

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
OF
OKLAHOMA**



MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 29, 2021

9:00 am

**University of Central Oklahoma
Nigh University Center, Ballroom A
Edmond, Oklahoma**

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FINAL AGENDA

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4. Discussion and possible action for resolution opposing weapons on campus.
5. Discussion of advocacy strategies.
6. Discussion of recruitment strategies.

VII. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson

VIII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

1. **Personnel**
2. **Grants & Contracts**

Total grants and contracts: \$ 538,048.00

3. Purchases for approval:

- a. Chickasaw Telecom, Infoblox Hardware, Software Licenses and Maintenance
Source: E&G\$215,000

4. Informational Items from Purchasing:

- a. Central Tech Store, New Computers for College of Mathematics & Science (STEM)
Source: E&G\$64,574
- b. Hyland Software Inc., OnBase Maintenance Fees
Source: E&G\$51,107
- c. Edmond Music Inc., New Instruments
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$79,487
- d. Witt Kieffer Inc., Provost Search
Source: Unrestricted Cash\$63,000

5. COVID-19 Report

6. Anne Holzberlein – Comments on UCO Foundation

B. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 477,641.00

3. Ratification

Southeastern is requesting ratification of the emergency approval received on December 4, 2020 to purchase a house and lot located at 1331 N. 6th Durant, Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion. The purchase price was \$129,000. Source of funds: E&G Reserve

4. Informational

Purchases:

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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. Network Core Switch

Replacement of depreciated and under performing (Demand from online, due to COVID) core network infrastructure to the Durant campus. This included new switches and cabling made for the newer equipment.

Amount: \$99,930.46
Source of Funding: E&G Part I
Vendor: CXTec, Contract 200105.

b. Desktop Computers

Purchased 121 Computers and 242 Monitors for campus computer labs and aging faculty/staff office computers.

Amount: \$97,862.38
Source of Funding: E&G Part I
Vendor: Dell, Contract SW1020D

c. **ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021-22**

Summer Session (2021):

Semester (8 -week session) (begins and ends) 6/7/2021 through 8/1/2021

1st 4-week session (begins and ends) 6/7/2021 through 7/2/2021

2nd 4-week session (begins and ends) 7/5/2021 through 7/30/2021

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

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

7- week session (begins and ends) 5/10/2021 through 6/27/2021

7-week session (begins and ends) 6/28/2021 through 8/15/2021

Fall Semester (Fall 2021):

16 week semester (begins and ends) 8/16/2021 through 12/12/2021

1st 8-week session (begins and ends) 8/16/2021 through 10/10/2021

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2nd 8-week session (begins and ends) 10/11/2021 through 12/12/2021
1st 4-week session (begins and ends) 8/16/2021 through 9/10/2021

2nd 4 week session (begins and ends)
3rd 4-week session (begins and ends)
4th 4 week session (begins and ends)

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution:
7-week session (begins and ends) 8/23/2021 through 10/10/2021

7-week session (begins and ends) 10/18/2021 through 12/12/2021

Please list dates of all holidays and breaks (no classes)
Labor Day 9/6/2021
Thanksgiving 11/22/2021 through 11/28/2021

Commencement date (graduation ceremony-if applicable) 12/11/2021

Spring Semester (Spring 2022):

16 week semester (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 5/8/2022

1st 8-week session (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 3/6/2022

2nd 8-week session (begins and ends) 3/7/2022 through 5/2/2022

1st 4-week session (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 2/4/2022

2nd 4 week session (begins and ends)
3rd 4-week session (begins and ends)
4th 4 week session (begins and ends)

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution:
7-week session (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 2/27/2022

7-week session (begins and ends) 3/7/2022 through 5/1/2022

Please list dates of all holidays and breaks (no classes)
MLK Day 1/17/2022
Spring Break 3/14/2022 through 3/20/2022
Easter Holiday 4/15/2022

Commencement date (graduation ceremony) 5/7/2022

Intercessions (classes that meet between regularly scheduled semesters or that meet between summer session and fall semester, between fall

semester and spring semester, or between spring semester and summer session):

	Fall 2021 (between summer 2021 and fall 2021)	Spring/Winter 2021-2022 (between fall 2021 and spring 2022)	Summer 2022 (between spring 2022 and summer 2022)
Intersession begins	NA	NA	NA
Intersession ends	NA	NA	NA

3. COVID-19 Report

C. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Request for Contracts

None at this time

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 704,720.04

4. Purchases:

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

None to report at this time.

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

NOTE: Emergency approval was given to ECU on 3 December 2020 by Regents Winchester and Reilly. We ask that the Board ratify the approval of the following purchase:

- a. Purchase information technology items associated with the Enterprise Wireless Project for the ECU campus in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. This includes the purchase and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management, and technical training that is necessary for the implementation of the project. Funding for this project will come from Federal CARES

Funding, Coronavirus Relief Funding from the Chickasaw Nation, and institutional funding. (Fund 430, Fund 490, Fund 730)

5. COVID-19 Report

D. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 452,012.74

3. Informational Item

- a. Donovan Reichenberger has contributed \$169,733 to establish The Donovan Reichenberger Chair in History. Mr. Reichenberger passed away late last year on December 14, 2020.

M. L. Sharp has donated \$50,000 to The Northwestern Leadership Trust.

Lee Mackey has donated \$35,000 to the Mackey Scholarship.

4. COVID-19 Report

E. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 747,647.00

3. COVID-19 Report

F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Purchase Agenda

Request for Approval:

- a. Parallel Quantum Solutions Computer System \$38,000
Source: E&G Fund

SWOSU requests permission to purchase a computer system, including software, which has been developed by computational chemists; includes a lifetime perpetual license. This would be considered a sole source purchase for the Chemistry department.

Informational Items in excess of \$50,000:

- a. Chickasaw Telecom Technology upgrades (PO633)
\$ 73,423.91 Source: CARES ACT
- b. Chickasaw Telecom Technology upgrades (PO632)
\$ 94,924.51 Source: CARES ACT
- c. Chickasaw Telecom Technology upgrades (PO605)
\$ 55,274.36 Source: E&G
(State contract pricing – to upgrade POE (Power over Ethernet) switches in order to enhance network capabilities)
- d. Ruffalo Noel Levitz Consulting
\$ 50,000.00 Source: E&G
(Consulting to upgrade scholarship program- 2nd year payment)
- e. L&M Office Furniture Furniture for Library renovation
\$ 98,642.03 Source: E&G
(OU Furniture contract pricing)
- f. Office of Management & Enterprise Property Coverage Insurance
\$ 252,398.11 Source: E&G & Auxiliary

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 199,928.28

4. COVID-19 Report

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

X. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Discussion and possible action to select candidates to be interviewed for president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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

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

XIII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., on January 29, 2021, at the University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center, Ballroom A, Edmond, Oklahoma. Notice of the regular meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, December 7, 2020 and a copy of the Agenda posted by 9:00 a.m., January 28, 2021 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

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

Susan Winchester, Chair, Position 1
Lake Carpenter, Regent, Position 3
Gary Parker, Regent, Position 4
Connie Reilly, Vice Chair, Position 5
Jane McDermott, Secretary, Position 6
Amy Anne Ford, Regent, Position 7

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A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

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

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

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
Katricea Pierson, President, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma
Steve Turner, President, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Regional University System of Oklahoma Administrative Staff

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

Others in Attendance

Brenda Burgess, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
Kevin Freeman, Vice President of Finance and Operations, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
Anne Holzberlein, Vice President of Advancement, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
Jessica Kilby, Vice President of Administration and Finance, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma

Christy Landsaw, Vice President for Administration and Finance,
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Luke Martin, Capital Plus Consultants, Choctaw, Oklahoma
Bill Meehan, Consultant, Higher Education Leadership Search
Mark Thomas Moorman, Higher Education Leadership Search
Charlotte Simmons, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs,
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James South, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost,
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Dennis Westman, Vice President for Business Affairs, Southeastern
Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

III. RECONSIDER AND RATIFY ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 13, 2020 MEETING

Chair Winchester reported there was a posting error on the Oklahoma Secretary of State's website for the November 13, 2020 meeting. In order to correct the error, the reconsideration and ratification of all action taken at the November 13, 2020 meeting must be voted on at a correctly posted meeting.

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to reconsider and ratify all action taken at the November 13, 2020 Meeting.

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

Voting against the motion: none

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT—Regent Susan Winchester

Chair Winchester reported that every year, the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum honors those who were lost, those who survived, and those who have been changed forever. Chair Winchester reported that COVID-19 is no different. Everyone has been changed forever. Chair Winchester shared condolences on behalf of the Board to those members of the RUSO family who have been lost to COVID-19.

Chair Winchester thanked the Presidents, faculty, and staff for their hard work in keeping our universities open during such a difficult time.

Chair Winchester reported that the 58th Session of the Oklahoma Legislature begins February 1, 2021 with Governor Kevin Stitt's State of the State address. Many budget hearings have already taken place.

Chair Winchester reported that Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Virtual Legislative Forum was very informative, and she was able to speak with Representative McCall, Representative Echols, and Senator Greg Treat about supporting Open Meeting Act Revisions. A legislative bill extending virtual meeting provisions will be fast tracked followed by a second bill with more detail.

Chair Winchester reported that she will be sending messages to legislators emphasizing that RUSO Regents, Presidents, and staff are available as resources for lawmakers. Chair Winchester emphasized the importance of in-district meetings since capacity at the State Capitol is limited.

V. CONSENT DOCKET

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

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Regent Reilly reported that the Facilities Stewardship Committee met January 28, 2021 via Zoom, and thanked Regent Carpenter, Business Officers, and Presidents for attending. Two universities had requests and all of her questions were answered.

Regent Reilly also reported that there was a great discussion regarding various issues related to facilities. Everyone was able to brainstorm about issues that are impacting the universities and the committee may be bringing some of those issues forward in future meetings.

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B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Jane McDermott

1. Status report on the SWOSU Presidential Search.

The SWOSU Presidential Search Regents met with the 21 member screening committee on January 13, 2021. They reviewed all 83 applications.

Regent McDermott wanted to acknowledge and thank the screening committee and the Personnel Committee for their diligence and thorough review of all of the applications and thanked the Higher Education Leadership consultants for their guidance.

Regent McDermott reported that the Regents will be discussing the candidates and the recommendations of the screening committee in executive session

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

1. Southwestern Oklahoma State University requests permission to amend the FY 2021 budget as follows (See Attachment C, Pages 47-48):

Education and General Part 1 Fund 290

Instructional Budget for use of Academic Enhancement fees from previous year \$ 200,000

Source of funds: Educational and General 1 reserve funds

Regent Parker reported the Audit and Finance Committee did not meet as they only have one request to amend the FY 2021 Budget for Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The budget revision is for use of Academic Enhancement Fees from previous years in the amount of \$200, 000 from the Education and General I Reserve Funds (Fund 290).

Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to approve the FY 2021 Budget Revision in the amount of \$200,000 from E & G I reserve funds for Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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

Voting against the motion: none

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

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, January 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1. Review of State Regents legislative agenda for FY 2022 – President Katricia Pierson, East Central University.

President Pierson provided a brief review of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) Legislative Agenda for FY 2022, which includes priorities such as workforce development initiatives, operational cost increases, financial aid and scholarship programs; expansion of OTAG, and the endowed chairs state matching program. The request by OSRHE represents an 11.5% increase from FY 2021 for a total of \$88,820,000.

2. Legislative update –Luke Martin.

Luke Martin provided an update regarding the legislation impacting higher education for 58th Session of the Oklahoma Legislature.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Higher Education Day February 16, 2021.

Regent Ford reported there is no program for Higher Education Day this year due to COVID. The State Capitol will not be able to accommodate high traffic during the pandemic and social media and other virtual communication will be used throughout the legislative session.

4. Discussion and possible action for resolution opposing weapons on campus. (See Attachment D, Pages 49-50)

Regent Ford reported that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education requested regents to express publicly their views on weapons on campus.

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter to approve the resolution opposing weapons on campus.

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

Voting against the motion: none

5. Discussion of advocacy strategies.

Regent Ford reported that regents should build stronger relationships with the State Regents, increase awareness of programming and funding issues and advocate for RUSO directly.

6. Discussion of recruitment strategies.

Regent Ford reported that some universities have issues with recruitment strategies and incompatibilities with current software. Regent Ford stressed the importance of effective recruitment strategies.

VII. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson

President Pierson reported that the RUSO Presidents are continuing to frequently meet virtually to discuss issues regarding their campuses. COVID-19 is an issue that is at the forefront of their meetings.

President Pierson reported that the universities are waiting on a second round of funding from the CARES Act but are awaiting further guidelines on how the money can be spent. The Presidents are operating under the assumption the guidelines will be similar to the first round of funding. They are waiting for further guidance from the federal government.

President Pierson reported that for legislative advocacy the RUSO Presidents are working to maintain current levels of funding and advocating for equitable allocation of funds.

Regent McDermott inquired about the possibility of university sports spectators to attend home games. President Pierson reported that it depends on the athletic conferences. For example, UCO, in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference, is allowed to have socially distanced spectators and NWOSU, in the Great American Conference (GAC,) is not. President Pierson spoke on behalf of ECU and said they would begin to allow 4 people per athlete to attend home games starting February 1, 2021. Per NCAA guidelines, this is dependent upon local conditions reported by the university presidents. Other factors taken into consideration regarding sports spectators is the facility size, security for crowd control, and cleaning protocols.

VIII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

(See attachment E, pages 51-54)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO is currently at level four operations with a heavy emphasis on virtual events to de-densify campus to respond to the increase in COVID cases and hospitalizations. They will be returning to campus on February 8, 2021. The seven-day moving average is continuing to decrease. There are currently 37 active cases at UCO.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that Dr. Charlotte Simmons is the new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for UCO. Anational search was conducted and Dr. Simmons was chosen for the position. Dr. Simmons has been with UCO for 21 years.

President Neuhold-Ravikumar introduced Ms. Anne Holzberlein, UCO Vice President for Advancement, who will be retiring June 30, 2021. Ms. Holzberlein thanked the UCO administration as well as the Regents for their continued support for the foundation. The UCO foundation now has \$45 million in assets and had a successful audit. A new data system and communication system has been implemented for all alumni and donors. Ms. Holzberlein reported that a new campaign will be launched with a goal of \$35 million for student scholarships. Ms. Holzberlein thanked everyone for their support and friendship during her tenure.

Regent Winchester thanked Ms. Holzberlein for the service to UCO and wished her well for retirement.

B. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment F, pages 55-58)

Regent Ford 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, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Ford

Voting against the motion: none

President Newsom reported the SE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee had their first meeting on January 26, 2021. The Committee's charge is to make recommendations for a statement of shared values. The committee is comprised of faculty, staff, and students.

President Newsom reported that SE had submitted a request for a quote for a campus-wide master plan that will serve as a blueprint for the future of all SE campuses. This plan will evaluate current and future needs to improve the campuses and meet capacity for future growth which includes long-range planning and addresses the \$6.1 million in deferred maintenance.

President Newsom reported that the Enrollment Task Force on campus is charged with identifying ways to increase undergraduate enrollment and the Task Force will come up with recommendations for implementation and action. The Task Force is planning for implementation in Fall of 2022.

President Newsom reported that Dr. Tim Boatman who is the Vice President for Enrollment Management will be retiring June 30, 2021. President Newsom reported that Dr. Boatman has been a tremendous asset to SE and he will be missed. President Newsom reported that Shelly Key, who is a former SE graduate will be taking over the role of Executive Director of Admissions and Enrollment at SE.

President Newsom provided an update on construction projects on campus which include a stand-alone food service building for Einstein Bagels and Coffee Shop, a retail venue that will begin in the summer, as well as submitting a request for proposal for the new Equestrian Center on campus which they hope to start construction by the end of the spring semester.

President Newsom reported that SE has exceeded previous fundraising efforts despite COVID-19 circumstances.

President Newsom reported that SE has revitalized their outdoor amphitheater and that a production of Oklahoma! will be presented this spring.

President Newsom reported that the same health and safety protocols from the Fall 2020 semester are still in place. There are currently 16 active COVID-19 cases and four of those are isolating on campus. There has been a spike in cases, but that could be due to more testing taking place in the area. Isolated students have access to meal service and other support needed.

C. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

(See attachment G, Pages 59-64)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Pierson reported that ECU has been diligent with campus mitigation of COVID-19. At the start of the semester there were 20 active cases, and now there are 4 active cases.

President Pierson thanked Regent Reilly for coming to campus for the fall 2020 commencement ceremonies which went very well.

President Pierson reported that ECU nursing faculty and students have been providing assistance with COVID-19 vaccinations and have vaccinated up to 5,000 individuals so far. ECU is proud of their frontline efforts.

President Pierson reported that there are two major construction projects on campus which include the renovation of the campus University Center and repairing the hillside at Stadium Drive that floods badly when it rains.

President Pierson reported that several ECU alumni will be participating in a panel about their experiences in February. Limited seating is

available. The overall message will be, "It takes all of us" and "Speak your truth."

Regent Winchester congratulated President Pierson on being chosen as Ada's Executive of the Year and that it is well-deserved.

D. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment H, Pages 65-70)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Cunningham reported that NWOSU was able to finish the fall semester and had two limited in-person commencement ceremonies, one for spring 2020 graduates and one for fall 2020 graduates. The ceremonies were successful.

President Cunningham reported that COVID-19 occupies a vast amount of time. NWOSU lost an employee to COVID-19 over Christmas. This person passed away on January 5, 2021. This person was a great employee and kind person. They will be greatly missed.

President Pierson provided an update on construction projects on campus. The four restrooms in Ryerson Hall needed to be renovated. NWOSU was able to complete two of the bathrooms in the fall and are now working on the remaining two this semester. Preliminary work is being done on the campus mall sidewalks which is being taken on staff. The ice storm in October 2020 had delayed the project.

President Cunningham reported that Donovan Reichenberger, a longtime Northwestern professor who donated more than \$2 million to the university, died from complications of the coronavirus Dec. 14, 2020. He was 93. He had endowed several chairs on campuses as well as scholarships in his and his wife's name for NWOSU. He was also a big fine arts supporter at the university. He left a good legacy and will be greatly missed.

E. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment I, pages 71-74)

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

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

Voting against the motion: none

President Turner reported that the NSU Broken Arrow Continuing Education Department is partnering with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to offer a certificate for crime scene investigator. President Turner thanked the faculty for their work on making this happen.

President Turner reported that in August 2018, NSU began to offer the first program in the state to create the Riverhawks Scholars Program for people who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder to attend NSU. Some observe in the classroom and others take courses for credit. In the beginning this program was funded completely by private dollars, however starting in Fall 2020 NSU was able to secure funding and recognition from the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitative Services. Each of these students are now eligible for Title IV financial aid from the federal government. NSU currently has 16 of these scholars on campus.

President Turner reported that NSU's recently completed capital campaign was very successful. In the past they were able to fund 612 scholarships. Due the campaign, they have doubled the number of scholarships to 1,214 which will help NSU reach more students.

President Turner reported that COVID-19 has impacted spring 2021 enrollment. Headcount is down 4.5%, student credit hour production is down 5.5%. However, graduate enrollment has increased by 15%. International enrollment is own 16.5%.

President Turner reported that NSU is in the MIAA NCAA conference, and for sports spectators capacity is limited to 25% in order to maintain social distancing protocols. President Turner also stated that any change in local conditions reported by the university president will also be a factor in allowing sports spectators at events. NSU has created a place to register for tickets when there are home games.

President Turner reported that people over the age of 65 have been vaccinated at the NSU Event Center. Over 900 people have been vaccinated.

President Turner reported there are 12 student and 8 employee active cases across all three campuses.

F. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment J, pages 77-82)

Regent McDermott 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, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, and Ford

Voting against the motion: none

President Beutler reported that SWOSU holds a one-day orientation with their area House and Senate members and they review the budget and tour the campus. Their recent meeting went very well and SWSOU will be following up with legislators.

President Beutler reported that men and women's basketball teams will be able to have spectators. This is due to facility size, which he acknowledged not all universities are able to do.

President Beutler reported that COVID-19 vaccinations are being given on Fridays at SWOSU and faculty and students from the College of Pharmacy, School of Nursing and School of Allied Health—as well as many volunteers from SWOSU— have been assisting with clinics. At least 2,000 vaccines have been administered to date. The clinics are being held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, which was approved and set up as a point of distribution. The reviews have been overwhelmingly positive.

President Beutler reported that SWOSU has announced that it will name the university's first Parks & Recreation Management endowment in honor of the late Dr. Ken Rose. The fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation. Dr. Rose completed his undergraduate studies at SWOSU in 1967 and earned his master's degree, also from SWOSU, in 1970. He had a strong influence on the SWOSU Parks &

Recreation Management Department and turned it into one of the most unique and dynamic academic programs of its type in the country.

President Beutler reported that there has been a small spike in COVID-19 cases. This has been primarily coming from athletics. There are currently 23 active cases on campus.

President Beutler reported that SWOSU's Theatre department have been putting on 1930's style radio plays that are aired on the local radio station. They are currently holding tryouts for the next radio play.

President Beutler reported Dr. James South, who has been an invaluable asset to SWOSU during his tenure will be retiring June 30, 2021. He will be missed.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

Ms. McCaffree reported that she and Regent Winchester will send letters to legislators on February 1, 2021 from an email account dedicated solely for communications from the Chair to the Legislature. That account will be set up over the weekend. The communication will include a message from Chair Winchester, a letter from Ms. McCaffree with facts about the system, as well contact information for the Regents and Presidents.

Ms. McCaffree reported that a new report from the Alliance For Research On Regional Colleges issued a report about the impact regional universities have in their states. Dr. Alisa Hicklin-Fryar will be joining the February 26, 2021 Board meeting via Zoom to discuss this further.

Ms. McCaffree reported that Debra Lyon and Angela Michael have been working diligently with cohort groups such as human resources and student affairs to discuss issues that are affecting campuses as well as participating in a cohort group of lawyers who are working with constitutionally established higher education entities.

Regent McDermott reported that the appreciated the calendar invites that were sent to the regents about the meeting dates for the State Regents. Regent McDermott also requested that the RUSO office provide assistance to NSU regarding the Tulsa higher education issue they are facing.

Regent Ford asked Ms. McCaffree and Mrs. Lyon to put together a timeline for the Tulsa higher education issue so that they have a full understanding of the situation before implementing any action regarding the issue.

Regent Reilly asked Mrs. Lyon to review the legal agreement for that issue as well.

Regent Ford reported that the Oklahoma Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps are looking for screened volunteers to guide people who are receiving COVID-19 vaccinations. People can sign up online and then a background check will be conducted.

X. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

Chair Winchester declared a break at 10:58 a.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 12:06 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Discussion and possible action to select candidates to be interviewed for president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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

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

XIII. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29, 2021

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Reilly to invite 15 designated candidates for interviews and to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

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

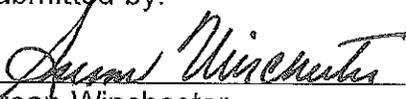
Voting against the motion: none

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

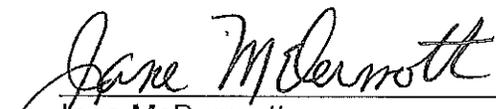
The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Submitted by:



Susan Winchester
Chair



Jane McDermott
Secretary

Minutes approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 26th day of February 2021.

ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2021

Attachment

A. Educational Excellence Committee.....37-42

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

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January 13, 2021

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

RE: Educational Excellence Committee

Dear Board Members:

We are seeking approval for the following program modifications and suspension.

Bachelor of Science – Recreation Sport Management (041) – Replace two courses within Option A. Business with existing courses. No change in total hours.

Embedded Management-Graduate Certificate (113) – Change arrangement of courses to match the current MBA Management concentration. No new courses. Total hours will change from 18 to 12 hours.

Master of Business Administration (075) – replace two courses within Option B. Entrepreneurship with two new courses. No change in total hours.

Bachelor of Science – Special Education (099) – Suspend program for three years.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom
President



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

FROM: Katricia G. Pierson, President 

DATE: December 4, 2020

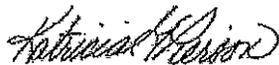
Dear Regent Fisher:

Please place East Central University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the January 28, 2021 meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

- Program Requirement changes:
 - Psychology (037)
 - Native American Studies (059)
 - Criminal Justice Administration (107)
- Program Suspension
 - Graduate Certificate in Human Resources Addictions Counseling (099)

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

Sincerely,



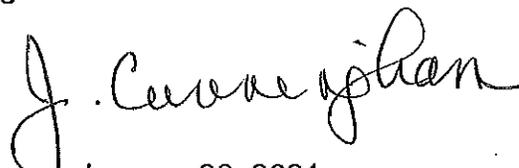
Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President

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

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: January 14, 2021

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

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President 

Re: Educational Excellence Agenda Item - January 28, 2021

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee Agenda for the January 28, 2021, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents. We request approval of the following items:

Other Degree Program Modification - BA English (015) and BAED English (058)

Program Deletion - MED Elementary Education (014) and MED Secondary Education (033)

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

JC:md

Attachments (3)



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

DATE: January 15, 2021

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

FROM: Steve Turner, President 

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items

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

Program Modifications - Substantive

Health Organizations Administration, B.B.A. (004). This modification will reconcile NSU's option inventory with that of OSRHE. In 2010, NSU submitted a program modification eliminating the Gerontology and Health Services Organizations options but has since discovered the option deletion forms were missing from the OSRHE packet. In 2020, the options remained on the OSRHE inventory, so NSU seeks to formally delete them through the curriculum process.

Leadership, M.S. (052). Faculty propose changes to admission processes and requirements to better delineate program requirements from the more general Graduate College requirements. In addition, they propose changing the name of the program's core set of courses and changes to course requirements in two options to strengthen the curriculum.

Management, B.B.A. (054). Faculty propose eliminating the Entrepreneurship option since the Entrepreneurship, B.B.A. degree program has been reinstated. Two options in General Management and Human Resource Management will remain.

Criminal Justice, M.S. (085). Faculty propose changes to admission processes and requirements as well as removing the comprehensive final examination as an alternative to completing a thesis. Instead students will choose between a capstone project or thesis. Faculty also propose course modifications in both the required core and elective listing. Twelve new courses that reflect modern topics in criminal justice are proposed.

Accounting and Financial Analysis, M.S. (130). This modification will reconcile NSU's option inventory with that of OSRHE. In 2007, NSU proposed three options in Certified Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified Managerial Accountant (CMA), and Certified Public Accountant (CPA). These were never implemented in NSU's catalog or systems. Unfortunately, they remain on OSRHE's option inventory for NSU. This proposal will delete them.

Program Deletions

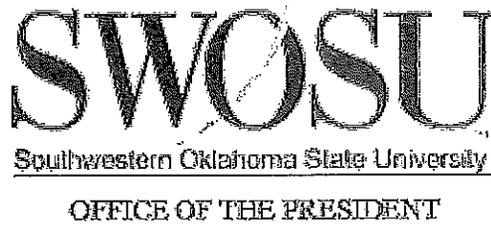
School Counseling, M. Ed. (018). This program was suspended in March 2013 when the new Counseling, M.S. program with three options began. In checking enrollment and degree completion, it hasn't had enrollment in the past four years nor degree completers in the past three. All students who intended to complete the old program have done so, and it is time to remove it from NSU's program inventory.

Substance Abuse Counseling, M.S. (146). As with the program above, this program was suspended in March 2013 when the Counseling, M.S. program began. No students with the major have enrolled in the past four years, and the program has not had degree completers in the past three. All students enrolled in this program have graduated or transitioned to the new Counseling, M.S. program.

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



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

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: January 22, 2021

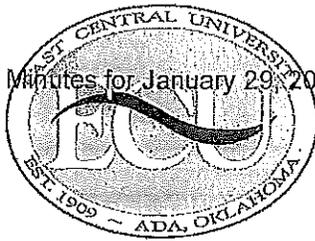
SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items – January 22, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the January 29, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Program Modification requests for the following programs:
 1. AS Computer Science (140) – change in core and elective courses

Documents for this request are attached. If you need additional information regarding this item, please let me know.

Attachments



DATE: December 17, 2020

TO: Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Facilities Stewardship Committee

FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Item for January Meeting

Please place East Central University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the January 29, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

Pontotoc Roof Replacement (Project #230-0076)

Project Description: Request approval to award to the lowest and best bidder the replacement of the roof of Pontotoc Residence Hall.

Total Project Budget: The total cost of the project is estimated at \$350,000.

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the university's campus master plan and the facility master plan, and the project is listed as project #230-0076.

Revenue Source: Housing revenue (Auxiliary Fund).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katricia G. Pierson, PhD
President



UNIVERSITY OF
Central Oklahoma

Date: January 29, 2021
To: Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma
Facilities Stewardship Committee Chair, Connie Reilly
From: President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar

University of Central Oklahoma

January 2021 Facilities Stewardship Committee

1. Information Items:

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

Project Description: Awarded to Johnson Controls, Inc. the addition of a dehumidification cycle to the existing air unit in the Hamilton Field House wrestling practice room for the amount of \$38,042.

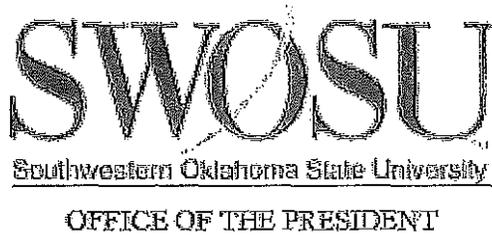
Fund Source: Facilities Fees

b. Miscellaneous On Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk for Minor Projects

Project Description: Awarded to Lingo Construction Services, Inc. the Communications building concrete exterior sunshades repairs for the amount of \$56,164.

Fund Source: Section 13 Offset Funds

Attachment:
Campus Map



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

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: January 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Audit and Finance Committee Agenda Items – January 15, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Audit and Finance Committee agenda for the January 29, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

Southwestern Oklahoma State University requests permission to amend the FY 2021 budget as follows:

Education and General Part 1 Fund 290

- Instructional Budget for use of Academic Enhancement fees from previous year \$ 200,000

Source of funds: Educational and General 1 reserve funds

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the campus and facilities of a university are places for reflection, discussion, study, research and learning and;

WHEREAS, faculty, administration, campus police, staff and students share a priority of keeping a safe and welcoming campus and are able to evaluate campus culture and threats, and;

WHEREAS, the presence of unrestricted weapons or concealed carry are unlikely to enhance the University mission, campus safety or perceptions of a welcoming environment, and;

WHEREAS, the current law provides the college or university president with the discretion to allow an individual to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it.

WHEREAS, the current law works for higher education.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma support maintaining the current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the president has the discretion to allow individuals to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it. We strongly oppose any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 29th day of January, 2021.

DocuSigned by:
Regent Susan Winchester
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Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:
DocuSigned by:
Regent Jane McDermott
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Jane McDermott, Secretary



UNIVERSITY OF
Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma

January 29, 2021

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

Dear Board Members:

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

I. Personnel

A. Administrative Appointments

Dr. Sunshine Cowan has been appointed as **Assistant Dean** of the **Jackson College of Graduate Studies**. Her appointment, effective January 1, 2021, is at an annual salary of \$112,178.64.

Dr. Cowan's degrees are: Ph.D. (2009), Environmental Science, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK; M.P.H. (2002), Health Education, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; and B.S. (2000), Community Health, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.

Her professional experiences include: Professor (3.5), Associate Professor (4), Assistant Professor (4), and Instructor (5), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.

B. Faculty Appointments

College of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Yaniv Cohen has been appointed as a **Lecturer** in the **Department of Biology**. This is a full-time, non-tenure track appointment, effective January 11, 2021.

University of Central Oklahoma

II. Executive Summary of Awards

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

December 2020

CARES Act Relief, \$450,548
State of Oklahoma
12/23/2020
Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, UCO President’s Office
Reimbursement for expenditures due to the Coronavirus.

Innovation Corps – Theranostic Nanofiber Membrane for the Treatment of Chronic and Burn Wounds, \$50,000
National Science Foundation
1/01/2021 – 6/30/2021
CFDA 47.041
Maurice Haff, College of Business
Funding from this grant will seek to determine commercial feasibility and product-market fit for a novel theranostic nanofiber membrane, initially focused on treatment of chronic and burn wounds.

Oklahoma Arts and Cultural Industry Relief Grant, \$37,500
Oklahoma Arts Council
3/15/20 – 12/30/20
Kevin Freeman, VP Finance & Operations
Reimbursement for expenditures due to the Coronavirus.

III. Purchases for Approval

- a. Chickasaw Telecom, Infoblox Hardware, Software Licenses and Maintenance
Source: E&G \$215,000

IV. Informational Items from Purchasing

- a. Central Tech Store, New Computers for College of Mathematics & Science (STEM)
Source: E&G\$64,574
- b. Hyland Software Inc., OnBase Maintenance Fees
Source: E&G\$51,107

University of Central Oklahoma

- c. Edmond Music Inc., New Instruments
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.....\$79,487

- d. Witt Kieffer Inc., Provost Search
Source: Unrestricted Cash\$63,000

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President



**Southeastern Oklahoma
State University**

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

Dear Regent Winchester:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

John Massey School of Business

Mr. Tim Hunt has been appointed to the position of full-time Instructor of Aviation in the Department of Aviation Sciences, effective January 4, 2021 at a 6 month salary of \$24,801.55.

II. GRANTS

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

Talent Search Program.....\$477,641.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$477,641. The effective date of the grant is September 1, 2020. This grant's Project Director is Ms. Sabrina Ford. The purpose of this grant is to identify 861 eligible youth in 2020-2021 and assist them in successfully completing secondary school, entering and completing a postsecondary educational program. The Talent Search service area is McCurtain, Choctaw, Bryan, and Marshall Counties in southeastern Oklahoma. The participants are from grades six through twelve who meet federal guidelines. Talent Search was first funded at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1978. Five full-time staff members provide seminars, workshops, and individual counseling in areas related to encouraging education achievement. The topics include: Career Exploration, Study Skills, Learning Styles Identification, College Readiness, Test Preparation, College Admissions Information, Financial Aid Application Procedures, Tutorial Assistance, Financial Literacy and Cultural Awareness.

III. RATIFICATION

Southeastern is requesting ratification of the emergency approval received on December 4, 2020 to purchase a house and lot located at 1331 N. 6th Durant, Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion. The purchase price was \$129,000. Source of funds: E&G Reserve

IV. INFORMATIONAL**PURCHASES**

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

Network Core Switch

Replacement of depreciated and under performing (Demand from online, due to COVID) core network infrastructure to the Durant campus. This included new switches and cabling made for the newer equipment.

Amount: \$99,930.46
 Source of Funding: E&G Part I
 Vendor: CXTec, Contract 200105

Desktop Computers

Purchased 121 Computers and 242 Monitors for campus computer labs and aging faculty/staff office computers.

Amount: \$97,862.38
 Source of Funding: E&G Part I
 Vendor: Dell, Contract SW1020D

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021-22**Summer Session (2021):**

Semester (8 -week session) (begins and ends) 6/7/2021 through 8/1/2021
 1st 4-week session (begins and ends) 6/7/2021 through 7/2/2021
 2nd 4-week session (begins and ends) 7/5/2021 through 7/30/2021

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

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

7- week session (begins and ends) 5/10/2021 through 6/27/2021
 7-week session (begins and ends) 6/28/2021 through 8/15/2021

Fall Semester (Fall 2021):

16 week semester (begins and ends) 8/16/2021 through 12/12/2021
 1st 8-week session (begins and ends) 8/16/2021 through 10/10/2021
 2nd 8-week session (begins and ends) 10/11/2021 through 12/12/2021
 1st 4-week session (begins and ends) 8/16/2021 through 9/10/2021
 2nd 4 week session (begins and ends)
 3rd 4-week session (begins and ends)
 4th 4 week session (begins and ends)

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution:
7-week session (begins and ends) 8/23/2021 through 10/10/2021
7-week session (begins and ends) 10/18/2021 through 12/12/2021

Please list dates of all holidays and breaks (no classes)
Labor Day 9/6/2021
Thanksgiving 11/22/2021 through 11/28/2021

Commencement date (graduation ceremony-if applicable) 12/11/2021

Spring Semester (Spring 2022):

16 week semester (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 5/8/2022
1st 8-week session (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 3/6/2022
2nd 8-week session (begins and ends) 3/7/2022 through 5/2/2022
1st 4-week session (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 2/4/2022
2nd 4 week session (begins and ends)
3rd 4-week session (begins and ends)
4th 4 week session (begins and ends)

Please add any additional short-term sessions offered at your institution:
7-week session (begins and ends) 1/10/2022 through 2/27/2022
7-week session (begins and ends) 3/7/2022 through 5/1/2022

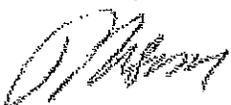
Please list dates of all holidays and breaks (no classes)
MLK Day 1/17/2022
Spring Break 3/14/2022 through 3/20/2022
Easter Holiday 4/15/2022

Commencement date (graduation ceremony) 5/7/2022

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

	Fall 2021 (between summer 2021 and fall 2021)	Spring/Winter 2021-2022 (between fall 2021 and spring 2022)	Summer 2022 (between spring 2022 and summer 2022)
Intersession begins	NA	NA	NA
Intersession ends	NA	NA	NA

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Newsom
President



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12 January 2021

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

Dear Chair Winchester and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

DR. JOHNIE FREDMAN has been appointed to a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor position in Human Services, effective 11 August 2021. Dr. Fredman's annual salary will be \$55,000. He is replacing Dr. Paige Williams.

Dr. Fredman received an AA in Psychology from Texarkana College in Texarkana, TX (1992), a BA in Psychology (1994) as well as an MEd in Community Counseling (1997) from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK, and a PsyD in Psychology (2019) from California Southern University in Costa Mesa, CA. Dr. Fredman holds nine licensures and certifications and is a licensed professional counselor in Oklahoma. Additionally, he was appointment to the Oklahoma Board of Behavioral Health Licensure and has presented at several professional conferences.

B. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED, NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY

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

Ms. LaDonna Autrey	Instructor	Psychology
Ms. Rochelle "Shelley" Bailey	Instructor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Ms. Kristen Byers	Instructor	Business Administration
Dr. James Burke	Instructor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Dr. Bill Caruthers	Instructor	Education
Ms. June Caruthers	Instructor	Education
Ms. Megan Dilday	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Misty Gray	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Megan Hasler	Instructor	Linscheid Library
Dr. Andrew Honeycutt	Visiting Prof.	Business Administration

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Mr. Eric Howard	Instructor	Biological & Environmental Sciences
Ms. Melonie Johnson	Instructor	Education
Ms. Marla Lobley	Instructor	Linscheid Library
Ms. Casey Lowry	Instructor	Linscheid Library
Mr. Kevin Lynch	Instructor	Education
Ms. Ashley McCallum	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Andraz "Andy" McDaniel	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Kelby Pletcher	Instructor	Performing Arts
Mr. Dale Powers	Instructor	Business Administration
Ms. Jennifer "Kayce" Powers	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Gayla Reed	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Tonnie Scott	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Jennifer Sparlin	Instructor	Education
Mr. Jackie Switzer	Instructor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Ms. Calantha Tillotson	Instructor	Linscheid Library
Ms. Rebecca Williams	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Jaime Worthley	Instructor	English & Languages

C. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED, NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY AFTER SEVEN YEARS

In accordance with Board policy, we will retain the following faculty members on a non-tenure track basis for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Ms. Dana Belcher	Instructor	Linscheid Library
Mr. Joe Dougherty	Instructor	Accounting
Dr. Jaime Elliott	Instructor	Accounting
Ms. Donna Graves	Instructor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Ms. Susan Ingram	Instructor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Ms. Jillian McCarty	Instructor	Kinesiology
Ms. Nancy McClain	Instructor	Mathematics & Computer Science
Mr. Jeff McGaha	Instructor	Kinesiology
Mr. Matt McGaha	Instructor	Kinesiology
Ms. Debra Ollila	Instructor	Nursing
Mr. Thom Parr	Asst Prof	Human Resources
Ms. Vickie Reifsnider	Instructor	Performing Arts
Ms. Viki Saidleman	Instructor	Nursing
Ms. Lisa Sheffield	Instructor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Ms. Jennifer Snell	Instructor	Education
Ms. Mary Kay Tarver	Asst Prof	Mathematics & Computer Science
Ms. Jeanene Taylor	Instructor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Ms. Holli Witherington	Instructor	Professional Programs in Human Services

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D. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED, TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

In accordance with Board policy, we will retain the following faculty members on a tenure-track basis for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Dr. Julie Lee	Asst Professor	Accounting
Dr. Deanna Hartley-Kelso	Asst Professor	Business Administration
Dr. Dwight Hite	Asst Professor	Business Administration
Dr. Germain Pichop	Asst Professor	Business Administration
Dr. Mark Felts	Asst Professor	Education
Dr. Jessica Koch	Asst Professor	Education
Dr. Jerry Mihelic	Asst Professor	Education
Dr. David Thornton	Asst Professor	Education
Dr. Darcy Tessman	Asst Professor	Human Dev, Hospitality, & Food Science
Dr. Jessica Kashwer	Asst Professor	Kinesiology
Dr. Nicolas Stowers	Asst Professor	Kinesiology
Dr. Christopher Campbell	Asst Professor	Psychology
Dr. Dustin Williams	Asst Professor	Psychology
Dr. Scott Ketchum	Asst Professor	Native American Studies
Mr. Michael Maxwell	Asst Professor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Ms. Sarah Engel	Asst Professor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Ms. Christyn Overstake	Asst Professor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Mr. JP Rhea	Asst Professor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Ms. Anne Yoncha	Asst Professor	Art + Design: Media + Communication
Dr. Jace Vickers	Asst Professor	Performing Arts
Dr. Nathaniel Berman	Asst Professor	Performing Arts
Ms. Carly Conklin	Asst Professor	Performing Arts
Dr. Nicholaus Meyers	Asst Professor	Performing Arts
Dr. Megan Donelson	Asst Professor	English & Languages
Dr. Jennifer Dorsey	Asst Professor	English & Languages
Dr. Terrie Becerra	Asst Professor	Politics, Law, & Society
Dr. Erick Ananga	Asst Professor	Politics, Law, & Society
Dr. Holly Jones	Asst Professor	Politics, Law, & Society
Dr. Jacintha Webster	Asst Professor	Politics, Law, & Society
Dr. Melissa Inglis	Asst Professor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Dr. Destany Schafer-Morgan	Asst Professor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Dr. Dwaine Turner	Asst Professor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Dr. Amy Ward	Asst Professor	Professional Programs in Human Services
Dr. Jessica Brumley	Asst Professor	Biological & Environmental Services
Dr. Leah Dudley	Asst Professor	Biological & Environmental Services
Dr. Alisha Howard	Asst Professor	Biological & Environmental Services
Dr. Bruce Moring	Asst Professor	Biological & Environmental Services
Dr. April Nesbit	Asst Professor	Biological & Environmental Services
Dr. George Wang	Asst Professor	Biological & Environmental Services

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Dr. Douglas Bryhan	Asst Professor	Physical Sciences
Dr. Sanjiv Jha	Asst Professor	Physical Sciences
Dr. Randall Maples	Asst Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science
Dr. Jalal Omer	Asst Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science
Dr. Khem Poudel	Asst Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science
Dr. Vladimir Ufimtsev	Asst Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science
Dr. Darcy Duncan	Asst Professor	School of Nursing
Dr. Amanda Hoffpauir	Asst Professor	School of Nursing
Dr. Liz Massey	Asst Professor	School of Nursing

E. NON-RENEWAL

In accordance with Board policy, the following individual(s) have been notified of non-reappointment for Academic Year 2021-2022 prior to 1 March 2021.

Mr. Patrick Baumann	Instructor	Linscheid Library
Mr. Richard Strickler	Instructor	Business Administration

II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

CWPEP PAYBACK FUNDS SIM LAB PROJECT.....\$40,000
 East Central University received a \$40,000 grant from University of Oklahoma. The project period: 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2021. This grant will provide the funding to renovate space and install a multidisciplinary Sim Lab for scenario-based learning for Social work, Counseling, Nursing, CJIC, and Ed Students. The Project Director is Ms. Amy Ward.

MATH TEACHER'S CIRCLE..... \$3,000
 East Central University received a \$3,000 grant from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The project period: 1 August 2020 through 30 June 2021. This grant will host at least four meetings during the 2020-2021 academic year and promote Oklahoma Math Teacher Circles through various avenues including, but not limited to, social media and the OSDE website. The Project Director is Ms. Rhonda Hibbard.

McNAIR SCHOLARS CHICKASAW MATCHING..... \$4,500
 East Central University received a \$4,500 grant from The Chickasaw Nation. The project period: 1 October 2020 through 30 September 2021. This program will provide funding for McNair Student Research. The Project Director is Mr. Yul Dotson.

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STATE OF OK ECU COVID-19 PROJECT.....\$157,220.04

East Central University received a \$157,220.04 grant from the State of Oklahoma. The project period: 1 March 2020 through 30 December 2020. This grant will purchase faculty laptops to aid in distance learning instruction, personal protective equipment, and cleaning supplies. The Project Director is Ms. Jessica Kilby.

STATE OF OK ECU COVID-19 PROJECT..... \$500,000

East Central University received a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Treasury. The project period: 1 March 2020 through 30 December 2020. This grant will purchase information technology items associated with the Enterprise Wireless Project for the ECU campus. This includes the purchase and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management, and technical training that is necessary for the implementation of the project. The Project Director is Ms. Jessica Kilby.

Total Grants and Contracts--\$704,720.04

IV. PURCHASES

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

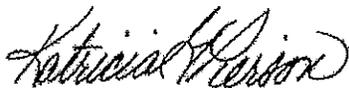
None to report at this time.

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

NOTE: Emergency approval was given to ECU on 3 December 2020 by Regents Winchester and Reilly. We ask that the Board ratify the approval of the following purchase:

Purchase information technology items associated with the Enterprise Wireless Project for the ECU campus in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. This includes the purchase and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management, and technical training that is necessary for the implementation of the project. Funding for this project will come from Federal CARES Funding, Coronavirus Relief Funding from the Chickasaw Nation, and institutional funding. (Fund 430, Fund 490, Fund 730)

Respectfully submitted,



Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 14, 2021

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of Northwestern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. Faculty Appointments

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. John Ellerbach, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Communication in a permanent fulltime position. His appointment is effective January 8, 2021, through May 7, 2021, at an academic salary rate of \$53,255.

Dr. Ellerbach earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (1975) in English from the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa; a Master of Arts degree (1982) in Journalism from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; and a Doctor of Education degree (1988) in Mass Communication from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

His prior work experience includes: Assistant Professor of Journalism (5) Franklin College of Indiana, Franklin, Indiana; Assistant Professor of Journalism (5) Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Assistant Professor of Communication (6) Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania; Visiting

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Assistant Professor in Communication (1) Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; Assistant Professor of English (2) Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

School of Professional Studies

Jonathan Crowell has been appointed Instructor of Nursing in a permanent fulltime position. His appointment is effective January 11, 2021, through May 7, 2021, at an academic salary rate of \$55,000.

Mr. Crowell holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (2004) from East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma; a Bachelor of Arts degree (2007) in Theology from Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, Denver, Colorado; a Master of Arts degree (2015) in Christian Scripture from Heritage Christian University, Florence, Alabama; and a Master of Science in Nursing degree (2020) from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

His previous work experience includes: Charge Nurse Emergency Department (2) Holdenville General Hospital, Holdenville, Oklahoma; Charge Nurse Emergency Department (3) Nor Lea Hospital District, Lovington, New Mexico; Staff Nurse Emergency Department (4) Integris Bass Baptist Health Center, Enid, Oklahoma; Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner (.5) Entero Services, Enid, Oklahoma.

B. Faculty Resignations

School of Arts and Sciences

Erica Miller, Instructor of Mass Communication, submitted a letter of resignation effective December 18, 2020. Ms. Miller had been with the University since August 13, 2019.

School of Professional Studies

Dr. Krista Tilley, Assistant Professor of Nursing, submitted a letter of resignation effective December 15, 2020. Dr. Tilley had been with the University since July 1, 2013.

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C. Faculty Retirements with Resolution

School of Education

Dr. Colleen Golightly, Associate Professor of Education, has submitted a letter stating her intention to retire effective May 7, 2021. Dr. Golightly has been employed with the University since August 10, 2010. A resolution recognizing her years of service to Northwestern is attached.

II. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

City of Alva.....\$270,421.03

Economic Development Scholarship Incentive receipts for Fall 2020; Mr. Allen (Skeeter) Bird, Chief Executive Officer of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, is the scholarship coordinator.

CARES Reimbursement through OMES.....\$111,591.71

CARES fund reimbursement for COVID related expenses paid by Northwestern Oklahoma State University through 290 and 705 funds covering expenses processed March through December of 2020. Reimbursement of expenses was coordinated through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES). Dr. David Pecha, Vice President for Administration, is the grant coordinator.

The University Center of Ponca City.....\$70,000

A partnership between Northwestern Oklahoma State University and the University Center of Ponca City to share resources to fund the Bachelor of Nursing (BSN) degree program at the University Center in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Total funding is \$210,000 and this is the third year of a three (3) year contract. Dr. Bo Hannaford, Executive Vice President, is the partnership coordinator.

TOTAL GRANTS.....\$452,012.74

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III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

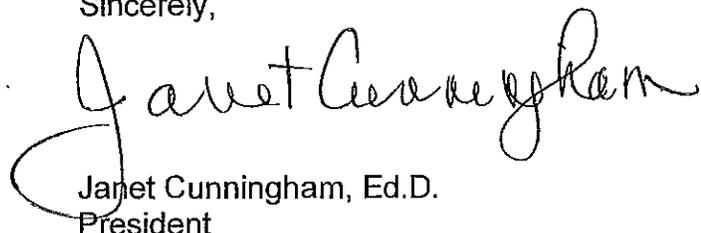
A. Scholarships and Donations

Donovan Reichenberger has contributed \$169,733 to establish The Donovan Reichenberger Chair in History. Mr. Reichenberger passed away late last year on December 14, 2020.

M. L. Sharp has donated \$50,000 to The Northwestern Leadership Trust.

Lee Mackey has donated \$35,000 to the Mackey Scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.
President

JC:md

Attachment (1)

RESOLUTION
Regional University System of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, DR. COLLEEN M. GOLIGHTLY, Associate Professor of Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, will retire on May 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. GOLIGHTLY will be leaving the University after 10 years of service; and

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

WHEREAS, DR. GOLIGHTLY epitomizes the role of a passionate educator and instills that passion into the students she teaches; and

WHEREAS, DR. GOLIGHTLY through her work as a professor, has personally impacted the lives of young men and women by serving as an example of professionalism, integrity and leadership; and

WHEREAS, DR. GOLIGHTLY uses creativity within the classroom to foster active learning and retention of knowledge by her students; and

WHEREAS, DR. GOLIGHTLY served on the diversity committee and has consistently worked towards a more diverse and inclusive campus which aligns with the University's strategic plan; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* bestows upon **DR. COLLEEN M. GOLIGHTLY**, the honorary title of "Associate Professor Emeritus of Education" and extends to her an expression of appreciation and commendation for her contributions to the success and reputation of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and extends best wishes for years of happiness and satisfaction, which are rightfully expected after such faithful and dedicated service; and

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

ADOPTED by the *Regional University System of Oklahoma* this 29th day of January, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE *of the* PRESIDENT

August 28, 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 TENURE-TRACK

Dr. Barbara Jones has been appointed Assistant Professor of School Administration in the Department of Educational Leadership within the College of Education effective January 4, 2021. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, 9-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$50,090. Dr. Jones is filling the position left vacant by Dr. Carl Farenelli.

Dr. Jones holds the following degrees: B.S., Elementary Education, and M.Ed., Early Childhood Education, Northeastern State University; Ph.D., Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum, University of Oklahoma.

Her professional experience includes: Early Childhood Principal – seven years; Elementary Principal – five years; and Elementary Assistant Principal, Broken Arrow Public Schools – one year; Master Teacher, Community Action Project, Tulsa, Oklahoma – one year; First and second grade Teacher, Broken Arrow Public Schools – five years; Technology Integration Specialist – two years; and Kindergarten Teacher, Muskogee Public Schools – eight years.

B. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (NON-TENURE TRACK)

Ms. Catherine Davenport has been appointed as Instructor of Library Services for the College of Liberal Arts effective January 4, 2021. This is a full-time regular, non-tenure track, 12-month position at a fiscal year salary of \$41,222. Ms. Davenport is filling the position left vacant by Bianca Smith.

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Ms. Davenport holds the following degrees: B.A., English and B.F.A., Drama, University of Montana; and a M.L.I.S., Library and Information Science, San Jose State University.

Ms. Davenport's professional experience includes: Teacher, Whitehall School District, Montana – one year; Teacher, Coolidge Unified School District, Arizona – three years; Teacher, The Leona Group, Arizona – three years; Teacher, Wilcox Unified School District, Arizona – one year; Teacher, Canyons School District, Utah – two years.

Ms. Ashley Talburt has been appointed Instructor/Clinic Director of Speech-Language Pathology in the Department of Health Professions within the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective January 4, 2021. This is a full-time regular, non-tenure track, 12-month position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$63,972. Ms. Talburt is filling the position left vacant by Mr. Marcus Anderson.

Ms. Talburt holds the following degrees: B.S., Speech-Language Pathology and M.S., Speech-Language Pathology, Northeastern State University; and M.A., Administration of Special Education, Southern Nazarene University.

Her professional experience includes: Speech-Language Pathologist in the following Oklahoma public school systems; Grand View Public School – six months; Tahlequah Public Schools – seven years; Sallisaw, Dahlenegah, and Greasy Public Schools – eight years; Adjunct Clinical Instructor, Northeastern State University – seven years.

Dr. April Trenary has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective January 4, 2021. This is a full-time regular, non-tenure track, 12-month position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$76,356. Dr. Trenary is filling the position left vacant by Dr. Tamara Hryshchuk.

Dr. Trenary holds the following degrees: B.S.N., Nursing, and M.S., Nursing Education, University of Oklahoma; and D.N.P., Nursing Administration, Samford University.

Her professional experience includes: Clinical Instructor, College of Nursing, University of Oklahoma – eight years; Clinical Nurse III, Emergency Room, Clinical Nurse III, Adult Medical ICU, and RN Staff Development, Department of Education, Saint Francis Hospital – 14 years.

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C. SABBATICAL LEAVE

Dr. Hsin-I Sydney Yueh, tenured Associate Professor of Communications Studies in the College of Liberal arts has been approved for sabbatical leave for June 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021 (Fall 2021 semester). Dr. Yueh has been granted an Academic Fellowship in Taiwan from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

D. RETIREMENTS WITH RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Vicki Brown-Racy, Instructor of Psychology & Counseling in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective December 31, 2020. Ms. Brown-Racy has worked for Northeastern State University since 2008.

E. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Daniel McNeill has submitted his resignation letter as Clinical Assistant Professor of Physician’s Assistant Studies in the Department of Health Professions within the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective May 31, 2021. He has been employed with Northeastern State University since September 2018.

Dr. Sarah Turner McGowen has submitted her resignation letter as Assistant Professor of Communications in the Department of Communication Studies within the College of Liberal Arts effective May 14, 2021. She has been employed with Northeastern State University since August 2015.

II. GRANTS AND CONTACTS

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

TRIO Upward Bound 2020 - 2021 Yr 4 of 5. \$ 297,600.00

A grant from U. S. Department of Education. Funds will provide services and projects that increase the likelihood that students will complete high school and a program of postsecondary education as well as earn postsecondary credits in high school. This program will increase high school graduation and college-going retention and completion rates for low-income, potentially first-generation students. The Project Director is Ms. Lisa Johnson.

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NASC-Native American Support Center Yr 5 of 5 2020-2021. \$ 349,544.00

A grant from U. S. Department of Education. Funds to create the Native American Support Center in response to the Native American Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) Program. To increase Native American student's retention and completion of higher education by providing a supportive community with academic advising, persons and academic counseling, tutoring and mentoring. The principal investigator is Ms. Shelly Dreadfulwater.

Tri-County HIV/AIDS Network 2020-2021. \$ 5,000.00

A grant from the Department of Health and Human Service through the Cherokee County Health Services Council for a need's assessment of the county community, attendance of teleconferences and an organizational self-assessment for the integration of rural HIV/AIDS health care. The principal investigator is Captain James Bell.

Mapping Tahlequah History 2021-2024. \$95,503.00

Funding will be utilized to support student immersive learning and development of a public educational digital humanities interactive map and accompanying database focused on local history. The map and database will help make local historical information more accessible by providing students and other users with links to documents and other resources such as videos and pictures. The Project Director is Dr. Farina King.

Total of Grants and Contracts \$747,647.00

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Turner, Ph.D.
President

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Vickie Brown-Racy will retire as Instructor of Human Development and Family Studies at Northeastern State University on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown-Racy has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for the past 12 years in the Human Development and Family Studies program; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining NSU, Ms. Brown-Racy dedicated more than 25 years as a professional in early care and early childhood education in public and private care settings in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown-Racy is an innovative teacher who has participated in numerous Northeastern State University recruitment events, mentored, advised, and recruited students in the Early Care program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown-Racy is an active scholar who has presented multiple times at research symposiums and conferences for human development, family studies and early education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown-Racy has demonstrated professionalism through board service and membership in professional associations such as the Phi Upsilon Omicron, the National Honor Society of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Oklahoma Council on Family Relations, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Southern Early Childhood Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown-Racy has served on multiple Northeastern State University committees and demonstrated a commitment to community engagement as a consultant for Head Start by facilitating workshops and training; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Ms. Brown-Racy is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on Northeastern State University, her colleagues, Human Development and Family Studies educators and majors, area organizations and agencies, and the children and families of our state and nation; and

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

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

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 29th day of January, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 15, 2021

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

Dear Board Members:

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

I. PERSONNEL

• **RETIREMENTS with Emeritus Status**

Dr. Kathleen Wolff has retired from her position as Associate Professor in the department of Nursing effective January 1, 2021.

W. Sue Ball will retire from her position as Instructor in the department of Biological Sciences effective May 10, 2021.

Dr. James South will retire from his position as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs effective June 30, 2021.

• **FACULTY HIRES**

Christopher Stufflebean has been appointed to a one-semester temporary position as Radiologic Technology Director in the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences in the College of Professional and Graduate Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective January 1, 2021. His salary for the one semester appointment will be \$32,075.50. Mr. Stufflebean earned an Associate of Applied Science in Radiology Technology; a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Julianna Bell has been appointed to a non-tenure track position as Instructor 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 January 1, 2021. Her salary for the nine month appointment will be \$57,841.00. Her prorated pay for spring 2021 will be 28,920.50. Ms. Bell earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a Master of Science in Nursing from University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

• **FACULTY RESIGNATIONS**

Ms. **Erica Winters** has resigned from her position as Instructor in the department of Education as of May 10, 2021.

Dr. **Kelley Logan** has resigned her position as department chair in the department of Language and Literature as of May 10, 2021. She will continue her position as Professor in the department of Language and Literature.

II. PURCHASE AGENDA

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

Parallel Quantum Solutions	Computer System	\$38,000	E&G Fund
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SWOSU requests permission to purchase a computer system, including software, which has been developed by computational chemists; includes a lifetime perpetual license. This would be considered a sole source purchase for the Chemistry department.

Informational Items in excess of \$50,000:

Vendor	Description:	Amount:	Fund:
Chickasaw Telecom	Technology upgrades (PO633)	\$ 73,423.91	CARES ACT
Chickasaw Telecom	Technology upgrades (PO632)	\$ 94,924.51	CARES ACT
Chickasaw Telecom	Technology upgrades (PO605)	\$ 55,274.36	E&G
(State contract pricing – to upgrade POE (Power over Ethernet) switches in order to enhance network capabilities)			
Ruffalo Noel Levitz	Consulting (Consulting to upgrade scholarship program- 2 nd year payment)	\$ 50,000.00	E&G
L&M Office Furniture	Furniture for Library renovation (OU Furniture contract pricing)	\$ 98,642.03	E&G
Office of Management & Enterprise	Property Coverage Insurance	\$ 252,398.11	E&G & Auxiliary

VI. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

SWOSU has received confirmation of one (1) grant for a total amount of \$ 199,928.28. Profiles of this award is presented below:

1. The Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services as part of the U. S. Federal CARES Act awarded a grant in the amount of \$199,928.28 for student support. The primary function of this award is Student Support. The principal investigator is **Ms. Brenda Burgess**.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy L. Beutler".

Randy L. Beutler
President

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

WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Wolff will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on January 10, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Wolff has had a prestigious career for 24.5 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Wolff has served with distinction as an Associate Professor in the Nursing Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Wolff has provided invaluable service to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as an Associate Professor in the Nursing Department in the College of Professional and Graduate Studies; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Wolff has demonstrated dedication to her profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching; and Advanced Practice Nursing; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Wolff 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 Kathleen A. Wolff the honorary title of "Associate 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 Kathleen A. Wolff at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Ninth day of January 2021.

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, W. Sue Ball will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on June 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, W. Sue Ball has had a prestigious career for 30 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, W. Sue Ball has served with distinction as an Instructor in the Biological Sciences Department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, W. Sue Ball has provided invaluable service to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as an Instructor in the Biological Sciences Department in the School of Arts and Science; and,

WHEREAS, W. Sue Ball has demonstrated dedication to her profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching; and dedication to her students' success and,

WHEREAS, W. Sue Ball 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 W. Sue Ball 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 W. Sue Ball at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Ninth day of January 2021.

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, James South will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on June 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, James South has had a prestigious career for 26 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, James South has served with distinction as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor in the Department of Music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, James South has provided invaluable service in the Department of Music and in the administration at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, James South has demonstrated dedication to his profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching, administration, and performances as conductor and trumpeter; and,

WHEREAS, James South 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 James South 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 James South at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Twenty-Ninth day of January 2021.

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

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary