REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA



MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2019

Southeastern Oklahoma State University Hallie McKinney Building Hallie McKinney Ballroom, Room A Durant, Oklahoma

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Requested Funding Approval: \$175,000

Budget Breakdown: \$175,000 Construction

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan?: Yes

<u>Revenue Sources:</u> College of Liberal Arts Course Fees in the amount of \$150,000 and Foundation Private Gifts in the amount of \$25,000

b. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Demolition of Buddy's Dining Center and Site Restoration)

<u>Project Description:</u> Request approval to fund, design, and award to Lingo Construction Services, Inc., as On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the demolition and site restoration of the existing cafeteria building and surrounding areas.

Requested Funding Approval: \$600,000

<u>Budget Breakdown:</u> \$340,000 demolition and site restoration; \$60,000 asbestos abatement; \$200,000 irrigation, sod and landscaping

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan?: Yes

<u>Revenue Sources:</u> Campus Enterprises in the amount of \$400,000 and Section 13 Offset funds in the amount of \$200,000

Information Item:

a. Miscellaneous On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc., for Max Chambers Library Renovation Misc. ADA improvements to the men's and women's restrooms on the south side of the first floor for a total amount of \$153,557. Project approved by the Board on April 12, 2019.

Fund Source: Library Maintenance Fee

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Red Sky Constructors, LLC the Music 101 Renovation to replace ADA ramps, flooring and add handrails for a total amount of \$39,600.

Fund Source: Campus Facility Fee

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Red Sky Constructors, LLC the Old North Repairs to include windows replacements and roof repairs for a total amount of \$33,892.

Fund Source: Section 13 Funds

5. Northeastern State University

a. Project # 485-0073 - General Repairs

<u>Project Description:</u> Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, needed general renovations and repairs to facilities on all three University campuses.

Requested Funding Approval: \$200,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Fund

b. Project # 485-0074 - General Elevator Repairs

<u>Project Description</u>: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, Elevator repairs and maintenance for University elevators and create maintenance savings for the University.

Requested Funding Approval: \$125,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Fund

Information Items:

a. Project #485-0073 – W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center Building Repair

<u>Project Description</u>: General repairs to the W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center Building

Requested Funding Approval: \$25,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Webb Facility Fee

b. Project #485-0073 - Campus Building Automation

<u>Project Description</u>: Campus wide HVAC updates and installation of new building automation and controls.

Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): 295 Fund

c. Project #485-0073 - Science Building Repairs

<u>Project Description</u>: General building repairs to science building interior. Repairs to include but not limited to paint and patch/repair of interior walls.

Requested Funding Approval: \$25,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Science Facility Fee

d. Project #485-0073 - Muskogee Campus Administration Building Remodel

<u>Project Description</u>: Remodel portion of Muskogee Campus Administration Building to accommodate the Speech Language Pathology faculty and administration.

Requested Funding Approval: \$87,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

<u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: College of Science Capital Funds

e. Project #485-0073 - Seminary Hall Staff Relocation

<u>Project Description</u>: Repairs and updates to temporary office locations for the College of Liberal Arts faculty and

administration displaced by the restoration and renovation of Seminary Hall

Requested Funding Approval: \$45,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

<u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Infrastructure Fee

B. SE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE-Chair, Regent Jane McDermott

Report of the SE Presidential Search Committee, Thursday, October 10, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Hallie McKinney Building, Hallie McKinney Ballroom, Durant, Oklahoma.

- 1. Carolyn Fridley, President, Campus Chapter of American Association of University Professors —The Importance of Shared Governance at SE.
- 2. SE Presidential Search Process and Timeline--Higher Education Leadership Search—Alan Medders, Ph.D., Bill Meehan, Ed.D.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve:

- a. Presidential Job Description
- b. Leadership Profile Instruments, i.e.—Emergenetics and Hogan Assessments
- c. Timeline
- d. Engagement Agreement

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

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, October 10, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Hallie McKinney Building, Hallie McKinney Ballroom, Durant, Oklahoma.

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding committee goals for FY 2020.
- 2. Discussion and possible action to create a RUSO legislative agenda and plan of advocacy for FY 2020.

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- 3. Presentation—Online Program Manager Contracts—Dr. Tim Boatmun, Dean of Graduate Studies, E-Programming, and Academic Services, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding presentation.

VIII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel
- 2. Notice of Grant Awards

Total grants and contracts: \$ 1,020,617.00

3. Informational Items:

The following purchases are being made in accordance with Board Policy [2.3.7 Exceptions. e) Aircraft and Aircraft Related Parts].

Southeastern Oklahoma State University has signed a contractual agreement with Cirrus Design Corporation to purchase two 2020 model Cirrus SR20 TRAC aircraft (\$485,090 per aircraft), a Garmin Perspective + Training Kiosk (\$44,500), and an Initial Tooling and Service Spare Parts Kit (\$15,000). Dates of delivery are scheduled for July 2020 for the aircraft and June 2020 for the other items. Total cost of the purchase is \$1,029,680. (Auxiliary Funds and Private Donations).

B. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel
- 2. Purchasing:

Northeastern State University presents the following items over \$150,000 to be approved in accordance with the policy of the Board. (All funding is E & G unless otherwise noted.):

NSU requests approval to commission a bronze statue honoring veterans by artist Joel Randell. The total cost of the statue is

\$450,000. (Private donations -- \$200,000. E & G Part II funds -- \$250,000.00)

3. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 214,726.00

C. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

None to report at this time.

2. Requests for Contracts

None to report at this time.

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$4,671,413.24

4. Purchases

None to report at this time.

D. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Personnel

2. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 218,673.00

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

1. Personnel

2. Grants and Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$ 54,969.00

3. Purchases for approval:

None to report.

4. Informational Items from Purchasing

a. RUSO approved the amount of \$175,000 on April 12, 2019 for Microsoft Education Enrollment Solution FY20 annual software licensing and maintenance. Actual cost is \$275,000.

Microsoft Education Enrollment Solution Source: Additional E&G.....\$100,000.00

5. Request to Transfer Funds

University of Central Oklahoma requests a transfer of Fund 290 operating funds to Fund 295 in the amount of \$175,000. The current operating budget includes this amount designated for major renovation and construction using Educational and General Funds. In order to make the funds available for long-term projects that run past fiscal year operations, we request the transfer to the fund established by the OSRHE for capital projects - Fund 295.

Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Liberal Arts North) Source: College of Liberal Arts Course Fees.....\$150,000.00 Foundation Private Gifts.....\$25,000.00 Total.....\$175,000.00

F. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 1. Personnel
- 2. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: \$45,207.00

IX. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT

- X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Sheridan McCaffree
- XI. RESOLUTION FOR PRESIDENT BURRAGE

XII. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1. Discussion of the employment of the President of Northeastern State University.
- 2. Discussion of the employment including compensation of East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and University of Central Oklahoma.
- 3. Discussion of the employment of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
- 4. Discussion of the resignation of the ECU Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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.

