FINAL AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2021
9:00 am

Physical Meeting Site:
Northeastern Oklahoma State University
W. Roger Webb Educational Technology Center
6th Floor, Room 608
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Zoom Meeting Site:
https://zoom.us/j/99068130602
Teleconference Number: 888-475-4499 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 990 6813 0602
ORDER OF BUSINESS
Regular Meeting of April 16, 2021

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Attending Regular Meeting via Zoom: Regent Susan Winchester, Regent Jeff Dunn, Regent Lake Carpenter, Regent Gary Parker, Regent Connie Reilly, Regent Jane McDermott, Regent Amy Anne Ford, Regent Eric Fisher, Regent Joy Hofmeister

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II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS’ ROLL CALL

A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

III. CHAIR’S REPORT—Regent Susan Winchester

IV. CONSENT DOCKET
A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, February 24-25, 2021
2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 26, 2021
3. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, March 3, 2021

B. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair, Regent Eric Fisher (Attachment A, Pages 25-34)

1. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Page 25)
   a. Program Modifications
      1. M Ed in Education Parks and Recreation Management (064) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
      2. BS Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
      3. BS Parks and Recreation Management (049) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
      4. BA Chemistry (013) - Add course to elective list
      5. BAE English Education (019) - course name change ENGL 4673
      6. BAE Art Education (008) - replacing one professional course
      7. BFA Graphic Design (007) - unbolding courses in list

2. University of Central Oklahoma (Pages 26-27)
   a. New Program
      1. First Professional Education Specialist, School Psychology
b. Option Deletion
   1. M.A. in School Psychology (Do not delete unless new Ed.S. in School Psychology is approved)

c. Letter of Intent
   1. M.S. in Data Science (traditional delivery)

3. East Central University (Page 28)
   a. Option Deletion
      1. Communication and Performance Studies: Communication Studies (0451)
   b. Program Name Change
      1. Communication and Performance Studies (045)
   c. Program Requirement Changes
      1. Theatre: Theatre (0452)
      2. Theatre: Musical Theatre (0454)
      3. Mass Communication: Advertising/Public Relations (0493)
      4. Mass Communication: Media Production (0494)
      5. Master of Management in Management (102)
   d. Option Addition
      1. Mass Communication: Strategic Communication (0495)

4. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Page 29)
   a. Program Modification Request
      1. Master of Business Administration (075) – Delete the Hospitality Management concentration; switch out
classes in the Aerospace Logistics and Marketing concentrations; delete courses and replace with new courses in the Accounting and the Human Resource concentrations. Three new courses added to inventory. Two courses deleted from inventory. No change in total hours.

5. **Northwestern Oklahoma State University** (Pages 30-34)

   a. Reports

   1. **Action by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) - Commission on Accreditation** – continuing accreditation granted to Northwestern’s baccalaureate and master’s programs in social work. The accreditation status is effective between February 2021 and February 2029.

   2. **Action by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) – Education Informal Disposition Panel** – after receiving supporting data pertaining to Northwestern’s first graduating DNP class, the Board moved to grant Full Approval status for Northwestern’s BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

V. **REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

A. **FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** –Chair, Regent Connie Reilly (Attachment B, Pages 35-54)

   1. **Northeastern State University** (pages 35-36)

   a. **Damage from Winter Weather and Energy Blackouts**

      As reported at the February 26 meeting, due to an extended period of freezing winter weather and rolling energy blackouts from February 15 – 19, NSU had domestic pipes, fire suppression, and other systems to freeze and burst on the three campuses. Water damage occurred primarily in Cobb Hall (Auxiliary Housing) and the Broken Arrow Annex. In total, fourteen locations experienced water damage. NSU’s emergency response efforts were conducted in consortium with OMES Risk Management. The remediation process required us to remove ceiling tiles, carpet and sheetrock...
through several of the affected areas. Elements to restore those areas will be bid in accordance with the applicable competitive bidding laws.

The property deductible for NSU is $200,000 per occurrence. All fourteen of the affected locations/buildings will be considered as a single occurrence for insurance purposes. Estimated remediation and restoration totals could exceed $1 million. Although our part is $200,000, there may be instances where NSU will pay approved invoices and be reimbursed for related expenses exceeding our deductible.

Informational Items:

a. Project #485-0073 - College of Business and Technology Finance Lab

Project Description: Installation of a Finance Lab including Stock Trak simulation and tickers

Requested Funding Approval: $70,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): Donated Funds

b. Project #485-0073 - Center for Teaching and Learning Renovation

Project Description: Build a new space inside the library to house the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Requested Funding Approval: $85,000

Budget Breakdown: Renovation

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: Yes

Revenue Source(s): 295 Fund
2. **Southwestern Oklahoma State University** (pages 37-38)

   a. **Project: Purchase of the Cedar Canyon facility, located at Crowder Lake**

      **Project Description:** Request approval to purchase land (60 acres) and building (approximately 10,232 square feet) currently owned by the SWOSU Foundation. This property is located next to Crowder Lake University Park where SWOSU offers classes in sailing, wilderness survival, archery. The Wildland Fire Management students train in firefighting methods and rescue operations. Purchase of this building would allow the expanding Parks and Recreation Department to offer Law Enforcement and other related training options.

      **Requested Funding Approval:** Requesting $500,000

      **Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes

      **Revenue Sources:** Auxiliary funds and from sale of other property listed below.

   b. **Project: Sale of Foss Lake Facility**

      **Project Description:** Request approval to sell to another state agency, or sell at public auction, the Foss Lake Facility which contains 17.432 acres of land and has three buildings. The main building is approximately 10,000 square feet and is compliant with current fire and safety codes. Another building is approximately 1,200 square feet and needs renovation; the last building is about 900 square feet and is a garage storage facility. This was used as a juvenile detention center for many years but is currently vacant. An official appraisal is in process.

      **Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes

      **Revenue Sources:** Not applicable

   c. **Project: Sale of Lawton facility**

      **Project Description:** Request approval to sell at public auction, a building located at 824 SE Second Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. The site has approximately 27,720 square feet or .64 acres of land. The building is one story containing a total of 11,960 square feet. SWOSU purchased this facility in 2013 to operate a residential juvenile facility. SWOSU ceased
operating the facility in 2015 and leased it to another operator. An official appraisal is in process.

Congruent with Capital Master Plan: Yes

Revenue Sources: Not applicable

3. **University of Central Oklahoma** (pages 39-44)

   a. **Annual Campus Capital Master Plan**

   Request approval of the annual campus capital master plan for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects. Approved plan will be forwarded in June 2021 to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and State Long-Range Planning Commission. Refer to the attached Long-Range Capital Planning Commission Agency Summary by Priority for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

   **Information Items:**

   a. **Project # 120-1090 New Dining Center**

   Project Description: Change order #10 in the amount of $30,933 was issued to Lingo Construction Services, Inc. to include ductwork modification and an ONG refund.

   b. **Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk for Minor Projects**

   Annual renewals for the On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects for work not to exceed $1,000,000 per project (RUSO Board meeting April 12, 2019 and June 20, 2019) were sent March of 2021. The second of up to four one-year term renewals were sent to the following On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects:

   1. Lingo Construction Services, Inc.
   2. Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc.
   3. Hall Construction, Inc.
4. **East Central University** (pages 45-47)

   a. **University Center Renovation Alternate (230-0071)**

   **Project Description:** Alternate in the amount of $314,131.73 to Piazza Construction, LLC for masonry wall removal, new finishes, and the addition of e-sports gaming lab. This alternate will increase the contract to $1,671,406.07.

   **Budget Breakdown:** $314,131.73

   **Revenue Sources:** University Center Facility Fee Revenue

   This item is for information purposes only as this project was approved 15 November 2019 at a total cost of $2,000,000.

   b. **University Center Renovation Change Order #1 (230-0071)**

   **Project Description:** Approve change order #1 in the amount of ($19,252.26) to Piazza Construction, LLC for e-sports gaming lab changes. This change order will decrease the contract to $1,652,153.81.

   **Budget Breakdown:** ($19,252.26)

   **Revenue Sources:** University Center Facility Fee Revenue

   c. **University Center Renovation Change Order #2 (230-0071)**

   **Project Description:** Approve change order #2 in the amount of $118,150.00 to Piazza Construction, LLC for repairs and repurposing of racquetball courts due to flooding that occurred during construction. This change order will increase the contract to $1,770,303.81.

   **Budget Breakdown:** $118,150.00

   **Revenue Sources:** Insurance Proceeds Revenue

   d. **Project – Danley Hall Chiller (230-0043)**

   **Project Description:** Request permission to purchase new ninety-ton chiller for Danley Hall from Johnson Controls, Inc.
Requested Funding Approval: $100,000

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the University's Facility Master Plan.

