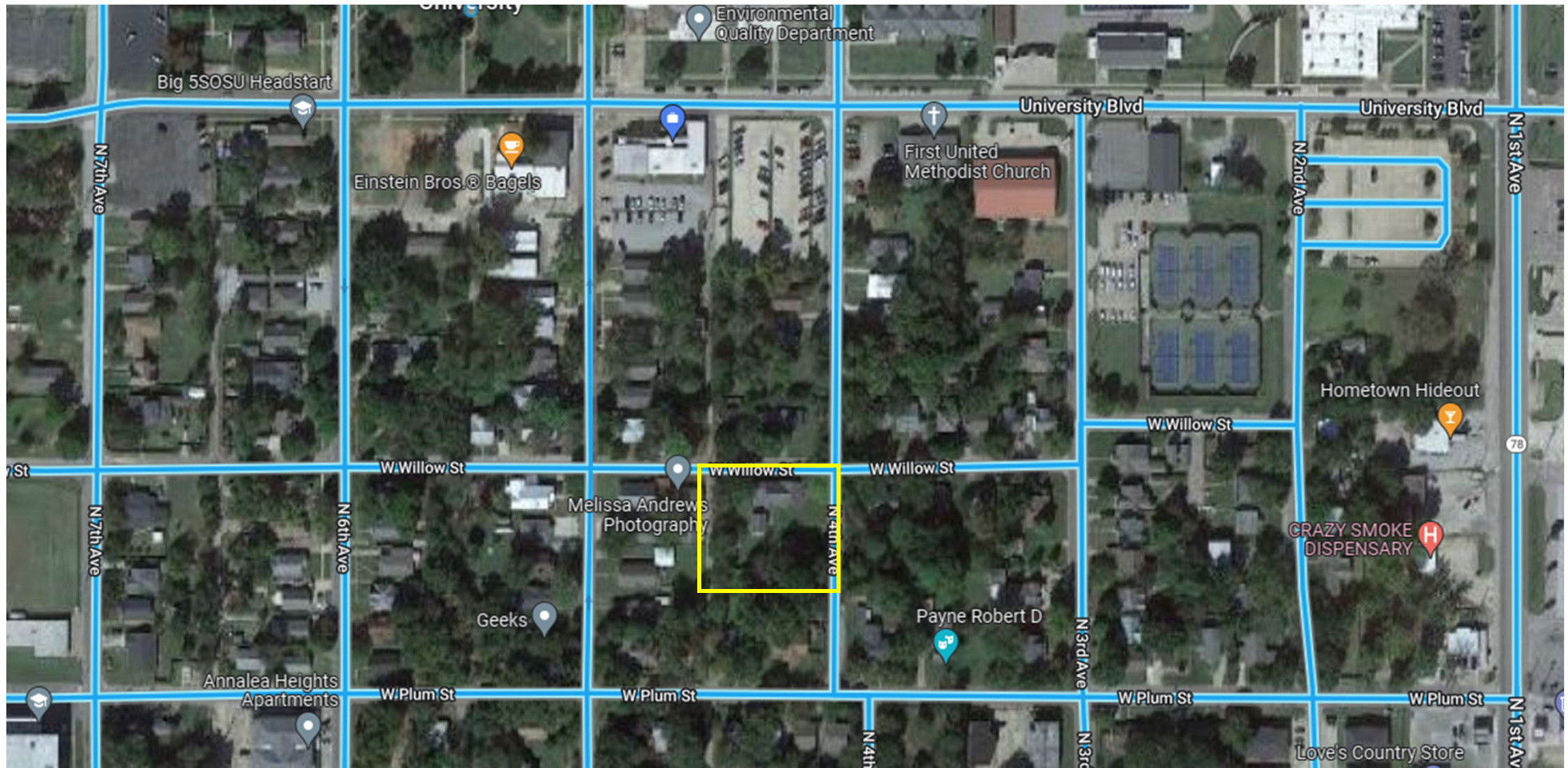
Southeastern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell real property at the corner of 4th and Willow Street in Durant, Oklahoma. The property includes four structures all beyond repair and in need of demolition. The location, one and a half blocks away from the main campus, is not conducive to University development. The appraised value is \$56,000. The method of sale will be determined based on what provides the University the best return. Permission is also requested to grant President Newsom the authority to sign the deed and all other legal documents associated with the sale of the property.

Legal Description: Lots 20-24 & part of Lot 19 Block 11 Normal Heights Addition

Sincerely,

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Thomas W. Newsom
President











Date: November 17-18, 2022

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

From: President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar

University of Central Oklahoma

November 2022 Facilities Stewardship Committee

1. Approval Items:

a. Project # 120-0032 Sports Complex Project

Project Description: Request approval to award contracts, not to exceed \$225,000, for the purposes of reconfiguring and renovating the women's track and cross-country locker room. The locker room is located in the older section of Hamilton Fieldhouse and is need of remodel to more closely match the finishes and functionality of the locker rooms added during the 2019 expansion.

Requested Funding Approval: \$225,000

Budget Breakdown: \$200,000 for construction, \$25,000 technology and furniture

Vendor: Lingo Construction (on-call construction manager)

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Facility Fees, Foundation/Private Donation

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

Project Description: Request approval to award contracts, not to exceed \$175,000, for the purpose of replacing eight (8) rooftop HVAC units at the Jazz Lab. The units are original to the building, installed in 2001, and are becoming a maintenance issue. Median life span of a rooftop unit is listed at 15 years.

Requested Funding Approval: \$175,000

Budget Breakdown: \$165,000 mechanical, \$10,000 electrical

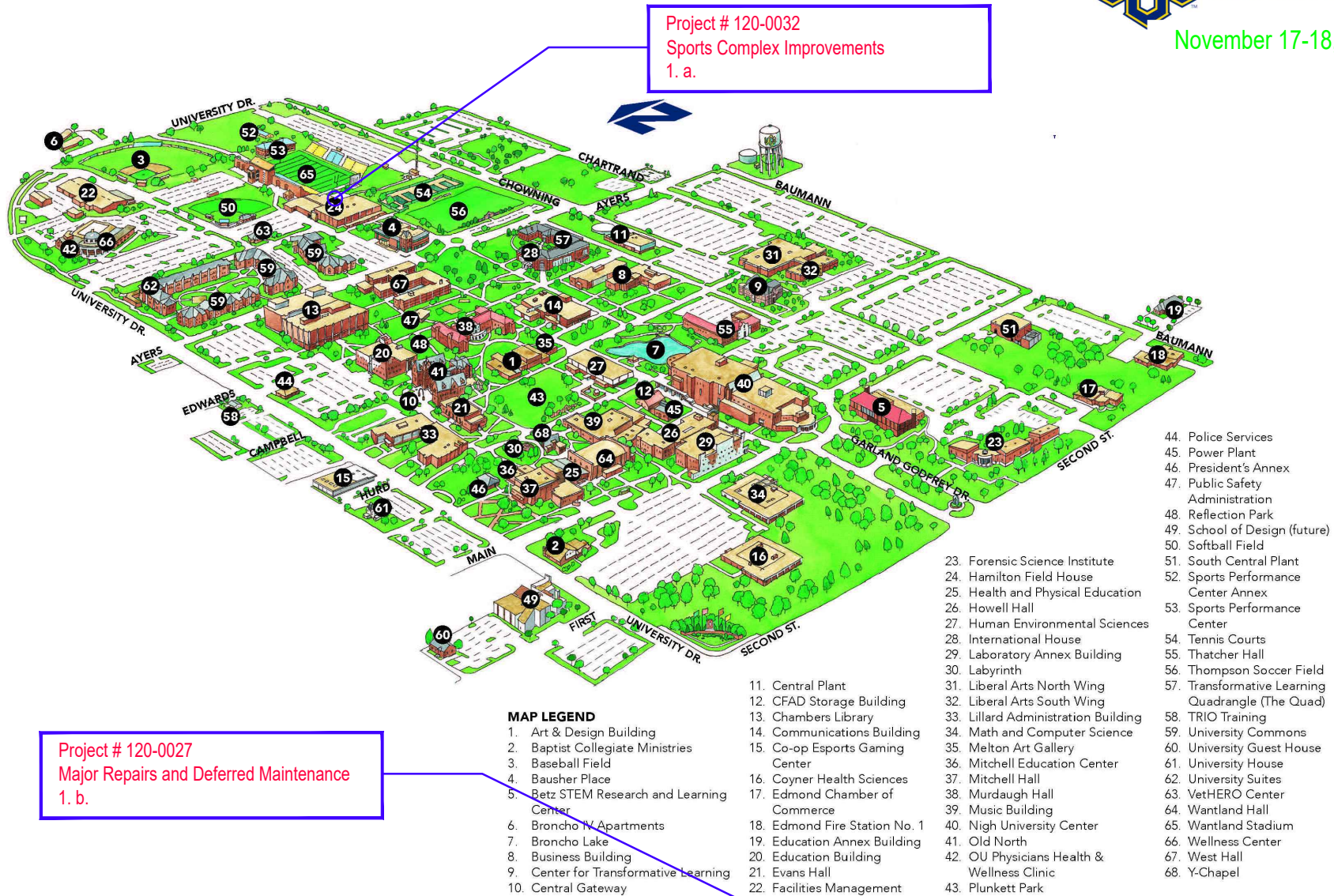
Vendor: Trade Mechanical and Patco (both on state contract)

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset

Attachment:

Campus Map



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

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA (RUSO) FY2023 Internal Audit Plan

Listing of Internal Audit Areas	General description of potential procedures	2023 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"> 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 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Grants and Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review overall grant policies for Uniform Guidance Review for updates and efficiencies Select a sample of grant contracts and review for compliance with new requirements 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Bursar Revenue Collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review overall policies and procedures Review and evaluate internal controls Select a sample of daily deposits and review for accuracy, completeness and timely deposit 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. General Ledger Reconciliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review overall policies and procedures Review and evaluate internal controls Review account reconciliations, including outstanding reconciling items 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. Follow-up on Prior Year Audit Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review findings of Prior Year Audits and determine the status of addressing those findings 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Other Areas of Board and/or Management Interest (e.g., Performance Audits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address other areas of interest, as identified by Board and/or University Management 						

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 2023 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"> • Admissions requirements • Scholarship awards and retention • Grade reporting • Program admissions • Degree requirements
Performance Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance report information • Board reports and other presented information • Evaluation of cost neutral operations
Individual Departments or Colleges in the Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Plans • Overall Procedures regarding budget and approval processes • Compliance with University policies and procedures • ITV courses (creation, monitoring, etc)
Compliance & Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled Substances • Clery Act • Contracts with other businesses (excluding Food Service and Bookstore) • Police Contracts to work off campus • Contracts with State Agencies

Proposed

1.11 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE BOARD. An Executive Session of the Board shall occur only by unanimous vote of the Board. Executive Sessions will be held only for the purpose of: discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee; discussing negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups; ~~or for the purpose of~~ confidential communications with the Board's attorney or attorney representing the Board concerning any pending investigation, claim, or action when it is determined that disclosure would impair the ability to process the claim or conduct pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest; ~~for the purpose of discussing negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups;~~ discussing the purchases or appraisal of real property; discussing matters involving a specific handicapped child; ~~or~~ discussing any matter where disclosure would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law; or discussing any other matter allowed by law. (Compare: 25 O.S. § 307)

The Executive Director and General Counsel shall attend all Executive Sessions of the Board, provided that either may be excluded during the discussion of the employment, evaluation, termination and all other employment matters of such individual and other matters at the discretion of the Board.

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1.11 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE BOARD. An Executive Session of the Board shall occur only by unanimous vote of the Board. Executive Sessions will be held only for the purpose of: discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee; discussing negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups; confidential communications with the Board's attorney or attorney representing the Board concerning any pending investigation, claim, or action when it is determined that disclosure would impair the ability to process the claim or conduct pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest; discussing the purchases or appraisal of real property; discussing matters involving a specific handicapped child; discussing any matter where disclosure would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law; or discussing any other matter allowed by law. (Compare: 25 O.S. § 307)

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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

November 4, 2022

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northeastern State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. RETIREMENTS WITH RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Rhea Kaltenbach, Instructor of Health and Kinesiology in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective January 1, 2023. Ms. Kaltenbach has been employed with Northeastern State University since January 2002.

Dr. Yungfei Kao, tenured Professor of Psychology and Counseling in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective January 1, 2023. Dr. Kao has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 1990.

Dr. Julia K. Sawyer, tenured Professor of Mathematics and Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness has announced her retirement effective January 1, 2023. Dr. Sawyer has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 1999.

B. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. JoAnna Cupp, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nutritional Sciences in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted her resignation letter effective January 3, 2023.

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Dr. Daniel McNeill, Clinical Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted his resignation letter effective January 6, 2023.

Dr. Janette Quarles, Assistant Professor of Speech-Language Pathology in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted her resignation letter effective December 13, 2022.

II. GRANTS AND CONTACTS

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

Improving Chemotherapy by Potentiation of Necroptosis in AML

Yr. 3 of 3 - 2022-2023.....\$45,000.00

This research project will extend previous preliminary work to see if further studies, including studies in primary acute myeloid leukemia (AML) cells from leukemia patients, are worth pursuing in order to improve therapeutic response for AML in adults. This funding will also enable several undergraduate students to gain research experience while completing requirements for the respective degree programs. The Project Director is Dr. Michael Morgan.

OTC-Early College Teacher Pipeline 2022-2023.....\$7,920.75

This project will impact the current teacher shortage by providing a positive experience with education as a career. High school student will be introduced to education as a career field during the 9th and 10th grades through working experiences with faculty and professors in various subject areas. This will gain valuable immersive learning experiences thus creating the pipeline to our future teachers. The Project Director(s) are: Dr. Lisa Bisogno, Dr. Vanessa Anton, Dr. Jericho Hobson, Dr. Jodi Legnon, and Dr. Kelly Carney.

OTC-Struggling to Thriving: Amplifying Relationships between Teachers and Students to Reduce Adverse Behaviors 2022-23.....\$7,226.11

The goal is to partner with Tahlequah Public Schools and Okmulgee Public Schools to provide a book study, professional development, and one-on-one coaching with a cohort of (10) novice teachers in the area of effective classroom management with an emphasis on evidence-based practices to reduce problematic behaviors. The Project Director(s) are Dr. Jarilyn Haney and Dr. Renee Cowan.

Oklahoma Office of Workforce Partnership 2022-2023.....\$48,000.00

This opportunity to partner with Premier Logistics will allow NSU to offer an internship program which will provide opportunities for careers in supply chain and distribution and other fields within the industry. Students will experience hands-on training needed for a

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prosperous and healthy career. The Project Director(s) are Dr. Janet Buzzard and Dr. Dilene Crockett.

INBRE Travel Award – Genomic DNA British Columbia 2022-23.....\$2,000.00

This award will provide funds to help cover the costs for Dr. Das Bradoo to attend the Genomic Instability and DNA Repair conference in Fairmont Chateau Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. The Project Director is Dr. Sapna Das Bradoo.

Supporting Education for Student and Mothers 2022-23.....\$5,000.00

This award will provide funds to provide childcare funding for the equivalent of 44 children and for the National Association for the Education of Young Children approved curriculum.

The Project Director is Dr. Lisa Bisogno.

Total Grant and Contract Awards:.....\$115,146.86

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ST' followed by a stylized flourish.

Steve Turner, Ph.D.
President

Regional University System of Oklahoma**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea Kaltenbach will retire as Instructor of Health and Kinesiology at Northeastern State University on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kaltenbach served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for the past 21 years in the Health and Kinesiology department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kaltenbach is an innovative teacher who has developed online courses, participated in numerous Northeastern State University recruitment events, mentored, advised, and recruited students in the Health and Kinesiology area; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kaltenbach is an active scholar who has presented multiple times at research symposiums and conferences for the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kaltenbach has demonstrated professionalism through membership in professional associations such as the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kaltenbach has served on multiple Northeastern State University committees including Athletics and Miss Northeastern and demonstrated a commitment to community engagement as a consultant in strategic planning for local public schools; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, be forwarded to Ms. Rhea Kaltenbach in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 18th day of November, 2022.

Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

Regional University System of Oklahoma**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Dr. YungFei Kao will retire as Professor of Psychology & Counseling at Northeastern State University on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kao has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for 32 years in the Department of Psychology & Counseling; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kao is a committed teacher who has developed new courses for both face to face and online delivery, mentored students on various research projects, and represented NSU on study abroad experiences with students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kao is an active scholar who has presented multiple times at research symposiums and conferences on topics such as the impact of stress reduction on health and the impact of divided attention on perceptual and semantic processing. She has published articles in peer reviewed journals and has made many noteworthy contributions in the field of psychology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kao has demonstrated professionalism through participation in departmental meetings and decision making as well as various university events; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kao has served on multiple NSU committees and demonstrated a commitment to collegiality and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Dr. Kao is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on NSU, her colleagues, and students; and

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

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

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 18th day of November, 2022.

Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

Regional University System of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Julia K. Sawyer will retire as Professor of Mathematics and Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Northeastern State University on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sawyer has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sawyer has demonstrated excellence in mathematics teaching, received the 2003-04 NSU Circle of Excellence Award for Teaching and was nominated in 2004 for the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in College / University Teaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sawyer has served the institution by assisting colleagues with their research as a consulting statistician and providing input on academic endeavors from dissertations to conference proposals. In her role as Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, her contributions toward multiple HLC projects and visits, special accreditation processes, and strategic planning efforts are emblematic of the key role she has played in NSU's success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sawyer has served the profession as a member of the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and both the Oklahoma Association of Institutional Research (OK-AIR), and Oklahoma Chapter of the American Statistical Association (OCASA) in multiple officer roles. She has presented at professional conferences including the Higher Learning Commission, regional research days, and OK-AIR; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sawyer has made many contributions as a faculty and professional staff member which have benefitted students, colleagues, the university, and the community, including service as the Coordinator of Institutional Analysis, Registrar, and on countless committees including the Faculty Development Committee, Developmental Education Committee, and Undergraduate Research Committee. She has been instrumental in the review and implementation of productivity and enterprise software including Banner and Civitas to support NSU students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Dr. Julia Sawyer is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on Northeastern State University, her students, colleagues, and the people of our state and nation; and

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

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

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 18th day of November, 2022.

Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma



Regent Connie Reilly
Regional University System of Oklahoma
305 N.W. 5th #407
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Regent Reilly:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Nursing and Allied Health

Dr. Amanda St. John has been appointed to the position of Assistant Professor/Director/Chair of the Nursing and Allied Health department, effective October 1, 2022, at a 12-month salary of \$100,000.

Dr. St. John earned her Doctor of Nurse Practitioner in Nursing Administration with Educator Role from Samford University. She earned her MSN in Health Care Systems Administration from Loyola University - New Orleans in 2015. She earned her BSN from East Central University in 2009. She also has a BA in Political Science from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Her previous experience includes 15 years of clinical experience as well as teaching at baccalaureate and doctoral levels.

II. PURCHASES

In accordance with Board policy 2.3.3, Purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is reporting the following:

Vendor	Description	Amount	Funding Source
K16 Solutions	Blackboard to Canvas Course Migrations	\$65,000	E&G Part I

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom, President



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 17, 2022

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 Appointments

School of Professional Studies

Mr. Gary Tucker, has been appointed Instructor of Business in a permanent full-time position. His appointment is effective January 9, 2023, through May 5, 2023, at an academic salary rate of \$60,000.

He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Accounting (1992) from Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma; and a Master of Business Administration, Leadership and Organizational Development (2005) from Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Tucker previously was employed at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma, as Instructor of Business (4.5). He has been a Professor of Business (.5) at Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas and Associate Professor of Business (2) Professor of Business (7), and Department Chair (4) and at Lone Star College System, Houston, Texas.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University**II. GRANT AND CONTRACTS****Swipe Grant \$3,000**

A grant from *Swipe Out Hunger*, the leading nonprofit addressing hunger among college students, to partially support Campus Cabinet Northwestern Food Pantry. Angelia Case, Campus Cabinet Coordinator, is the grant coordinator.

TOTAL GRANTS..... \$3,000**III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****A. Academic Calendar**

Attached is the Academic Calendar for the 2023-2024 for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The calendar has been submitted for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Sincerely,



Bo Hannaford, Ed.D.
President

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Revised September 2022

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Return by December 1, 2022 to academicaffairsrequests@osrhe.edu

Institution: Northwestern Oklahoma State University

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024

NOTE: All schedules should include final exams

Summer 2023 Session:

Semester (8-week session) (begins and ends)	6/1/2023 through 7/31/2023
1st 4-week session (begins and ends)	6/1/2023 through 6/28/2023
2nd 4-week session (begins and ends)	6/29/2023 through 7/31/2023

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

5/29/2023 through 5/29/2023
6/19/2023 through 6/19/2023
7/3/2023 through 7/4/2023

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)

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Summer Commencement date (if applicable)	Click here to enter a date
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Fall 2023 Semester:

16-week Semester (begins and ends)	8/14/2023 through 12/8/2023
1st 8-week session (begins and ends)	8/14/2023 through 10/6/2023
2nd 8-week session (begins and ends)	10/9/2023 through 12/8/2023
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

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Please list dates of all holidays/breaks (no classes) 9/4/2023 through 9/4/2023
 10/12/2023 through 10/13/2023
 11/22/2023 through 11/24/2023

Fall Commencement date (if applicable) 12/3/2023

Spring 2024 Semester:

16-week Semester (begins and ends)	1/8/2024 through 5/3/2024
1st 8-week session (begins and ends)	1/8/2024 through 3/1/2024
2nd 8-week session (begins and ends)	3/4/2024 through 5/3/2024
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
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4th 4-week session (begins and ends)	Click here to enter begin date through Click here to enter end date

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Please list dates of all holidays/breaks (no classes) 1/15/2024 through 1/15/2024

3/18/2024 through 3/22/2024

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

Spring Commencement date (if applicable) 5/4/2024

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

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Intersessions (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 2023 Intersession (between summer 2023 and fall 2023)	Spring/Winter 2023-2024 Intersession (between fall 2023 and spring 2024)	Summer 2024 Intersession (between spring 2024 and summer 2024)
Intersession begins	Click here to enter a date	12/11/2023	5/6/2024
Intersession ends	Click here to enter a date	1/5/2024	5/31/2024

Summer 2023 (if applicable):

Final add date 8-week classes	6/7/2023
Final drop date 8-week classes:	6/8/2023
Final add date first 4-week classes:	6/5/2023
Final drop date first 4-week classes:	6/5/2023
Final add date 2nd 4-week classes:	7/5/2023
Final drop date 2nd 4-week classes:	7/5/2023

Fall 2023:

Final add date 16-week classes:	8/22/2023
Final drop date 16-week classes:	8/25/2023
Final add date 1st 8-week classes:	8/18/2023
Final drop date 1st 8-week classes:	8/18/2023
Final add date 2nd 8-week classes:	10/17/2023
Final drop date 2nd 8-week classes:	10/17/2023

Spring 2024:

Final add date 16-week classes:	1/17/2024
Final drop date 16-week classes:	1/22/2024
Final add date 1st 8-week classes:	1/12/2024

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Final drop date 1st 8-week classes: 1/12/2024

Final add date 2nd 8-week classes: 3/8/2024

Final drop date 2nd 8-week classes: 3/8/2024

Signature of President Bo Hannaford Date 11/2/2022

State Regents' Policy 3.18



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4 November 2022

Regional University System of Oklahoma
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2501 N. Lincoln Blvd. Ste. 221
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Chair Reilly and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

1. None to report at this time.

B. RETIREMENT WITH EMERITUS RESOLUTION

1. **Dr. Eril Hughes**, Professor, Department of English & Languages, has announced her retirement effective 1 January 2023. Dr. Hughes began employment at ECU in 1986.

C. RESIGNATION

1. **Ms. Casey Lowry**, Instructor, Linscheid Library, has announced her resignation effective 1 December 2022. Ms. Lowry began employment at ECU in 2016.

II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

- A. None to report at this time.

III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

IV. PURCHASES

East Central University

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

1. TouchNet Information Systems, Inc. \$69,126.00 730 Auxiliary
Annual software subscription for eBill, eRefunds, eDeposits
2. Alias Forensics Inc \$55,000.00 295 Section 13 Offset IT
Cybersecurity Risk Assessment and External Penetration Testing

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

1. None to report at this time

V. STIPENDS

A. East Central University is requesting Board approval to provide a nonrecurring stipend of \$1,000 for each employee who has been at ECU since before November 1, 2022. The last raise program was in FY18-19. As you know, inflation over the past 12 months has exceeded 8% and employee turnover/unfilled positions are a significant issue at ECU.

B. The total cost will be \$499,976.98 (\$376,000 for the 376 employees and \$123,976.98 for related taxes and benefits). Monies are available in each Fund and no transfers from other funds will be required. See below for a breakdown of employees by Fund. Grant funded employees (Fund 430) will receive the stipend if the grant has adequate funding and stipends are permissible.

C. Due to the number of budgeted vacancies, these stipends will be funded without the need to submit a budget revision to OSRHE.

Salary and Benefits Cost	Fund	VI. Number of Employees
\$409,981.13	290	309
\$34,998.39	730	26
\$54,997.47	430	41
\$499,976.98 Total Cost		

East Central University

VII. SALARY INCREASES

A. East Central University is requesting Board approval to provide salary increases for 33 employees who are currently making less than \$20,000 annually. These increases, including benefits will cost \$82,896 annually or \$41,448 for the last 6 months of FY 22-23. These increases will be effective January 1, 2023. A budget revision will not be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendell L. Godwin
President

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

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has served at East Central University since 1986, working her way up to professor in 1997; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has been instrumental to the success of the Scissortail Creative Writing Festival since 2005, directing book sales for 50 to 70 authors; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has served the community, working with Habitat for Humanity for over twenty years to help build and provide homes to families in need; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has served on the George Nigh Award committee to recognize the top student at East Central University each year; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has been a steadying force in the department and an advocate, adviser, and mentor to countless students, taking a personal interest in their needs, and their growth and development as individuals and as scholars; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES began the Oklahoma Literary Arts Festival (OLAF), serving high school students from the region; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has served in several leadership positions for the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has been recognized thrice for the Teaching Excellence Award at ECU; and

WHEREAS, DR. ERIL HUGHES has humanized the Humanities, recognizing birthdays, weddings, births, illnesses, and numerous other events in the lives of each faculty member in the Department of English and Languages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Regional University System of Oklahoma** bestows upon **DR. ERIL HUGHES** the honorary title of “**Professor Emeritus of ENGLISH**” and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her many contributions to the success of East Central University and wishes for her continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in the State of Oklahoma; and

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

ADOPTED by the **Regional University System of Oklahoma** this 18th day of November 2022.

Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma



University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma

November 18, 2022

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

Dear Board Members:

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

I. PERSONNEL

A. Faculty Appointments

College of Fine Arts and Design

Ms. Monique Ortman has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **School of Design**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective January 17, 2023.

Ms. Ortman's degrees are: M.F.A (anticipated 2022), Graphic Design, Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier, VT; B.F.A. (2017), Graphic Design, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; and A.A. (2013), Liberal Studies, Rose State College, Midwest City, OK.

Her professional experiences include: Artist-in-Residence (3), Graphic Designer (2.5), and Adjunct (2), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; and Assistant Graphic Designer (2), Churchill Brown, Oklahoma City, OK.

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

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Nuratu Mohammed has been appointed as a **Visiting Scholar** in the **Department of History and Geography** and the **Women's Research Center/BGLTQ+ Student Center**. This is a part-time, temporary, non-tenure track appointment, effective October 22, 2022.

University of Central Oklahoma

Dr. Mohammed's degrees are: Ph.D. (2006), Development Geography, M.Sc. (1992), Land Resources, and BA.ED. (1988), Geography, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria.

Her professional experiences include: Professor (3), Associate Professor (4), Senior Lecturer (3), and Lecturer 1 (3), Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria.

Dr. Mohammed will receive no monetary compensation.

Forensic Science Institute

Ms. Meagan Raddatz has been appointed as an **Instructor** in the **Forensic Science Institute**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective January 17, 2023.

Ms. Raddatz's degrees are: M.S. (2010), Forensic Science Technical Investigations, and B.A. (2006), Psychology/Criminal Justice, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.

Her professional experiences include: Visiting Instructor (8.5), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Laboratory Director (3.5), Midwest City Police Department, Midwest City, OK; and Associate Investigator (2), United States Investigations Services, Edmond, OK.

Ms. Raddatz will be paid an annual salary of \$72,000.

B. Resignations

Mr. Nicholas Ley, Lecturer in the **Academy of Contemporary Music**, has resigned his position, effective October 21, 2022. Mr. Ley has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2013.

Dr. Justin Olmstead, Associate Professor in the **Department of History and Geography**, has resigned his position, effective November 2, 2022. Dr. Olmstead has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2014.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF AWARDS

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

September 2022

Marshalling Diverse Big Data Streams to Understand Risk of Tick-Borne Diseases in the Great Plains, \$5,686

University of Central Oklahoma

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

August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023

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.

TRIO Training Priority 1, \$297,600

U.S Department of Education

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Victoria Arnold, Office of Student Affairs

CFDA#84.103A

Funds from this grant will provide Absolute Priority 1 training to improve reporting of student and project performance and evaluation, in order to design and operate a model program for projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs.

OK-INBRE Travel, \$2,000

OK-INBRE

January 1, 2023 – April 28, 2023

Morshed Khandaker, College of Math and Science

Funds from this grant will allow Dr. Khandaker to travel to the Orthopedic Research Society Technical Meeting in Dallas, TX.

OK-INBRE Travel, \$1,996

OK-INBRE

November 1, 2022 – April 28, 2023

Benjamin Tayo, College of Math and Science

Funds from this grant will allow Dr. Tayo to attend the American Physical Society's Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

OK-INBRE Travel, \$2,000

OK-INBRE

December 1, 2022 – December 30, 2022

Melville Vaughan, College of Math and Science

Funds from this grant will allow Dr. Vaughan to travel to the American Society for Cell Biology Conference in Washington, D.C.

Paid Student Teaching Initiative, \$195,000

Oklahoma State Department of Education

August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023

Bryan Duke, College of Education and Professional Studies

Funds from this grant will help support student teachers financially as they engage in their twelve-week internship in a K-12 school. Following their internship, individuals who secure a contract to teach in an Oklahoma accredited school will

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receive a second payment. The goal of this initiative is to help address the teacher shortage in Oklahoma.

DNA Base Detection Using 2D Materials Beyond Graphene, \$425,928

National Institutes of Health

September 15, 2022 – August 31, 2023

Benjamin Tayo, College of Math and Science

CFDA#93.859

The main goal of this research is to perform large-scale computational studies that would enable us to identify 2D materials which couple strongly with DNA bases. The expected outcome of this work is a comprehensive understanding of nanodevices for single-base resolution at high translocation speeds.

III. PURCHASES FOR APPROVAL

A. Technolutions, upgrade recruitment/communications system with Slate customer relations management (CRM) software.

Source: E&G\$250,000

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM PURCHASING

A. Ex Libris USA, Inc., subscription to web-based library services platform.

Source: E&G\$101,489

B. Ex Libris USA, Inc., maintenance for library services platform.

Source: E&G\$64,930

C. The Hanover Research Council LLC, grant development services.

Source: E&G\$50,000

Respectfully,

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President



November 8, 2022

Regional University System of Oklahoma
Landmark Towers
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Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Board Members:

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

I. PERSONNEL

a. NEW HIRES

Dr. **Robert Holliday** 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 September 27, 2022. He will be involved in didactic teaching and precepting College of Pharmacy students in the experiential program. His appointment will be for twelve-months. Dr. Holliday earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

b. CHANGE IN STATUS

Dr. **Sarah Yount** has been appointed to the tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective October 17, 2022. Her salary for the twelve-month appointment will be \$101,367.00. Dr. Yount has been employed with SWOSU since 2015.

c. RETIREMENTS

Ms. **Nancy Henke** will retire as of October 1, 2022. (Resolution forthcoming)

GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Since September 23, 2022, the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs has received confirmation of 7 **grant awards** for a total amount of **\$15,589**.

- A. Presser Scholar Undergraduate Grant Award.....\$4,000**
The **Presser Foundation** has awarded the grant, entitled, "Presser Scholar Undergraduate Grant Award" in the amount of \$4,000. The primary function of this award is Academic Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Shelley Martinson** and her Co-PI is **Dr. Phillip Martinson**.

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B. INBRE Faculty Travel Grant: 2023 ACS Spring National Meeting in Indianapolis March 26-30.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “INBRE Faculty Travel Grant: 2023 ACS Spring National Meeting in Indianapolis March 26-30” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Tim Hubin**.

C. Travel to the 2023 Spring National American Chemical Society Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “Travel to the 2023 Spring National American Chemical Society Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Trevor Ellis**.

D. Effects of temperature on CBD infused lotions.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “Effects of temperature on CBD infused lotions.” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Jon Henrikson**.

E. The Influence of Age on Experience-Induced Behavioral Changes.....\$1,781

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “The Influence of Age on Experience-Induced Behavioral Changes.” in the amount of \$1,781. The primary function of this award is Academic Service. The principal investigator is **Dr. Mark Garcia**.

F. Robust and High-Data-Rate Hybrid RF/Optical Communications for Lunar Missions.....\$1,904

NASA has awarded the grant, entitled, “Robust and High-Data-Rate Hybrid RF/Optical Communications for Lunar Missions - Ekin.” in the amount of \$1,904. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

G. Robust and High-Data-Rate Hybrid RF/Optical Communications for Lunar Missions.....\$1,904

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has awarded the grant, entitled, “Robust and High-Data-Rate Hybrid RF/Optical Communications for Lunar Missions - Ekin.” in the amount of \$1,904. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Lovell,
President