XV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

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

The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., on October 11, 2019, at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Hallie McKinney Building, Hallie McKinney Ballroom, Room A, Durant, Oklahoma. Notice of the regular meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, May 21, 2019 and a copy of the Agenda posted by 9:00 a.m., October 10, 2019 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

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

Susan Winchester, Chair, Position 1 Jeffrey T. Dunn, Vice Chair, Position 2 Connie Reilly, Secretary, Position 5 Jane McDermott, Regent, Position 6 Amy Anne Ford, Regent, Position 7 Eric Fisher, Regent, Position 8

A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

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

3555 NW 58th Street, Suite 320, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 Phone: (405) 942-8817 Fax: (405) 942-8847 <u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents, Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

University Presidents

- Randy Beutler, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma
- Sean Burrage, President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- Janet Cunningham, President, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma
- Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, President, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma

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

Regional University System of Oklahoma Administrative Staff

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

Others in Attendance

Dan Althoff, Professor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Anne Beck, Digital Governance Specialist, Oklahoma State School Boards Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Tim Boatmun, Dean of Graduate Studies, E-Programming and Academic Services, Southeastern Oklahoma State Unuversity, Durant, Oklahoma

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

- Alan Burton, Director of University Communications/Special Assistant to the President, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- Randy Clark, Associate Professor, Speech and Debate Advisor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- Meg Cotter-Lynch, Professor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

- Kevin Freeman, Vice President of Finance and Operations, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma
- Carolyn Fridley, Instructor/Coordinator, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- William Fridley, Professor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- Karl Frinkle, Professor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- Teresa Golden, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma
- Teena Harlin, Academic Advisor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Dank Hoke, Assistant Director of University Communications, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Jessica Kilby, Vice President of Administration and Finance, East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma

Bjorn Kjerfve, Consultant, Higher Education Leadership Search, Aniston, Alabama

Christy Landsaw, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Tony Lehrling, Director, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Brad Ludrick, Professor/MSNAL Coordinator, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Stewart Mayers, Director/Teacher, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

- Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Atoka, Oklahoma
- Joshua McClintock, Red Ant LLC Consulting, Durant, Oklahoma

Liz McCraw, Vice President of Student Affairs, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

- Alan Medders, Consultant, Higher Education Leadership Search, Aniston, Alabama
- Bill Meehan, Consultant, Higher Education Leadership Search, Aniston, Alabama

Craig Musgrove, Director of Administrative Computing, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Terri Rogers, Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President of Business Affairs, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Kate Shannon, Assistant Professor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Kyle Stafford, Vice President of University Advancement, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Ami Towne, Bursar, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma

Christy Watson, Communications Director, Oklahoma State School Boards Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

III. COMMENTS FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES MCCALL

Speaker McCall thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Speaker McCall reported that RUSO plays a key role for the state workforce but also for the region. Although the last few years have been fiscally challenging, in the 57th legislature, there is a vast improvement and a more robust economic situation.

Speaker McCall reported that he is very interested in advancing the state of higher education in Oklahoma. Oklahoma has the highest level of concurrent enrollment in the country. He also noted that the legislature wants to have more dialogue and input with the regents. Speaker McCall reported that the legislature wants to know the long-term plans of higher education in Oklahoma. There will be an opportunity in the next few years with stable leadership in the Oklahoma House and Senate to plan a longterm vision into something that is measurable. He also said that the success of the higher education system in Oklahoma is paramount to the success of the state workforce. Oklahoma has an unemployment rate under 4% right now. A lot of work needs to be done, but there is also much opportunity. Communication is important. One goal would be for the Regents to sit down with members of the legislature before the 2020 session begins which is the first Monday in February and talk about what the needs and objectives are for higher education and what role the legislature can play to assist in that. Speaker McCall also reported interest in practical solutions to barriers that prevent us from keeping and retaining talent in the state.

Speaker McCall reported that not long ago, Oklahoma only had \$70 million in the Rainy Day Fund. Now that total is up to \$1.1 billion dollars in 18 months. Only half of the Rainy Day Fund can be used at a time. He wants to focus on short, medium, and long-term planning for higher education.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT-- Regent Susan Winchester

Regent Winchester reported that Representatives Toni Hasenbeck and Mark McBride will attend the meeting next month in Alva.

Regent Winchester thanked President Burrage and Dr. Bryon Clark for meeting with her and Ms. McCaffree to discuss SE and Dr. Clark has agreed to be the Interim President. He will be retiring in May 2020.

Regent Winchester reported that she attended the Regents Education Program on October 3, 2019 where she participated in a Regents Panel. She thanked President Turner and Ms. McCaffree for their assistance in getting prepared for that. She shared the RUSO infograph at the meeting.

Regent Winchester reported that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen Johnson met with all of the public university board chairs. Chancellor Johnson will be formally announcing the budget request for FY 2021 on November 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The State Regents will be requesting a 16% budget increase, another 3 ½ % raise increase, \$7 million for concurrent enrollment of high school juniors, funding for the STEM program, restoration of the general operational fund (\$50 million), phase II of the section 3 offset, and a bond proposal to match endowed chairs.

Regent Winchester noted that more gun legislation will be proposed in the FY 2020 legislative session. She also noted that Oklahomans for Business and Property Owner's Rights will be holding a meeting on October 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., at the Oklahoma Medical Association.

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1. Report on Facilities Stewardship Committee goals for FY 2020.

Regent Reilly reported that the goals have been discussed and a statement will be provided to the Chair of the Board. The Committee wants to continue to support all of the RUSO Physical Plant departments and continue to encourage communication among all of them. The Committee will consider an annual invitation to the RUSO office for exchanging ideas and problem solving discussions.

2. Report on Southeastern Oklahoma State University Campus Facilities Tour.

Regent Reilly thanked Regent McDermott and Regent Fisher for joining her on the campus tour which was conducted by Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Physical Plant Director Dan Simmons and Assistant Director Kevin Epler. The Committee toured the Fine Arts Building which now has all new copper piping and also LED lighting which has resulted in a 70% cost reduction in lighting and increased the lighting in the building. Dan Simmons reported that they have mostly devoted themselves to reacting to problems and fixing them for the last three years and now they are transitioning to doing more preventative work. They make every effort to work with their heating and cooling systems and not against them and they use a work order system called School Dude that has been very effective.

The Committee also toured the Semple Museum site, the Mike Metheny Baseball Field, the Bloomer Sullivan Basketball Gym, and the blueprints for conversion of that pool into a strength training and conditioning space and conversion of the old gym into a new volleyball facility. The Committee also walked around the campus and saw the beautiful landscaping and the Committee appreciates the work of the physical plant team at SE. Regent Reilly made the motion, seconded by Regent Ford to approve the Facilities Stewardship requests as listed on the agenda:

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4. <u>University of Central Oklahoma</u> (pages 52-54)

a. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Liberal Arts North)

<u>Project Description:</u> Request approval to award a contract to Lippert Bros. Construction, as On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for renovation of common areas in the north wing of the Liberal Arts Building first and second floors.

Requested Funding Approval: \$175,000

Budget Breakdown: \$175,000 Construction

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan?: Yes

<u>Revenue Sources:</u> College of Liberal Arts Course Fees in the amount of \$150,000 and Foundation Private Gifts in the amount of \$25,000

b. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Demolition of Buddy's Dining Center and Site Restoration)

<u>Project Description:</u> Request approval to fund, design, and award to Lingo Construction Services, Inc., as On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the demolition and site restoration of the existing cafeteria building and surrounding areas.

Requested Funding Approval: \$600,000

<u>Budget Breakdown:</u> \$340,000 demolition and site restoration; \$60,000 asbestos abatement; \$200,000 irrigation, sod and landscaping

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan?: Yes

<u>Revenue Sources:</u> Campus Enterprises in the amount of \$400,000 and Section 13 Offset funds in the amount of \$200,000

Information Item:

a. Miscellaneous On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc., for Max Chambers Library Renovation Misc. ADA improvements to the men's and women's restrooms on the south side of the first floor for a total amount of \$153,557. Project approved by the Board on April 12, 2019.

Fund Source: Library Maintenance Fee

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Red Sky Constructors, LLC the Music 101 Renovation to replace ADA ramps, flooring and add handrails for a total amount of \$39,600.

Fund Source: Campus Facility Fee

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Red Sky Constructors, LLC the Old North Repairs to include windows replacements and roof repairs for a total amount of \$33,892.

Fund Source: Section 13 Funds

5. Northeastern State University (pages 55-56)

a. Project # 485-0073 - General Repairs

<u>Project Description:</u> Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, needed general renovations and repairs to facilities on all three University campuses.

Requested Funding Approval: \$200,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Fund

b. Project # 485-0074 - General Elevator Repairs

<u>Project Description</u>: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, Elevator repairs and maintenance for University elevators and create maintenance savings for the University.

Requested Funding Approval: \$125,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Revenue Source(s): Section 13 (600) Fund

Information Items:

a. Project #485-0073 – W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center Building Repair

<u>Project Description</u>: General repairs to the W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center Building

Requested Funding Approval: \$25,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

<u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Webb Facility Fee

b. Project #485-0073 - Campus Building Automation

<u>Project Description</u>: Campus wide HVAC updates and installation of new building automation and controls.

Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): 295 Fund

c. Project #485-0073 - Science Building Repairs

<u>Project Description</u>: General building repairs to science building interior. Repairs to include but not limited to paint and patch/repair of interior walls.

Requested Funding Approval: \$25,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Science Facility Fee

d. Project #485-0073 - Muskogee Campus Administration Building Remodel

<u>Project Description</u>: Remodel portion of Muskogee Campus Administration Building to accommodate the Speech Language Pathology faculty and administration.

Requested Funding Approval: \$87,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): College of Science Capital Funds

e. Project #485-0073 - Seminary Hall Staff Relocation

<u>Project Description</u>: Repairs and updates to temporary office locations for the College of Liberal Arts faculty and

administration displaced by the restoration and renovation of Seminary Hall

Requested Funding Approval: \$45,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

<u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Infrastructure Fee

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents, Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

B. SE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE–Chair, Regent Jane McDermott

Report of the SE Presidential Search Committee, Thursday, October 10, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Hallie McKinney Building, Hallie McKinney Ballroom, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. Carolyn Fridley, President, Campus Chapter of American Association of University Professors —The Importance of Shared Governance at SE.

Carolyn Fridley provided an informative presentation about the importance and success of shared governance at SE and the role they can play in picking a candidate for president that believes and practices shared governance as it has been an integral part of President Burrage's tenure. Many concrete examples were given in regards to how the faculty have been engaged with President Burrage in making real, tangible, and meaningful changes to the campus. She also spoke to the importance of including faculty when conducting the presidential search.

2. SE Presidential Search Process and Timeline--Higher Education Leadership Search—Alan Medders, Ph.D., Bill Meehan, Ed.D.

Dr. Medders, Dr. Kjerfve, and Dr. Meehan gave an overview of the Presidential Search Process as well as what to expect in the timeline.

- 3. Discussion and possible action to approve:
 - a. Presidential Job Description

The job description is still being fine-tuned and the Committee will request the Board Chair to exercise emergency approval powers to approve and the Board will ratify it at the next meeting.

b. Leadership Profile Instruments, i.e.—Emergenetics and Hogan Assessments

The Committee would like to continue to discuss the Leadership Profile Instruments and will make a recommendation at a later meeting.

c. Timeline

The Committee is still working on the timeline and coordinating dates.

d. Engagement Agreement

The engagement agreement is almost final, subject to approval from the RUSO General Counsel.

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Reilly to approve the engagement agreement with Higher Education Leadership Search for the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Presidential Search subject to approval from RUSO General Counsel Debra Lyon.

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents, Winchester, Carpenter, Parker, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

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

Report of the System Advancement Committee, Thursday, October 10, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Hallie McKinney Building, Hallie McKinney Ballroom, Durant, Oklahoma.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding committee goals for FY 2020.

Regent Ford reported that the Committee has brainstormed about their goals and processes and will send a goal statement to the Chair.

2. Discussion and possible action to create a RUSO legislative agenda and plan of advocacy for FY 2020.

The Committee would like to move forward with planning for their annual dinner with the State Regents and give them the option of November 6 or November 7 in Oklahoma City.

The Committee also wants to do a better job of telling the RUSO story and clarifying our competitive advantage and our differentiators. For example, the percentage of RUSO university students who are Oklahoma's Promise Recipients are as follows:

> UCO estimates 14.5% NSU 14.5% SE 12.8% SWOSU 11.3% ECU 13.9% NWOSU 9.1%

The Committee is also discussing the possibility of a board retreat. We also want to try to be more system-focused on Higher Ed Day, which hasn't been scheduled yet.

3. Presentation—Online Program Manager Contracts—Dr. Tim Boatmun, Dean of Graduate Studies, E-Programming, and Academic Services, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Boatmun provided an excellent presentation and primer on Southeastern Oklahoma State's University's Online Program Management which helps to develop and execute digital marketing strategies, create functional systems for engaging prospective students, assist faculty and staff in preparation for online programming, and support students in the program. He also provided data on where SE students are coming from and any potential concerns or threats that may come with Online Program Managers.

a. Discussion and possible action regarding presentation.

No action was taken.

Chair Winchester declared a break at 10:53 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:03 p.m.

VIII. PRESIDENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (See attachment C, Pages 57-58)

Regent Ford made the motion, seconded by Regent Reilly, to approve the President's Recommendations for Southeastern Oklahoma State University as presented by President Sean Burrage.

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Absent: Regent Dunn

President Burrage noted that with the approval of SE's recommendations, Dr. Teresa Gold has been appointed Vice President of Academic Affairs effective October 12, 2019.

President Burrage reported that with the approval of SE's recommendations, the university has purchased two 2020 model Cirrus SR20 TRAC aircraft (\$485,090 per aircraft), a Garmin Perspective + Training Kiosk (\$44,500), and an Initial Tooling and Service Spare Parts Kit (\$15,000). Dates of delivery are scheduled for July 2020 for the aircraft and June 2020 for the other items. Total cost of the purchases is \$1,029,688, all of which were paid with auxiliary funds and private donations.

President Burrage thanked the Board for their unwaivering support during his last five years as President of Southeastern.

B. NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment D, pages 59-64)

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

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

<u>Voting against the motion: none</u>

Absent: Regent Dunn

President Turner reported that at the June meeting, the Board approved an item relating to a veteran's memorial. At the November meeting, NSU will have a prototype to share with the Regents.

President Turner reported that the local District Attorney, Mayor, County Commissioners, Faculty, Staff, and Students completed a glow walk in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is held every October.

President Turner reported that on October 14th, 2019, the fourth annual Indigenous Peoples Day will take place with a parade and march leaders.

President Turner reported that on October 22nd, 2019 the 12th Annual Northeastern Oklahoma Regional Economic Alliance Summit will be taking place. Over 400 people attend the summit. This year's theme is: Connect. Collaborate. Grow.

President Turner reported that NSU has joined several Oklahoma public institutions in participating in a program called Degrees When Due through the OSRHE office, which helps students get additional resources to engage those who have college credit hours but no degree.

President Turner reported that there will be a formal signing event for a consortium agreement on learning management systems. The more institutions who sign up, the more the platform cost goes down. Right now, NSU uses Blackboard along with Carl Albert State College, Murray State College, and any other institution that uses Blackboard. NSU expects to save \$100,000.00 in the first year.

President Turner also noted that NSU's homecoming was very successful.

Regent Dunn returned to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

C. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (See attachment E, pages 65-70)

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

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Pierson reported that ECU just finished their fourth annual Oka' Conference, October 8-9, 2019. There were 14 undergraduate poster research demonstrations and competition during the conference. Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation was the keynote speaker.

President Pierson reported that ECU Women's Soccer Team claimed their 16th consecutive academic award presented by the United Soccer Coaches team. Over 900 soccer teams participate and ECU holds the most consecutive years of the award. To qualify, the teams must have an average GPA of 3.0. ECU has averaged at 3.35 or better.

President Pierson wanted to highlight Ontario Douglas, who is a sophomore football player. He is in the top five runningbacks in Division II schools and rushes over 100 yards per game.

President Pierson reported that the Little Dixie Chorale Festival will be taking place from October 22-23, 2019 on ECU's campus. Close to 1,000 high school students will be on campus competing at the Ataloa Theatre.

President Person reported that ECU holds a Senior Day, in which high school seniors who are interested in attending East Central University come and meet faculty, staff, and current students as well as learn about academic majors and receive information on admissions, scholarships, and financial aid.

President Pierson reported that the Making College a Reality Tour begins October 16, 2019 in which ECU visits local schools to recruit interested students. ECU will be visiting seven schools, increasing from four schools last year.

Regent Reilly praised President Pierson's grants and contracts awarded for this meeting. They totaled \$4,671,413.24.

D. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (See attachment F, pages 71-72)

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

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Beutler reported that SWOSU homecoming will take place from October 24-26, 2019 and everyone is invited to attend the festivities.

President Beutler gave an update on Hailey Tucker from Bartlesville who is a recent SWOSU graduate and member of the Lady Bulldog Basketball team. She is among a record group of 585 female college athletes from all three athletic divisions, who have been nominated by NCAA member schools for the 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year award. She is now in the top nine candidates for consideration and will be at the banquet in Indianapolis on October 30, 2019.

E. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

(See attachment G, Pages 73-76)

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

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar reported that UCO was again named a "Great College to Work For" by the Chronicle of Higher Education for 2019. UCO is the only public institution in the state to receive the designation. Within the survey's 12-year history, this is the 11th year in which UCO has been named to the list. UCO ranks among the best nationally in five of the survey's 12 categories. President Patti Nuehold-Ravikumar reported that UCO has earned All-Steinway School designation. UCO joins more than 150 schools worldwide in garnering the prestigious classification. In order to be designated an "All-Steinway School", all performance spaces, piano teaching studios and practice rooms for piano majors must be equipped with Steinway pianos.

President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar noted that UCO incoming freshmen and transfer students will automatically be awarded academic scholarships with the submission of a completed online application and all admissions-related documents by the deadline for the term for which they apply. Incoming freshmen automatically may receive up to \$2,000.00 per year for four years, depending on their high school GPA and ACT score. Applicants are also automatically submitted for consideration for other select UCO scholarships for which they may qualify.

F. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

(See attachment H, pages 77-78)

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

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

President Cunningham reported that Dr. Shelly Wells, has received the 2019 March of Dimes Nurse of the Year in Education Award. She is also the Chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing. Dr. Wells began her career 36 years ago and has a variety of experiences in nursing and is deeply dedicated to the Nursing Program at Northwestern.

President Cunningham invited the Regents to attend homecoming which takes place on the Alva Campus from October 24-26, 2019.

President Cunningham also reported that the Men's rodeo will be in Alva from October 31-November 2, 2019.

President Cunningham reported that there are discussions surrounding the match for endowed chairs in Oklahoma Higher Education. Right now there is \$160,000,000.00 that needs to be matched. Of that \$146,000,000.00 belongs to OU and OSU and the remaining funds, \$13,000,000.00 are split between the public institutions. Of that amount, \$8.6 million dollars is Northwestern Oklahoma State University. If the funds were matched that would be \$275,000.00 additional dollars for the institutional budget.

President Cunningham reported that at the November 14-15, 2019 meeting in Alva the Regents will get to see the newly renovated Fine Arts Building.

President Cunningham thanked the Regents for approving the Educational Excellence request for Heritage Tourism which is an interdisciplinary Master's program which combines mass communication, history, and business.

President Cunningham reported that Steve Valencia has resigned and has gone on to work in development for Rogers State University and that Kelsey Martin is now working as the Director of Marketing and University Relations.

IX. PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT

President Turner reported that the Presidents' Council is working to provide the Regents with the most recent data regarding Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 degree production and the number of junior and senior high school students who are concurrently enrolled under Oklahoma's Promise. In addition, he reported the annual economic impact of RUSO institutions is \$1,329,700,000.00. A one-page "facts at a glance" document will be handed out at the November meeting.

President Turner reported that OSRHE are reviewing the tuition waiver request submitted by RUSO and a working group is being formed to discuss the existing 3.5% budget cap on tuition waivers. President Cunningham is the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the Council of Presidents at the State Regents and will be convening the work group.

President Turner also noted that Presidents have been in discussion about the requirements of Oklahoma's Promise and the legislative peer limits which are 100% in state and 105% for out of state. President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar will be bringing more information after connecting with Bryce Fair at the State Regents Office.

President Turner reported that OKHEEI will be hosting a meeting on November 6, 2019 to discuss potential cost savings options for the group.

President Turner reported that the date for Higher Education Day at the capitol has not been set yet. The hope is that the central location for the event will be the Blue Room. There will be no space accommodations for group luncheons and breakouts because of capitol renovations.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

Ms. McCaffree provided a written Executive Director's Report prior to the meeting.

Ms. McCaffree noted that she interviewed 25 people and synthesized 40 interviews into a memo that has been sent to the Regents for President Turner's evaluation.

XI. RESOLUTION FOR PRESIDENT BURRAGE (See attachment I, pages 79-80)

Regent Winchester presented the resolution for outgoing President Sean Burrage which was approved by acclamation.

XII. REGENTS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 1. Discussion of the employment of the President of Northeastern State University.
- 2. Discussion of the employment including compensation of East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and University of Central Oklahoma.

- 3. Discussion of the employment of the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
- 4. Discussion of the resignation of the ECU Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- 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.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 1:33 p.m.

XV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Reilly, to proceed as discussed in executive session.

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Reilly, to proceed as discussed in executive session.

<u>Voting for the motion:</u> Regents Winchester, Dunn, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Fisher

Voting against the motion: none

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 2019

Submitted by: 11 1 den in

′Susan Winchester Chair

Connie Reilly

Secretary

Minutes approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 15th day of November, 2019.

The next regular meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2020 at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma.

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ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

October 11, 2019

Attachment

A.	Educational Excellence Committee43-50
	* 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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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

September 16, 2019

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

Dear Executive Director McCaffree:

Northeastern State University will submit to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) a *Letter of Intent* requesting approval to offer an existing program through electronic delivery and to develop six new embedded certificates. In accordance with Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) practices, I am providing this information for you to share with the other RUSO institutions.

Health and Kinesiology, M.S. (142) proposes to offer the existing program through electronic delivery. Currently, the program includes traditional delivery and a limited number of blended courses. Electronic delivery will facilitate learning opportunities for working students whose schedules preclude them from driving to the Tahlequah campus.

Graduate Certificates embedded in Leadership, M.S. (052)

The program seeks to provide individuals with the theory, methods, and best practices within a specialized leadership area to meet Oklahoma's workforce demands. At the state and national level, data support the need for leadership training. For example, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce reports that in the second quarter of 2018, 4,125 new jobs requiring leadership skills became available. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics also reports that employers are seeking successors for critical leadership roles as less than 10% of leadership positions have skilled replacements. These certificates will prepare students for those positions and leadership opportunities.

All four certificates would be available at Tahlequah and Broken Arrow and through electronic delivery.

- American Indian Leadership certificate
- Higher Education Administration certificate
- Leadership certificate
- Training and Development certificate

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Graduate Certificates embedded in Instructional Leadership, M.Ed. (124)

The program seeks to address changing instructional environments by providing preparation in teaching in online environments and modern classrooms. The Online Teaching certificate will provide additional preparation for traditionally trained teachers who may be working in less traditional assignments. The Classroom Teaching certificate will help support those who come from non-education backgrounds into today's classrooms.

Both certificates would be available at the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses and through electronic delivery.

- Online Teaching certificate
- Classroom Teaching certificate

A completed proposal for the electronic delivery as well as each new embedded certificate will follow according to OSRHE established time frames. We appreciate RUSO's consideration and support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Steve Turner, Ph.D.

President

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



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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

DATE: September 20, 2019

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 substantive program change is submitted to the Educational Excellence Committee:

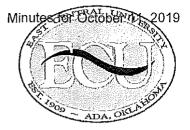
Substantive Change

Physician Assistant Studies, M.S. (155): Incorporating candidacy application feedback from the program accreditor, Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA), NSU requests updates to admission standards and procedures, language to clarify prerequisite requirements and completion timelines, an increase of credit hour requirements for the program's didactic portion and a reduction of credit hours for the program's clinical requirements. ARC-PA provided feedback on course content and sequencing. Course modifications, course deletions, and new courses reflect that feedback. Eight new courses and 13 course deletions are proposed. Total number of hours in the program will change from 118 to 110.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. 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



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27 September 2019

Regent Eric Fisher Chair – Educational Excellence Committee Regional University System of Oklahoma Suite 320 3555 NW 58th St Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Dear Regent Fisher:

East Central University intends to submit a request to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to add the following program to the university's inventory of online degree programs. The Letter of Intent was submitted to Chancellor Glen Johnson in accordance with OSRHE policy (Approval of Subsequent Online Programs 3.16.11) on September 16, 2019. Notification of intent was sent to RUSO Executive Director Sheridan McCaffree on the same date.

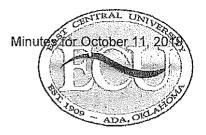
Bachelor of Science in Psychology – 037 (traditional and electronic delivery)

Detailed information regarding each request is attached.

Sincerely,

Katricia Prisino

Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D. President



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

FROM: Katricia G. Pierson, President

DATE: September 27, 2019

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items

Please place East Central University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the October 11, 2019 meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology (037) Program requirement change, no change in total hours for the degree Adding a new option
- Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication (049) Program requirement change, no change in total hours for the degree Option name change
- Certificate in Mass Communication (507) Certificate requirement change, no change in total hours
- Certificate in Mass Communication (513) New embedded certificate
- Bachelor of Social Work (050) Program requirement change, no change in total hours for the degree
- Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (056) Admission requirement change only
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (052) Program requirement change, no change in total hours for the degree
- Minor in Criminal Justice (520A) Minor requirement change, no change in total hours

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Minor requirement change, no change in total hours

- Master of Science in Water Resource Policy and Management (103) Admission requirement change only
- Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (107) New program request

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

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: September 27, 2019

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items – October 11, 2019

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the October 11, 2019, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following item:

- Program Modification request for the following program:
 - 1. Bachelor of Science Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146)

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

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: September 26, 2019

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

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President

Re: Educational Excellence Agenda kem – October 10, 2019

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee Agenda for the October 10, 2019, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents. We request approval of the following items:

New Program Request for Traditional and Online Program - Master of Arts in Heritage Tourism and Conservation (085)

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

JC:md

Attachment



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DATE: September 27, 2019

TO: Regent Connie Reilly, Chair Facilities Stewardship Committee

FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Item for October Meeting

Please place East Central University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the October 10, 2019, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

Amendment to Land Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC that was Approved at the September 6, 2019 Regional University System of Oklahoma Board Meeting

<u>Project Description</u>: Request approval to amend the revenue generating land lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC that was approved at the September 6, 2019, board meeting. The lease would be amended to make the initial term lease for 5 years, automatically renewing for four (4) additional five (5) year terms. Neither party can unilaterally end the lease within the first 25 years of the lease but can in any subsequent term.) Landlord and Tenant shall have the option for up to 13 additional five-year Terms. New Cingular Wireless will pay the University \$1,000 per month in consideration of this ground lease.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Katricia G. Pierson, PhD President



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Central Oklahoma

Date: October 11, 2019

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 October 2019 Facilities Stewardship Committee

1. Approval Items:

a. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Liberal Arts North)

<u>Project Description:</u> Request approval to award a contract to Lippert Bros. Construction, as On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for renovation of common areas in the north wing of the Liberal Arts Building first and second floors.

Requested Funding Approval: \$175,000

Budget Breakdown: \$175,000 Construction

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan?: Yes

<u>Revenue Sources:</u> College of Liberal Arts Course Fees in the amount of \$150,000 and Foundation Private Gifts in the amount of \$25,000

b. Project # 120-0027 Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Demolition of Buddy's Dining Center and Site Restoration)

<u>Project Description:</u> Request approval to fund, design, and award to Lingo Construction Services, Inc., as On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the demolition and site restoration of the existing cafeteria building and surrounding areas.

Requested Funding Approval: \$600,000

<u>Budget Breakdown:</u> \$340,000 demolition and site restoration; \$60,000 asbestos abatement; \$200,000 irrigation, sod and landscaping

Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan?: Yes

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<u>Revenue Sources:</u> Campus Enterprises in the amount of \$400,000 and Section 13 Offset funds in the amount of \$200,000

2. Information Items:

a. Miscellaneous On Call Construction Manager at Risk for Minor Projects

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc., for Max Chambers Library Renovation Misc. ADA improvements to the men's and women's restrooms on the south side of the first floor for a total amount of \$153,557. Project approved by the Board on April 12, 2019.

Fund Source: Library Maintenance Fee

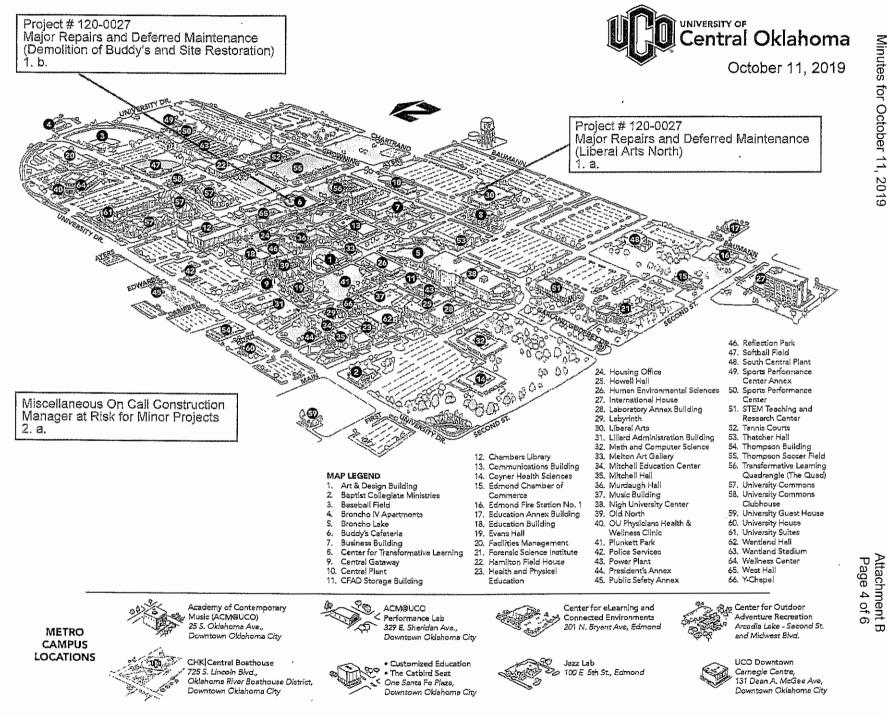
<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Red Sky Constructors, LLC the Music 101 Renovation to replace ADA ramps, flooring and add handrails for a total amount of \$39,600.

Fund Source: Campus Facility Fee

<u>Project Description</u>: Awarded to Red Sky Constructors, LLC the Old North Repairs to include windows replacements and roof repairs for a total amount of \$33,892.

Fund Source: Section 13 Funds

Attachments: Campus Map





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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

DATE: September 20, 2019

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

FROM: Dr. Steve Turner President

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items-October 2019

1. Project # 485-0073 - General Repairs

- <u>Project Description</u>: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, needed general renovations and repairs to facilities on all three University campuses.
- <u>Requested Funding Approval</u>: \$200,000
- <u>Budget Breakdown</u>: Renovation/Repairs
- <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Section 13 (600) Fund

2. Project # 485-0074 - General Elevator Repairs

- <u>Project Description</u>: Request permission to design, bid and award to the lowest responsible bidder, Elevator repairs and maintenance for University elevators and create maintenance savings for the University.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$125,000
- <u>Budget Breakdown</u>: Renovation/Repairs
- <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Section 13 (600) Fund

Informational:

- 1. Project #485-0073 W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center Building Repair
 - <u>Project Description</u>: General repairs to the W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center Building
 - <u>Requested Funding Approval</u>: \$25,000
 - <u>Budget Breakdown</u>: Renovation/Repairs
 - Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
 - <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Webb Facility Fee

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2. Project #485-0073 - Campus Building Automation

- <u>Project Description</u>: Campus wide HVAC updates and installation of new building automation and controls.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$50,000
- <u>Budget Breakdown</u>: Renovation/Repairs
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: 295 Fund

3. Project #485-0073 - Science Building Repairs

- <u>Project Description</u>: General building repairs to science building interior. Repairs to include but not limited to paint and patch/repair of interior walls.
- <u>Requested Funding Approval</u>: \$25,000
- <u>Budget Breakdown</u>: Renovation/Repairs
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Science Facility Fee

4. Project #485-0073 - Muskogee Campus Administration Building Remodel

- <u>Project Description</u>: Remodel portion of Muskogee Campus Administration Building to accommodate the Speech Language Pathology faculty and administration.
- <u>Requested Funding Approval</u>: \$87,000
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: College of Science Capital Funds

5. Project #485-0073 - Seminary Hall Staff Relocation

- <u>Project Description</u>: Repairs and updates to temporary office locations for the College of Liberal Arts faculty and administration displaced by the restoration and renovation of Seminary Hall
- <u>Requested Funding Approval</u>: \$45,000
- <u>Budget Breakdown</u>: Renovation/Repairs
- Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes
- <u>Revenue Source(s)</u>: Infrastructure Fee

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

Dear Regent Winchester:

The recommendations of Southeastern Oklahoma State University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Michael Davis has been appointed to the position of full-time Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Special Assistant to the President for Compliance, effective September 1, 2019 at a 12-month salary of \$90,400.

Dr. Davis earned a J.D. at the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2010 and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 2007. He previously served as the Title IX Coordinator and Director of the Office of Compliance and Safety at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and his previous academic experience includes nine years as an Adjunct Instructor of Political Science and Business Law at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Dr. Davis has also served one year as the Residence Hall Director at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Academic Affairs

Dr. Teresa Golden, Associate Vice President for Assessment and Accreditation, has been appointed to the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs effective October 12, 2019 at an annual salary of \$148,159. Dr. Golden previously served as a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences since 2006 and more recently as the chair of the department.

II. NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS

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

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Educational Opportunity Centers Program......\$559,128.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$559,128. The effective date of the grant is September 1, 2019. This grant's Project Director is Ms. Teriki Barnes. The purpose of this grant is to provide assistance and information to adults who seek to enter or continue a program of post-secondary education. Services include counseling on educational opportunities, post-secondary admissions, test prep, career options, student financial aid assistance, financial literacy counseling, tutoring, and coordination with other agencies and post-secondary institutions. The Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Educational Opportunity Center is funded to serve 1,620 participants in 10 counties in southern Oklahoma (Love, Carter, Marshall, Bryan, Atoka, Coal, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Choctaw, and McCurtain) and in Grayson County, Texas with six full-time staff members and part-time technical assistants and tutors. The grant is in the fourth year of a five-year grant. Southeastern Oklahoma State University Center was first funded in 1991.

Talent Search Program......\$461,489.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$461,489. The effective date of the grant is September 1, 2019. This grant's Project Director is Ms. Sabrina Ford. The purpose of this grant is to identify 861 eligible youth in 2019-2020 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. Educational 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 educational and personal 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. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following purchases are being made in accordance with Board Policy [2.3.7 Exceptions. e) Aircraft and Aircraft Related Parts].

⁴ Southeastern Oklahoma State University has signed a contractual agreement with Cirrus Design Corporation to purchase two 2020 model Cirrus SR20 TRAC aircraft (\$485,090 per aircraft), a Garmin Perspective + Training Kiosk (\$44,500), and an Initial Tooling and Service Spare Parts Kit (\$15,000). Dates of delivery are scheduled for July 2020 for the aircraft and June 2020 for the other items. Total cost of the purchase is \$1,029,680. (Auxiliary Funds and Private Donations).

Sincerely,

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Sean Burrage President

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NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

September 20, 2019

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations and informational items of Northeastern State University are as follows:

I. <u>PERSONNEL</u>

A. TENURE TRACK APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Xiaoshan Li has been appointed Assistant Professor of Marketing in the College of Business and Technology effective August 12, 2019. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, nine-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$76,500. She is replacing Dr. Kathleen Reese.

Dr. Li holds the following degrees: B.A., Communication, Washington State University; M.S., Advertising, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; Ph.D., Advertising, University of Texas at Austin.

Her professional experience includes: Public Relations Specialist/Account Executive, Vintage Consulting, Cameron House, California-five months; Social Media Strategist, Digital Medial IX Marketing Assistant, United Business Media, Shanghai, China-three months.

Ms. Cheri Mays has been appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology & Counseling in the College of Education effective August 12, 2019. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, nine-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$49,580. She is replacing Dr. Claudia Howell Weese.

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Ms. Mays holds the following degrees: B.S., French Education, Abilene Christian University; M.S., Applied Behavioral Studies/Community Counseling, Oklahoma State University. She is anticipating her terminal degree in August 2020.

Her professional experience includes: Instructor, Psychology & Counseling. Rogers State University- three years; Temporary Contract Therapist, Shadow Mountain Behavioral Health System- ten months; Contract Therapist, William Barnes Children's Advocacy Center-eight years.

Dr. Wendi Middleton has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Master of Public Health Program in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective September 3, 2019. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, nine-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$66,100. She is replacing Dr. Wesley DeRosier.

Dr. Middleton holds the following degrees: B.S., Biological Sciences, Quincy University; M.S., Biology, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Ph.D., Health Education, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Her professional experience includes: Assistant Professor, Public Health and Recreations Professions, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale-four years.

Dr. Jason Proctor has been appointed Assistant Professor of Teacher Education in the College of Education effective August 12, 2019. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, nine-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$48,390. He is replacing Dr. Jodi Rachel Green.

Dr. Proctor holds the following degrees: B.S., Chemistry, Ferris State University; M.A., Teaching, Marygrove College; Ed.D., Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Walden University.

His professional experience includes: Secondary Teacher, Tahlequah High School-10 years; Secondary Teacher, Westville High School-one year; Secondary Teacher, Chippewa Hills High School-3 years.

Dr. Kathy Siebold has been appointed Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education effective August 12, 2019. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, nine-month position at an academic salary rate of \$48,390. She is replacing Ms. Kimberly Church.

Dr. Siebold holds the following degrees: B.S., Education, Missouri Southern State University; M.L.I.S., University of Oklahoma; Ed.D., Higher Education, Oklahoma State University.

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Her professional experience includes: Executive Director, ImpactTulsa-two years; Director, Student and Family Support Services, Tulsa Public Schools-one year; Vice-President, Community Investments, Tulsa Area United Way-three years: Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs and Community Development, The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa-seven years.

B. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS (NON-TENURE TRACK)

Dr. Julie Estes has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions effective August 12, 2019. This is a full-time regular, non-tenure track, nine-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$81,000. She is replacing Dr. Judith Melvin.

Dr. Estes holds the following degrees: M.O.T., Occupational Therapy, Belmont University; O.T.D., Occupational Therapy, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions.

Her professional experience includes: Lead O.T., Cornerstone Healthcare Groupfive years; PRN- O.T., St. Johns Hospital-one year; Fieldwork Coordinator/Instructor, Department of Allied Health, Brown Mackie-two years.

Mr. Dustin McClure has been named Senior Military Science Instructor in the College of Liberal Arts effective September 3, 2019. This is a full-time regular, non-tenure track, 12-month position paid through the U.S. Military. He is replacing Sargent Kenny Gream.

C. FACULTY APPOINTMEMT (TEMPORARY)

Ms. Shannon Jankowski has been appointed Temporary Instructor of English in the College of Liberal Arts effective August 19, 2019 This is a full-time, temporary, non-tenure track, nine-month position at an academic year salary rate of \$41,110. She is replacing Dr. Anna DeVaul. Ms. Jankowski holds the following degrees: B.A., English and M.A., English, Northeastern State University. Ms. Jankowski has been serving as an adjunct faculty for NSU.

D. CHANGE OF STATUS

Dr. Nicole Stout has moved from Clinical Assistant Professor to Assistant Professor in the Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry effective October 7, 2019. This is a full-time regular, tenure track, 12-month position at a fiscal year salary rate of \$93,288. She is replacing Dr. Leland Carr.

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E. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Ratnakar Deole, tenured Associate Professor of Chemistry in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted his resignation effective August 16, 2019. Dr. Deole has been employed with NSU since August 2011.

II. <u>PURCHASING</u>

Northeastern State University presents the following items over \$150,000 to be approved in accordance with the policy of the Board. (All funding is E & G unless otherwise noted.):

NSU requests approval to commission a bronze statue honoring veterans by artist Joel Randell. The total cost of the statue is \$450,000. (Private donations -- \$200,000. E & G Part II funds -- \$250,000.00)

III. GRANTS AND CONTACTS

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

OAC – Indigenous Arts Education Series. \$2,743.00 A grant from Oklahoma Arts Council. Funds will provide for artists who will present and facilitate hand-on learning in a two-part Indigenous Arts Education Series. The project director is Ms. Sara Barnett Nsakashalo.

OAC – NSU Chamber Series 2019 - 2020.....**\$1,900.00** A grant from Oklahoma Arts Council. Funds will provide for the NSU Chamber Music Series to bring professional musicians to the Tahlequah area to provide both chamber music and solo performances. The artists will also provide master classes to area music students. The project director is Dr. Jeffery Wall.

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OK INBRE – Gold Nanorod Aptamer Biosensors 2019 - 2020 \$28,780.00 A grant from National Institutes of Health through OSRHE. Funds will help develop a robust solution-based biological sensor that resists photo-bleaching and can be easily modified for different small molecules and proteins of interest at low limits of detection. These sensors could potentially translate to uses in biomedical research and field-deployable devices. The project director is Dr. Nathan Green.

Total of Grants and Contracts\$214,726.00

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Turner, Ph.D.

President

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September 27, 2019

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

Dear Chair Winchester and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

None to report at this time.

II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS None to report at this time.

II. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

PONTOTOC COUNTY DFC RX ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM...\$50,000 East Central University received a \$50,000 grant from the US Department of Health & Human Services. The project period is: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The purpose of this DFC RX program is to prevent and reduce the abuse of prescription medication with youth, ages 12-18, in Pontotoc County. DFC RX will target all youth, ages 12-18, in Pontotoc County, as well as adults that regularly interact with and impact local youth, to reduce youth misuse of prescription drugs, decrease social access to prescriptions, and raise awareness of the issues associated with prescription drug misuse. The Project Director is Ms. Holli Witherington.

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MyStudentBody for all incoming freshmen, bi-annual campus health surveys to aid in assessment and progress of substance abuse concerns (and other Health indicators) on campus, office supplies to support BWI activities and strategies, prevention training continued programming with ECU athletes, promotion of graduate Addictions. The Project Director is Ms. Holli Witherington.

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND......\$309,521.98 grant from the US Department of Education. The project period: September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. This grant will provide academic supportive services designed to prepare 129 eligible military veterans for entrance or reentrance into a post-secondary program of study. The Project Director is Ms. Mary Meeks.

UPWARD BOUND......\$621,467.54 East Central University received a grant award in the amount of \$621,467.54 from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020. This provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education. The Project Director is Ms. Whitney Gifford.

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UPWARD BOUND 2......**\$287,246** East Central University received a grant award in the amount of \$287,246 from the U.S. Department of Education. The project period: September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. This grant will provide learning experiences and prepare lowincome high school students for college. The Project Director is Mr. Vencent Johnson.

CHILD CARE AND RESOURCES AND REFERRAL PROGRAM.........\$114,963 East Central University has been awarded grant awards in the amount of \$114,963 through the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Assoc., Inc. The project period: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. This program will provide infant/toddler resource, referral and technical assistance to families, child care providers and communities throughout 11 counties in South Central Oklahoma. The Project Director is Ms. Pamla Armstrong.

REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING GRANT \$125,000 East Central University received a \$125,000 grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services. The project period: September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2019. The purpose of this program is to (1) train individuals to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, (2) establish linkages with school-and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate servies; (3) train emergency services personnel, veteran, law enforcement, fire department personnel, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder. The Project Director is Ms. Holli Witherington.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM......\$283,397 East Central University received a grant award in the amount of \$283,397 from the Department of Education. The project period: October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. This program will prepare undergraduate STEM students for graduate school entry. The Project Director is Mr. Yul Dotson.

SOCIAL WORK SIM LAB PHASE 2.....**\$25,000** East Central University received a \$25,000 grant from the Sarkeys Foundation. The project period: May 22, 2019 to May 21, 2020. The Project Director is Ms. Amy Ward.

GRADUATEREHABILITATIONCOUNSELORTRAININGPROGRAM\$389,060\$389,060\$389,060\$389,060East Central University received a grant award in the amount of \$389,060 from USDepartment of Education. The project period: October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. The Project Director is Dr. Regina Robertson.

Total Grants and Contracts--\$4,671,413.24

III. PURCHASES

None to report at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D. President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 27, 2019

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

A. NEW HIRES

Jennifer Johnson, has been hired as Head Women's Cross Country/Track & Field in the Athletics department effective September 1, 2019. Her salary is \$43,145.00.

B. RESIGNATION

Shane Brookshire has resigned his position as Head Women's Cross Country/Track & Field in the Athletics department effective August 9, 2019.

II. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

SWOSU has received confirmation of two (2) grants for a total amount of \$218,673. Profiles of these awards are presented below.

A. Mechanisms influencing expression of B7-H4, a target in cancer therapy......\$100,000 The Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (OK-INBRE) has awarded the grant, entitled, *"Mechanisms influencing expression of B7-H4, a target in cancer therapy"* in the amount of \$100,000. This grant supports the research of examining the mechanisms of B7-H4 expression, potentially leading to novel therapeutic targets capable of treating a wide array of human malignancies. The Principal Investigator for this grant is Dr. Chris Horton.

A. Developing Small Molecules Targeting Cancer Metabolism......\$118,673 The Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (OK-INBRE) has awarded the grant, entitled, *"Developing Small Molecules Targeting Cancer Metabolism"* in the amount of

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\$118,673. This grant supports the research that the dual-acting compounds of the proposal can target two critical metabolic dependencies of cancer cells, the Warburg effect and amino acid mediated cell growth, to exert synergistic anticancer effect. The Principal Investigator for this grant is **Dr. Horrick Sharma**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy L. Beutler President



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Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma October 11, 2019

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. Temporary Faculty Appointments

The following have been appointed as temporary faculty for the 2019-2020 academic year:

1) <u>Visiting Instructor</u>

College of Education & Professional Studies

Ms. Melody Harrington Psychology

2) <u>Temporary Lecturer</u>

College of Mathematics & Science

Ms. Susan Huffstutler	Nursing
Ms. Rebecca Osborn	Nursing

3) <u>Visiting Scholar</u>

College of Mathematics & Science

Dr. Riaz Ahmad	Biology
Dr. Sheila Strawn	Biology

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B. Resignations

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Ms. Jill Robinson, Instructor in the **Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies**, has resigned, effective September 6, 2019. Ms. Robinson has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2011.

Ms. Ashley Taylor, Lecturer in the Department of **Mathematics & Statistics**, has resigned, effective August 1, 2019. Ms. Taylor has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2014.

II. Executive Summary of Awards

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

August 2019

Oklahoma School for the Deaf Edmond Regional Preschool Program Contract (Speech Pathologist), \$39,969 Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services 8/01/2019 – 6/30/2020 Nick Chan, Grants & Contracts Funding from this award will provide UCO's Regional Preschool for the Hearing Impaired one speech pathologist, a minimum of forty classroom hours per week of graduate assistant services, and audiological services by licensed audiologist(s).

Poetry Out Loud, \$15,000 Oklahoma Arts Council 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 Sandra Kent, Oklahoma A+ Schools This grant will allow for professional handling and presentation of all aspects of the Oklahoma Poetry Out Loud Contest. Funding will also aid in sending the state winner to Washington D.C.

III. Purchases for Approval

A. None to report.

IV. Informational Items from Purchasing

RUSO approved the amount of \$175,000 on April 12, 2019 for Microsoft Education Enrollment Solution FY20 annual software licensing and maintenance. Actual cost is \$275,000.

Microsoft Education Enrollment Solution Source: Additional E&G.....\$100,000.00

V. Request to Transfer Funds

A. University of Central Oklahoma requests a transfer of Fund 290 operating funds to Fund 295 in the amount of \$175,000. The current operating budget includes this amount designated for major renovation and construction using Educational and General Funds. In order to make the funds available for long-term projects that run past fiscal year operations, we request the transfer to the fund established by the OSRHE for capital projects - Fund 295.

Major Repairs and Deferred Maintenance (Liberal Arts North)			
Source: College of Liberal Arts Course Fees\$150,000.			
Foundation Private Gifts	\$25,000.00		
Total	.\$175,000.00		

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 26, 2019

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. Administrative Resignation

Mr. Steve Valencia, Associate Vice President for University Relations, has submitted his resignation effective September 27, 2019. Mr. Valencia has been with the University since August 1, 1996.

B. Faculty Resignation

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Jennifer Page, Associate Professor of English, has submitted a letter stating her intention to resign effective August 15, 2019. Dr. Page has been with the University since August 12, 2014.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

II. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

CWPEP......\$33,347

The Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) is a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, awarded for FY20. It offers students the opportunity to make a commitment to serve Oklahoma families and children at risk of abuse and/or neglect. Student receive funds for their tuition, fees and textbooks and then fulfill a oneyear employment obligation with OKDHS/Child Welfare. Dr. Kylene Rehder, Professor of Social Work and Chair of the Social Work Department, is the grant coordinator.

OCAST......\$11,860

The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) is a grant from the State of Oklahoma, awarded for FY20. It provides for two student-research assistants to study the distribution and quantity of iodine with relationship to oilfield brine waters in central and western Oklahoma. Dr. Jason Wickham, Professor of Chemistry, is the grant coordinator.

TOTAL GRANTS......\$45,207

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RESOLUTION

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Regional University System of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE became the twentieth president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University on June 30, 2014 and has resigned effective October 11, 2019, and

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE was an excellent steward of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's finances during his five-year term of office by:

- Reducing bond debt and capital lease debt by \$11,000,000 or more than 40%;
- Increasing the university's total net position by \$8.7 million or 31%;
- Increasing revenue by \$2.9 million or 5.6%;
- Decreasing operating expenses by \$1.8 million or 3.3%;
- Increasing private donations by doubling annual unrestricted gifts; increasing private scholarship support by 46%, and raising \$1.4 million for aviation, and

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE was a visionary leader who transformed Southeastern Oklahoma State University's academic program offerings and benefitted students by:

- Increasing enrollment by more than 1,200 students or 35%;
- Increasing Student Credit Hours by 8.5%;
- Implemented fully online masters programs in Business Administration, Education, Native American Leadership, Sports Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication.
- Not increasing tuition or mandatory fees for two years, and

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE responded to the needs of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's faculty and staff by

- Increasing Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System benefit payments for employees in parity with other RUSO universities;
- Implementing a 3.5% faculty salary increase and a staff salary increase which raised salaries to fair market value;
- Strengthening policies and procedures that protect the civil rights of all students and employees regardless of gender or sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE has led Southeastern Oklahoma State University by revitalizing the campus with his steadfast leadership, willingness to confront challenges, resolute demeanor, political acumen, empathy, optimism, and deeply felt loyalty and respect for the faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni and friends of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **PRESIDENT SEAN BURRAGE** is hereby commended for his vision and his strength as a leader in Oklahoma Higher Education. The Regents hereby extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to him and wish him the joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 11th day of October, 2019.

Susan Winchester, Chair

Connie Reilly, Secretary

Gary Parker

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