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

5. **Southeastern Oklahoma State University** (pages 48-52)

a. **2021 Series Master Lease Projects**

Request approval to enter into the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority 2021 Real Property Master Lease Program with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to participate in the two University projects listed below.

For the two projects below, current projected annual debt payment amounts total about $450,000. At the present time, annual master lease debt payments total about 1.8 million dollars. Within 12 months, almost $800,000 in debt payments will be retired from the annual debt service payments. Within 18 months, an additional $210,000 in annual master lease debt service payments will be end. With this in mind it is important to note that even with this additional debt, future University debt service will decrease from current expense levels.

1. **Deferred Maintenance & Renovations**

   **Project Description:** Due to aging facilities and infrastructure, it has become necessary to accelerate key projects across both campuses. This project will include upgrading HVAC systems to more energy-efficient systems, replacing and repairing several roofs, replacing exterior doors, updating 30-plus year-old IT wiring infrastructure, and repairs of parking lots, sidewalks, and streets across both campuses.

   **Project Budget:** $5,700,000

   **Location of Project:** SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
   SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma
Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Appropriated Capital, Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity's Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority's 20154 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

It is anticipated that certain expenses related to the project may be required to be paid by the University prior to the receipt of the bond proceeds.

Under Federal Guidelines, a reimbursement allocation is a designated use of bond proceeds to pay an expenditure which was previously paid from sources other than bond proceeds. According to Internal Revenue Code, Section 1.150-2, certain preliminary original expenditures related to capital projects may be reimbursed from bond proceeds if the Board declares the intent to do so in a formal resolution. This item will serve as the formal resolution for the reimbursement for this project.

2. Classroom Upgrades and Improvements

Project Description: Program & enrollment growth along with aging facilities have created a situation where some learning spaces cannot be utilized efficiently. Aging classroom space could potentially hinder the learning environment and growing enrollment. Many spaces have not seen upgrades for several decades. This project will renovate many of those learning spaces by adding new, high-efficiency LED lighting and new classroom furniture.

Project Budget: $1,200,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Fund 290, Appropriated Capital, and Revolving Funds

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b. Real Property Purchases

In accordance with Board policy 1.12.3, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase two properties.

1. Starnes Property

On April 6, 2015 SE and the SE Foundation entered into an agreement to lease property adjacent to the University located at 1307 North 7th and 1321 North 7th, Durant Oklahoma (see attached map). Part of that agreement was an option to purchase the lots after 5 years. The University wishes to now execute the purchase option and buy the properties from the SE Foundation at the previously agreed-upon price.
Vendor: SE Foundation
Amount: $111,117
Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

2. 1422 North 8th

Request approval to delegate authority to the President to sign a contract to purchase a house and lot, pending satisfactory appraisal for purchase price, located at 1422 North 8th, Durant Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion (see attached map).

Amount: Not to Exceed $120,000
Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

c. Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation

According to the contract provision that requires approval from the board for any construction or renovation to the presidential residence, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate the following project:

Project Name: Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation

Project Description: Complete bathroom remodel including removing closet wall to expand space and opening up old covered up windows and replacing with new ones.

Project Number(s): 660-0800
Amount: $20,000 Estimated
Source of Funds: Foundation Funds
Vendor: To Be Determined
6. **Northwestern Oklahoma State University** (pages 53-54)

a. **Easement**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University requests approval to grant and execute an easement with the Agricultural Research Service ("ARS") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The ARS of the USDA seeks an easement for dam improvements on approximately 0.0918 acres on the SE corner of 40 acres in Woodward County, Oklahoma, that NWOSU has leased from Oklahoma State University. The Real Property Work Map is attached for reference. The small section in orange is the property that would be subject to the easement.

**B. AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE—Chair, Regent Gary Parker** (See Attachment C, Pages 55-56)

1. In accordance with board policy 2.1.2, Budget Submission and Approval, East Central University is requesting to amend the following FY2021 budget as indicated below.

   E&G Part I, Fund 490 increase of $877,414 from $6,608,529 to $7,485,943.

**C. SYSTEM ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE—Regent Eric Fisher**


2. RUSO Newsletter Report.

**VI. PRESIDENTS’ COUNCIL REPORT—President Katricia Pierson**

**VII. PRESIDENTS’ RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. **NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**
(See attachment D, pages 57-68)

1. Personnel

2. Grants & Contracts
Total grants and contracts: $ 0.00

3. COVID-19 Report

B. SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
(See attachment E, pages 69-72)

1. Personnel

2. Purchases Agenda:

Informational Items in excess of $50,000:

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3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: $ 88,237.00

4. COVID-19 Report

C. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
(See attachment F, pages 73-88)

1. Personnel

2. Grants and Contracts
Total grants and contracts: $ 0.00

3. **Purchases for Approval:**
   
   a. Transact, formerly entitled Blackboard Transact, licensing and maintenance for the university's OneCard campus I.D. system.
      Source: E&G .....................................................$185,000
   
   b. Oracle, annual software licensing and support.
      Source: E&G ...........................................................$315,000
   
   c. Ellucian Company L.P., License Exchange & Enhancements Agreement for Banner ERP and related systems.
      Source: E&G..........................................................$1,300,000

4. **Informational Items from Purchasing:**
   
   a. Ellucian Company LP., CRM Recruit software
      Source: E&G ....................................................$72,787
   
   b. Cellco Partnership dba- Verizon Wireless, internet hotspots
      Source: E&G ....................................................$90,000
   
   c. Onefire Media Group Inc., marketing consulting services for LX Studio
      Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments.............$57,600
   
   d. Chickasaw Telecom Inc., support for technology infrastructure and network services
      Source: Technology Fee.............................................$61,304
   
   e. Dell USA, LP
      Source: Central Tech Store funds .........................$72,941

5. **Proposed Housing and Dining Rate Increases:**
   
   a. The University of Central Oklahoma proposes a 3.05% average rate increase for Housing and Dining operations for the 2021-2022 academic year.
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6. COVID-19 Report

D. EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
(See attachment G, Pages 89-94)

1. Personnel

2. Request for Contracts:

None to report at this time.

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: $526,393.00

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):
a. Request to engage Howard Technology Solutions to provide and install audio visual equipment for technology upgrades to 158 classrooms at an estimated cost of $1,800,000.00, utilizing NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program under State of Oklahoma Contract No. SW1020 (CARES Funding).

5. COVID-19 Report

E. SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
(See attachment H, Pages 95-100)

1. Personnel

2. Purchases

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

a. Campus Technology Upgrades

Purchase items associated with campus-wide technology replacement plan. This includes the purchase of classroom teaching technology, faculty computers, staff computers, laptops with docking stations, monitors, as well as associated peripherals.

Project Number(s): 660-0801 & 660-0892

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
McCurtain Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: $2,100,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: Various Vendors with State Contracts including Dell & CDW-G.

b. Technology Infrastructure Improvements

Request approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate services related to the network re-wire of residence halls and our main academic distance learning classroom building. This re-wire will replace end-of-life
category V cable to current industry standard cable from the end-point switch to the device. The services will include the purchase and installation of equipment. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training necessary for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: $900,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: To Be Determined

c. End-Point Switch Replacement

Replacement of end-of-life and aging end-point switch gear, in multiple buildings, to new fully powered Ethernet switches. The services will include the purchase of and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training as needed for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801

Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs

Amount: $500,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding

Vendor: CXTec, Federal Contract TIPS# 200105

3. Grants & Contracts

Total grants and contracts: $95,662.00

4. COVID-19 Report
F. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
   (See attachment I, pages 101-108)

1. Personnel

2. Purchases:

   NWOSU requests approval of the following purchases in accordance with Board Policy (over $150,000):

   a. Permission to bid and award the purchase of two used charter busses to add to the University fleet for student transportation. Total coast not to exceed $300,000. (Fund 490/CARES Funding)

3. Grants and Contracts

   Total grants and contracts: $155,035.00

4. Informational Items:

   a. Summer Hours

   Northwestern will continue the summer work schedule implemented in 2002. Employees will work 10-hour days, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with a 30-minute lunch break. Summer hours will be in effect for 10 weeks, May 17, 2021, to July 22, 2021.

5. COVID-19 Report

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Sheridan McCaffree

IX. RESOLUTION FOR OUTGOING REGENT

X. ELECTION OF FY 2022 OFFICERS

XI. REGENTS’ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. NEW BUSINESS
XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Zoom Link:
https://zoom.us/j/99538362466?pwd=eVFUTFM1bmF3QVl5aE9BZ3c1cU1XQT09
Teleconference Number: 877-853-5257 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 995 3836 2466

Regents Attending Regular Meeting Executive Session Via Zoom: Regent Susan Winchester, Regent Jeff Dunn, Regent Lake Carpenter, Regent Gary Parker, Regent Connie Reilly, Regent Jane McDermott, Regent Amy Anne Ford, Regent Eric Fisher, Regent Joy Hofmeister

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

1. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of East Central University.

2. Discussion regarding the employment of the President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

3. Discussion regarding the compensation of the Presidents of East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and University of Central Oklahoma.

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

1. Discussion regarding Oklahoma State University-Tulsa’s program proposal to offer Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting.

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

XIV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT
ATTACHMENTS TO AGENDA

April 16, 2021

Attachment

A. Educational Excellence Committee ............................................. 25-34

* 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.

B. Facilities Stewardship Committee ............................................... 35-54

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I. Northwestern Oklahoma State University ................................... 101-108
TO: Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma
   Susan Winchester, Chair

FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President

DATE: April 02, 2021

SUBJECT: Educational Excellence Committee Agenda Items – April 16, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the January 31, 2020, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- Program Modification requests for the following programs:
  1. M Ed in Education Parks and Recreation Management (064) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
  2. BS Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement (146) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
  3. BS Parks and Recreation Management (049) - NRM 4852 to 3 credit hour
  4. BA Chemistry (013) - Add course to elective list
  5. BAE English Education (019) - course name change ENGL 4673
  6. BAE Art Education (008) - replacing one professional course
  7. BFA Graphic Design (007) - unbolding courses in list

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

Attachments
TO: Academic Affairs Committee Chair
FROM: Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President
DATE: March 26, 2021
SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Agenda Items – April 8-9, 2021

Please place the University of Central Oklahoma on the Academic Affairs Committee agenda for the April 8-9, Board of Regents meeting. We request approval of the following items:

New Program
- Add new program for First Professional Education Specialist, School Psychology

Option Deletion
- Delete option for M.A. in School Psychology (Do not delete unless new Ed.S. in School Psychology is approved)
April 1, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. McCaffree,

In accordance with the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) policy guidelines, this letter serves to inform you of the University of Central Oklahoma’s intent to submit the following program request:

**New Program:**

- M.S. Data Science (traditional delivery)

The program listed above will be taught on the University of Central Oklahoma campus unless otherwise stated.

Your consideration of this letter of intent is appreciated. Please contact Dr. Charlotte Simmons, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at (405) 974-3371 should you have any questions or need further clarification.

Respectfully,

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President
Dear Regent Fisher:

Please place East Central University on the Educational Excellence Committee agenda for the April 8, 2021 meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following items:

- **Option Deletion:**

- **Program Name Change:**
  - Communication and Performance Studies (045)

- **Program Requirement Changes:**
  - Theatre: Theatre (0452)
  - Theatre: Musical Theatre (0454)
  - Mass Communication: Advertising/Public Relations (0493)
  - Mass Communication: Media Production (0494)
  - Master of Management in Management (102)

- **Option Addition:**
  - Mass Communication: Strategic Communication (0495)

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you!

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.

-28-
March 31, 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 modification.

**Master of Business Administration (075)** – Delete the Hospitality Management concentration; switch out classes in the Aerospace Logistics and Marketing concentrations; delete courses and replace with new courses in the Accounting and the Human Resource concentrations. Three new courses added to inventory. Two courses deleted from inventory. No change in total hours.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom
President
Date: April 1, 2021

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

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President

Re: Educational Excellence Agenda Item – April 15, 2021

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Educational Excellence Committee Agenda for the April 15, 2021, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

We report the following:

**Action by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) - Commission on Accreditation** – continuing accreditation granted to Northwestern’s baccalaureate and master’s programs in social work. The accreditation status is effective between February 2021 and February 2029.

**Action by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) - Education Informal Disposition Panel** – after receiving supporting data pertaining to Northwestern’s first graduating DNP class, the Board moved to grant Full Approval status for Northwestern’s BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

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

JC:md
March 22, 2021

Janet Cunningham, EdD
President
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Office of the President
jcunningham@nwosu.edu

RE: Reaffirmation
Northwestern Oklahoma State University (OK)
Baccalaureate Social Work Program (BSW)
2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

Dear President Cunningham:

At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the self-study, the COA Letter of Instruction, the Site Visit Report, and the program’s response to the report as the Reaffirmation application for the baccalaureate/master’s social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the accreditation of the program for eight years, ending in February 2029.

Congratulations on this achievement.

The accreditation status obtained at Reaffirmation only covers the components that were reviewed in the self-study at the time of the COA review. Changes may take place within the program prior to its next scheduled accreditation review; however, some program changes impact compliance with EPAS and require reporting to the COA or DOSWA per section 1.2.4 Program Changes in the EPAS Handbook. Accreditation is an elective, program-driven, and self-managed peer-review process. Programs are solely responsible for implementing, demonstrating, and maintaining compliance with the EPAS during and in-between review cycles.

Please be in touch with Katie Benson, MSW, Accreditation Specialist in the Department of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,

Deana F. Morrow, PhD, LICSW, ACSW
Chair, Commission on Accreditation
DFM/KB
Cc:  Kylene Rehder, MSW, EdD  
Social Work Department Chair  
kdreher@nwosu.edu
March 25, 2021

Shelly Wells, PhD, MBA, MS, APRN-CNS
Division Chair
Northwestern OK State University
Division of Nursing
709 Oklahoma Blvd.
Alva, OK 73717-2799

Dear Dr. Wells,

During the March 2021 meeting, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing considered the following recommendations by the Board’s Education Informal Disposition Panel.

a. Accept the written report
b. Grant full approval status for the BSN to DNP Family Nursing Practitioner Program

The Board’s decision was to accept both recommendations by the Board’s Education Informal Disposition Panel and to grant Full Approval status for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University, BSN to DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Terri L. Walker, MSN, RN
Nursing Education Consultant

cc: Kyle Foster, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
REMEDIATE WINTER STORM DAMAGE – MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

As reported at the February 26 meeting, due to an extended period of freezing winter weather and rolling energy blackouts from February 15 – 19, NSU had domestic pipes, fire suppression, and other systems to freeze and burst on the three campuses. Water damage occurred primarily in Cobb Hall (Auxiliary Housing) and the Broken Arrow Annex. In total, fourteen locations experienced water damage. NSU’s emergency response efforts were conducted in consortium with OMES Risk Management. The remediation process required us to remove ceiling tiles, carpet and sheetrock through several of the affected areas. Elements to restore those areas will be bid in accordance with the applicable competitive bidding laws.

The property deductible for NSU is $200,000 per occurrence. All fourteen of the affected locations/buildings will be considered as a single occurrence for insurance purposes. Estimated remediation and restoration totals could exceed $1 million. Although our part is $200,000, there may be instances where NSU will pay approved invoices and be reimbursed for related expenses exceeding our deductible.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Project #485-0073 - College of Business and Technology Finance Lab
   - Project Description: Installation of a Finance Lab including Stock Trak simulation and tickers
   - Requested Funding Approval: $70,000
Northeastern State University

- **Budget Breakdown:** Renovation/Repairs
- **Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans:** Yes
- **Revenue Source(s):** Donated Funds

2. **Project #485-0073 - Center for Teaching and Learning Renovation**
   - **Project Description:** Build a new space inside the library to house the Center for Teaching and Learning.
   - **Requested Funding Approval:** $85,000
   - **Budget Breakdown:** Renovation
   - **Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans:** Yes
   - **Revenue Source(s):** 295 Fund
TO: Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma  
Susan Winchester, Chair
FROM: Randy L. Beutler, President
DATE: April 2, 2021
SUBJECT: Facility Stewardship Committee Agenda Items – April 16, 2021

Please place Southwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facility Stewardship Committee agenda for the April 16, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

- **Project: Purchase of the Cedar Canyon facility, located at Crowder Lake**

  **Project Description:** Request approval to purchase land (60 acres) and building (approximately 10,232 square feet) currently owned by the SWOSU Foundation. This property is located next to Crowder Lake University Park where SWOSU offers classes in sailing, wilderness survival, archery. The Wildland Fire Management students train in firefighting methods and rescue operations. Purchase of this building would allow the expanding Parks and Recreation Department to offer Law Enforcement and other related training options.

  **Requested Funding Approval:** Requesting $500,000

  **Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes

  **Revenue Sources:** Auxiliary funds and from sale of other property listed below.

- **Project: Sale of Foss Lake Facility**

  **Project Description:**
  Request approval to sell to another state agency, or sell at public auction, the Foss Lake Facility which contains 17.432 acres of land and has three buildings. The main building is approximately 10,000 square feet and is compliant with current fire and safety codes. Another building is approximately 1,200 square feet and needs renovation; the last building is about 900 square feet and is a garage storage facility. This was used as a

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100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096  
800.774.3766  580.774.3717  fax: www.swosu.edu
juvenile detention center for many years but is currently vacant. An official appraisal is in process.

**Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes

**Revenue Sources:** Not applicable

- **Project: Sale of Lawton facility**

**Project Description:**
Request approval to sell at public auction, a building located at 824 SE Second Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. The site has approximately 27,720 square feet or .64 acres of land. The building is one story containing a total of 11,960 square feet. SWOSU purchased this facility in 2013 to operate a residential juvenile facility. SWOSU ceased operating the facility in 2015 and leased it to another operator. An official appraisal is in process.

**Congruent with Capital Master Plan:** Yes

**Revenue Sources:** Not applicable
Date: April 9, 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

April 2021 Facilities Stewardship Committee

1. Approval Items:

a. Annual Campus Capital Master Plan

Request approval of the annual campus capital master plan for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects. Approved plan will be forwarded in June 2021 to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and State Long-Range Planning Commission. Refer to the attached Long-Range Capital Planning Commission Agency Summary by Priority for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

2. Information Items:

a. Project # 120-1090 New Dining Center

Project Description: Change order #10 in the amount of $30,933 was issued to Lingo Construction Services, Inc. to include ductwork modification and an ONG refund.

b. Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk for Minor Projects

Annual renewals for the On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects for work not to exceed $1,000,000 per project (RUSO Board meeting April 12, 2019 and June 20, 2019) were sent March of 2021. The second of up to four one-year term renewals were sent to the following On-Call Construction Managers at Risk for Minor Projects:

1. Lingo Construction Services, Inc.
2. Lippert Bros. Construction, Inc.
3. Hall Construction, Inc.

Attachments:

Campus Map
Annual Campus Capital Master Plan
Change Order Form New Dining Center
Annual Campus Capital Master Plan

Annual Renewals for On-Call Construction Manager(s) at Risk for Minor Projects

Project # 120-1090
New Dining Center

April 9, 2021

MAP LEGEND
1. Art & Design Building
2. Baptist Collegiate Ministries
3. Baseball Field
4. Batchelor Place
5. Beta STEM Research and Learning Center
6. Bronchos IV Apartments
7. Bravers Lake
8. Business Building
9. Center for Transformative Learning
10. Central Gateway

11. Central Plant
12. CFAD Storage Building
13. Chambers Library
14. Communications Building
15. Co-op Sports Gaming Center
16. Cooner Health Sciences
17. Edmond Chamber of Commerce
18. Edmond Fire Station No. 1
19. Education Annex Building
20. Education Building
21. Events Hall
22. Facilities Management
23. Forensic Science Institute
24. Hamilton Field House
25. Health and Physical Education
26. Howell Hall
27. Human Environmental Sciences
28. International House
29. Laboratory Annex Building
30. Labyrinth
31. Liberal Arts North Wing
32. Liberal Arts South Wing
33. UCO Administration Building
34. Math and Computer Science
35. Melton Art Gallery
36. Mitchell Education Center
37. Mitchell Hall
38. Murdock Hall
39. Music Building
40. Nigh University Center
41. Old North
42. OI Physicians Health & Wellness Clinic
43. Plunkett Park
44. Police Services
45. Power Plant
46. President's Annex
47. Public Safety Administration
48. Public Safety Annex
49. Reflection Park
50. School of Design (Interior)
51. Softball Field
52. South Central Plant
53. Sports Performance Center Annex
54. Sports Performance Center
55. Tennis Courts
56. Thacher Hall
57. Thompson Soccer Field
58. Transformative Learning Quadrangle (The Quad)
59. University Commons
60. University Commons Clubhouse
61. University Guest House
62. University House
63. University Suites
64. Westland Hall
65. Westland Stadium
66. Wellness Center
67. West Hall
68. Y-Chapel

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

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

Center for Outdoor Recreation
Adarace Lake - Second St. and Midwest Blvd.

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

Tier Lab
100 E. 5th St., Edmond

Academy of Contemporary Music (ACMBUCO)
25 S. Oklahoma Ave.,
Downtown Oklahoma City

Metro Campus Locations

Central Bar
752 Riverfront Dr.,
Oklahoma River Barboque District,
Downtown Oklahoma City

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### Long-Range Capital Planning Commission

**Agency Summary by Priority**

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## Change Orders for Building Projects

**Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma**

**Fax No. (405) 942-8847**

**University:** University of Central Oklahoma  
**Building Project:** New Dining Center

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**Prepared by:** Kevin Freer  
**9-Apr-19**

**Contractor:** Lingo Construction Services  
**Original Contract Amount:** $15,368,858  
**RUSO Approval Date:** 4-Nov-16  
**Final Inspection Date:** TBD  
**Final Contract Amount:** TBD
DATE: April 7, 2021

TO: Regent Connie Reilly, Chair
Facilities Stewardship Committee

FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President

SUBJECT: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Item for April's Meeting

Please place East Central University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the April 15-16, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following items:

**University Center Renovation Alternate (230-0071)**

*Project Description:* Alternate in the amount of $314,131.73 to Piazza Construction, LLC for masonry wall removal, new finishes, and the addition of e-sports gaming lab. This alternate will increase the contract to $1,671,406.07.

*Budget Breakdown:* $314,131.73

*Revenue Sources:* University Center Facility Fee Revenue

*This item is for information purposes only as this project was approved 15 November 2019 at a total cost of $2,000,000.*

**University Center Renovation Change Order #1 (230-0071)**

*Project Description:* Approve change order #1 in the amount of ($19,252.26) to Piazza Construction, LLC for e-sports gaming lab changes. This change order will decrease the contract to $1,652,153.81.

*Budget Breakdown:* ($19,252.26)

*Revenue Sources:* University Center Facility Fee Revenue
University Center Renovation Change Order #2 (230-0071)

Project Description: Approve change order #2 in the amount of #118,150.00 to Piazza Construction, LLC for repairs and repurposing of racquetball courts due to flooding that occurred during construction. This change order will increase the contract to $1,770,303.81.

Budget Breakdown: $118,150.00

Revenue Sources: Insurance Proceeds Revenue

Project – Danley Hall Chiller (230-0043)

Project Description: Request permission to purchase new ninety-ton chiller for Danley Hall from Johnson Controls, Inc.

Requested Funding Approval: $100,000

Congruent with Facility Master Plans or Strategic Plans: This project is consistent with the University’s Facility Master Plan.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katricia G. Pierson, PhD
President

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## Change Orders for Building Projects

### Board of Regents Regional University System of Oklahoma

**Fax No. (405) 942-8847**

**Contractor:** Piazza Contractor, LLC

**Original Contract Amount:** $1,671,406.07

**Contractor:** Piazza Contractor, LLC

**Approval Date:** April 16, 2021

**Final Inspection Date:**

**Final Contract Amount:**

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**Unit pricing is not subject to the allowable change order percentage**

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March 31, 2021

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

RE: April Facilities Stewardship Committee

Dear Regent Reilly:

Please place Southeastern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda for April 2021 for the following items:

**2021 Series Master Lease Projects**

Request approval to enter into the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority 2021 Real Property Master Lease Program with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to participate in the two University projects listed below.

For the two projects below, current projected annual debt payment amounts total about $450,000. At the present time, annual master lease debt payments total about 1.8 million dollars. Within 12 months, almost $800,000 in debt payments will be retired from the annual debt service payments. Within 18 months, an additional $210,000 in annual master lease debt service payments will be ended. With this in mind it is important to note that even with this additional debt, future University debt service will decrease from current expense levels.

**PROJECT ONE**

**Name of Project:** Deferred Maintenance & Renovations

**Project Description:** Due to aging facilities and infrastructure, it has become necessary to accelerate key projects across both campuses. This project will include upgrading HVAC systems to more energy-efficient systems, replacing and repairing several roofs, replacing exterior doors, updating 30-plus year-old IT wiring infrastructure, and repairs of parking lots, sidewalks, and streets across both campuses.
Project Budget: $5,700,000

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Appropriated Capital, Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity’s Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority’s 2015 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

It is anticipated that certain expenses related to the project may be required to be paid by the University prior to the receipt of the bond proceeds.

Under Federal Guidelines, a reimbursement allocation is a designated use of bond proceeds to pay an expenditure which was previously paid from sources other than bond proceeds. According to Internal Revenue Code, Section 1.150-2, certain preliminary original expenditures related to capital projects may be reimbursed from bond proceeds if the Board declares the intent to do so in a formal resolution. This item will serve as the formal resolution for the reimbursement for this project.

PROJECT TWO

Name of Project: Classroom Upgrades and Improvements

Project Description: Program & enrollment growth along with aging facilities have created a situation where some learning spaces cannot be utilized efficiently. Aging classroom space could potentially hinder the learning environment and growing enrollment. Many spaces have not seen upgrades for several decades. This project will renovate many of those learning spaces by adding new, high-efficiency LED lighting and new classroom furniture.

Project Budget: $1,200,000
Agenda for April 16, 2021

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma
SOSU McCurtain County Campus – Idabel, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan projects: 660-0804, 660-0800, 660-0891, 660-0558, 660-0805

Revenue Sources: Fund 290, Appropriated Capital, and Revolving Funds

Reimbursement: The Bond Oversight Commission requires that each participating entity’s Governing Board approve their participation in the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority’s 20154 Equipment Master Lease Program and if funds are to be reimbursed by bond proceeds, a reimbursement resolution must be approved.

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Real Property Purchases

In accordance with Board policy 1.12.3, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase two properties.

Real Property Purchase, Starnes Property

On April 6, 2015 SE and the SE Foundation entered into an agreement to lease property adjacent to the University located at 1307 North 7th and 1321 North 7th, Durant Oklahoma (see attached map). Part of that agreement was an option to purchase the lots after 5 years. The University wishes to now execute the purchase option and buy the properties from the SE Foundation at the previously agreed-upon price.

Vendor: SE Foundation
Amount: $111,117
Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds
Real Property Purchase

Request approval to delegate authority to the President to sign a contract to purchase a house and lot, pending satisfactory appraisal for purchase price, located at 1422 North 8th, Durant Oklahoma. The house is adjacent to property owned by the University and is a prime location for future expansion (see attached map).

Amount: Not to Exceed $120,000
Source of Funds: E&G Reserve, Auxiliary, and Capital Funds

Construction & Renovation

According to the contract provision that requires approval from the board for any construction or renovation to the presidential residence, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate the following project:

Project Name: Magnolia House Master Bathroom Renovation
Project Description: Complete bathroom remodel including removing closet wall to expand space and opening up old covered up windows and replacing with new ones.
Project Number(s): 660-0800
Amount: $20,000 Estimated
Source of Funds: Foundation Funds
Vendor: To Be Determined

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Newsom
President
The Southeastern Aviation Sciences Institute is located at Eaker Field, approximately 5 miles south of Durant. From the Southeastern Administration parking lot, turn left onto 7th Avenue. Take 7th to Main Street. Turn right onto Main and proceed to the traffic light at Main and 9th. Turn left onto 9th and proceed south on 9th past the Southeastern Equestrian Center. Turn left at the Eaker Field sign, cross the railroad tracks, and follow the road to the hangar.
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Date: April 1, 2021

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

From: Dr. Janet Cunningham, President

Re: Facilities Stewardship Committee Agenda Items – April 15, 2021

Please place Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Facilities Stewardship Committee agenda for the April 15, 2021, meeting of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents for the following item:

**Easement**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University requests approval to grant and execute an easement with the Agricultural Research Service ("ARS") of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The ARS of the USDA seeks an easement for dam improvements on approximately 0.0918 acres on the SE corner of 40 acres in Woodward County, Oklahoma, that NWOSU has leased from Oklahoma State University. The Real Property Work Map is attached for reference. The small section in orange is the property that would be subject to the easement.

JC:md

Att. (1)
DATE: March 11, 2021

TO: Regent Gary Parker, Chair
Audit & Finance Committee

FROM: Dr. Katricia G. Pierson, President

SUBJECT: Audit & Finance Committee

Please place East Central University on the Audit & Finance Committee agenda for the April 15-16, 2021, Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma meeting regarding the following item:

Approval of FY21 Budget Revision

In accordance with board policy 2.1.2, Budget Submission and Approval, East Central University is requesting to amend the following FY2021 budget as indicated below.

- E&G Part I, Fund 490 increase of $877,414 from $6,608,529 to $7,485,943.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katricia G. Pierson, PhD
President

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April 2, 2021

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 CHANGE OF STATUS

Dr. Daniel McNeill, Clinical Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has resigned effective July 31, 2021 rather than the previously reported date of May 31, 2021, at the January 28-29, 2021 RUSO Board meeting

B. FACULTY COMPLETING A DOCTORATE

Dr. Troy Bender, Instructor / Program Director of Physician’s Assistant Studies in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has earned his D.M.S. in Physician Assistant Education. The degree was conferred on January 22, 2021 from the University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, Virginia.

C. RETIREMENTS WITH RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Margaret Dobbs, Instructor of Health and Kinesiology, in the College of Education has announced her retirement effective June 1, 2021. She has worked for NSU since August 2006.
Northeastern State University

Dr. Lucinda (Cindi) Fries, tenured Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education announced her retirement effective August 1, 2021. She has worked for NSU since August 2003.

D. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Connor O'Dell, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science Department in the Gregg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions has submitted his letter of resignation effective May 11, 2021. He has worked for NSU since August 2018.

Ms. Alyssa Ross, Instructor of Library Services in the John Vaugh Library has submitted her resignation effective March 26, 2021. She has worked for NSU since August 2018.

E. NON-REAPPOINTMENTS

The following faculty members have been notified of non-renewal prior to March 1, 2021.

Dr. Erica Argyropoulos  Instructor of Library Services
                                           John Vaugh Library

Dr. Xiao-Ming (David) Liu  Associate Professor of Biology
                                 Gregg Wadley College of Science & Health Prof

Dr. Theodore Ward  Assistant Professor of Computer Science
                                 Gregg Wadley College of Science & Health Prof

Dr. Naixue (Neal) Xiong  Associate Professor of Computer Science
                                 Gregg Wadley College of Science & Health Prof

F. PROMOTION IN RANK

The following faculty members are recommended for advancement in rank effective with the beginning of the 2021 fall semester. The faculty members listed below have been recommended by the respective College Dean and the Provost:

College of Education
Dr. Alesha Baker  Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Dr. Samantha Benn-Duke  Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Ms. Sheila Fritts  Instructor to Assistant Professor
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| Dr. Joseph Farmer             |                        | Dr. Matthew Krein                                     |
| Dr. Christopher Flavin        | Assistant Professor    | Dr. Jenna Lighthizer                                  |
| Dr. Herbert Clark Gibson, III | to Associate Professor | Assistant Professor to Associate Professor           |
| Dr. Beth Green-Nagle          | Assistant Professor    | Associate Professor to Professor                      |
| Dr. James “Buster” Hall       | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Christine Hallman         | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Raymond Hasselman         | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Farina King               | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Nicole Lasky              | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. James Lindroth            | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Justin McBride            | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. John McIntosh             | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Christopher Miller        | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Whitney Myers             | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Amy Proctor               | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Robin Pursley             | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Lara Searcy               | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Candessa Tehee            | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Denis Vovchenko           | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Jeffrey Wall              | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Christopher Wall          | to Associate Professor | to Professor                                          |
| Dr. Christopher Weaver        | Assistant Professor    | to Professor                                          |
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G. TENURE

The following faculty members are recommended for tenure effective with the beginning of the 2021 fall semester.

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H. REAPPOINTMENT OF TENURE TRACK FACULTY DURING PROBATIONARY PERIOD

In accordance with Board policy, the following persons on tenure track status will be retained for the 2021-2022 academic year.
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## REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY

I recommend the following faculty for reappointment on a non-tenure track basis for the **2021-2022** academic year.

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J. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED FACULTY AFTER SEVEN YEARS

In compliance with personnel policies of the Board concerning employment of non-tenured faculty beyond seven years, I recommend approval to continue employment of the following faculty during the 2021-2022 academic year.

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K. STATUS OF TEMPORARY FACULTY

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Respectfully submitted,

Steve Turner, Ph.D.
President
WHEREAS, Ms. Margaret Sanders Dobbs will retire as Instructor of Health and Kinesiology at Northeastern State University on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for the past 15 years and served a coordinator for multiple courses; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining NSU, she dedicated several years to the profession as a public school science teacher and later as a self-employed fitness owner/instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs is an innovative teacher who has served as a coordinator for multiple courses, developed online courses, and authored e-books and online course materials through Top Hat; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has participated in numerous Northeastern State University recruitment events; mentored, advised, and recruited students in the Health and Kinesiology area; and represented Northeastern State University as a board member and president for the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs is an active scholar who has presented research at multiple symposiums and conferences for the American College of Sports Medicine, the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and Oklahoma Research Day; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has demonstrated professionalism through membership in associations such as the Regional and National American College of Sports Medicine, state and national Associations for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and fitness associations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbs has served on multiple committees and demonstrated a commitment to community engagement as the president of the Eufaula School Board and a taskforce member of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon Ms. Margaret Sanders Dobbs the honorary title of "Instructor Emeritus of Health and Kinesiology" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contributions to the success of Northeastern State University and wish for her continued prosperity, good health, and a feeling of satisfaction so rightly deserved by one who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator for the students of Oklahoma; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, be forwarded to Ms. Margaret Sanders Dobbs in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, Dr. Lucinda “Cindi” Fries will retire as Associate Professor of Teacher Education at Northeastern State University on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty for 18 years and served as coordinator for multiple programs and courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has made many contributions as a faculty member which have benefitted students, colleagues, the university, and the community, and has been recognized by her students and colleagues as a Circle of Excellence in Teaching nominee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her creation and commitment to the Teacher Education International Internship Program as she consistently provided NSU teacher candidates with opportunities to cultivate awareness of cultural differentiation and global awareness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has shown her dedication to the teaching profession through service with the international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi, and received the Chapter Counselor Award for 15 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fries has served the institution and profession by researching, developing, and executing STEAM workshops for public school teachers and students to inspire them and encourage interest and awareness in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Dr. Fries is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on Northeastern State University, her colleagues, public school educators, teacher education majors, and the families of our state and nation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon Dr. Lucinda Fries the honorary title of “Associate Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education” 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, and be forwarded to Dr. Lucinda Fries in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.
Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
April 2, 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. David Hertzel will retire from his Professor position in the department of Social Sciences effective May 4, 2021.

• FACULTY HIRES

Dr. Mark Garcia has been appointed to a tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective August 11, 2021. His salary for the nine-month appointment will be $52,863.00. Dr. Garcia earned a Ph.D in Evolutionary Biology from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Linzi Allen has been appointed to a voluntary Assistant Professor position in Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective February 25, 2021. She will be involved in precepting College of Pharmacy students in the experiential program. Her appointment will be for twelve-months. This is a continuing appointment that automatically renews each year. Dr. Allen earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Lisa Boyles has been appointed to the Department Chair and Professor position in the Department of Art, Communication, and Theater in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective May 4, 2021. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be $73,128.00, which includes the chair stipend of $3,200.00. Dr. Boyles has been employed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University since August 22, 2005.
Dr. *Denise Landrum-Geyer* has been appointed to the Department Chair and Professor position in the Department of Language and Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective May 4, 2021. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be $68,150.00, which includes the chair stipend of $3,200.00. Dr. Landrum-Geyer has been employed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University since August 16, 2010.

**II. PURCHASE AGENDA**

**Informational Items in excess of $50,000:**

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**VI. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

SWOSU has received confirmation of four (4) grants for a total amount of $88,237. A profile of these awards is presented below:

**A. Functional Characterization of Alternative Splice Variants of Elongation of Very Long Chain Fatty Acids-4 (ELOVL$) in Human Disorders** .................................................. $8,337

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education through Oklahoma IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence awarded a grant called “Functional Characterization of Alternative Splice Variants of Elongation of Very Long Chain Fatty Acids-4 in Human Disorders” in the amount of $8,337. The primary function of this award is research. The principal investigator is Dr. Keturah Adams.
B. Expanding Language Learning Opportunities Beyond the Classroom ............... $500
The Oklahoma Humanities Council awarded a grant called “Expanding Language Learning Opportunities Beyond the Classroom” in the amount of $500. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is Dr. Tugba Sevin.

C. Syringafactin: Bactericidal Mechanisms and Applications in Food Safety .... $4,400
The Oklahoma IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence awarded a grant called “Syringafactin: Bactericidal Mechanisms and Applications in Food Safety” in the amount of $4,400. The primary function of this award is Research. This award also includes two $5,000 research stipends awarded directly to two of Dr. McGrane’s research students. The principal investigator is Dr. Regina McGrane.

D. OK-INBRE Equipment Carryover .............................................................. $75,000
The National Institutes of Health through the Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence awarded a grant called “OK-INBRE Equipment Carryover” in the amount of $75,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is Dr. Muatasem Ubeidat

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Randy L. Beutler
President
WHEREAS, Dr. David Hertzel will retire from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on May 4, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has had a prestigious career for 25 years in higher education in Oklahoma while at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has served with distinction as Professor of the Department of Social Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has provided invaluable service in the Department of Social Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel has demonstrated dedication to his profession by exhibiting excellence in teaching, publishing, and in service as Faculty Sponsor to Southwestern International Student Association, as well as other student organizations, and as Faculty Senator; and,

WHEREAS, David Hertzel 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 Dr. David Hertzel 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 Dr. David Hertzel at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma this Sixteenth day of April 2021.

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

Attest:

Jane McDermott
Secretary
The recommendations of the University of Central Oklahoma are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. Faculty Appointments

College of Business

Mr. Benjamin Pratt has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Management. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 9, 2021.

Mr. Pratt’s degrees are: Ph.D. (anticipated 2021), Organizational Behavior/Human Resource Management, and M.S. (2015), Sociology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN; M.S.W. (2008), Social Work, University of Houston, Houston, TX; and B.A. (2006), Sociocultural Anthropology, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

His professional experiences include: Graduate Research Assistant (5.5), and Graduate Teaching Assistant (2.5), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN; and Assistant Chief of Social Work Services (1.5), and Telehealth Social Worker (2.5), VA Healthcare System – Salt Lake City,
University of Central Oklahoma  
Salt Lake City, UT.

Mr. Pratt will be paid an annual salary of $111,000.

**College of Education and Professional Studies**

Mr. David Rehfeld has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 9, 2021.

Mr. Rehfeld’s degrees are: Ph.D. (anticipated 2021), Educational Psychology, and M.S. (2014), and B.A. (2013), Communication Sciences & Disorders, Baylor University, Waco, TX; and M.Ed. (2017), Special Education, Texas Tech University, College Station, TX.

His professional experiences include: Speech-Language Pathologist (1), DMR Therapy Services, Waco, TX; Speech-Language Pathologist (2), Gatesville Independent School District, Gatesville, TX; and Assistive Technology Team Lead (1), Speech-Language Pathologist (1), and Intern (1), Waco Independent School District, Waco, TX.

Mr. Rehfeld will be paid an annual salary of $62,500.

**College of Liberal Arts**

Dr. Travis Jones has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective August 9, 2021.

Dr. Jones’ degrees are: Ph.D. (2020), M.A. (2011), and B.A. (2009), Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

His professional experiences include: Visiting Assistant Professor (1), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK; Instructor (2), Keiser University, Tallahassee, FL; Graduate Assistant/Instructor (2), Adjunct Instructor (1.5), and Teaching Assistant (1.5), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; and Training Instructor (1), South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Columbia, SC.

Dr. Jones will be paid an annual salary of $55,434.60.
B. Resignations

Dr. Mohammad Anas Irfan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, has resigned his position, effective February 12, 2021. Dr. Irfan has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2019.

Dr. Nathaniel Stafford, Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, will resign his position, effective June 30, 2021. Dr. Stafford has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2019.

Ms. Marie Stone, Lecturer in the Department of Biology, will resign her position, effective May 11, 2021. Ms. Stone has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2016.

C. Retirements

Dr. Burle Steelman, Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. Steelman has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2013.

D. Retirements with Resolution

Dr. Louis Furmanski, Professor in the Department of Political Science, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. Furmanski has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 1991.

Mr. David Hardman, Instructor in the School of Music, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Mr. Hardman has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2003.

Dr. James Machell, Professor in the Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services and former Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, will retire his position, effective June 30, 2021. Dr. Machell has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2005.

Ms. Sandra Martin, Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, will retire her position, effective May 1, 2021. Ms.
University of Central Oklahoma

Martin has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2007.

**Dr. William McDaniel**, Professor in the **Department of Computer Science**, will retire his position, effective August 1, 2021. Dr. McDaniel has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 1985.

**Dr. Michael McKaig**, Professor in the **Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services**, will retire his position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. McKaig has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2008.

**Dr. Susanne Rassouli-Currier**, Professor in the **Department of Economics**, will retire her position, effective August 1, 2021. Dr. Rassouli-Currier has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2002.

**Dr. Linda Rider**, Professor in the **Department of Nursing**, will retire her position, effective June 1, 2021. Dr. Rider has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2000.

**Dr. Weldon Wilson**, Professor in the **Department of Engineering and Physics**, will retire his position, effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Wilson has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 1992.

II. **Executive Summary of Awards**

No new contracts have been awarded since the last Board Letter.

III. **Purchases for Approval**

a. Transact, formerly entitled Blackboard Transact, licensing and maintenance for the university’s OneCard campus I.D. system.
   Source: E&G ................................................................. $185,000

b. Oracle, annual software licensing and support.
   Source: E&G ................................................................. $315,000
c. Ellucian Company L.P., License Exchange & Enhancements Agreement for Banner ERP and related systems.  
Source: E&G .............................................................................. $1,300,000

IV. Informational Items from Purchasing

a. Ellucian Company LP., CRM Recruit software  
Source: E&G .............................................................................. $72,787

b. Cellco Partnership dba- Verizon Wireless, internet hotspots  
Source: E&G .............................................................................. $90,000

c. Onefire Media Group Inc., marketing consulting services for LX Studio  
Source: Course Fee Colleges/Departments .............................................. $57,600

d. Chickasaw Telecom Inc., support for technology infrastructure and network services  
Source: Technology Fee ........................................................................ $61,304

e. Dell USA, LP  
Source: Central Tech Store funds ........................................................... $72,941

f. Signature Landscape LLC., storm damage debris removal  
Source: E&G .............................................................................. $83,225

g. Northwest Lawn Maintenance Inc., snow removal  
Source: E&G ................................................................................... $108,165

V. Proposed Housing and Dining Rate Increases

a. The University of Central Oklahoma proposes a 3.05% average rate increase for Housing and Dining operations for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Housing Rate Change Average change 3.11%
### University of Central Oklahoma
### Dining Rate Change Average change

#### Overall Rate Change Average change

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Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President
WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, Professor in the Department of Political Science has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirty years; and

WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirty years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI, the honorary title of “Emeritus Professor of Political Science” and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish 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 as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. LOUIS FURMANSKI.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN, Instructor in the School of Music has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN, Instructor in the School of Music, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for eighteen years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DAVID HARDMAN’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DAVID HARDMAN, the honorary title of “Emeritus Instructor of Music” and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish 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 as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DAVID HARDMAN.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL, Professor in the Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services and former Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL, will retire on July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for sixteen years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. JAMES MACHELL’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. JAMES MACHELL, the honorary title of "Emeritus Professor of Advanced Professional and Special Services and Emeritus Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies" and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish 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 as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. JAMES MACHELL.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN, Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN, will retire on May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for fourteen years, has shared her talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted and inspired them in a variety of career areas; her contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and her dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by her service on Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, SANDRA MARTIN's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon SANDRA MARTIN, the honorary title of "Emeritus Lecturer of Mass Communication" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for her continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to SANDRA MARTIN.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL, Professor in Computer Science has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL will retire on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirty-six years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL, the honorary title of “Emeritus Professor of Computer Science” and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish 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 as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. WILLIAM MCDANIEL.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, Professor in Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for thirteen years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG, the honorary title of “Emeritus Professor of Advanced Professional and Special Services” and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish 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 as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. MICHAEL MCKAIG.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, Professor in the Department of Economics, has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, will retire on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for nineteen years, has shared her talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted and inspired them in a variety of career areas; her contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and her dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by her service on Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER, the honorary title of “Emeritus Professor of Economics” and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish for her continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. SUSANNE RASSOULI-CURRIER.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER, Professor in the Department of Nursing, has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for twenty-one years, has shared her talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted and inspired them in a variety of career areas; her contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and her dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by her service on Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. LINDA RIDER’s many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. LINDA RIDER.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON, Professor of Engineering and Physics has served the University of Central Oklahoma with honor and distinction for a period of twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON, will retire on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON, having served the University of Central Oklahoma for twenty-nine years, has shared his talents and knowledge with countless students and has assisted them in a variety of career areas; his contributions to the profession of education have been evidenced through memberships in numerous professional organizations; and his dedication to the University of Central Oklahoma is evidenced by his service on various Departmental, College, and University councils and committees.

WHEREAS, DR. WELDON WILSON's many years of dedicated service deserve special recognition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. WELDON WILSON, the honorary title of "Emeritus Professor of Engineering and Physics" and extends to him an expression of commendation and appreciation for his contribution to the success of the University of Central Oklahoma, and wish 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 as an educator in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chairman of the Board, be forwarded to DR. WELDON WILSON.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chairman
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma
Dear Chair Winchester and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

MR. SHAHID HUSSAIN has been appointed to a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the Accounting Department, effective 11 August 2021. Mr. Hussain’s annual salary will be $87,500 for a ten-month period, pending conferral of his DBA degree by the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester. Should his doctoral degree not be conferred by that time, his salary will be $85,000. He is replacing Dr. Randall Stone.

Mr. Hussain earned a bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Karachi, Pakistan (1978), an MBA in Finance in from the University of Central Missouri (1984), and an MS in Accounting/Tax from the University of North Texas (1989). Furthermore, Mr. Hussain has taught courses in accounting and taxation at St. Mary’s University for the past four years, and he also taught for two years at Iowa Wesleyan University. His credentials and teaching experience, along with his CPA, make him academically qualified under ACBSP to teach at the undergraduate and graduate level.

DR. PAULETTE PITT has been appointed to a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the Psychology Department, effective 11 August 2021. Dr. Pitt’s annual salary will be $51,000 for a ten-month period. She is replacing Dr. Joanna Harris-Young.

Dr. Pitt earned her bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas (1995) and her Master of Education in Counseling from the University of North Texas (2002). Furthermore, she received a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis (2005), and she earned her Ph.D. in Psychology from Texas Woman’s University (2008).
DR. STEVEN RORING has been appointed to a non-tenure track, instructor position in the Psychology Department, effective 12 August 2021. Dr. Roring's annual salary will be $46,450. He is replacing Dr. Santa Valez.

Dr. Roring received a B.A. in Psychology with Honors from Southeastern State University (2006), an M.S. in Counseling from Oklahoma State University (2008), and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma State University (2012). Having taught at ECU before, Dr. Roring is familiar with ECU's policies and processes. He has had excellent teaching evaluations and demonstrated knowledge in both psychology and counseling. His experience with Blackboard and ECU's weekend and evening formats will make him an excellent addition to the Psychology Department.

DR. EMILY SIMPSON has been appointed to a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the Psychology Department, effective 11 August 2021. Dr. Simpson's annual salary will be $51,000 for a ten-month period. She is replacing Dr. Ellen Harwell.

Dr. Simpson earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Sewanee: University of the South (2011) and her master's degree in Psychology from Wake Forest University (2014). She earned her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Sciences from the University of Connecticut (2019) and, additionally, is currently a T32 NIDA Postdoctoral Fellow in the Prevention and Methodology Training Program at The Pennsylvania State University.

B. RETIREMENT WITH EMERITUS RESOLUTION

DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG, Professor, Department of Psychology, has announced her retirement effective 1 August 2021. Dr. Harris-Young began employment at ECU in 1990.

C. PROMOTION IN RANK (effective 2021-2022 academic year)

   Instructor to Assistant Professor
   Dr. Misty Gray, Instructor of Nursing

   Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:
   Dr. Nathaniel Berman, Assistant Professor of Performing Arts
   Dr. Jennifer Dorsey, Assistant Professor of English and Languages
   Dr. Dwight M. Hite, Assistant Professor of Business Administration
   Dr. Alisha Howard, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

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Dr. Melissa Inglis, Assistant Professor of Professional Programs and Human Services
Dr. Jessica Koch, Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology
Dr. April Nesbit, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Associate Professor to Professor
Dr. Jenna Owens, Associate Professor of Politics, Law and Society
Dr. Andrew Wells, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

D. TENURE

In accordance with Board policy, the following persons are recommended for tenure effective with the 2021-2022 academic year.

Dr. Nathaniel Berman, Assistant Professor of Performing Arts
Dr. Jennifer Dorsey, Assistant Professor of English and Languages
Dr. Dwight M. Hite, Assistant Professor of Business Administration
Dr. Alisha Howard, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences
Dr. Melissa Inglis, Assistant Professor of Professional Programs and Human Services
Dr. Jessica Koch, Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology
Dr. April Nesbit, Assistant Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences

II. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

III. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

FROSTED ELFIN DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS...............................$2,500
East Central University received an $2,500 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The project period: 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. This grant will provide visitation of several locations in the southeast corner of Oklahoma known to be within the historic range of the Frosted Elfin butterfly, to locate populations. The Project Director is Ms. Leah Dudley.
East Central University

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND CARES ACT – MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS...........................................................................................................$523,893

East Central University received an $523,893 grant from The U.S. Department of Education. The project period: 8 June 2020 to 7 June 2021. The grant provides funding to offset costs associated with the delivery of instruction and reimbursement for expenses related to the coronavirus. The Project Director is Ms. Jessica Kilby.

Total Grants and Contracts--$526,393

IV. PURCHASES

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

None at this time.

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

Request to engage Howard Technology Solutions to provide and install audio visual equipment for technology upgrades to 158 classrooms at an estimated cost of $1,800,000.00, utilizing NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program under State of Oklahoma Contract No. SW1020 (CARES Funding).

Respectfully submitted,

Katricia G. Pierson, Ph.D.
President
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG has dedicated her life and devotion to the teaching of psychology and the preparation of future professionals in the field; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG has served East Central University since 1990, first as assistant professor; then was promoted to associate professor in 1995 and full professor in 2000; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as chair of ECU’s Department of Psychology from 2007-2016; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as the Graduate Director for ECU’s College of Education and Psychology from 2012 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as the Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Psychology Graduate programs from 2007 to 2021 and as the Director of the Counseling Option from 2011 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG has dedicated her service to ECU through the development and revision of innovative online and in person psychology programs; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG was awarded the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award at ECU in 1998; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG served as the mentor for three graduate student master’s theses; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG has served on the Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology Steering Committee since 2007 and mentored numerous graduate and undergraduate research projects; and

WHEREAS, DR. HARRIS-YOUNG received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Oklahoma in 1982; Master of Arts in Developmental Psychology in 1986; and Doctorate in Developmental Psychology from the University of Oklahoma in 1990; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestows upon DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG the honorary title of "Professor Emeritus of PSYCHOLOGY" and extends to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her many contributions to the success of East Central University and wishes for her continued health and happiness, and a feeling of joy and satisfaction which rightfully comes to a person who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator in the State of Oklahoma; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, be forwarded to DR. JOANNA HARRIS-YOUNG in Ada, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Jane McDermott, Secretary
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. Robert Shauger has been appointed to the position of full-time Assistant Professor of Education (Special Education) in the Department of Educational Instruction and Leadership, effective June 1, 2021 at a 10-month salary of $50,000.

Dr. Shauger earned his Ph.D. in Special Education (2020), M.A. in Secondary Education (2001), and teacher licensure (2000) at the University of New Mexico. He earned a B.S. in Biology at Portland State University in 1997. His previous experience includes 20 years as a middle and high school teacher in New Mexico and eight years a graduate assistant at the University of New Mexico.

B. REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED FACULTY

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**Four to Seven Years**
II. PURCHASES

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

**Campus Technology Upgrades**

Purchase items associated with campus-wide technology replacement plan. This includes the purchase of classroom teaching technology, faculty computers, staff computers, laptops with docking stations, monitors, as well as associated peripherals.

- **Project Number(s):** 660-0801 & 660-0892
- **Project Description:** Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
- **Amount:** $2,100,000
- **Vendor:** Various Vendors with State Contracts including Dell & CDW-G.

**Technology Infrastructure Improvements**
Request approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate services related to the network re-wire of residence halls and our main academic distance learning classroom building. This re-wire will replace end-of-life category V cable to current industry standard cable from the end-point switch to the device. The services will include the purchase and installation of equipment. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training necessary for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801
Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
Amount: $900,000

Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding
Vendor: To Be Determined

**End-Point Switch Replacement**

Replacement of end-of-life and aging end-point switch gear, in multiple buildings, to new fully powered Ethernet switches. The services will include the purchase of and installation of equipment and software. It will also include technical consulting, project management and technical training as needed for the implementation of the project.

Project Number(s): 660-0801
Project Description: Durant Campus, Non-Structural Repairs
Amount: $500,000
Source of Funding: Institutional CARES Funding
Vendor: CXTec, Federal Contract TIPS# 200105

**III. NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS**

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

**Southeastern Child Care Resource & Referral Library**..........................$77,662.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance Program in the amount of $77,662. The effective date of the grant is July 1, 2021. This grant’s program director is Ms. Lyndi Scarberry, Child Care Resource & Referral. The purpose of this program is to serve families, children, and childcare providers in 11 counties in Southeast Oklahoma. The program will serve SE Oklahoma communities as a free resource for families and childcare providers with the goal of creating healthier, safer, and happier children. In addition to connecting families to quality childcare, the program also provides technical assistance, training, and resources to childcare providers and head start teachers to improve the quality of care offered to families and children. The program will assist them in improving their business while meeting the individual needs of the children in their care. The
program also offers formal training for providers and teachers allowing them to obtain the yearly required hours of continuing education per Department of Human Services requirements.

**PI-STEM Summer Academy**  ................................................................. $18,000.00

This grant was awarded to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the amount of $18,000. The effective date of the grant is March 4, 2021. This grant’s academy director is Dr. Michael Hardy, Associate Professor of Mathematics. Co-Director’s are Dr. Kate Shannon, Assistant Professor Educational Instruction and Leadership and Dr. Caleb Smith, Assistant Professor Chemistry, Computer and Physical Science. The purpose of the grant is to fund the PI-STEM Summer Academy and related activities. The goals of the PI-STEM Summer Academy are to enhance participants’ understanding of and ability to apply STEM content, enhance motivation to learn about and increase appreciation of STEM content, and increase participants’ self-efficacy as STEM problem solvers and practitioners. To achieve these goals, eighth and ninth grade participants will explore and solve STEM problems related to real-world contexts such as water rocket and balloon launching, environmental modeling and more.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Thomas W. Newsom  
President
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. Promotion in Rank

The following faculty members have been recommended for promotion in rank effective with their appointment dates for the 2021-2022 academic year. They have been recommended for promotion by the Dean of Faculty and the Executive Vice President.

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## Northwestern Oklahoma State University

### B. Reappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty

I recommend the reappointment of the following non-tenured faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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C. Reappointment of Non-Tenured Faculty After Seven Years

I recommend the reappointment of the following non-tenured faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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D. Faculty Resignation

**School of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. M. Seth Cudd, Assistant Professor or Music and Director of Bands, submitted a letter of resignation effective May 7, 2021. Dr. Cudd has been employed with the University since July 1, 2018.
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

E. Retirement With Resolution

Dr. Mary Brune, Associate Professor of Nursing, submitted a letter stating her intention to retire effective June 28, 2021. Dr. Brune has been employed with the University since August 15, 2002. A resolution recognizing her years of service to Northwestern is attached.

F. Recommendations for Tenure

I recommend the faculty members listed below be granted tenure effective the 2021 Fall Semester. Each member has been recommended for tenure by the Dean of Faculty and the Executive Vice President. Their qualifications are commensurate with policy set forth by the Board.

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II. PURCHASES

We request approval of the following purchases in accordance with Board Policy (over $150,000):

Permission to bid and award the purchase of two used charter busses to add to the University fleet for student transportation. Total cost not to exceed $300,000. (Fund 490/CARES Funding)

III. GRANT AND CONTRACTS

Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act Of 2021 (HEERF II) Strengthen Institutions Programs........$119,035

A grant from the U.S. Department of Education for student and institutional support. The principal investigator for the grant is Dr. David Pecha, Vice President for Administration.

State Opioid Response......................................................$36,000

(Higher Education Community Outreach Initiative)

A grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to help Northwestern Oklahoma State University fund our campus outreach plan regarding opioid prevention and treatment as part of the Higher Education Community Outreach Initiative, a project in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Dr. Bo Hannaford, Executive Vice President, is the grant coordinator.

TOTAL GRANTS.............................................................$155,035

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

A. Summer Hours

Northwestern will continue the summer work schedule implemented in 2002. Employees will work 10-hour days, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with a 30-minute lunch break. Summer hours will be in effect for 10 weeks, May 17, 2021, to July 22, 2021.

Sincerely,

Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.
President

JC:md
Att. (1)
RESOLUTION
Regional University System of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, DR. MARY BRUNE, Associate Professor of Nursing for the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, will retire on June 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE will be leaving the University after 19 years of service; and

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

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE is a passionate and engaging educator who has personally impacted the careers of registered nurses throughout Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE established high expectations that challenged students to be critical thinkers, pushing students to their fullest potential in care of patients of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE served as a faculty volunteer in the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps mentoring Northwestern nursing students in their professional obligations to serving communities; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE maintains national status as a Certified Academic Clinical Nurse Educator to communicate to students, peers, and the academic and health-care communities that the highest standards of academic excellence are being met in her performance; and

WHEREAS, DR. BRUNE 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. MARY BRUNE, the honorary title of “Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing” 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. BRUNE in Waynoka, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16th day of April, 2021.

Regent Susan Winchester, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Jane McDermott, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma