



# November RUSO Regent Meeting Minutes

Regional University System of Oklahoma

11/8/2024 10:00 AMEST

@ Northeastern State University

## Attendance

### Present:

Members: Lake Carpenter, Perry Chuck, Amy Ford, Jane McDermott, Connie Reilly, Kupiec Thomas, Susan Winchester

### Absent:

Members: Walters Ryan, Chris VanDenhende

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

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## II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

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

Susan Winchester, Lake Carpenter, Chuck Perry, Connie Reilly, Jane McDermott, Amy Anne Ford, Thomas Kupiec

### A. (Action) Discussion and possible action excusing absent Regents.

Regent McDermott announced that Regent VanDenhende requested an absence from the meeting.

### Motion:

Motion to excuse Regent VanDenhende from the meeting.

Motion moved by Regent McDermott and motion seconded by Regent Winchester. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

## III. Presentation by Regent Jane McDermott regarding the Chairman's Report.

Regent McDermott stated that it has been a great start to the year, and she is proud of all of the Presidents and the hard work they are doing. She showed thanks to the Presidents, the business officers, the Regents, and the RUSO staff.

- IV. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the Consent Docket consisting of previous minutes and academic program modifications.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the Consent Docket consisting of previous minutes and academic program modifications.

Motion moved by Regent McDermott and motion seconded by Regent Carpenter. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 4, 2024

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B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. East Central University


**Program Deletions:**


- BSEd in Special Education Mild/Moderate (044)
- MEd in Secondary Education – Academic Discipline (083)

**New Program Proposals:**

- MS in Applied Psychology
- MS in Sport Psychology

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 [Master of Science in Applied Psychology \(LOI - Letter of Intent\) Sept 26 24.docx](#)

 [Master of Science in Sport Psychology \(LOI - Letter of Intent\) Oct 01 24.docx](#)

2. Northeastern State University

**Program Modifications:**

- Mathematical Statistics (CIP: 270101)
- Business Administration B.B.A. (012)
- Health Organizations Administration B.B.A. (004)
- Information Systems B.B.A. (123)
- Management B.B.A. (054)
- Marketing B.B.A. (055)
- Computer Science B.S. (100)
- Integrative Biology B.S. (115)
- Reading, M.ED. (075)
- Healthcare Administration Certificate (181)
- Healthcare Information Analytics Certificate (182)
- International Business Certificate (065)


- Operations and Supply Chain Management Certificate (180)
- Quality Management Certificate (192)
- Entrepreneurship Minor (1120)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management Minor (1950)
- Entrepreneurship B.B.A. (136)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management B.B.A. (093)
- Supply Chain Management B.B.A. (145)

**5-year Program Reviews:**

- Bachelor of Arts in History (042) with Embedded Certificate in Public History (207).
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (020), Master of Science in Criminal Justice (085) with embedded Certificates in Crime and Society (201), Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration (202), and Planning, Resilience, and Incident Management (211).
- Master of Science in Leadership (052) with Embedded Certificates in American Indian Leadership (172), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace (208), Higher Education Administration (119), Leadership (174), Training and Development (175).

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 [BA History and Certificate Fall 2024 Program Review Packet.pdf](#)

 [BS and MS in Criminal Justice with Certificates Fall 2024 Program Review Packet.pdf](#)

 [MS Leadership and Certificates Fall 2024 Program Review Packet.pdf](#)

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3. Northwestern Oklahoma State University

**Program Modifications:**

- Bachelor of Music Education in Instrumental (026)
- Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Technical Management (064)

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 [NWOSU BAAS Tech Mgmt 064 ProgMod RUSO.pdf](#)

 [NWOSU BMed Instrumental 026 ProgMod RUSO Nov.24.pdf](#)

4. Southeastern Oklahoma State University

**Program Modifications:**

- Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management (002)
- Master of Science in Native American Leadership (112)
- Certificate in Tribal Sovereignty (135)
- Master of Specialty in Technology (076)
- Certificate in Managerial Accounting (133)
- Certificate in Management (113)


**Program Deletion:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish (106)

**New Programs Proposals:**

- Bachelor of Science RN to BSN in Nursing (136)
- Doctor of Specialty in Business Administration -DBA (134)

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 [Letter of Intent -RN-BSN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.docx](#)

## 5. Southwestern Oklahoma State University

### Program Modifications:

- BS Applied Engineering Management
- BA History Education
- BS Chemistry (Professional)
- BS Computer Science

### New Program Proposal:

- BA Digital Design

### 5- year Program Review:

- BS Mathematics

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## V. REPORT OF RUSO COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Regent McDermott called on Regent Ford to present the facilities stewardship committee report.

### A. FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Regent Amy Anne Ford

Regent Ford noted that the facilities committee meeting was on Tuesday, November 5th and Regents Ford and Perry were in attendance. The committee discussed a few topics:

- A discussion and review of each university's deferred maintenance projects and the new tracking document.
- A discussion and review of each university's request for facilities approvals.
- A discussion that contracts should be approved by RUSO legal counsel.

Regent Ford then discussed and took action on several requests from the universities.

Regent Ford noted that NSU had three project requests for items over \$150,000 that needed approving.

1. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding facilities approvals for Northeastern State University.

**Project #485-0067 – Campus Wayfinding and Building Signage**


- Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsive bidder both upgrades to existing and installation of new campus signage.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$350,000
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Revenue Source(s): 751 Fund

**Project #485-0067 – Tennis Courts Resurface and New Pickle Ball Courts**

- Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsive bidder the creation of a new pickle ball court and the resurfacing of existing tennis courts.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$150,000
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Revenue Source(s): 751 Fund, 650 Fund, 600 Fund

**Project #485-0073 – Cyber Security Labs**

- Project Description: Requesting permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsive bidder the renovation of existing classrooms to accommodate two cyber security laboratory classrooms.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$200,000
- Budget Breakdown: Renovation/Repairs
- Revenue Source(s): 430 Fund

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**Motion:**

Motion to give permission to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsive bidder both upgrades to existing and installation of new campus signage for the Campus Wayfinding and Building Signage for up to \$350,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Reilly. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to allow NSU to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsive bidder the creation of a new pickle ball court and the resurfacing of existing tennis courts for up to \$150,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Reilly.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to allow NSU to design, bid, and award to the lowest responsive bidder the renovation of existing classrooms to accommodate two cyber security laboratory classrooms for up to \$200,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Ford noted that SE had two items that needed approval.

2. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding facilities approvals for Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

- In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects related to change orders, Southeastern Oklahoma State University reporting the following items:
  - **Legacy Plaza Sculpture**  
Change Order #1 – Final Patina & Installations Cutting Street Pavement for Sanitary Line....\$6,000
- In accordance with Board policy 2.4, Public Construction and Improvement Projects exceeding \$100,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate the following project:
  - Project Name: Wrought Iron Fencing
  - Project Description: The existing chain-link fence will be replaced with a new wrought iron fence to establish a secure boundary, enhance the aesthetic appeal of the football stadium for spectators, and align with the design of the current front gate entrance.
  - Project Number(s): 660-0809
  - Amount: \$200,000 Estimated
  - Source of Funds: Durant Community Facilities Authority
  - Vendor: To Be Determined
- In accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, Purchases exceeding \$150,000, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is requesting approval to purchase the following items:
  - Item: Paul Laird Field Turf
  - Description: Replacement of the artificial surface at Paul Laird Field is in alignment with industry and safety standards. It is recommended to replace the surface every 8-10 years based on usage, safety testing and wear and tear.
  - Amount: \$900,000
  - Source of Funding: Master Lease Equipment 2024, Durant Community Facilities Authority, E&G I, Auxiliary

- Vendor: TBD through use of TOPS (The Oklahoma Purchasing System) Cooperative Purchasing Program

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve a change order for the Legacy Plaza Sculpture for \$6,000 to cover installation costs and a sanitary line improvement.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve Southeastern to bid and award to the lowest and best possible candidate for iron fencing around the football stadium for up to \$200,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Carpenter. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Ford noted that UCO had seven projects reviewed by the committee that needed Board of Regents' approval.

3. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding facilities approvals for the University of Central Oklahoma.

**Project # 120-1091 Parking Improvements**

- **Project Description:** Request approval to bid and award contract not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the replacement of parking lots 17 & 18. Lots 17 & 18 are a combined approximately 130,000 sqft. of area that needs full demolition, compaction/rework of base, and replacement of asphalt. Work will be competitively bid and awarded to lowest responsible bidder.
- **Requested Funding Approval:** \$1,500,000
- **Budget Breakdown:** \$1,455,000 for construction, \$45,000 design and engineering
- **Vendors:** Contractor TBD, Civil Engineer CEC
- **Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan:** Yes
- **Fund Source(s):** OSRHE Deferred Maintenance Appropriation

**Project # 120-0079 Business Building Renovation & Additions**

- **Project Description:** Request approval to increase budget for College of Business Addition (January 2020 approval) from \$4,100,000 to \$5,125,000. The reason behind the cost increase is construction inflation. Addition includes: (4) large lounge/ study areas on first and second floors, breakout

rooms, restrooms, classroom/simulator room for PGA management program, and remodel of (3) existing spaces.

- Requested Funding Approval: \$1,025,000
- Budget Breakdown: \$1,025,000 for construction
- Vendors: Lippert Bros. Construction, Beck Design
- Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes
- Fund Source(s): Private Donation

**Project # 120-0032 Sports Complex Improvements**

- Project Description: Request approval to award contracts not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the renovation of restrooms and visitor locker rooms at Hamilton Fieldhouse. Renovations will include complete overhaul of second floor men's and women's restrooms, first floor men's restroom, and two visitor locker rooms. (This past summer, women's first floor restroom, two family restrooms, and coaches' locker rooms were completed.) Lingo Construction has an on-call construction manager contract. (June 2024 RUSO)
- Requested Funding Approval: \$1,000,000
- Budget Breakdown: \$925,000 for construction/Lingo, \$50,000 design and engineering/Studio, \$25,000 furnishings and audio/video.
- Vendors: Lingo Construction, Studio Architecture
- Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes
- Fund Source(s): OSRHE Deferred Maintenance Appropriation

**Project # 120-1091 Parking Improvements**

- Project Description: Request approval to modify contracting method and increase overall budget from \$700,000 to \$1,100,000 for the repair and replacement of parking lot 6. Projected cost increase is due to original estimate/contracting method was to be provided by Oklahoma County Commissioner. They were providing the material and labor at cost. Their office ultimately decided it was outside of their statutory authority to provide this service to a 4-year college. Work will now be competitively bid and awarded to lowest responsible bidder.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$400,000
- Budget Breakdown: \$400,000 construction
- Vendors: Contractor TBD, Civil Engineer CEC
- Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes
- Fund Source(s): Campus Enterprises (Auxiliary)

**Project # 120-1010 University Center Renovations and Improvements**

- Project Description: Request approval to increase budget for Nigh University Center Ballrooms and Heritage Room renovations Business Addition (June 2024 approval) from \$1,500,000 to \$1,850,000. Budget increase is due to updated estimate information provided by selected construction manager. Original estimate was provided by an independent construction estimator. Project scope remains the same.
- Requested Funding Approval: \$350,000
- Budget Breakdown: \$250,000 for construction, \$100,000 for audio/video
- Vendors: Lingo Construction, GSB Architects
- Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes
- Fund Source(s): Section 13

**Project # 120-1012 Residence Hall Improvements**

- Project Description: Request approval to award contract to Johnson Controls International (JCI) in an amount not exceed \$120,000 for the purpose of installing dehumidification systems to (5) main air-handling units in West Hall dormitory. Previously, (1) air-handling unit was outfitted with the system as a



test case and was successful in reducing humidity by 15%. Humidity above 60% has historically been an issue in the building. JCI utilizes General Services Administration (GSA) pricing for their quotations.

- Requested Funding Approval: \$120,000
- Budget Breakdown: \$120,000 equipment and installation
- Vendors: Johnson Controls International
- Congruent with Facility Master Plan or Strategic Plan: Yes
- Fund Source(s): Campus Enterprises (Auxiliary)

#### **Sale of Radio Repeater Stations**

Request approval to sell two radio repeater stations KBCW (91.9, McAlester) and KCSC (95.9, Woodward) and associated FCC licenses to The Christian Center, Inc. for the amount of \$200,000. Because the location of these stations only serves relatively sparsely population regions and KUCCO is also now available digitally, the stations no longer serve a strategic purpose and the operating costs exceed their value. There is a very limited market for these non-commercial educational FCC licenses and this was the only buyer with serious interest in both stations at a reasonable price.

 [Campus Map November 2024.pdf](#)

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#### **Motion:**

Motion to approve the request to bid and award contract not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the replacement of parking lots 17 & 18 for no more than \$1,500,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

#### **Motion:**

Motion to approve the request to approve UCO to increase budget for College of Business Addition (January 2020 approval) from \$4,100,000 to \$5,125,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

#### **Motion:**

Motion to approve the request for UCO to award contracts not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the renovation of restrooms and visitor locker rooms at Hamilton Fieldhouse.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the request to modify contracting method and  
increase overall budget from \$700,000 to \$1,100,000 for the repair and  
replacement of parking lot 6.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve to increase budget for Nigh University Center  
Ballrooms and Heritage Room renovations Business Addition (June 2024  
approval) from \$1,500,000 to \$1,850,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the request to award contract to Johnson Controls  
International (JCI) in an amount not exceed \$120,000 for the purpose of  
installing dehumidification systems to (5) main air-handling units in West  
Hall dormitory.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent  
Winchester. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry,  
Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the request to sell two radio repeater stations KBCW  
(91.9, McAlester) and KCSC (95.9, Woodward) and associated FCC licenses  
to The Christian Center, Inc. for the amount of \$200,000.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

4. Discussion of facilities tour at Northeastern State University.

B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Regent Lake Carpenter

Regent McDermott called on Regent Carpenter to present the personnel committee report.

Regent Carpenter reported that Dr. Tatum and he have been working on a new Presidential Evaluation that will be meaningful for the Presidents, and efficient.

He reported that they have developed a two-pronged approach. First, the Presidents will play a role in developing their own strategy and goals for the year in coordination with Dr. Tatum. Second, there is a Likert-scale digital evaluation that will happen. On the evaluation each President will do a self-evaluation, the Regents will do an evaluation, and Dr. Tatum in coordination with the President will have key personnel on each campus do an evaluation. Then, Dr. Tatum will compile the results and share them with the President and the Personnel committee. He reported that the Presidents have been able to see the evaluation and discussed it at the Regents Meeting at Southeastern last month.

Regent Carpenter thanked Dr. Hannaford for all of his work in coordinating with Dr. Tatum during this shift in evaluation strategies.

1. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the new process for presidential evaluations.

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve the Presidential Evaluation Process.

Motion moved by Regent Carpenter and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

C. AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE- Regent Chris VanDenhende

Regent McDermott called on Regent Perry to present the audit and finance committee report.

Regent Perry reported that he would be giving the report of the audit and finance committee because Regent VanDenhende was unable to attend the board meeting. He reported that the committee met on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024 and Regents VanDenhende, Ford, Kupiec, and Perry all attended the virtual meeting where the committee discussed a few topics:

- The status of the audit filings. The consolidated report for RUSO was submitted to the state.
- The need to have a gross margin analysis of programs by 2025.
- Reviewed various proposals needed by ECU, NSU, SE, and SW.

Regent Perry reported that the audit and finance committee discussed a contract between ECU and Ideal Impact to help ECU with operational costs across campus related to energy consumption.

1. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding ECU request for Contract with Ideal Impact, Inc.

- Part A – Ideal Impact Service Contract
- Part B – OK Lease Purchase Agreement with Ideal Impact
  - For the purposes of energy conservation.
  - Currently being reviewed by RUSO Legal.

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve the Ideal Impact contract for East Central University.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Ford. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

2. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding ECU request in accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, to purchase the following item:

**Carpet Warehouse**

- Flooring for Briles Hall renovation
  - Source: AUX
    - \$171,380.00

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the \$171,380 contract with Carpet Warehouse Flooring for the Briles Hall renovation.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Ford.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Perry reported that NSU only had one request for the audit and fiancé committee which was to give stipends because of their enrollment increases.

3. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding NSU request to provide a \$500 stipend to all Full-Time Eligible Employees.

Funding will be provided from additional revenue due to increase in fall enrollment.

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve a one-time \$500 stipend for all full-time eligible employees.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Ford.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regents Winchester and Kupiec noted that giving the one-time stipends was a good plan and commended President Hanley. Regent Carpenter asked how much this would cost, and President Hanley stated around \$250,000.

Regent Perry moved onto the requests from SE.

He reported that SE was requesting to be put on the list for the ODFA 2024 Equipment Master Lease Program with OSRHE, and they are considering replacing their turf on the football field.

Regent Ford made a comment explaining how the ODFA Master Lease process works and notes that it is a two part process. First, you must be put on the list, Second, you should get the project approved.

4. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding SE request to be put on the list for the ODFA 2024 Equipment Master Lease Program with OSRHE.

Name of Project: Paul Laird Field Turf Replacement

Project Description: Replacement of the artificial surface at Paul Laird Field is in alignment with industry and safety standards. It is recommended to replace the surface every 8-10 years based on usage, safety testing and wear and tear.

Project Budget: \$900,000

The projected annual debt payment for this project would be about \$110,000 over a 10-year period.

Location of Project: SOSU Main Campus – Durant, Oklahoma

Project Number(s): Congruent with Facilities Master Plan project: 660-0809

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**Motion:**

Motion to allow Southeastern Oklahoma State University to request to be put on the ODFA 2024 Equipment Master Lease Program for up to \$900,000.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Perry reported that SE has had an emergency approval on a revenue generating contract they made with Dobson. The agreement will allow Dobson Fiber to utilize rack space in their data center as well as existing fiber conduit throughout campus. Pursuant to the agreement, Dobson Fiber will pay Southeastern for access to and use of the space.

5. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding SE request for revenue generating contracts.

In accordance with Board policy 2.3.6, Revenue Generating Contracts, Southeastern Oklahoma State University requests ratification of emergency approval to enter into an agreement with Dobson Fiber. The agreement will allow Dobson Fiber to utilize rack space in our data center as well as existing fiber conduit throughout campus. Pursuant to the agreement, Dobson Fiber will pay Southeastern for access to and use of the space.

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**Motion:**

Motion to ratify the emergency approval to enter into the agreement with Dobson Fiber.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Kupiec made a comment appreciating how SE is being responsible  
with revenue generation.

Regent Perry moved onto the requests from SWOSU.

He reported that Southwestern is looking at purchasing a new piece of  
equipment.

Regent Perry stated that Southwestern has a purchase over \$150,000 that  
needs approval. This is a purchase of a Bruker, Nuclear Magnetic  
Resonance (NMR) spectrometer to be used to determine the structure of  
molecules. Sources of funding will be from E&G, SWOSU Foundation,  
SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation and the purchase price is \$360,000

6. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding SWOSU request in  
accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, to purchase the following item:

Bruker, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer is used to determine the  
structure of molecules.

Sources E&G, SWOSU Foundation, SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation.....\$360,000

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**Motion:**

Motion to approve the purchase of the NMR spectrometer for \$360,000.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Perry moved onto the requests from UCO and stated that there  
were three purchase requests over \$150,000 that needed approval.

The University of Central Oklahoma requests a transfer of \$96,000 from  
290 E&G Funds to 295 Capital Funds established by OSRHE for capital  
projects.

7. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding UCO request to transfer  
funds.

University of Central Oklahoma requests a transfer of \$96,000 from *290 E&G Funds* to  
*295 Capital Funds* established by OSRHE for capital projects.

Source: 290 Educational & General - \$96,000 (College of Education Course Fees)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the transfer of funds from 290 E&G to 295 Capital Funds.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

Regent Perry reported on UCO's desire to renew a contract with Paycom and to start a new vendor for fleet management.

8. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding UCO request in accordance with Board policy 2.3.4, to purchase the following items:

Paycom Payroll Holdings LLC, payroll processing services for FY24.  
Source: E&G .....\$447,933

Enterprise Fleet Management, fleet leasing and management services per state contract for a 5-year agreement. Total agreement \$1,040,051.  
Source: E&G .....\$1,040,051

Request approval to award campus janitorial contract pursuant to RFQ process not to exceed \$2,600,000. This contract will be for a 1-year agreement with the university (January 2025-January 2026). Contract to be awarded before the next RUSO Board meeting in January 2025.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the Paycom Payroll Holdings LLC, payroll processing services for FY24 at \$447,933.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Ford. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the Enterprise Fleet Management, fleet leasing and management services per state contract for a 5-year agreement for \$1,040,051.

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Ford. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.



**Motion:**

Motion to approve the request from UCO to award campus janitorial contract pursuant to RFQ process not to exceed \$2,600,000 for a 1-year agreement with the university (January 2025-January 2026).

Motion moved by Regent Perry and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none

Regent Perry concluded his report

Regent McDermott introduced Nellie Sanders reporting that: Nellie Sanders serves as Governor Kevin Stitt's Secretary of Education. A native of Washington D.C. and alumna of Salve Regina University, Sanders began her career in New York City in 2003 working for numerous high-profile publications, including Condé Nast, House & Garden magazine, WIRED magazine, Brides magazine & Brides.com, and Capitol File magazine.

In 2013, Sanders began her decade-long tenure at the Center of Family Love, a nonprofit serving neurodivergent individuals. As the Senior Vice President of Philanthropy and as a dyslexic thinker herself, Sanders channeled her passion and skills into raising over \$25 million for enhanced services for individuals with developmental differences.

In his own words, Governor Stitt highlighted his decision to tap Sanders for the role of Secretary of Education, stating: "Nellie's advocacy, rooted in her personal experiences and her journey as a parent, has led to impactful and sustainable changes." As Governor Stitt's top advisor on education, Sanders is working to transform Oklahoma's education system into one that embraces every learner through innovation while preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow.

Regent McDermott thanked Secretary Sanders for being there.

VI. Presentation by Nellie Sanders, Secretary of Education

Secretary Sanders presented on the new Taskforce Created by the Governor for Human Potential for Future Industries. She also made many comments commending our RUSO schools and Presidents for the work they are doing to serve our state's workforce needs. Her work on the Governor's taskforce will be to move the state into the future of education and workforce development. She wants RUSO schools to play an integral part in the taskforce and how we be working together to better tomorrow.

Regent McDermott asked President Hannaford to present the President's Council report.

VII. Presentation by President Bo Hannaford regarding the President's Council Report and possible discussion with RUSO Regents

President Hannaford reported that the presidents discussed the presidential evaluation, and they appreciated the opportunity to be able to speak into the process. The second topic was the state-wide common application. Cybersecurity training was very helpful for the presidents. They ended the conversation discussing the new chancellor and the presidents are excited about the new chancellor.

VIII. (Action) Presentation and possible action regarding the RUSO University Presidents' recommendations presented by leadership at each institution.

Regent McDermott called on President Godwin to present ECU's recommendations.

A. East Central University President's Recommendations

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1. Personnel
2. Grants (\$0)
3. Purchases

a. THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES ARE PRESENTED AS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY 2.3.3, OVER \$50,000 AND UNDER \$150,000:

**Blackboard Inc.**

- Learning Core Software as a Service
  - Source: *E&G*
    - \$93,948.46

**Moon-Baker Agency, Inc.**

- Intercollegiate Sports Secondary Accident Insurance
  - Source: *AUX*
    - \$60,756.00

**Elsevier, Inc.**

- Custom solution for Nursing RN Cohorts
  - Source: *E&G*
    - \$52,318.52

**Mead Holding Company**

- Solid core doors for Briles Hall
  - Source: *AUX*
    - \$51,950.11

**Fisher Scientific**

- Optical emission spectrometer for Oka' Institute
  - Source: *AUX*
    - \$85,646.10

**Trane**

- Two technicians ongoing assessment of campus HVAC
  - Source: *E&G*
    - \$54,496.10

**Apple, Inc.**

- Replacement Macintosh computers (30) for labs
  - Source: *AUX*
    - \$54,150.00

**Motion:**

Motion to approve East Central University's President's recommendations.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec.

Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

**B. East Central University President's Report**

President Godwin highlighted:

- ECU's STEM Center will start construction in January.
- In December, ECU is hosting a legislative lunch in Krebs.
- ECU's fall enrollment has grown 88 students in the fall semester putting the headcount over 3,300.
- OSRHE has approved their Ed.D and they have 28 enrollments for that program.
- ECU is above budget in regard to enrollment.

President Godwin concluded his report.

Regent McDermott called on President Hanley to present NSU's recommendations.

**C. Northeastern State University President's Recommendations**

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1. Personnel
2. Grants and Contracts (\$1,662,536.00)
3. Purchases

None at this time

**Motion:**

Motion to approve Northeastern State University's President's recommendations.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Perry.  
Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly,  
McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

D. Northeastern State University President's Report

President Hanley discussed the following:

- NSU's homecoming, stating they had a great celebration of their 100th homecoming.
- A few weeks ago, NSU led a delegation overseas to Asia and he spoke at the International Forum.
- Northeastern has several programs that have been state and nationally ranked.

President Hanley concluded his report.

Regent McDermott commended President Hanley on his commitment to receiving grants.

She then called on President Hannaford to present the recommendations for NWOSU.

E. Northwestern Oklahoma State University President's Recommendations

 [Presidents Recommendations-NWOSU.docx](#)

 [Retirement Resolution-Dr. Sheila Brintnall.doc](#)

1. Personnel
2. Grants and Contracts (\$0)
3. Purchases
  - a. The following purchases are being made in accordance with Board Policy 2.3.3, (over \$50,000 and under \$150,000):

Software for Student/Faculty Coaching: Inside Track/Strada Collaborative, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, at a cost not to exceed \$110,000. (Fund 430 Grants)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve Northwestern Oklahoma State University's President's recommendations.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

F. Northwestern Oklahoma State University President's Report

President Hannaford reported on the following:

- He commended Dr. Tatum on his speaking engagement at the Woodward Chamber of Commerce.
- NWOSU just had an accreditation visit for their nursing program with a great visit.
- He gave a bid update on the deferred maintenance roofs that came in under budget.
- The HVAC bids are coming in.
- Fundraising is going very well this semester.
- They just received an estate gift for \$850,000.
- NWOSU made the in-person finals for Esports.

President Hannaford concluded his report.

Regent McDermott called on President Newsom to present the recommendations for SE.

G. Southeastern Oklahoma State University President's Recommendations

 [Board Letter Recommendations - 2024 November.docx](#)

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

**Vendor:** Semple Brown Design

**Description:** Architectural Services for Museum Expansion

**Amount:** \$56,859.59

**Funding Source:** Donated Funds

**Vendor:** Cxtec

**Description:** Servers

**Amount:** \$52,800

**Funding Source:** E&G Part I

**Motion:**

Motion to approve Southeastern Oklahoma State University's President's recommendations.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

H. Southeastern Oklahoma State University President's Report

President Newsom presented on the following:

- SE has two significant program approvals. A RN to BSN program and a new doctoral program in Business. The hope is to launch these programs in Spring.

- The Southeastern esports team is also doing very well and just beat the University of Oklahoma.
- The aviation team was runner-up at a competition and are moving on to nationals.
- New construction on campus is going well and they are looking at doing a capitol campaign on a new football stadium renovation.
- Last week President Newsom attended the Google Education Summit, and they discussed how AI will be impacting higher education.
- Lastly, Dr. Tatum is working to help Southeastern on an air traffic control tour in Durant.

President Newsom concluded his report.

Regent McDermott called on President Lovell to present the recommendations for SWOSU.

I. Southwestern Oklahoma State University President's Recommendations

 [Boggs L Retirement Resolution.docx](#)

 [Curry R Retirement Resolution.docx](#)

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1. Personnel
2. Grants and Contracts (\$101,731.00)
3. Purchases
  - a. SWOSU presents the following purchases being made in accordance with Board Policy (Over \$50,000 and under \$150,000)

Kim Rex, Aerospace Defense, Workforce Liaison  
 Source E&G .....\$60,000

Caddo Kiowa Technology Center, Educational Services for Occupational and Physical Therapy Assistant Program  
 Source E&G.....\$111,758

Crawford & Associates PC, Audit Preparation  
 Source E&G.....\$60,000

Forvis Mazars, Audit Work  
 Source E&G.....\$72,000

Culver Electric, Personal Service Contract for Electrical needs on Campus  
 Source E&G.....\$125,000

**Motion:**

Motion to approve Southwestern Oklahoma State University's President's recommendations.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Kupiec. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

J. Southwestern Oklahoma State University President's Report

President Lovell reported on the following:

- SWOSU hosted several legislators on campus, and they were shown the new Pharmacy building.
- Southwestern is committed to building strong relationships with legislators.
- They also hosted the Oklahoma Consulate to campus.
- Homecoming was a great time with good crowds and a lot of positive energy.
- SWOSU is hosting the western legislative luncheon in Weatherford.

President Lovell concluded her report.

Regent McDermott called on President Lamb to present the recommendations for UCO.

K. University of Central Oklahoma President's Recommendations

 [President's Recommendations November 2024.docx](#)

 [Resolution - Stephen Wagner 11-8-24.doc](#)

1. Personnel
2. Grants and Contracts (\$520,116.00)
3. Purchases
  - a. In accordance with Board policy 2.3.3, Purchases exceeding \$50,000 but not over \$150,000, the University of Central Oklahoma is reporting the following purchase:  
  
ProctorU Inc., online exam proctoring services. Year 3 of 3-year agreement.  
Source: Distance Education Course Fees.....\$110,000  
  
Paradigm Shift, LLP, student leadership training and development workshop.  
Source: TRIO Grant.....\$62,400  
  
Overland Charters, sports team fall transportation.  
Source: Athletics Fee .....\$100,000  
  
Chickasaw Telecom Inc., HyperFlex data platform.  
Source: Technology Fee.....\$92,256

Chickasaw Telecom Inc., Cisco SmartNet Total Care technical support service.  
Source: Technology Fee .....\$54,995

Carnegie Dartlet LLC, Premium Plus Admissions Slate Reportal and  
consultation. Year 2 of 2-year professional services agreement.  
Source: E&G .....\$58,423

A&V Holdings Midco LLC., Center for eLearning and Connected Environments  
classroom technology.  
Source: Course Fees.....\$84,115

Swansea University, study abroad collaboration and reconciliation for 23-24  
academic year.  
Source: E&G.....\$111,207

National Council for Behavioral Health, TRIO training for mental health first  
aid.  
Source: TRIO Grant.....\$52,000

Griffin Communications, UCO digital billboard advertising.  
Source: E&G.....\$52,000

#### 4. Faculty Senate Constitution

Having been approved by more than two-thirds (2/3) of the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Association members voting in a special election, the Faculty Senate seeks Board approval for the attached amended Faculty Senate Constitution.

 [Faculty Senate Amendment.pdf](#)

##### **Motion:**

Motion to approve the University of Central Oklahoma's President's recommendations.

Motion moved by Regent Carpenter and motion seconded by Regent Reilly. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

#### L. University of Central Oklahoma President's Report

President Lamb reported on the following:

- A great trip to Southeast Asia and visited many universities that UCO has strong partnerships with. UCO has always had a large international presence and they are in the process of rebuilding to pre pandemic enrollment numbers.
- UCO is ranked best school for vets and they are climbing the letter in Newsweek for online universities.
- UCO's latest class marshal was an online student.
- The football team is 8-1 and is looking at a strong lead to playoffs. Currently, they are fourth in the super region. The last homegame is in two weeks.
- The volleyball team is 23-2 and they are also looking at a great run into playoffs.



President Lamb concluded his report.

Regent McDermott called on Dr. Brandon Tatum to give the CEO's report.

- IX. (Action) Presentation by Dr. Brandon Tatum and possible discussion with RUSO Regents regarding the CEO's report.

Brandon Tatum discussed his meetings with the state regents. He shared data points on enrollment, Oklahoma retention rates, and budget numbers for the higher education system. He shared workforce commission updates and discussed a \$6M ARPA request. Finally, he discussed the funding formula.

- X. Regent's Comments and Announcements

Regent Winchester thanked President Hanley for the facilities tour.

- XI. Discussion and possible action regarding New Business (not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the agenda).

No new business.

- XII. (Action) Vote to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307(B)(4) and (8) for the purpose of discussion and possible action on the following issues:

**Motion:**

Motion to enter into executive session.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Reilly. Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

- A. Jackson Shepherd and Mallory Scott v. Regional University System of Oklahoma County ("RUSO") et al., District Court of Oklahoma Case #CJ-2020-2383
- B. Charles E. Sneed and Tabitha Sneed v. Northeastern State University ("NSU"), Acting President Kim Cherry, and NSU Employees, E.C.A.L. [sic et al.], District Court of Cherokee County, Case #CJ-2007-840
- C. Marci D. Walkingstick Dixon v. State of Oklahoma ex rel. the Regional University System of the Oklahoma Board of Regents sic. d/b/a Northeastern State University ("NSU"), Eastern District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-19-391
- D. Tatum Robertson, Eve Brennan, and Marin Rhodes v. University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO") and Board of Regents for the Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO"), Western District of Oklahoma, Case # CIV-2022-836-HE

- E. Dr. Rachel Tudor v. Marie Galindo et al. and Ezra Young and Brittany Stewart v. Dr. Rachel Tudor, Southeastern Oklahoma State University ("SE"), and Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO"), Western District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2022-480-C
- F. Noreen Swank v. State of Oklahoma ex rel. the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents d/b/a Northeastern State University ("NSU"), Eastern District of Oklahoma Case #CIV-2024-102-GLJ
- G. Terry Worcester v. East Central University, District Court of Pontotoc County Case #CJ-2019-37
- H. Alan Scott Asher and Nancy Asher v. Northeastern State University-Broken Arrow ("NSU"), and The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges-Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO"), District Court of Wagoner County Case #CJ-2022-309
- I. Shekhar Rathor v. University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO") EEOC Charge #564-2022-02211
- J. OCR Docket No. 07-23-2169 - Website accessibility complaint against East Central University
- K. US Department of Education Complaint by Margo McKenzie against Northeastern State University for alleged FERPA violations
- L. MidFirst Bank v. James L. Lindsay II, Northwestern Oklahoma State University ("NWOSU") et al., District Court of Oklahoma County Case #CJ-2022-6342
- M. Northwestern Oklahoma State University Internal Revenue Service Audit
- N. Oklahoma Insurance Department Consumer Complaint against VOYA
- O. Discussion of legal opinion provided by John E. Priddy and next steps

XIII. (Action) Vote to exit Executive Session.

**Motion:**

Motion to exit executive session.

Motion moved by Regent Ford and motion seconded by Regent Reilly . Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Carpenter, Perry, Reilly, McDermott, Ford, and Kupiec. Voting against the motion: none.

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

No items needed action from Executive Session.

XIV. (Action) Vote to Adjourn the November Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at .....