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V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE –Sheridan McCaffree

1. East Central University

a. On-Call Architectural Services

Project Description: We request approval to renew the on-call architect contract with Integrated Architecture, PLLC for one year beginning January 15, 2021.

Total Project Budget: The total cost of this project is estimated at \$300,000 annually.

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the university's campus master plan and facility master plan in that it will move our capital projects forward.

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Revenue Source: E&G, Auxiliary, Grant, Section 13, Section 13 Offset, and New College funds

2. Southwestern Oklahoma State University

a. Renovation of the bookstore and convenience store area

Project Description: Request approval to revise the cost of renovations to the SWOSU bookstore and convenience store. The renovation will combine, and update, the bookstore and convenience store space, approximately 9,000 sq ft. In June, 2020, the board approved a request to design, bid and award contracts of an estimated cost of \$450,000. Since this area is attached to a dormitory there is a requirement to install a fire sprinkler system in the store, the lobby, the halls and two stairwells outside the store. Because the fire sprinkler installation would increase the renovation time the decision was made to do a more extensive renovation. Total cost \$825,000.

Requested Funding Approval: Requesting \$375,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Auxiliary funds

3. Northeastern State University

a. Project #485-0067 - Veterans Monument Plaza

Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, the Veterans Monument Plaza to house the Veterans Monument Bronze sculpture.

Requested Funding Approval: \$110,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

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Informational:

b. Project #485-0048 - Muskogee Campus Outdoor/Parking Lot LED Lighting

Project Description: Muskogee Campus outdoor and parking lot LED lighting repair and upgrade

Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000.00

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Infrastructure Fee

B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Jane McDermott

Report of the Personnel Committee, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Discussion of Southwestern Oklahoma State University Presidential Search and possible approval of position profile and search timeline.

C. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Lake Carpenter

Report of the Policy & Procedures Committee, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Discussion and possible action to revise RUSO Policy 4.4.3 (b) Alcohol.
2. Discussion and possible action to grant UCO an exception to RUSO Policy 4.4.3(b) to permit the sale of beer and wine at UCO athletic events held on the UCO campus through their athletic concessionaire under clearly established protocols. Concessionaire will be required to provide proof of all necessary licensure required by Oklahoma State Statute and Oklahoma ABLE Commission rules.

D. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Amy Anne Ford

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 3:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Status update on issues related to COVID-19.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding RUSO Advocacy.
 - a. Annual Dinner with State Regents.
 - b. FY 2021 legislative advocacy.
 - c. Higher Education Day 2021.
 - d. Status report on Tulsa Higher Education.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding RUSO board retreat meeting.

VI. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson

VII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. **Personnel**
2. **Holiday Stipend**

Southeastern is requesting approval to provide a one-time \$500 stipend in November for full-time, benefits eligible employees employed as of November 1, 2020.

Southeastern is also requesting approval to provide a one-time \$50 stipend in November for part-time staff and adjunct faculty employed as of November 1, 2020.

No budget revision is needed. The stipends will be funded with budget savings and increases in tuition and fee revenue.

Amount: Estimated at \$240,000
Source of Funding: E&G Part 1 and Auxiliary; depending on the budget from which employee is paid.

3. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 1,650,641.00

4. Purchases for Approval:

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

a. Shearer Hall and Suites Fire Alarm System

Replace existing outdated fire alarm system with a new system to include new software, hardware, electronics and equipment.

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Project Number(s): 660-0801

Amount: Not to exceed \$200,000

Source of Funding: Auxiliary/700 funds to be reimbursed by SE Foundation Housing LLC, Sole Source

Vendor: Siemens Technology

5. President's Recommendation

Southeastern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell the following 2.5 GHz spectrum rights that it owns for Educational Broadband Service (EBS) licenses:

- 1) WNC598
- 2) WNC972

SOSU no longer has any need for these licenses and, due to recent FCC rule changes, may lose control of them if they are not utilized, leased, or sold.

Rationale:

The 2.5 GHz band is divided into two radio services. One of these is the Educational Broadband Services (EBS). The EBS band is the successor to Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS), a

1960s era radio service designed for educational broadcast television.

The FCC has adopted rules to commercialize the EBS band by removing the educational eligibility requirement. Along with that change, owners of an EBS license that is not in use and meeting certain FCC prescribed benchmarks may face having their licenses terminated. Thus, SOSU is requesting permission to sell these licenses.

6. Posthumous Degree

We request approval to award a posthumous degree, Bachelor of Science in Liberal and Applied Studies, to Chelsea R. Bishop. Ms. Bishop had previously applied to graduate. She needed 4 credit hours to complete her Bachelor of Science in Liberal and Applied Studies degree. Chelsea tragically passed away on September 27, 2020, at 26 years old. It is the recommendation of her faculty and the Executive Team of the University that this request be approved.

This request is in compliance with our policy and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy on the awarding of posthumous degrees.

7. Informational:

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 purchase:

a. TouchNet Payment System & Gateway

As part of the upgrade to Ellucian Colleague, a new payment system was necessary to ensure tight integration. TouchNet provides for new ways for students to pay online, make payment plans, allow university to accept international payments, and create storefronts or marketplaces to accept payments for camps, theatre performances, etc.

Amount: \$93,682.16

Source of Funding: E&G Part I, Sole Source

Vendor: TouchNet Information Systems

8. COVID-19 Report

B. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Purchases:

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

- a. Tuck pointing to the exterior of the Struckle Education Center: Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, at a cost of \$97,608. (Section 13, New College/Offset Funds, 600 & 650 Funds)
- b. SimMan and accessories for nursing lab: Laerdal Medical Corp., Wappingers Falls, New York, at a cost of \$69,915.44. (Donated Funds and Fund 290, E&G)

2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 33,633.00

3. COVID-19 Report

C. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Budget

NSU requests approval to provide a \$500 stipend to all Full-Time Eligible Employees. Funding will be provided from travel savings from Spring and Fall 2020.

3. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 1,068,911.00

4. COVID-19 Report

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Request for Contracts

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None to report at this time.

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 2,499,914.00

4. Purchases:

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

- a. Innovative Interfaces, Inc. at a cost of \$58,269.50 for Sierra Cataloging Annual Subscription Renewal: Sierra Academic Core Bundle, Content Café Book Covers and 24 User License. (E&G Fund)

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

None to report at this time.

5. COVID-19 Report

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

1. Personnel

2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 3,505,946.00

3. Purchases for approval:

- a. RUSO approved the amount of \$195,000 on April 10, 2020 for the renewal of the university's Microsoft Education Enrollment Solution (ESS). The Office of Information Technology requests additional funds in the amount of \$69,000 which compensates a licensing upgrade supporting university initiatives. Total cost is \$264,000 to upgrade the license to include additional applications and fees.

Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$69,000

4. Informational Items from Purchasing:

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- a. CDW LLC dba CDW Government, LLC
Source: E&G \$66,109
- b. Central Tech Store
Source: CARES Act HEERF Funds\$55,071
- c. Examity, Inc.
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$50,000
- d. Gartner, Inc.
Source: E&G.....\$112,626
- e. Office of Management and Enterprise Services
Source: E&G.....\$54,093
- f. Petra Industries
Source: CARES Act HEERF Funds.....\$109,065
- g. R.K. Black, Inc.
Source: Auxiliary.....\$90,675
- h. Spotify USA, Inc.
Source: E&G\$50,000
- i. Student Success Academy, LLC
Source: Grant Funds.....\$91,728
- j. Swansea University
Source: E&G\$85,911
- k. The Professional Basketball Club, LLC
Source: Unrestricted Cash.....\$60,000
- l. True Digital Security, Inc.
Source: E&G\$60,000
- m. Witt/Kieffer, Inc.
Source: Unrestricted Cash.....\$63,000

5. COVID-19 Report

F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. President's Recommendation

Southwestern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell the following:

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- 1) WNC562
- 2) WNC581
- 3) WNC758

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3. Purchase Agenda:

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

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Ferrilli Consulting Services \$98,000 E&G Fund

SWOSU requests permission to enter into a contract with Ferrilli for the period of January to June, 2021. Ferrilli is a higher education technology consulting company which has provided an invaluable service during the transition to a new ERP system. Ferrilli will continue to provide network and security consulting services allowing SWOSU to upgrade technology and wireless capability and to provide cybersecurity compliance services due, in part, to the pandemic.

Informational Items in excess of \$50,000:

Vendor	Description:	Amount:	Fund:
Monarch Marketing (Electronic marketing for social media and search engine optimization)	Advertising	\$ 70,000	E&G
Chickasaw Telecom (State contract)	Technology upgrades	\$ 69,040	E&G
Softchoice Corporation	Microsoft SQL licensing software	\$ 66,157	E&G

4. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 1,282,470.00

5. COVID-19 Report

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

IX. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (3) to discuss the following:

1. Appraisal of real property for Shawnee Street Theater Property for Northeastern State University.

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

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the employment of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding the employment of the President of the University of Central Oklahoma.

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C. 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.

XII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

- A. Consideration and possible action to implement matters discussed in Executive Session.
- B. Authorize President Turner to sell Shawnee Street Theater Property, 124 West Shawnee Street, and execute all documents related to the sale.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT



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II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

Chair Winchester called the meeting to order. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with 6 Regents present.

Susan Winchester, Chair, Position 1
Jeffrey T. Dunn, Regent, Position 2
Lake Carpenter, Regent, Position 3
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Jane McDermott, Secretary, Position 6
Eric Fisher, Regent, Position 8

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A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

Regent Parker made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter to excuse Regent Reilly and Regent Ford from the meeting.

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

Voting against the motion: none

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

University Presidents

Randy Beutler, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Janet Cunningham, President, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma
Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, President, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
Thomas Newsom President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
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Regional University System of Oklahoma Administrative Staff

Sheridan McCaffree, Executive Director
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Others in Attendance

Brenda Burgess, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Kevin Freeman, Vice President of Finance and Operations, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
Christy Landsaw, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Alan Medders, Consultant, Higher Education Leadership Search
Bill Meehan, Consultant, Higher Education Leadership Search
David Pecha, Vice President for Administration, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma

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James South, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost,
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Dennis Westman, Vice President for Business Affairs, Southeastern
Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

III. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Susan Winchester

Chair Winchester reported that former President John Hays of Southwestern Oklahoma State University died. President John Hays gave 30 years of outstanding service to Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Weatherford community and will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Chair Winchester commended Presidents and their staff for their hard work in keeping students front and center during the pandemic for the last seven months. The pandemic has been handled beyond expectation, and this has required long hours from Presidents and their staff.

Chair Winchester reported that the election will occur on November 3, 2020 and to not forget to vote.

Regent Hofmeister joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

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3. B.A Criminal Justice – updating of degree requirements (103)
4. A.S. Criminal Justice – updating of degree requirements (183)

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

Voting against the motion: none

V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE –Sheridan McCaffree (Attachment B, Pages 59-62)

Ms. McCaffree reported on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda items and requested a motion for approval.

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

1. East Central University (page 59)

a. On-Call Architectural Services

Project Description: We request approval to renew the on-call architect contract with Integrated Architecture, PLLC for one year beginning January 15, 2021.

Total Project Budget: The total cost of this project is estimated at \$300,000 annually.

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the university's campus master plan and facility master plan in that it will move our capital projects forward.

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Revenue Source: E&G, Auxiliary, Grant, Section 13, Section 13 Offset, and New College funds

2. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Page 60)

a. Renovation of the bookstore and convenience store area

Project Description: Request approval to revise the cost of renovations to the SWOSU bookstore and convenience store. The renovation will combine, and update, the bookstore and convenience store space, approximately 9,000 sq ft. In June, 2020, the board approved a request to design, bid and award contracts of an estimated cost of \$450,000. Since this area is attached to a dormitory there is a requirement to install a fire sprinkler system in the store, the lobby, the halls and two stairwells outside the store. Because the fire sprinkler installation would increase the renovation time the decision was made to do a more extensive renovation. Total cost \$825,000.

Requested Funding Approval: Requesting \$375,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Auxiliary funds

3. Northeastern State University (Page 61)

a. Project #485-0067 - Veterans Monument Plaza

Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, the Veterans Monument Plaza to house the Veterans Monument Bronze sculpture.

Requested Funding Approval: \$110,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

Informational:

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b. Project #485-0048 - Muskogee Campus Outdoor/Parking Lot LED Lighting

Project Description: Muskogee Campus outdoor and parking lot LED lighting repair and upgrade

Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000.00

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Infrastructure Fee

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

Voting against the motion: none

B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE–Chair, Regent Jane McDermott

Report of the Personnel Committee, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Discussion of Southwestern Oklahoma State University Presidential Search and possible approval of position profile and search timeline.

Regent McDermott reported that the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, October 22, 2020. Regent McDermott thanked Regent Carpenter and Regent Winchester for attending. Regent McDermott then invited Dr. Alan Medders and Dr. Bill Meehan to provide a report of the search process to date as well as the position profile and timeline.

Dr. Alan Medders reported that he and Dr. Bill Meehan returned from visiting the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus late Thursday day evening. Dr. Medders reported that they toured the campus and the community of Weatherford and met with President Beutler.

Dr. Medders reported on the search position profile and timeline which will be posted on Higher Education Leadership Search and RUSO website. Dr. Medders reported that the timeline includes a candidate review with the search committee members on November 19, 2020 in Weatherford and a resume review with the entire search

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committee on December 10, 2020 with Zoom interviews between the Regents and candidates taking place in January.

Regent McDermott thanked President Beutler for his assistance during this process, as well as Brian Adler for his input in the development of the position profile.

Regent McDermott added that the Committee has finalized the membership of the screening committee and it includes broad representation from the campuses, the communities of Weatherford, Sayre, Clinton, Yukon and Elk City, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Regent McDermott expressed gratitude to all of the members for their willingness to serve and the Committee looks forward to hearing their perspectives and getting their recommendations. The goal is to find the right fit for the next president of SWOSU and she emphasized the importance of communication with these leaders and transparency about the search process. The screening committee will be posted on the RUSO and SWOSU websites.

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Hofmeister, to approve the SWOSU Presidential Search position profile and timeline.

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

Voting against the motion: none

C. POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Lake Carpenter (See Attachment C, Pages 63-64)

Report of the Policy & Procedures Committee, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Discussion and possible action to revise RUSO Policy 4.4.3 (b) Alcohol.

Regent Carpenter reported that the Committee met Thursday, October 22, 2020. Regent Carpenter thanked Regent Fisher for attending as well as the presidents and business officers who attended.

Regent Carpenter reported that Policy Committee recommends authorizing universities to request an exception to our policy that

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would allow universities to request to allow their licensed concessionaires to sell alcoholic beverages at university sponsored athletic events. Exceptions will not be granted lightly or without a thorough review of the totality of circumstances involved in each case and assurance that appropriate licensure requirements are met.

Regent Dunn inquired if the insurance-related consequences have been considered. Regent Fisher said the insurance liability is held by the concessionaire so no cost is incurred by the university.

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the revision to RUSO Policy 4.4.3 (b).

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

Voting against the motion: none

2. Discussion and possible action to grant UCO an exception to RUSO Policy 4.4.3(b) to permit the sale of beer and wine at UCO athletic events held on the UCO campus through their athletic concessionaire under clearly established protocols. Concessionaire will be required to provide proof of all necessary licensure required by Oklahoma State Statute and Oklahoma ABLE Commission rules.

Regent Carpenter reported that UCO was given a year to authorize the sale of alcohol at athletic events by their contracted concessionaires as a pilot project and they now request a permanent exception to the policy to allow them to continue to do so. UCO has reported that it was a successful pilot project. Therefore, I move approval of UCO's request for an exception to RUSO Policy 4.4.3 (b) to allow them to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at their university sponsored athletic events.

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott, to approve UCO's request for an exception to RUSO Policy 4.4.3 (b) to allow them to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at their university sponsored athletic events.

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

Voting against the motion: none

D. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE–Regent Eric Fisher

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, October 22, 2020, 3:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Status update on issues related to COVID-19.

Regent Fisher commended all the universities for the work they have done that has resulted in quite low numbers of cases across the system for both students and employees. Regent Fisher also noted that this can change quickly. The universities must continue to be firm about enforcement of policies and vigilant about all of the measures that are being taken to prevent the spread of the virus so that they can continue to operate both face-to-face and online as current and future conditions will require.

Regent Fisher expressed appreciation to the universities for their nimble response and their ability to confront the situation without losing sight of our important mission to serve our students.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding RUSO Advocacy.

- a. Annual Dinner with State Regents.

Regent Fisher reported that due to COVID-19 the RUSO-State Regents' annual dinner will not be able to be done this year. While this is disappointing, we will be sending a letter in lieu of dinner this year.

- b. FY 2021 legislative advocacy.

Regent Fisher reported that the Committee will continue to work on legislative advocacy for the upcoming legislative session. One item the Committee would like to support is the expansion of the Open Meeting Act through a statutory amendment, that has allowed this body to have Zoom meetings during the pandemic. RUSO would like to continue to have Zoom meetings which has created efficiencies in time and cost savings as well as being effective for communication and resolution of issues.

- c. Higher Education Day 2021.

Regent Fisher reported that the RUSO staff will contact the State Regents staff to determine their plan and RUSO will adjust accordingly.

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d. Status report on Tulsa Higher Education.

Regent Fisher reported that a discussion regarding the status on Tulsa Higher Education was discussed at the meeting in Broken Arrow last September with Tulsa Chamber officials. RUSO supports Tulsa having vibrant public higher education to meet their workforce needs, and to have the ability to get their needs for bachelor's degrees met in the Tulsa market. Bachelor's degrees are what drives transformation of an economy and Tulsa, like all of Oklahoma, needs more bachelor's degree holders. RUSO will continue to advocate with the State Regents and the Tulsa community to ensure that Tulsa's higher education needs are met and that state resources are efficiently allocated to that end.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding RUSO board retreat meeting.

Regent Fisher reported that the Committee does not have any immediate plans for a RUSO board retreat meeting but invited suggestions for topics or logistical solutions that would allow the Committee to do so.

VI. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson

President Pierson reported that the RUSO Presidents meet monthly in addition to OSRHE meetings. The RUSO Presidents continue to share ideas, how to support one another and sharing resources.

President Pierson reported that four RUSO universities will be doing virtual fall graduation ceremonies, while two RUSO universities are doing modified in-person ceremonies.

President Pierson reported that four RUSO universities are planning for a traditional spring break. UCO is moving their spring break to the end of winter break and SWOSU is still considering what to do for their spring break.

President Pierson reported that Representative Kyle Hilbert requested CARES Act funding for higher education. Secretary of State Mike Mazzei approved the request and universities will be reimbursed for personal protective equipment. There is a base allotment for each university and the remaining funding is based on the percentage of state appropriated funds and fall 2019 headcount. The universities are not sure how this disbursement will occur, but the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher

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Education will work with the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services to determine how disbursement will be processed.

President Pierson reported that UCO and NSU are in the NCAA The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference and they both will have a modified basketball schedule starting in November. The NCAA Great American Conference will have a modified basketball schedule beginning in January.

General Counsel Debra Lyon mentioned that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education would like to be advised of each university's plan for spring break for information purposes.

Regent Hofmeister reported that there is a state statute that address the requirement for alignment of spring break dates. For those universities who will still have a spring break, the universities are working with area schools to coordinate their dates. Regent Winchester asked Regent Hofmeister to let her know about work around the alignment of spring break dates.

Regent Dunn emphasized that when the decisions about spring break are being made that the health of the student, faculty, and staff should be the primary consideration to limit any spread.

VII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment D, pages 65-70)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

Regent Winchester commended the leadership of President Newsom since he began in April. She has been impressed with his outreach efforts in the community and with the other presidents. President Newsom thanked the Regents and Presidents for their support.

President Newsom reported the final fall add/drop date is occurring at the end of this week which will provide the final number of students for

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the fall semester. SE will finish the semester with a little over 5,600 students which is a new record for SE.

President Newsom reported the campus received two additions to campus. The two new Cirrus aircrafts donations were made possible from a number of organizations and SE Alumni, which will help to grow their aviation program. President Newsom also reported that SE did receive a renewal of their Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) accreditation for pilot training and their aerospace curriculum.

President Newsom gave an update about the Semple Family Museum of Native American Art. The Semple Family donated over \$2 million to help create a museum dedicated to Native American art on the SE campus. The museum is expected to be open next year on a limited basis in late October or early November.

President Newsom reported that a new taskforce addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion is being formed on campus and their work will begin this semester. This taskforce has been charged with bringing a vision for diversity, equity, and inclusion to the president along with a plan that they can incorporate into the university's strategic master plan.

President Newsom also reported the creation of another task force that is exclusively focused on growing the undergraduate population in Durant and at the McCurtain County campus.

President Newsom reported that SE is in the process of requesting quotes for a new facilities master plan that will serve as a blueprint for the future of all SE campuses. This plan will evaluate these campuses current and future needs to improve the campuses and meet capacity for future growth.

President Newsom reported that SE has re-engaged their COVID-19 Taskforce for the Spring 2021 semester. They have already made additional recommendations to the Fall 2020 plan. As of October 19, 2020 SE, reported 84 self-reported cases since March of 2020. At least 78 of those cases have recovered. The number of COVID-19 cases on campus are reported each week on the university's COVID-19 dashboard on their website. The plan in place appears to be working and contact tracing is helping.

B. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (See attachment E, Pages 71-72)

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent McDermott, to approve the President's Recommendations for

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Janet Cunningham.

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Cunningham reported NWOSU is now in week 10 of the fall semester and the community has been doing great handling COVID-19. All three campuses appear to be doing well. She also mentioned they had a student play last week with very limited seating and special masks.

President Cunningham reported NWOSU will be hosting a modified in-person ceremony for the fall semester graduates. Spring and summer students will be included for those who wish to return. The fall commencement ceremonies will limit the number guests per graduate to two people and modified photo opportunities will be provided. December 6, 2020 is the scheduled date for fall commencement.

President Cunningham reported that there currently six active student Covid-19 cases, and two active full-time employee cases. The number of cases on campuses are reported on dashboard on the university website and is updated every Friday. There has been a total of 68 cases since March 2020. All but eight people have recovered. President Cunningham is personally calling students who have tested positive and are in quarantine. Students report being bored in quarantine. Gratitude and compliments were given to the housing and IT staff who have been helping with delivering meals and making sure students can still attend class via Zoom. The group effort seems to be working well.

C. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment F, pages 73-76)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

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President Turner reported that NSU recently completed their site visit for their Master of Social Work program which began two years ago. NSU is in its final year of candidacy for full accreditation. The visit went very well and President Turner applauded NSU Social Work faculty for their work in making this a successful site visit.

President Turner reported that the renovations to Seminary Hall have received great coverage in The Tulsa World and The Journal Record. Indigenous Peoples' Day was held in front of Seminary Hall and Chief Chuck Hoskin joined the festivities. The Cherokee Nation has been an important supporter of the Seminary Hall Renovations. The Cherokee Nation has donated \$4 million to the renovation and President Turner expressed appreciation and gratitude for their help in preserving Seminary Hall.

President Turner reported that the Veteran's Monument Plaza has received a \$25,000 donation from Tahlequah Community Foundation which is now the lead sponsor of the plaza. Close to \$600,000 have been donated for the Veterans Monument Plaza. The dedication of the plaza is expected to occur on November 11, 2021.

President Turner reported that NSU will be hosting five fall commencement ceremonies at the NSU Event Center, which holds between 4,200-4,300 people. No guests will be allowed, faculty will be seated at the mezzanine level to allow for ample space to accommodate CDC guidelines. Fall commencement ceremonies will take place on December 11 and 12, 2020.

President Turner reported that across the three campuses, there are currently 10 active student and 2 active employee COVID-19 cases.

President Turner reported that at this time, NSU will proceed with Spring Break as scheduled, but will continue to monitor health on campus and will make changes if necessary.

President Turner reported two major flu shot events have been offered on campus to help prepare students and employees for flu season.

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (See attachment G, Pages 77-80)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Pierson reported that ECU's fall break occurred last week October 15-16 and there are currently five active COVID19 cases; two employees and three students.

President Pierson reported that she met with a small group of students about their expectations for the rest of the semester. Students have been adhering to guidelines and mask wearing because they feel so grateful they can still attend school. Mask compliance is good. There was an outdoor event in which 100 people showed up and everyone was wearing masks. They are taking it seriously.

President Pierson reported that she works with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and they are working on providing a virtual speaker series. The first speaker has been scheduled for October 29, 2020 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and features former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta who will be discussing leadership in a democracy. All have been invited to attend.

President Pierson reported that ECU will be hosting a "First in Family" program on November 9, 2020 which is a program that recognizes first generation students and celebrates their success. This program is made possible by a generous gift from an ECU alumnus who was also a first-generation student. This will be an outdoor event and masks will be required.

President Pierson reported that ECU has received a \$6.5 million anonymous donation to be used over the next 20 years. This donation will provide an additional \$325,000 per year. The funds are to be used as follows: An unrestricted \$25,000 for the School of Business; \$140,000 to build an endowment for full scholarships; and \$160,000 for nursing students in their final year of their program.

Regent Dunn and Regent Carpenter congratulated ECU Foundation CEO and former ECU President John Hargrave for his work in securing this donation.

Regent Winchester inquired whether President Pierson taught a course this semester. President Pierson did teach an eight-week hybrid course to understand the issues that faculty are facing during this time. President Pierson reported that teaching hybrid courses and preparing for them is difficult. President Pierson did note that students are also

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struggling because the move to this kind of learning has been hard, stressful, and exhausting for students because they are used to being exposed to differences in learning whether it be audio, visual, or kinetic learning. Adapting to hybrid learning is difficult for teachers and students.

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

(See attachment H, pages 81-90)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported since March of 2020, UCO has had 392 Covid-19 cases. At least 323 of that number have recovered. The current seven day moving average is hovering at 5.57. UCO is looking for patterns such as clusters and classroom transition. It appears that there is no evidence of classroom transmission. The cases that are being reported are transmission of the virus outside of campus being brought in, not being created within campus borders.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO will be going all virtual after Thanksgiving break. UCO will also be moving their spring break to the end of winter break to avoid a spike in cases in the middle of spring. UCO gives employees spring break as vacation time and they wanted to honor that arrangement as much as possible. The university did look at leave accruals before making the decision so that if parents need to use leave, they can. They intend to be as flexible as possible and will work with area schools.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO will be receiving \$300,000 in state CARES funds that will reimburse the university for paying out of pocket for personal protective equipment and other COVID-19 related expenses. UCO is waiting for more direction and guidance about what it could be used for.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that career website Zippia has named UCO as the top public institution in Oklahoma for job-seeking graduates as part of its Best Public Colleges in Each State for Getting a Job in 2020 list. UCO graduates have an 88% placement rate which

makes them number one in Oklahoma for post-graduate employment placement.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO is the only public university in the nation to receive the maximum level funding from all 6 iterations of the federal TRIO grants totaling nearly \$7.7 million. TRIO grants are from the Department of Education's Student Support Services programs. These grants will benefit low-income students, first-generation college students and students who have disabilities.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO Professor of Music Education Lani Garner facilitated a session for elementary music teachers who are teaching music during the pandemic through the Country Music Association's initiative for music education.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that three UCO students have lost their lives in the past month. One person was killed by a drunk driver, one person died of an accidental drug overdose, and one person died from a heart attack in their sleep. President Neuhold-Ravikumar expressed gratitude and acknowledged the work of the counseling and well-being team at UCO. More people are using and accessing this service during the pandemic. Since March alone, there has been 3-fold increase in the use of their services. People are calling because they have suicidal thoughts and ideation, there are struggles at home, and worries about finances and education. The counseling and wellbeing team have been working evenings, online, and in person.

F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment I, pages 91-100)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Beutler reported that SWOSU has completed their comprehensive evaluation visit from the Higher Learning Commission. The visit and exit interview seem to have gone very well. President Beutler said he would share the final report with the Regents.

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President Beutler reported that SWOSU has 12 active student and three employee Covid-19 cases.

President Beutler reported that SWOSU is strongly considering eliminating spring break. They are currently gathering input from the community, faculty, staff, and students and plan to make a formal announcement about the decision next week.

President Beutler reported that he, Dr. Joe Anna Hibler (former President of SWOSU and former RUSO Regent), and former Governor Brad Henry paid a tribute on a radio program to former president Dr. John Hays who passed away earlier in October due to complications from COVID-19. Dr. Hays did not want a memorial service.

Regent Carpenter reported that the radio tribute was well done.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

Ms. McCaffree reported that the RUSO systemwide employee newsletter will be emailed to all employees on October 25, 2020. The newsletter is being finalized right now and a preview will be sent. To regents and presidents. Ms. McCaffree encouraged people to share this newsletter widely outside of the RUSO system.

Ms. McCaffree reported that her assistant, Miss Desai is working on quarterly reports and they will be coming soon.

Ms. McCaffree provided an update on the search for new RUSO office space. The Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) has said that getting space at the Sandridge building would be difficult because the Commissioners of the Land Office are the ones in charge of leasing and they are only leasing out entire floors. OMES did report that RUSO does not have to use their assistance to find space. OMES noted that there was availability at the Grand Center that contains a shared board room. Ms. McCaffree reported that she will look at this option next week and report back to Chair Winchester and Regent Reilly.

Ms. McCaffree reported that her assistant and General Counsel Debra Lyon are reviewing a software option that will efficiently assist with policy and contract management. The vendor, NAVEX Global, is part of a service the university system uses for ethics violations, complaints, and reports called Ethics Point. Ms. McCaffree highlighted the need to keep and track old policies that have an effect on employment related benefits and that this might interest the universities as well.

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Ms. McCaffree reported that Assistant General Counsel Angela Michael has been working on transactional contracts related to technology needs due to COVID-19.

Ms. McCaffree reported that she has completed the 54 interviews related the UCO President's Evaluation and will send out her memo within the next week.

IX. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regent Dunn inquired about an update regarding the Oklahoma Higher Education Employee Insurance Interlocal (OKHEEI) group and if people are pleased with OKHEEI and its related services.

Ms. McCaffree reported that an annual update was provided at the September meeting and that OKHEEI has successfully implemented a trust which members are pleased with because it reduces the amount of time managing the accounts individually. She also reported that setting up Electronic Funds Transfers would be the next thing to work on.

General Counsel Debra Lyon reported that OKHEEI is monitoring and auditing the costs related to OKHEEI benefits.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

Regent Dunn left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (3) to discuss the following:

1. Appraisal of real property for Shawnee Street Theater Property for Northeastern State University.

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

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the employment of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

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2. Discussion and possible action regarding the employment of the President of the University of Central Oklahoma.

C. 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.

Regent Carpenter made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher, to convene into executive session.

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

Voting against the motion: none

The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 11:38 a.m.

XII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

No action was taken.

- B. Authorize President Turner to sell Shawnee Street Theater Property, 124 West Shawnee Street, and execute all documents related to the sale.

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to Authorize President Turner to sell Shawnee Street Theater Property, 124 West Shawnee Street, and execute all documents related to the sale.

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

Voting against the motion: none

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Winchester
Chair

Jane McDermott
Secretary

Minutes approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 13th day of November 2020.

The next regular meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 29, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

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Attachment

A.	Educational Excellence Committee.....	47-58
<p>* Educational Excellence Committee attachments for this meeting have been abbreviated to save paper and space. The complete submissions, which include the required Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education form documents and other supporting documents for all matters involving changes in a course or courses of study or institution of new degree programs, were provided to the Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee Regent Eric Fisher prior to the meeting. This documentation is available in the RUSO Administrative Office in Oklahoma City.</p>		
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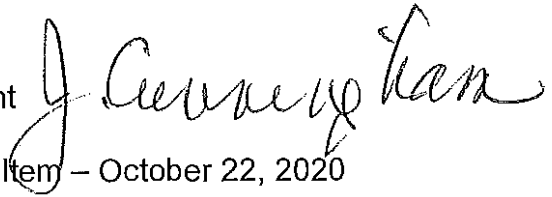
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: October 8, 2020

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

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President

Re: Educational Excellence Agenda Item – October 22, 2020



Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee Agenda for the October 22, 2020, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents. We request approval of the following items:

Program Modification, Other Degree Program Modification – M ED, School Counseling (011), Reading Specialist (032), Curriculum & Instruction (083) and Educational Leadership (084)

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

JC:md

Attachment



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

DATE: October 9, 2020

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

FROM: Steve Turner, President

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items – October 2020

The following proposals for program modifications and a program suspension are submitted to the Educational Excellence Committee:

Program Modifications

Mathematics, B.S. (057). Faculty propose adjusting the core requirements and adding two options: Mathematics Generalist and Mathematics Education. The Mathematics, B.S. and the Mathematics, B.S. Ed. are being combined due to declining enrollments in the education degree. Combining the two programs provides a more efficient use of resources while still meeting National of Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards for teacher education programs.

Hospitality and Tourism Management, B.B.A. (093). Faculty propose adding HTM 3323 Convention and Trade Show Management to the list of guided electives for the major.

Public Health Leadership, graduate certificate (167). Faculty propose replacing NURS 5633 Healthcare Finance & Economics with MPH 5003 Introduction to Public Health. The introductory course is important for those seeking the certificate. Due to a program change last year, NURS 5633 was removed from the Public Health, MPH program, but was accidentally overlooked in the accompanying certificate modification. This course replacement brings the certificate back in line embedded certificate requirements.

Program Suspension

Mathematics, B.S.Ed. (058). As noted above, the Mathematics, B.S. Ed. is being combined with the Mathematics, B.S. degree due to declining enrollments in the education degree. This period of suspension will allow students in the degree pipeline to complete their degrees before the program is deleted.

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



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

October 9, 2020

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

Dear Executive Director McCaffree:

Northeastern State University will submit to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) a *Letter of Intent* requesting approval to offer three existing programs by electronic delivery. In addition, the faculty request four new embedded certificates, one at the undergraduate level and three at the graduate level. 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 existing programs are requested for electronic delivery:

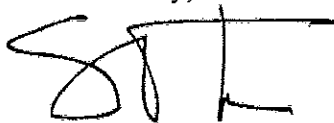
- **Geography and Sustainability Studies, B.A. (036).** Electronic delivery will facilitate learning opportunities for working students whose schedules preclude them from driving to the Tahlequah campus. Offering the program online provides a more affordable option for those that cannot afford an online geography degree from the research institutions.
- **Information Systems, B.B.A. (123).** The nature of this program lends itself particularly well to the online environment and having the entire degree online provides opportunities for students to make progress toward their degree and support themselves and their families at the same time.
- **Technology, B.T. (133).** This program serves students who work in area career technical schools or other technical venues where a baccalaureate degree is needed to advance. Area employers such as Google Data Center, Bennett Steel, Williams Construction, Cherokee Nation Telecommunications, Cadet Manufacturing, and Tulsa area manufacturers have individuals in technical positions who would benefit from completing the degree online.

The following new embedded certificates are requested:

- **English as a Second Language (ESL) Certificate**, an undergraduate certificate embedded in English, B.A. (028). The Department of Languages and Literature proposes a certificate in teaching English as a second language (ESL) to prepare professionals who serve an increasingly diverse constituent population and an influx of non-native English speakers into eastern Oklahoma. It would be available at Tahlequah and Broken Arrow and through electronic delivery.
- **Crime and Society**, a graduate certificate embedded in Criminal Justice, M.S. (085). The Department of Criminology, Justice Studies, and Global Security proposes an embedded certificate that allows students to concentrate on variables that interact with crime with a focus on how to prevent crime and predict criminal behavior trends. It would be available at Tahlequah and Broken Arrow and through electronic delivery.
- **Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration**, a graduate certificate embedded in Criminal Justice, M.S. (085). The faculty also propose an embedded certificate that prepares students for executive positions in management, resource allocation, policy, and program evaluation in local, county, state, and federal agencies. It would be available at Tahlequah and Broken Arrow and through electronic delivery.
- **Planning, Resilience, and Incident Management**, a graduate certificate embedded in Criminal Justice, M.S. (085). This final embedded certificate further prepares criminal justice practitioners to respond to homeland security duties which are often added to their daily responsibilities. It would be available at Tahlequah and Broken Arrow and through electronic delivery.

Completed proposals for offering each program by electronic delivery will follow according to OSRHE established time frames. Proposals for the new embedded certificates will also be submitted in the future. We appreciate RUSO's consideration and support. 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. Mike Chanslor Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Janet Buzzard, Dean, College of Business and Technology



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

DATE: October 9, 2020

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

FROM: Steve Turner, President

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Item – October 2020
College of Business and Technology Organizational Modification

Please accept this notification and informational item that Northeastern State University (NSU) is proposing an organizational modification which will consolidate instructional units within the College of Business and Technology (CBT). In accordance with Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy on Approval of Changes in Academic Structure and Nomenclature (OSRHE 3.8.2A), this item will be forwarded to the OSRHE Board for consideration at the appropriate meeting. Please find attached the specifics of the proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We believe that the new organization will directly benefit students and faculty through improved efficiency, reporting lines, student recruiting, and clarification of academic missions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Debbie Landry, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Northeastern State University
College of Business and Technology
Proposed Reorganization**

In accordance with Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy on Academic Structure and Nomenclature (OSRHE 3.8.2A), Northeastern State University (NSU) proposes an organizational modification which will consolidate two units and result in a new instructional unit within the College of Business and Technology (CBT). Please find below the specifics of the proposal, the rationale, benefits, potential difficulties, cost and resource estimates, and the implementation date. Approved by NSU's Cabinet, this proposal will be forwarded to the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for consideration at the appropriate meeting.

Currently, the College of Business and Technology is arranged in four departments with curricular programming, as follows:

Department of Accounting and Finance

Accounting B.B.A., Finance B.B.A. and courses in business law and economics

Department of Business Administration

Business Administration B.B.A, Entrepreneurship B.B.A, Health Organizations Administration B.B.A., International Business Management B.B.A, Management B.B.A.

Department of Information Systems and Technology

Environmental, Health and Safety Management, B.S., Information Systems B.B.A, Technology, B.T.

Department of Marketing, Hospitality, and Supply Chain

Hospitality and Tourism Management B.B.A., Marketing B.B.A., Supply Chain Management B.B.A.

Proposed Modifications:

This proposal combines the Department of Business Administration and the Department of Marketing, Hospitality, and Supply Chain. A new name, Department of Management and Marketing would reflect the change. Programming would be re-organized into the following departments:

Department of Accounting and Finance (no change)

Accounting B.B.A., Finance B.B.A. and courses in business law and economics

Department of Management and Marketing

Business Administration B.B.A, Entrepreneurship B.B.A, Health Organizations Administration B.B.A., Hospitality and Tourism Management B.B.A., International Business Management B.B.A, Management B.B.A, Marketing B.B.A., Supply Chain Management B.B.A.

Department of Information Systems and Technology (no change)

Environmental, Health and Safety Management, B.S., Information Systems B.B.A, Technology, B.T.

Rationale:

The reorganization from four to three departments enables the college to leverage its resources including faculty and staff time and expertise to meet the goals and objectives of NSU's "*Destination 2023: A 10-year road map of distinction through degree completion.*" Faculty champions will be identified for all programs and dedicated to improving recruitment and retention as well as increasing enrollment and graduation rates in the college. In this competitive era among the business schools and colleges, collaboration and synergy among programs are imperative to attain and sustain competitive advantage. This merger supports that collaboration.

Over the past few years, the college has experienced a reduction in faculty and staff in the Department of Marketing, Hospitality, and Supply Chain Management due to retirement and attrition. At the same time, the Business Administration department has increased its majors and is highly equipped with experienced faculty who can provide support for the majors located in Marketing, Hospitality, and Supply Chain. Hence, merging the two departments would foster collaboration and growth among all programs in the new Management and Marketing department.

Experience suggests recruitment is positively influenced by developing a "champion" for individual majors. Also, retention improves when faculty and students build relationships based on common interests. As part of this reorganization, CBT created 13 new program coordinator positions. The program coordinators champion the majors and support the chair and departments in recruiting, retention and enrollment. The coordinators work with Communications and Marketing to develop comprehensive marketing plans that advance the goals each program as well as the department and college. These plans include recruiting materials, web page development, promotional videos, event posters/flyers, prospective student communications, handouts, and promotional giveaways. Coordinators will lead each program's advisory board and industry network, support student internships, and facilitate mentorship opportunities for students in their majors.

Eight program coordinators will be part of the new Management and Marketing department with each leading individual majors or interdisciplinary focus areas including Marketing, Supply Chain Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Heath Organizations Administration, International Business Management, Entrepreneurship, Human Resources/Management, and Data Analytics. While no change will occur in the Accounting and Finance department, the department will have two program coordinators to champion the accounting and finance majors. Likewise, the Information System and Business Technology department will be supported by three program coordinators: Environmental, Health and Safety Management; Information Systems, and Technology.

The proposed reorganization to three departments from four should improve student learning experiences and will allow CBT to fully advance all majors. Therefore, given the increased efficiency and focus in the reorganization, the college anticipates increases in productivity and D23 goals.

Benefits and Potential Difficulties:

As detailed in the rationale, efforts to recruit, retain, and support students will be enhanced under this proposal.

There are no potential difficulties with this change other than making this change in all university systems and communications.

Cost and Resource Estimates:

There should be no additional costs for personnel or for resources.

Proposed Start Date for Reorganization:

The proposed changes will be implemented during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Faculty-Department Changes

The proposal would realign departments, programs, and faculty as follows:

Current Departments, Programs, and Faculty**Accounting and Finance**

No changes proposed

Business Administration

BUS ADMIN – shared faculty

ENTREPRENEUR – Ofili

HEALTH ORG ADM – Wallace, Hamby

IBUS – shared faculty

MGMT – Crockett, Czlonka, Davey, Edwards,
Jones, Lubjacky, Madapusi, Peterson, Shah

Information Systems and Technology

No changes proposed

Marketing, Hospitality and Supply Chain

HTM – Thompson, Williams

MKT – Naseem, Petty, Shapiro, Tewari

SCM – Shared Faculty

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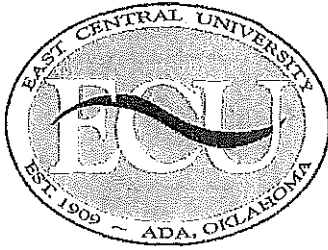
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Jones, Lubjacky, Madapusi, Peterson, Shah

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SCM – Shared Faculty

Information Systems and Technology

No changes proposed



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

FROM: Katricia G. Pierson, President

DATE: September 29, 2020

Dear Regent Fisher:

Please place East Central University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the October 22, 2020 meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

- Online Delivery for the following programs:
 - Computer Science (051)
 - Criminal Justice (052)
 - Native American Studies (059)
- Program Requirement Changes for the following programs:
 - Kinesiology (020)
 - Psychology (037)
 - Early Childhood Education (054)
 - Elementary Education (013)
 - Secondary Education: Academic Discipline (083)
 - Educational Leadership (098)
 - Special Education (085)
 - English (014)
 - Music (033)
- Option Deletion for the following program:
 - Human Development, Hospitality, and Food Science; Design, Buying, and Apparel Management (024)

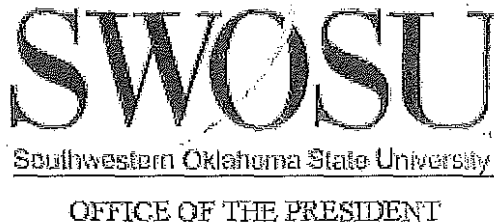
- Program Requirement Changes:
 - Art (002)
 - Graphic Design (0022)
 - Studio Art (0020)
 - Teacher Certification (0021)
 - Psychology (037)
 - Psychology (0371)
 - Accounting (001)
 - Accounting (0010)
- Option Additions:
 - Human Services Counseling: Prevention Science (026)
 - Mathematics: Data Science Applications (029)

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

Sincerely,



Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President



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

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: October 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items – October 9, 2020

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the October 23, 2020, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding Program Modification requests for the following programs:

- B.A.Ed. English Education – changes to meet CAEP standards ▪ (019)
- B.A. English – changes to Writing and Literature options; creation of a common core for both options ▪ (018)
- B.A Criminal Justice – updating of degree requirements ▪ (103)
- A.S. Criminal Justice – updating of degree requirements ▪ (183)

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

Attachments

Minutes for October 23, 2020



Attachment B
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DATE: October 5, 2020

TO: Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Facilities Stewardship Committee

FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Item for October Meeting

Please place East Central University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the October 22, 2020, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

On-Call Architectural Services

Project Description: We request approval to renew the on-call architect contract with Integrated Architecture, PLLC for one year beginning January 15, 2021.

Total Project Budget: The total cost of this project is estimated at \$300,000 annually.

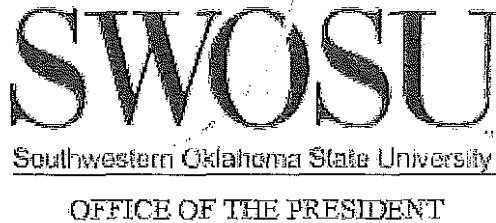
Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the university's campus master plan and facility master plan in that it will move our capital projects forward.

Revenue Source: E&G, Auxiliary, Grant, Section 13, Section 13 Offset, and New College funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katricia G. Pierson, PhD
President



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

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: October 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items – October 23, 2020

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the October 23, 2020, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- **Project: Renovation of the bookstore and convenience store area**

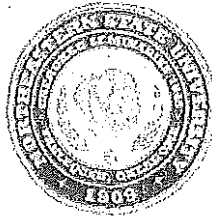
Project Description:

Request approval to revise the cost of renovations to the SWOSU bookstore and convenience store. The renovation will combine, and update, the bookstore and convenience store space, approximately 9,000 sq ft. In June, 2020, the board approved a request to design, bid and award contracts of an estimated cost of \$450,000. Since this area is attached to a dormitory there is a requirement to install a fire sprinkler system in the store, the lobby, the halls and two stairwells outside the store. Because the fire sprinkler installation would increase the renovation time the decision was made to do a more extensive renovation. Total cost \$825,000.

Requested Funding Approval: Requesting \$375,000

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes


- **Revenue Sources:** Auxiliary funds



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

DATE: October 9, 2020

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

FROM: Dr. Steve Turner, President 

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items–October 2020

Project #485-0067 - Veterans Monument Plaza

- a. Project Description: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, the Veterans Monument Plaza to house the Veterans Monument Bronze sculpture.
- b. Requested Funding Approval: \$110,000
- c. Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- d. Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

Informational:

Project #485-0048 - Muskogee Campus Outdoor/Parking Lot LED Lighting

- Project Description: Muskogee Campus outdoor and parking lot LED lighting repair and upgrade
- Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000.00
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- Revenue Source(s): Infrastructure Fee

RUSO October 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Approved Policy Revision Recommendations

Current 4.4.3 Students' Obligations and Regulations (Alcohol Policy)

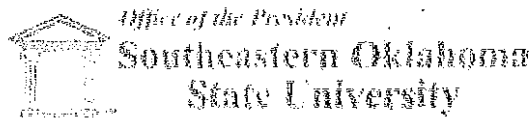
October Meeting Proposed Policy Changes:

- b) **Alcohol.** The use, possession, manufacturing, distribution, and/or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or beer, as defined by Oklahoma law, on the campus or at any on-campus activity sponsored by or for a student organization or any other university sponsored activity for students is not permitted. Campus includes but is not limited to university housing including sorority and fraternity housing. Each university is authorized to develop and implement a policy regulating consumption of alcohol at officially sponsored off- campus activities. **Each university may request that the Board grant an exception relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages at university sponsored athletic events. Exceptions will be granted at the discretion of the Board.**

UCO REQUEST:

UCO Athletic Beer and Wine Sales

Following a successful one-year pilot, UCO requests an exception to RUSO Policy 4.4.3(b) to permit the sale of beer and wine at UCO athletic events held on the UCO campus through their athletic concessionaire under clearly established protocols. Concessionaire will be required to provide proof of all necessary licensure required by Oklahoma State Statute and Oklahoma ABLE Commission rules.



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

Dear Regent Winchester:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Academic Affairs

Dr. Jeremy Blackwood, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Music, has been appointed to the position of Dean of Graduate School effective September 1, 2020 at an annual salary of \$98,908. Dr. Blackwood previously served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Music since 2010 and more recently as Department Chair.

B. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

John Massey School of Business

Dr. Hanzhi Xu has been appointed to the position of full-time Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting and Finance, effective September 1, 2020 at a 10-month salary of \$85,000.

II. HOLIDAY STIPEND

Southeastern is requesting approval to provide a one-time \$500 stipend in November for full-time, benefits eligible employees employed as of November 1, 2020.

Southeastern is also requesting approval to provide a one-time \$50 stipend in November for part-time staff and adjunct faculty employed as of November 1, 2020.

No budget revision is needed. The stipends will be funded with budget savings and increases in tuition and fee revenue.

Amount: Estimated at \$240,000
 Source of Funding: E&G Part 1 and Auxiliary; depending on the budget from which employee is paid.

III. NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS

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

OKLAHOMA GEAR UP.....\$60,000.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education via Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the amount of \$60,000. The effective date of the grant is July 1, 2020. This grant's project director is Ms. Liz McCraw, Vice President of Student Affairs. The purpose of this grant is to place an OK GEAR UP College Coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University to assist and support students with college preparation and career goals and options. The position will work with students from GEAR UP schools in the area (specifically Durant High School and Durant Middle School) to identify student support services that will aid in their transitions to college and will continue to serve as a resource to GEAR UP students during their matriculation at the University and will work to implement degree completion activities.

Louis Stokes – OK Alliance for Minority Participation.....\$68,780.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the National Science Foundation via Oklahoma State University in the amount of \$68,780. The effective date of the grant is August 1, 2020. This grant's project director is Dr. Ning Wu, Professor Biological Sciences. The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of under-represented minorities entering the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields by providing research opportunities and mentors, scholarships, and summer internships.

Educational Opportunity Centers Program.....\$578,697.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$578,697. The effective date of the grant is September 1, 2020. This grant's Project Director is Ms. Teriki Barnes. The purpose of this grant is to provide help and information to adults who seek to enter or continue a program of post-secondary education. Services include counseling on educational opportunities, post-secondary school admissions, entrance exam test prep and tutoring, career counseling, personality assessments, student financial aid assistance, financial literacy counseling, and coordination with other agencies and post-secondary institutions. Educational Opportunity Center may also serve high school seniors who are not served by a TRIO Talent Search program, and provide the services listed above, in addition to serving secondary school dropouts seeking a high school equivalency certificate. The Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Educational Opportunity Center is funded to serve 1,620 participants in 10 counties in southern Oklahoma (Love, Carter, Marshall, Bryan, Atoka,

Coal, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Choctaw, and McCurtain) and in Grayson County, Texas with seven (7) full-time staff members and part-time technical assistants (student workers) and tutors. The grant is in the fifth year of a five-year grant. Southeastern Oklahoma State University Educational Opportunity Center was first funded in 1991.

Texoma Upward Bound.....\$297,601.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$297,601. The effective date of the grant is September 1, 2020. This grant's Project Director is Ms. Susy Haworth. This grant will fund Texoma Upward Bound to serve 60 high school students in Carter and Love counties in Oklahoma and Grayson county in Texas. The purpose of this grant is to identify and select low-income, first-generation students with an identified academic need, improve their academic skills, retain participants through graduation from secondary programs, assist with postsecondary admission and enrollment, and track and/or assist students through graduation from postsecondary education. Approximately 60 students will attend a summer program of six weeks on the Southeastern campus. During the academic year, Texoma Upward Bound will offer student academic enrichment, ACT preparation, cultural/educational field trips and college visits, assistance with college admissions, and scholarship assistance. In addition to the full-time staff (Director, Assistant Director, Academic Coordinator, two Academic Advisors, Office Assistant, and Student Worker), the summer staff will include three Instructors, one Residence Hall Supervisor, and two Tutor/Mentors.

Upward Bound Math-Science.....\$350,157.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$350,157. The effective date of the grant is November 1, 2020. This grant's Project Director is Ms. Susy Haworth. The purpose of this grant is to provide comprehensive services, designed to increase high school graduation rates, increase competency in challenging subject matters, encourage eligible students to pursue math and science studies and careers, and help gain parental participation in the growth of their children to 68 eligible participants each year who meet Federal guidelines. These participants will be selected from eight surrounding counties in southeastern Oklahoma and Grayson County, Texas. Approximately 68 students will attend a residential summer program of six weeks on the Southeastern campus that include hands-on scientific experience and field experiences in math, science, and computer science. During the academic year, we will offer student academic enrichment, ACT preparation, educational field trips, college visits, assistance with college admissions, and scholarship assistance. In addition to the full-time staff (Director, Assistant Director, Academic Coordinator, two Academic Advisors, Office Assistant, and Student Worker), the summer staff will include five instructors, one residence hall supervisor, and four tutor/mentors.

Native American Excellence in Education-Teacher Preparation Project.....\$295,406.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U. S. Department of Education in the amount of \$295,406. The effective date of the grant is October 1, 2020. This

grant's project director is Ms. Jennifer Kemp, Native American Institute. The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of Native American educators in public school systems. The grant provides support and training for 12 participants to complete a bachelor's degree in education and enables these individuals to meet requirements for full state licensure and certification.

IV. PURCHASES FOR APPROVAL

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

Shearer Hall and Suites Fire Alarm System

Replace existing outdated fire alarm system with a new system to include new software, hardware, electronics and equipment.

Project Description:	Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
Project Number(s):	660-0801
Amount:	Not to exceed \$200,000
Source of Funding:	Auxiliary/700 funds to be reimbursed by SE Foundation Housing LLC, Sole Source
Vendor:	Siemens Technology

V. PRESIDENTS RECOMMENDATION

Southeastern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell the following 2.5 GHz spectrum rights that it owns for Educational Broadband Service (EBS) licenses:

- 1) WNC598
- 2) WNC972

SOSU no longer has any need for these licenses and, due to recent FCC rule changes, may lose control of them if they are not utilized, leased, or sold.

Rationale:

The 2.5 GHz band is divided into two radio services. One of these is the Educational Broadband Services (EBS). The EBS band is the successor to Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS), a 1960s era radio service designed for educational broadcast television.

The FCC has adopted rules to commercialize the EBS band by removing the educational eligibility requirement. Along with that change, owners of an EBS license that is not in use and meeting certain FCC prescribed benchmarks may face having their licenses terminated. Thus, SOSU is requesting permission to sell these licenses.

VI. POSTHUMOUS DEGREE

We request approval to award a posthumous degree, Bachelor of Science in Liberal and Applied Studies, to Chelsea R. Bishop. Ms. Bishop had previously applied to graduate. She needed 4 credit hours to complete her Bachelor of Science in Liberal and Applied Studies degree. Chelsea tragically passed away on September 27, 2020, at 26 years old. It is the recommendation of her faculty and the Executive Team of the University that this request be approved.

This request is in compliance with our policy and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy on the awarding of posthumous degrees.

VII. INFORMATIONAL

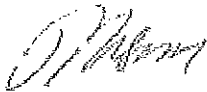
In accordance with Board policy 2.3.3, Purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is reporting the following purchase:

TouchNet Payment System & Gateway

As part of the upgrade to Ellucian Colleague, a new payment system was necessary to ensure tight integration. TouchNet provides for new ways for students to pay online, make payment plans, allow university to accept international payments, and create storefronts or marketplaces to accept payments for camps, theatre performances, etc.

Amount: \$93,682.16
Source of Funding: E&G Part I, Sole Source
Vendor: TouchNet Information Systems

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom
President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 8, 2020

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. PURCHASES

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

Tuck pointing to the exterior of the Struckle Education Center: Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, at a cost of \$97,608. (Section 13, New College/Offset Funds, 600 & 650 Funds)

SimMan and accessories for nursing lab: Laerdal Medical Corp., Wappingers Falls, New York, at a cost of \$69,915.44. (Donated Funds and Fund 290, E&G)

II. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Upward Bound Math and Science.....\$33,663

Additional funding from the U.S. Department of Education during the fourth year budget period from September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2021.

The purpose of the grant is to increase the academic and motivational levels of eligible enrollees with aptitudes in math and/or science so that they may complete secondary school and successfully pursue post-secondary education programs. Five high schools in three northwest Oklahoma counties will be serviced. This is the fourth year award of the 5-year grant. Calleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management, is the grant coordinator.

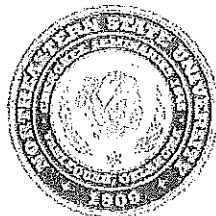
TOTAL GRANTS.....\$33,663

Sincerely,



Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.
President

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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

October 9, 2020

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northeastern State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (NON-TENURE TRACK)

Ms. Michelle Green has been appointed Instructor of Library Services in the John Vaughn Library effective October 1, 2020. This is a 12-month, full-time regular, non-tenure track position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$51,000. Ms. Green is filling the position vacated by the retirement of Ms. Sandra Martin.

Ms. Green holds the following degrees: B.S., Mass Media Communications, Oral Roberts University; M.A., Theological and Historical Studies, Oral Roberts University; and M.L.I.S., Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma. Her professional experience includes: Learning & Engagement Librarian, University of Wyoming Libraries – two years; and Instructional Services Librarian, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center – two years.

B. FACULTY COMPLETING A DOCTORATE

Dr. Tushar Shah, Assistant Professor of Management in the College of Business and Technology, has earned his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. The degree was conferred on August 8, 2020.

C. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Tamara Hryshchuk, Instructor of Nursing, has submitted her resignation effective October 9, 2020. She has been employed with NSU since August 2019.

Northeastern State University

Dr. Jaymie Vanmeter, Assistant Professor of Psychology & Counseling has submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2020. She has been employed with NSU since August 2018.

II. BUDGET

NSU requests approval to provide a \$500 stipend to all Full-Time Eligible Employees. Funding will be provided from travel savings from Spring and Fall 2020.

III. GRANTS AND CONTACTS

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

Synthesis and Characterization of Fluorophore-encapsulated

Liposomes.....\$12,384.00

This is a collaborative project with Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine to aid in learning a new technique that can be used in research as well as providing knowledge to incorporate the technique in teaching curriculum. In addition, this will provide one undergraduate student hands-on research experience. The project director is Dr. Janaki Iyer.

INBRE Equipment 2020-2021.....\$25,000.00

Funding to assist with the purchase of Synergy H1MF instrument which will aid in enhancing the research performed by faculty members at Northeastern State University. This will also enhance the mission of the institution by providing students and faculty with access to an innovative, sensitive, and versatile instrument. The project director is Dr. Janaki Iyer

INBRE Support for Student Research 2020.....\$25,696.00

Funds provided to offset the loss of summer mentor funding and to provide funds for other student research projects. The project director is Dr. Jessica Martin.

Student Support Services Yr 1 of 5 2020-21.....\$343,649.00

A grant from U. S. Department of Education to service no fewer than individuals who meet the federal eligibility criteria and demonstrate academic need in order to successfully complete a program of study at NSU. To provide a comprehensive system of support services such as counseling, tutoring and academic enrichment activities so that participants will be retained and will graduate at a rate equal to or better than their cohorts at NSU. The project will focus to serve students who meet the qualifying criteria, regardless of race, color, national origin, disability or gender. The project director is Ms. Lena Deere.

Northeastern State University**Educational Talent Search – TQ Yr 5 of 5 2020-21.....\$307,995.00**

A grant from U. S. Department of Education. Funding will assist this program is identifying disadvantaged youths with potential for post-secondary education, encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake post-secondary educational training. They will publicize existing forms of student aid and provide tutorial services. This program is part of TRIO and is on the Tahlequah campus. The project director is Ms. Diane Walker.

Educational Talent Search – BA Yr 5 of 5 2020-21.....\$307,995.00

A grant from U. S. Department of Education. Funding will assist this program is identifying disadvantaged youths with potential for post-secondary education, encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake post-secondary educational training. They will publicize existing forms of student aid and provide tutorial services. This program is part of TRIO and is on the Broken Arrow campus. The project director is Ms. Diane Walker.

AISES Fall Online Conference 2020.....\$1,192.00

A grant from National Science Foundation through OSU. Funding will assist eight student members of AISES to attend the Fall 2020 AISES National Conference Hybrid virtual event. The project director is Ms. Alisa Douglas.

Improving Chemotherapy by Potentiation of Necroptosis in AML Year 1 of 3

.....\$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.

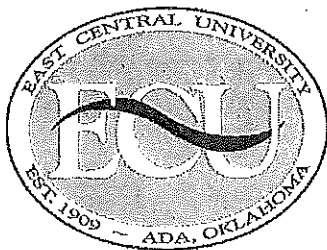
The principal investigator is Dr. Michael Morgan.

Total of Grants and Contracts.....\$1,068,911.00

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Turner, Ph.D.
President



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8 October 2020

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Dear Chair Winchester and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS

MS. JAN LONG, Instructor, Department of Human Development, Hospitality and Food Science, has submitted her resignation effective October 1, 2020. Ms. Long began employment at ECU in 2011.

DR. JACQUELYN DALTON, Assistant Professor, Department of Professional Programs in Human Services, has submitted her resignation effective May 11, 2021. Dr. Dalton began employment 2019.

II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

CASHCOURSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.....\$500
East Central University received a \$500 grant from National Endowment for Financial Education. The project period: 1 August 2020 to 30 September 2020. This grant will provide gift card incentives for high need students. The Project Director is Ms. Rhonda Hibbard.

CHS MULTIDISCIPLINARY TECHNOLOGY PROJECT.....\$147,457
East Central University received a \$147,457 grant from Valley View Foundation. East Central University has a sharing cost of \$29,160. Other In-kind has cost sharing of

\$25,000. The project period: 1 August 2020 to 30 June 2021. This grant will provide technology, e.g., an anatomage table, nursing Anne and hospital beds for ECU CHS. The Project Director is Ms. Darcy Duncan.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.....\$125,000

East Central University received a \$125,000 grant from the US Department of Health & Human Services. The project period: 30 September 2020 to 29 September 2021. The purpose of this program is to collaborate with community agencies to address youth substance abuse. The Project Director is Ms. Holli Witherington.

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

East Central University received a \$500 grant from Environmental Resource Technologies. The project period: 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. The purpose is to provide support with supplies and student wages for lab work. The Project Director is Dr. Charlie Biles.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM.....\$293,316

East Central University received a \$293,316 grant from the Department of Education. The project period: 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. This program will prepare undergraduate STEM students for graduate school entry. The Project Director is Mr. Yul Dotson.

NASNTI HERITAGE PROGRAM.....\$350,000

East Central University received a \$350,000.00 grant from U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. The grant will improve academic outcomes and learning environments for high-need and/or Native American students here at ECU. The Project Director is Ms. Rhonda Hibbard.

OK NASA 1 – NIF.....\$15,000

East Central University received a \$15,000.00 grant from NASA. The project period: 1 July 2020 to 30 May 2021. The grant will provide support for student experiences related to NASA and the nation's future science, engineering and technology workforce requirements; and student internships, tutoring/project with Sasakwa School. The Project Director is Dr. Alisha Howard.

OK NASA 2 – MD.....\$15,000

East Central University received a \$15,000.00 grant from NASA. The funds will flow through the University of Oklahoma. East Central University has cost sharing of \$21,670.00. The project period: 1 July 2020 to 30 May 2021. The grant will provide support for student experiences related to NASA and the nation's future science, engineering and technology workforce requirements; and student internships, tutoring/project with Sasakwa School. The Project Director is Dr. Alisha Howard.

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES -2021.....\$3,000

East Central University received a \$3,000 grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council. The project period: 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. This grant will help to cover artist fees. The Project Director is Dr. Brad Jessop.

RECRUITING TIGERS TO TEACH (OTC 2020).....\$6,000

East Central University received a \$6,000 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The project period: 1 September 2020 to 31 May 2021. This grant will help recruit and retain teachers in Oklahoma. The Project Director is Dr. Jessica Koch.

STEM PATHWAYS AND RESEARCH ALLIANCES (OKLSAMP).....\$36,975

East Central University received a \$36,975 grant from the National Science Foundation via OSU. The project period: 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. This grant will provide stipends and supplies for undergraduate research students and prepares them for grad school in a STEM field. The Project Director is Dr. Karen Williams.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES.....\$261,888

East Central University received a \$261,888 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. This grant will provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and motivate students toward the successful competition of their postsecondary education. The Project Director is Mr. Dannie Patton.

TIGER MOMS (SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SINGLE MOTHERS)\$5,000

East Central University received a \$5000 grant from the Oklahoma Women's Foundation. The project period: 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. This will provide support services to up to 25 single mothers, including a variety of workshops, school supplies monetary assistance, study groups, and important/helpful information shared through student email. The Project Director is Ms. Kelcie Branscum.

UPWARD BOUND 2.....\$297,300

East Central University received a \$297,300 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. This grant will provide learning experiences and prepare low-income high school students for college. The Project Director is Mr. Vencent Johnson.

UPWARD BOUND MATH AND SCIENCE.....\$353,550

East Central University received a \$353,550 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. This grant will prepare low-income and first-generation high school students from targeted areas to enter college and pursue a degree in math and science. The Project Director is Ms. Melissa Jones.

VETERANS STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES..... \$261,888

East Central University received a \$261,888 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. This grant will assist 120 veterans enrolled at ECU, enhance experience of veterans, increase graduation and postsecondary enrollment rates. The Project Director is Ms. Jill Williamson.

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND.....\$327,540

East Central University received a \$327,540 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. This grant will provide academic supportive services designed to prepare 129 eligible military veterans for entrance or reentrance into a post-secondary program of study. The Project Director is Ms. Mary Meeks.

Total Grants and Contracts--\$2,499,914

IV. PURCHASES

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

Innovative Interfaces, Inc. at a cost of \$58,269.50 for Sierra Cataloging Annual Subscription Renewal: Sierra Academic Core Bundle, Content Café Book Covers and 24 User License. (E&G Fund)

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

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President



UNIVERSITY OF
Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma

October 23, 2020

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

Dear Board Members:

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

I. Personnel

A. Faculty Appointments

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Jacque Micieli-Voutsinas has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of History and Geography**. This is a full-time, tenure track appointment, effective January 11, 2020.

Dr. Micieli-Voutsinas' degrees are: Ph.D. (2014), Cultural Geography, M.A. (2008), Museum Studies, and C.A.S. (2007), Women's & Gender Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY; M.A. (2006), American Studies, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; and B.A. (2004), Music, State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY.

Her professional experiences include: Visiting Assistant Professor (3), Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY; Visiting Assistant Professor (2), Clark University, Worcester, MA; and Postdoctoral Research Fellow (1), Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.

Dr. Micieli-Voutsinas will be paid an annual salary of \$53,990.78.

College of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Wei Chen has been appointed as a **Visiting Scholar** in the **Department of Engineering and Physics**. This is a part-time, temporary, non-tenure track appointment, effective July 1, 2020.

Dr. Chen's degrees are: Ph.D. (1988), and M.S. (1984), Physics, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR; and B.S. (1982), Physics, Shandong University, Jinan, China.

His professional experiences include: Dean (4), Interim Dean (1), Assistant Dean (9), and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Education and Research (5), College of Mathematics and Science; and Professor (11), Associate Professor (5), and Assistant Professor (4), Department of Physics and Engineering, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; and Instructor of Physics (10), Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Oklahoma City, OK. Dr. Chen has been active in teaching, service and research in the College of Mathematics and Sciences for 21 years.

Dr. Chen will receive no monetary compensation.

Dr. Kaili Liu has been appointed as a **Visiting Scholar** in the **College of Mathematics and Science**. This is a part-time, temporary, non-tenure track appointment, effective September 1, 2020.

Dr. Liu's degrees are: Ph.D. (2011), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China; and B.S. (2005), Biological Sciences, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China.

His professional experiences include: Research Associate (1), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Postdoctoral Fellow (2), Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma City, OK; and Assistant Investigator (5), Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.

Dr. Liu will receive no monetary compensation.

B. Temporary Faculty Appointments

The following have been hired as temporary faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year:

1) Temporary Lecturer

College of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Sutapa Roy

Biology

2) Visiting Scholar
College of Mathematics & Science

Dr. Sheila Strawn
Dr. Joseph Grzybowski

Biology
Funeral Service

II. Executive Summary of Awards

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

August 2020

NEA – CARES Act, \$50,000
National Endowment for the Arts
7/01/2020 – 6/30/2021
CFDA 45.024

Sandra Kent, Oklahoma A+ Schools
Funds from this grant are awarded to help nonprofit arts organizations endure the economic hardships caused by the forced closure of their operations due to the spread of COVID-19. These funds are intended to help save jobs in the arts sector and keep doors open to the organizations that add value to America's economy and the creative life of our communities.

Broadway Tonight Series, \$4,100
Oklahoma Arts Council
8/1/2020 – 5/30/2021
Greg White, College of Fine Arts and Design
Broadway Tonight is Edmond's longstanding, local presenter of the industry's top artists whose performances enrich both students and the community. Funds from this award will help bring Broadway's Laura Osnes, Grammy Award winners Liz Callaway and Ann Hampton Callaway, dance sensation Burn the Floor and a co-production of Footloose to the 2020-2021 season.

Dance and Down Syndrome Camp, \$2,000
Oklahoma Arts Council
8/1/2020 – 5/30/2021
Michelle Moeller, College of Fine Arts and Design
Funds from this grant will be used towards the Dance and Down Syndrome Camp, a musical theater camp specifically for people with Down Syndrome ages thirteen and up. The camp includes dance, singing, script rehearsals, social time and an abbreviated Musical Theater Production performed on the last day of the week.

Composer's Ensemble, \$1,400
Oklahoma Arts Council
8/1/2020 – 5/30/2021

Sam Magrill, College of Fine Arts and Design

The Composer's Ensemble will provide Oklahoma City metro area schools, arts organizations and public venues with performances that enrich the community by providing new and local compositions to reach audiences of all ages. In addition to showcasing the recent works of Oklahoma composers, the ensemble would perform original educational programs featuring stories of local artists as well as cross-disciplinary programming with other departments within the university.

SSS-GEN-STEM, \$261,888

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.042A

Barry Lofton, Student Affairs

Funds from this grant will serve 120 students enrolled at the university who are low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities who are majoring in a STEM or Health Sciences field. Participants will receive individualized advising, financial aid advising, FAFSA one-on-one assistance, financial/economic literacy workshops, tutoring, near-peer mentoring, study skills workshops, graduate prep curriculum, research opportunities, cultural events, and grant aid.

SSS-LAMETA, \$261,888

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.042A

Barry Lofton, Student Affairs

Funds from this grant will serve 140 students enrolled at the university who are low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities for whom English is a Second Language. This program will utilize a holistic coaching model of individualized learning plans and non-cognitive evidence-based interventions to create pathways for successful progression and completion.

SSS-SALUTE, \$261,888

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.042A

Barry Lofton, Student Affairs

Funds from this grant will serve 120 student veterans enrolled at the university who are low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities. Participants will receive individualized coaching services, financial aid advising, FAFSA one-on-one assistance, financial economic literacy workshops, tutoring, near-peer mentoring, study skills workshops, graduate prep curriculum, research opportunities, cultural events, and grant aid.

SSS-STRIVE, \$233,434

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.042A

Barry Lofton, Student Affairs

Funds from this grant will foster an institutional climate that supports the success of 140 university students who are limited English proficient, students from groups that are historically underrepresented in postsecondary education, students with disabilities, students who are homeless, students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system, and other disconnected students. Participants will receive individualized coaching services.

SSS-TEACH, \$261,888

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.042A

Barry Lofton, Student Affairs

Funds from this grant will serve 140 students enrolled at the university who are low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities majoring in Education. Participants will receive individualized coaching services.

SSS-TEAM, \$261,888

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.042A

Barry Lofton, Student Affairs

Funds from this grant will serve 100 students with disabilities enrolled at the university who are also low-income and/or first-generation employing individualized college coaching in addition to employing evidence-based interventions and tools that address the non-cognitive challenges of students with disabilities.

September 2020

Central Connect Talent Search Program, \$277,374

U.S. Department of Education

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

CFDA 84.044A

Rosario Riley, Student Support Services

Funds from this grant will provide services to 500 disadvantaged high school and middle school students aged 11-19 from six target schools. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to complete their postsecondary education.

OK-LSAMP Alliance Phase VI, \$30,000

National Science Foundation

9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021

Greg Wilson, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Funds from this grant will provide underrepresented minority students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields with opportunities to conduct research, present research findings at regional and national conferences, as well as engage in international research experiences.

Teachers and Leaders Academy, \$3,000

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

9/1/2020 – 6/30/2021

Susan Scott, College of Education and Professional Studies

The purpose of this grant has two initiatives. The first component is the recruitment of prospective teachers by allowing 100 or more high school students to attend one of two Prospective Teacher Academies. The second component is the Leaders Academy which is directed at high school students, many of who are the first member in their family to attend or complete college. The Academy will give students the tools and knowledge needed to plan for college.

Upward Bound Math & Science Program, \$297,601

U.S. Department of Education

10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

CFDA 84.047M

Rosario Riley, Student Support Services

Funds from this grant will provide services to 62 disadvantaged high school students from five target schools in the OKC metro area. The program is designed to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science, to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession.

UCO McNair Scholars Program, \$261,879

U.S. Department of Education

10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021

CFDA 84.217A

Rosario Riley, Student Support Services

Funds from this grant will provide research opportunities, graduate school preparation, and other scholarly activities to 25 UCO undergraduate students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or from underrepresented groups to prepare them for doctoral studies.

UCO TRIO Training Program-Absolute Priority 2, \$287,537
U.S. Department of Education
10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021
CFDA 84.103A

Victoria Arnold, Student Support Services
Funds from this grant will train the staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs, so as to improve the operations of these projects. The University of Central Oklahoma proposes to train 300 TRIO professionals each grant year.

Preducation, \$657,281
Department of Homeland Security - FEMA
10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022
Sandra Martin, College of Education and Professional Studies
Oklahoma ranks as the worst state in the nation when it comes to the number of adverse childhood experiences. This program will utilize a series of class modules dealing with race, culture, religion, gender, and disabilities in fifty pre-K and elementary schools throughout the state. Each module will assess the effectiveness of early interruption on the evolution of violence.

Laser Immunotherapy, a novel way to stimulate antitumor immunity, \$75,000 (Year 1) \$150,000 (All 2 Years)
Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST)
12/1/2020 – 11/30/2022
Wei Chen, College of Math and Science
This project seeks to determine the mechanism in which the combination of photothermal therapy and glycosylated chitosan generates effective, systemic antitumor immunity. This understanding will bring us one step closer to using laser immunotherapy as an effective therapy to treat metastatic cancer patients, specifically, patients who have “cold” tumors with limited number of tumor-infiltrating immune cells.

The Engineering Workshop Academy, \$15,900
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
6/1/2021 – 8/15/2021
Abdellah Ait Moussa, College of Math and Science
With funding from this grant the University of Central Oklahoma will offer the Engineering Workshop Academy, two separate five-day, non-residential sessions of hands-on activities and science projects that promote intentional play and decision-making. The academy will encourage critical thinking skills while promoting diversity and constructive team climate to stimulate creativity and imagination.

III. Purchases for Approval

- a. RUSO approved the amount of \$195,000 on April 10, 2020 for the renewal of the university's Microsoft Education Enrollment Solution (ESS). The Office of Information Technology requests additional funds in the amount of \$69,000 which compensates a licensing upgrade supporting university initiatives. Total cost is \$264,000 to upgrade the license to include additional applications and fees.
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$69,000

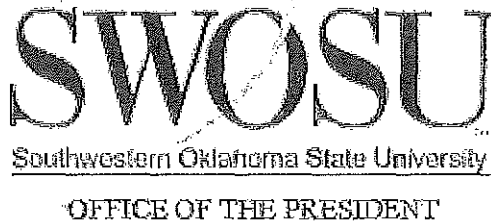
IV. Informational Items from Purchasing

- a. CDW LLC dba CDW Government, LLC
Source: E&G\$66,109
- b. Central Tech Store
Source: CARES Act HEERF Funds\$55,071
- c. Examity, Inc.
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$50,000
- d. Gartner, Inc.
Source: E&G.....\$112,626
- e. Office of Management and Enterprise Services
Source: E&G.....\$54,093
- f. Petra Industries
Source: CARES Act HEERF Funds.....\$109,065
- g. R.K. Black, Inc.
Source: Auxiliary.....\$90,675
- h. Spotify USA, Inc.
Source: E&G\$50,000
- i. Student Success Academy, LLC
Source: Grant Funds.....\$91,728
- j. Swansea University
Source: E&G\$85,911
- k. The Professional Basketball Club, LLC
Source: Unrestricted Cash.....\$60,000
- l. True Digital Security, Inc.
Source: E&G\$60,000

m. Witt/Kieffer, Inc.

Source: Unrestricted Cash.....\$63,000

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President



October 9, 2020

Regional University System of Oklahoma
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Dear Board Members:

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

I. PERSONNEL

A. CHANGE IN STATUS

Todd Helton has been appointed as Athletic Director at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective October 1, 2020. His annual salary for the twelve-month appointment will be \$85,000.00. He has been serving as the Interim Athletic Director since June 1, 2020.

B. RETIREMENTS with Emeritus Status

Marsha Carman will retire from her position as Instructor in the department of Art, Communication and Theatre in the College of Arts and Sciences effective May 10, 2021.

Dr. Victoria Gaydosik will retire from her position as Professor in the department of Language and Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences effective December 31, 2020.

Dr. Robin Jones will retire from her position as Chair and Professor in the department of Art, Communication and Theatre Chair in the College of Arts and Sciences effective May 10, 2021.

Dr. Steven O'Neal, will retire from his position as Professor in the department of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences effective May 10, 2021.

C. FACULTY HIRES

Dr. Elizabeth Burns has been appointed to a voluntary Assistant Professor position in Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective August 27, 2020. She will be involved in precepting College of Pharmacy students in the experiential program. Her appointment will be for twelve-months. This is a continuing appointment that automatically renews each year. Dr. Burns earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Lauri Jones has been appointed to the Coordinator of the LPN to BSN program position in the Department of Nursing in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences in the College of Professional and Graduate Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective June 22, 2020. Her salary for the twelve-month appointment will be paid by Canadian Valley Technology Center as per the MOU with SWOSU.

II. PRESIDENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Southwestern Oklahoma State University requests permission to sell the following 2.5 GHz spectrum rights that it owns for Educational Broadband Service (EBS) licenses:
- 1) WNC562
 - 2) WNC581
 - 3) WNC758

Rationale:

The 2.5 GHz band is divided into two radio services. One of these is the Educational Broadband Services (EBS). The EBS band is the successor to Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS), a 1960s era radio service designed for educational broadcast television. The FCC has adopted rules to commercialize the EBS band by removing the educational eligibility requirement. Along with that change, owners of an EBS license that is not in use and meeting certain FCC prescribed benchmarks may face having their licenses terminated. SWOSU no longer has any need for these licenses and, due to recent FCC rule changes, may lose control of them if they are not utilized, leased, or sold.

III. PURCHASE AGENDA

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

<u>Ferrilli</u>	Consulting Services	\$98,000	E&G Fund
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SWOSU requests permission to enter into a contract with Ferrilli for the period of January to June, 2021. Ferrilli is a higher education technology consulting company which has provided an invaluable service during the transition to a new ERP system. Ferrilli will continue to provide network and security consulting services allowing SWOSU to upgrade technology and wireless capability and to provide cybersecurity compliance services due, in part, to the pandemic.

Informational Items in excess of \$50,000:

Vendor	Description:	Amount:	Fund:
Monarch Marketing	Advertising	\$ <u>70,000</u>	E&G
(Electronic marketing for social media and search engine optimization)			
Chickasaw Telecom	Technology upgrades	\$ 69,040	E&G
(State contract)			
Softchoice Corporation	Microsoft SQL licensing software	\$ 66,157	E&G

VI. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

SWOSU has received confirmation of sixteen (16) grants for a total amount of \$ 1,282,470. Profiles of these awards are presented below.

- A. Upward Bound \$450,667**
The **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** has awarded a grant entitled "*Upward Bound*" in the amount of \$450,667. The grant, in part, supports an outreach program, as well as, a residential summer program, that is designed to encourage first generation, economically disadvantaged high school students to meet the academic and social challenges of higher education. The primary function of this award is K-12 student training. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Jamie Novey**.
- B. Title III Student Success Center – Year 3 \$402,235**
The **U.S. Department of Education** has awarded the grant, entitled, "*Title III Student Success Center (Year 3)*" in the amount of \$402,235. This grant supports the mission of increased student retention and degree completion through means of fostering faculty-staff-student partnerships and providing innovative, data-informed academic career programming. The Principal Investigator for this grant is **Dr. Lori Gwyn**.
- C. Heart Disease, Stroke, and Diabetes Prevention \$175,000**
The **OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** has awarded a grant entitled "*Heart Disease, Stroke, and Diabetes Prevention*" in the amount of \$175,000. The grant, in part, supports an outreach program to educate medical professionals and the public on the prevention of heart disease, strokes, and diabetes. The primary function of this award public service. The principal investigator of the grant is **Dr. Aimee Henderson**.
- D. Space Grant College and Fellowship Program: 2020-2024 \$62,000**
The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled "*Space Grant College and Fellowship Program*," in the amount of \$46,251. The grant, in part, supports funding for students to pursue scholarly research and workforce development activities on various projects. The primary function of this award is student services. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.
- E. Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology \$54,525**
The **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a cooperative agreement entitled "*Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology*" in the amount of \$54,525. The cooperative agreement, in part, supports efforts to recruit minority students to pursue degrees in the science, mathematics, engineering, and technology fields. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the cooperative agreement is **Dr. Timothy Hubin**.

F. Novel Dual CXCR/CXCR7 Receptor Antagonists: Targeting Secondary Disease**Progression and Resistance to Immunotherapy in Breast Cancer \$45,000**

The **OKLAHOMA CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE** has awarded a grant entitled "Novel Dual CXCR/CXCR7 Receptor Antagonists: Targeting Secondary Disease Progression and Resistance to Immunotherapy in Breast Cancer" in the amount of \$45,000. The grant, in part, supports a chemistry research project which includes funding for undergraduate students and supplies. The primary function of this grant is research. The principal investigator of the grant is **Dr. Tim Hubin**.

G. ICWA Partnership Grant-Research, Data and Evaluation \$42,130

The **OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES** has awarded a grant entitled "ICWA Partnership Grant-Research, Data and Evaluation" in the amount of \$42,130. The grant, in part, supports consultation and evaluation for the State and Tribal Indian Welfare Act program. The primary function of this award is community service. The principal investigator of the grant is **Dr. Amy Barnett**.

H. High Valent Pd and Ni Complexes of Topologically Constrained Azamacrocyclic for Catalytic Organometallic C-C Bond Formation \$23,000

The **AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, PETROLEUM RESEARCH FUND** has awarded a grant entitled "High Valent Pd and Ni Complexes of Topologically Constrained Azamacrocyclic for Catalytic Organometallic C-C Bond Formation" in the amount of \$23,000. The grant, in part, supports a chemistry research project which includes funding for undergraduate students and supplies. The primary function of this grant is research. The principal investigator of the grant is **Dr. Tim Hubin**.

I. RIG – SPACERS – Year 3 – State Portion \$6,917

The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION** through Oklahoma State University and has awarded a grant entitled "RIG – SPACERS – Year 3 – State Portion" in the amount of \$6,917. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

J. RIG – SPACERS – Year 3 – Federal Portion \$6,917

The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled "RIG – SPACERS – Year 3 – Federal Portion" in the amount of \$6,917. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

K. NASA OK-EPSCoR – Research Infrastructure Development – Year 2 – Federal Portion \$3,781

The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled “*NASA OK-EPSCoR – Research Infrastructure Development – Year 2 – Federal Portion*” in the amount of \$3,781. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

L. NASA OK-EPSCoR – Research Infrastructure Development – Year 2 – State Portion \$3,781

The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled “*NASA OK-EPSCoR – Research Infrastructure Development – Year 2 – State Portion*” in the amount of \$3,781. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

M. NASA Oklahoma EPSCoR Research Implementation Grant – Ekin (State)” \$1,904

The **OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled “*NASA Oklahoma EPSCoR Research Implementation Grant – Ekin (State)*” in the amount of \$1,904. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

N. Engineering Thin Film Solar Cells for Radiation Hardness, Lifetime, and Efficiency – State Portion \$1,890

The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled “*Engineering Thin Film Solar Cells for Radiation Hardness, Lifetime, and Efficiency – State Portion*” in the amount of \$1,890. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

O. Engineering Thin Film Solar Cells for Radiation Hardness, Lifetime, and Efficiency – Federal Portion \$1,890

The **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION** through Oklahoma State University has awarded a grant entitled “*Engineering Thin Film Solar Cells for Radiation Hardness, Lifetime, and Efficiency – Federal Portion*” in the amount of \$1,890. The grant, in part, supports administrative duties for the coordinator of the NASA program. The primary function of this award is university student training and support. The principal investigator of the grant is **Ms. Madeline Baugher**.

P. Partnership Recognition Program FY20 \$500

The **OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION** has awarded a grant entitled "*Partnership Recognition Program FY20*," in the amount of \$500. The grant, in part, supports the development of a partnership with an external business and SWOSU. The primary function of this award is economic development. The principal investigator of the grant is **Mr. Doug Misak**.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy L. Beutler
President

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

WHEREAS, Marsha Carman will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on May 10, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Marsha Carman has had a prestigious career for 6 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Marsha Carman has served with distinction as Instructor in the Art, Communication and Theatre Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Marsha Carman has provided invaluable service to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as an Instructor in the ACT Department of Arts and Science; and,

WHEREAS, Marsha Carman has demonstrated dedication to her profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching; and,

WHEREAS, Marsha Carman is deserving of special recognition for her loyal and faithful service to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon Marsha Carman the honorary title of "Instructor Emeritus" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her many contributions to the success of Southwestern Oklahoma State 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 in the education profession of Oklahoma; and,

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

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Third day of October 2020.

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

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary

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

WHEREAS, Frances Victoria Gaydosik will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on December 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Victoria Gaydosik has had a prestigious career for 30.5 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Victoria Gaydosik has served with distinction as Professor in the Language and Literature Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Victoria Gaydosik has provided invaluable service to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as a Professor in the Language and Literature Department; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Victoria Gaydosik has demonstrated dedication to her profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching, service and research; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Victoria Gaydosik is deserving of special recognition for her loyal and faithful service to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon Frances Victoria Gaydosik the honorary title of "Professor Emeritus" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her many contributions to the success of Southwestern Oklahoma State 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 in the education profession of Oklahoma; and,

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

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Third day of October 2020.

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

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary

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

WHEREAS, Robin A. Jones will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on May 10, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Robin A. Jones has had a prestigious career for 24 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Robin A. Jones has served with distinction as Chair and Professor of the Art, Communication and Theatre Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Robin A. Jones has provided invaluable service in the Art, Communication & Theatre department, College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Robin A. Jones has demonstrated dedication to her profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching, leadership as chair, service; and,

WHEREAS, Robin A. Jones is deserving of special recognition for her loyal and faithful service to the University.

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

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

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Third day of October 2020.

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

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary

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

WHEREAS, Steven W. O'Neal will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on May 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Steven W. O'Neal has had a prestigious career for 31 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Steven W. O'Neal has served with distinction as Professor of the Department of Biological Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Steven W. O'Neal has provided invaluable service in the Department of Biological Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Steven W. O'Neal has demonstrated dedication to his profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching and scholarship; and,

WHEREAS, Steven W. O'Neal is deserving of special recognition for his loyal and faithful service to the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon Steven W. O'Neal the honorary title of "Professor Emeritus" and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his many contributions to the success of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and wishes for his continued health and happiness and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably in the education profession of Oklahoma; and,

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

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Third day of October 2020.

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

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary