



# MINUTES

of the

**March 7, 2025, Regular Meeting**

of the

**Board of Regents *for the***

**Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical Colleges**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES  
MARCH 7, 2025**

*Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 7, 2024.*

The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) Colleges met in the Council Room, 412 Student Union, on the campus of Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Oklahoma (OK), on March 7, 2025.

Board members present: Mr. Jimmy Harrel, Chair; Mr. Rick Walker, Vice Chair; Mrs. Blayne Arthur; Mr. Cary Baetz; Ms. Jennifer Callahan; Mr. Chris Franklin; Mr. Joe D. Hall; and Mr. Billy G. Taylor.

Board members absent: None.

Board staff present: Mr. Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Mr. Steve Stephens, General Counsel; Ms. Michelle Finley, Chief Audit Executive; Mr. Steve Thompson, Director of Public Policy; Ms. Karlee Belle Gholson, Deputy Director of Public Policy; Ms. Kyla Eldridge, Office Manager & Executive Assistant to the CEO; and Ms. Nicole Nixon, Executive Administrative Assistant.

After Mr. Ramsey affirmed a quorum was present and that all documents had been filed with the Secretary of State, Chair Harrel called the meeting to order at approximately 10:04 a.m.

**I. BOARD OF REGENTS' BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Order of Business**

(The Order of Business and Agenda for this meeting are collectively identified as ATTACHMENT A and attached to this portion of the minutes.)

Regent Callahan moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve the Order of Business as presented.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

**B. Approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 31, 2025, and of the Special Board Meeting held February 7, 2025**

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve the Regular and Special Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

C. Announcement of the next Regular Board Meeting

Chair Harrel announced that the Board's next Regular Meeting will be held on April 25, 2025, in the Ballroom of the Student Union on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) in Goodwell, OK.

Chair Harrel told OPSU President Julie Dinger he looks forward to seeing her in Oklahoma's panhandle and thanked her for hosting the upcoming meeting. President Dinger said she is looking forward to it and cannot wait to welcome everyone to the OPSU campus in April.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
**OSU/A&M Board of Regents**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**March 7, 2025**

**Oklahoma State University**  
**Council Room, 412 Student Union**  
**Stillwater, Oklahoma**

*A Secretary of State notice for this meeting was filed on November 7, 2024.*

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

1. Order of Business
2. Minutes of the January 31, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
3. Minutes of the February 7, 2025, Special Board Meeting
4. Announcement of next regular meeting:  
April 25, 2025      --      Oklahoma Panhandle State University  
Ballroom, Student Union  
Goodwell, Oklahoma

**BUSINESS WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:**

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Oklahoma Panhandle State University | 4. Langston University       |
| 2. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College   | 5. Oklahoma State University |
| 3. Connors State College               |                              |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None registered to comment

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee
2. Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee
3. Facilities Committee
4. Finance Committee

**OTHER BOARD BUSINESS:**

1. Reports or recommendations by the Chief Executive Officer
  - a. General Business
  - b. General Counsel
  - c. Chief Audit Executive



## **AGENDA**

### **Regular Meeting of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents**

**March 7, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Oklahoma State University  
Council Room, 412 Student Union  
Stillwater, Oklahoma**

*Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 7, 2024. At the time this agenda is posted, detailed institutional agendas are available in the office of the Board of Regents.*

#### **I. BOARD OF REGENTS' BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Order of Business
- B. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 31, 2025, and of the Special Meeting held on February 7, 2025
- C. Announcement of next Regular Board Meeting to be held on April 25, 2025, in the Ballroom of the Student Union on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma

#### **II. OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY**

- A. General Information/Reports Requiring No Action by the Board
  - 1. Remarks by President Julie Dinger
  - 2. Panhandle Magazine
- B. Resolutions
  - 1. Request adoption of Memorial Resolution for Mark Freeman
- C. Policy and Operational Procedures
  - None*
- D. Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, change in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.
  - 1. Request approval of personnel actions; items not requiring Board action are included for informational purposes only
- E. Instructional Programs
  - None*

F. Budgetary Actions (adoption of a new budget or revision of a budget, etc.)

*None*

G. Other Business and Financial Matters

*None*

H. Contractual Agreements (other than construction and renovation)

1. Request approval to grant a utility easement to Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

I. New Construction or Renovation of Facilities

*None*

J. Purchase Requests (purchase of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)

1. Request approval to process a purchase order to replace the fire systems in Hamilton Hall and Hefley Hall

K. Student Services/Activities

*None*

L. New Business Unforeseen at Time Agenda was Posted

M. Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board

1. Out-of-State Travel Summary for January 2025

**III. NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE**

A. General Information/Reports Requiring No Action by the Board

1. Remarks by President Kyle Stafford
2. NEO Update

B. Resolutions

*None*

C. Policy and Operational Procedures

*None*

D. Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, change in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.

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E. Instructional Programs

1. Request approval of program curricular changes

F. Budgetary Actions (adoption of a new budget or revision of a budget, etc.)

*None*

G. Other Business and Financial Matters

1. Request approval of campus peace officer action



H. Contractual Agreements (other than construction and renovation)

*None*

I. New Construction or Renovation of Facilities

*None*

J. Purchase Requests (purchase of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)

*None*

K. Student Services/Activities

*None*

L. New Business Unforeseen at Time Agenda was Posted

M. Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board

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**IV. CONNORS STATE COLLEGE**

A. General Information/Reports Requiring No Action by the Board

1. Remarks by President Ron Ramming

a. Connection

B. Resolutions

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C. Policy and Operational Procedures

*None*

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*None*

E. Instructional Programs

*None*

F. Budgetary Actions (adoption of a new budget or revision of a budget, etc.)

*None*

G. Other Business and Financial Matters

*None*

H. Contractual Agreements (other than construction and renovation)

1. Request approval to waive competitive bid requirements and renew the Sodexo food service contract for up to three years

I. New Construction or Renovation of Facilities

*None*

J. Purchase Requests (purchase of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)

*None*

K. Student Services/Activities

*None*

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M. Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board

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## **V. LANGSTON UNIVERSITY**

A. General Information/Reports Requiring No Action by the Board

1. Remarks by President Ruth Ray Jackson

a. Overview of 'E Roar Digital Publication

B. Resolutions

*None*

C. Policy and Operational Procedures

*None*

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3. Request approval to post position descriptions for two academic dean positions

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*None*

F. Budgetary Actions (adoption of a new budget or revision of a budget, etc.)

*None*

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*None*

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*None*

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- J. Purchase Requests (purchase of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)
  - 1. Request approval for the Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to purchase a DairySpec and SomaCount machine from Bentley Instruments
- K. Student Services/Activities
  - None*
- L. New Business Unforeseen at Time Agenda was Posted
- M. Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board
  - 1. Quarterly FTE Report for period ending December 31, 2024

## **VI. OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

- A. General Information/Reports Requiring No Action by the Board
  - 1. Remarks by Interim President Jim Hess
  - 2. Capital Financing and Construction Projects Presentation by Eric Polak, Interim Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance
- B. Resolutions
  - 1. Request adoption of Memorial Resolutions for Mohamed Samir Ahmed, Hermann Burchard, Kenneth Case, Paul Epstein, and Karen McBee
- C. Policy and Operational Procedures
  - 1. Request approval to award a posthumous Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources degree to Terra D'aun Richmond
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  - 1. Request approval of curricular changes including new degrees, program modifications, etc.
- F. Budgetary Actions (adoption of a new budget or revision of a budget, etc.)
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  - 1. Request approval of actions required to refund master lease program bonds for savings
  - 2. Request approval of Series 2025 General Revenue Bond actions, including execution of a resolution to form Supplemental Bond Resolutions and the sale of the Board's Series 2025 General Revenue Bonds
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4. Request approval to grant an easement to the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents for the purpose of pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress (OSU-CHS)
5. Request approval to grant an easement to the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents to construct, install, operate, repair, illuminate, maintain, replace and/or remove a freestanding monument sign (OSU-CHS)

H. Contractual Agreements (other than construction and renovation)

*None*

I. New Construction or Renovation of Facilities

1. Request approval to select on-call consultants to provide architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board (OSU-System)
2. Request approval to select on-call consultants to provide landscape architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board (OSU-System)
3. Request approval to select on-call consultants to provide structural engineering as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board (OSU-System)
4. Request approval to select an architectural firm to assist the university with updating the campus master plan

J. Purchase Requests (purchase of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)

1. Request approval of sole source and special request purchasing items
  - a. Authorization for Housing and Residential Life to increase the previously approved estimated annual amount of \$1,800,000 to \$3,600,000 for overflow student housing. This increase is due to a possible increase in the number of beds from 200 to 400 on an as-needed basis. Funding will be provided by Auxiliary Enterprises Funds. (bid)
2. Request approval of auxiliary enterprises funds purchasing items (OSU-System)
  - a. Authorization for OSU Athletics to purchase 11,000 chairbacks for Boone Pickens Stadium in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000. This one-time purchase will allow the chairbacks to be leased on gameday and generate new revenue for Athletics. (bid)
  - b. Authorization for OSU-Center for Health Sciences to purchase reagents and testing supplies from Hologic Inc. for laboratory testing within the clinic system in the estimated annual amount of \$700,000. (exempt)
  - c. Authorization for the Student Union to purchase water damage and restoration services for three floors of the Student Union in the estimated amount of \$3,040,000. (OSU contract)
  - d. Ratification of Interim Approval received from the Board CEO, February 22, 2025. Authorization for the Student Union to purchase water damage and restoration services for the first part of recovery services for three floors of the Student Union in the amount of \$960,000. (OSU contract)
3. Request approval of plant funds purchasing items

- a. Authorization for Facilities Management to purchase labor, material, equipment, and services for the culinary boiler replacement at the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agriculture Processing Center, Building 0047, in the estimated amount of \$400,000. (bid, as-needed contracts, or OCCM)
- b. Authorization for Facilities Management to purchase remediation services for the February 2025 winter storm damage in various campus locations in the estimated amount of \$353,000. (OSU contract)

K. Student Services/Activities

*None*

L. New Business Unforeseen at Time Agenda was Posted

M. Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board

*None*

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

In accordance with Board Policy 1.17, time will be provided for individuals to appear before the Board in order to provide comments on issues directly affecting institutions governed by the Board.

*None registered to comment.*

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consider other possible actions based upon reports or recommendations by various Committees of the Board of Regents.

A. Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee

*No Report. All recommendations made by this Committee were presented during the business of LU and OSU.*

B. Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee

*No report.*

C. Facilities Committee

*No Report. All recommendations made by this Committee were presented during the business of LU, OPSU, and OSU.*

D. Finance Committee

*No Report. All recommendations made by this Committee were presented during the business of OSU.*

## IX. OTHER BOARD OF REGENTS' BUSINESS

A. General Information/Reports Requiring No Action by the Board

*None*

B. Resolutions

*None*

C. Policy and Operational Procedures

*None*

D. Personnel Actions RE: appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, change in title, resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirement, personnel leaves, etc. More detailed information identifying the personnel involved, their job titles, and their salaries, where applicable, will be available upon request at the meeting and prior thereto at the Office of the Board of Regents.

1. Request approval of compensation for Interim OSU President, Dr. James "Jim" Hess

E. Purchase Requests (purchase of equipment, supplies, materials, professional services, etc.)

*None*

F. Other Business Matters Requiring Action of the Board

*None*

G. Reports/Comments/Recommendations by Chief Executive Officer

H. Reports/Comments/Recommendations by General Counsel

I. Reports/Comments/Recommendations by Chief Audit Executive

1. Request approval to reappoint CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, as the external auditors for FY 2025 at the proposed fee rates as presented.

J. New Business Unforeseen at Time Agenda was Posted

K. Other Informational Matters Not Requiring Action of the Board

*None*

L. Meeting adjournment

## **II. OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY, GOODWELL, OKLAHOMA**

President Julie Dinger came before the Board to review the Agenda and present the business of OPSU. (The OPSU Agenda is attached to this section and considered a part of these minutes.)

President Dinger expressed appreciation to OSU Interim President Jim Hess and his team for their hospitality last night. It was a very warm and collegial atmosphere, and she is thankful to everyone who made that possible. Hosting these events is a big job, and last night was wonderful.

### **A-1 Remarks by President Julie Dinger**

#### **A-2 Panhandle Magazine**

President Dinger referenced the featured story on the cover of the *Panhandle* magazine about OPSU's enrollment growth this semester. She said enrollment this spring has increased by about 3 percent over last year. This increase is the fruition of OPSU's new "Recruit to Retain" strategy. The administration is seeing a real momentum shift that has translated to some excellent experiences on campus. The full story on page 5 highlights some of the different groups that have experienced growth on campus, one of which is the alternative teacher certification program. OPSU received one-time funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), facilitated by the OK State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE). With that funding, OPSU was able to expand its alternative teacher certification program by over 200 percent this year. The administration is really excited to see that impact and they look forward to continuing to grow in the alternative education space.

She noted the story on page 6 and said she is pleased to announce that through the incredible leadership of Ms. Chyanna Black and its board, the OPSU Foundation (OPSUF) has expanded the scholarships available to students for the 2025-2026 academic year by \$120,000. This increase is a direct result of improvements the OPSUF has made to its operations, such as accounting software upgrades, the implementation of new investment strategies, and policy updates for investment procedures. President Dinger said she cannot say enough good things about Ms. Black and her work, but she is also grateful to the OPSUF board members for finding ways to continue supporting students and expanding the partnership between the OPSUF and the University.

President Dinger said the write-up on page 9 features a rising star at OPSU, Dr. Hasib Chowdhury. Dr. Chowdhury is the point person for developing the new Hospitality Management Program in the College of Business and Technology at OPSU. He is partnering with a local business, the Golden Mesa Casino, to create this really exciting new program at OPSU. This program is the beginning of what the administration is calling OPSU's early career exposure programs, which allows students to begin internships within their first year of study at OPSU. She said she is excited to see this program move forward, and she is grateful for the partnership with Golden Mesa Casino and the Shawnee Tribe to ensure this program gets off the ground to serve the community.

She said she would like to suggest something to the Regents who will be traveling to the OK panhandle to attend the April Regular Board Meeting at OPSU. She referenced the story on page 10 about the *Our Nowhere: Panhandle Histories* podcast. This podcast is a project of the

history department at OPSU. She said episodes are brief and encouraged the Regents to listen to some episodes during their drive to the panhandle. She said the QR code in the article links to downloadable episodes. Students are working with two faculty members in the history department—Dr. Gary Girod and Dr. Rebekah Wagenbach—to create stories about OPSU's unique part of OK. She said it is a fantastic series and encouraged the Regents to check it out. The most recent episode features ghost stories from the panhandle, which is a unique take and one which was really engaging for the students working on it. She said it has been fun to watch students take advantage of this opportunity to promote themselves and the podcast.

President Dinger said page 11 features a story about another deferred maintenance project made possible by the generous appropriations through the OK State Legislature's (Legislature) deferred maintenance program. This is one of a series of upgrades to technology on the OPSU campus. A major fiber line upgrade was just completed that now allows the University to upgrade its telephone system. She expressed gratitude to the Legislature for the deferred maintenance funds. OPSU has been able to make significant improvements in campus safety, wellness, and now technology, which ensures OPSU can support the coming age of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.).

President Dinger said she is very proud of Ms. Bexlei Good, an OPSU freshman, who is featured in the story on page 12 of the magazine. Ms. Good recently competed in the Southwest Meat Judging Contest, a national competition at the Fort Worth Stock Show. She earned first place in total beef, pork judging, and total placings. She also placed second in beef grading, third in questions, and fourth in beef judging. President Dinger said it is phenomenal for a freshman to come to OPSU ready to compete at the national level. Ms. Good will compete at the South Plains Contest later this spring. President Dinger said she would be remiss if she did not also compliment Mr. JD Fox, the Meat Judging Team's Head Coach who also runs OPSU's Meat Lab. Mr. Fox has done a fantastic job with the Meat Judging program. She said OPSU has also benefited greatly from OSU graduate and former OPSU employee, Dr. Kathryn Hearn, who has continued to mentor students as an adjunct professor at OPSU.

She said page 16 features a story about an up-and-comer at OPSU, Mr. Kamron Neal. Mr. Neal was recently named the "South Central Region Men's Track Athlete of the Year." He competed at nationals last weekend and placed second in indoor track. Last year he placed third in outdoor track. Mr. Neal is a two-time all-American, and she said she is looking forward to next year's national competition and hopes he brings home the gold. President Dinger said he is skilled not only on the track field but in the classroom, and he is an outstanding leader on campus. She said he represents the best of OPSU.

Lastly, President Dinger said the back cover features information about the Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction, and she invited the Regents to attend that event if they are able. She said this is a keystone event for OPSU where they celebrate beautiful art created by current students, alumni, and community members in a juried art show. This is a great opportunity to raise money to support scholarships for art students at OPSU.



**B-1    Adoption of Memorial Resolution for Mark Freeman**

Regent Hall moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve Item B-1 as presented in the OPSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker.    No: None.    Abstentions: None.    Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

**D-1    Approval of personnel actions**

Regent Hall moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve Item D-1 as presented in the OPSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker.    No: None.    Abstentions: None.    Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

**H-1    Approval to grant a utility easement to Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

President Dinger said this easement will allow the electric cooperative to connect and provide electrical power to a new center-pivot irrigation system. This will help support OPSU and OSU's extension efforts at the OK Panhandle Research & Extension Center (OPREC).

Regent Hall moved and Regent Franklin seconded to approve Item H-1 as presented in the OPSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker.    No: None.    Abstentions: None.    Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

**J-1    Approval to process a purchase order to replace the fire systems in Hamilton Hall and Hefley Hall**

President Dinger said this Item was discussed with members of the Facilities (FACS) Committee. FACS Committee Member Taylor said the Committee recommends Board approval of this Item.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve Item J-1 as presented in the OPSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker.    No: None.    Abstentions: None.    Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Regent Arthur said the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention is coming up and she wanted to recognize some exciting news about a student who was selected for the OK FFA State Convention Chorus. President Dinger said the young lady Regent Arthur is referring to is the only student who was selected from the panhandle of OK, is a concurrent student at OPSU, and happens to be her oldest daughter, Cate Blanton. The Board congratulated President Dinger on her daughter's accomplishment.

The business of OPSU being concluded, President Dinger and other members of the University's administration were excused from the meeting.



OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Goodwell, Oklahoma

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges

March 7, 2025

Dear Board Members:

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with the purchases to be coordinated through the Chief Procurement Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

**A - GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Remarks by President Dr. Julie Dinger
2. Panhandle Magazine

**B - RESOLUTIONS**

1. Mark Freeman (*Reference Document B-1*)

**C - POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

None

**D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

1. Board approval is requested for personnel actions including appointments, changes in salary, changes in title or rate, personnel leaves, etc. Personnel items not requiring action by the Board including resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirements, etc. are provided for informational purposes only. (*Reference Document D-1*)

**E - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

None

**F - BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

None

**G - OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

None

**H - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)**

1. Board approval is requested to grant a utility easement to Tri-County Electric Cooperative Inc. (*Reference Document H-1*)

**I - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

None

**J - PURCHASE REQUESTS**

1. Board approval is requested to process a purchase order to replace the fire systems in Hamilton Hall and Hefley Hall. (*Reference Document J-1*)

**K - STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

None

**L - NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED**

None

**M - OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

1. 2025 Out of State Travel (*Reference Document M-1*)

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# ENROLLMENT SURGE FUELS VIBRANT STUDENT LIFE AT OPSU

## Oklahoma Panhandle State University

has kicked off the Spring 2025 semester with a 2.8% increase in enrollment, marking a significant momentum shift driven by a strategic focus on student retention. This growth underscores the university's commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging environment, ensuring that students not only enroll but thrive. With the "Recruit to Retain" strategy in full effect, OPSU is seeing the fruits of its efforts to create a dynamic campus culture that enhances both academic and extracurricular experiences.

"This growth isn't just about headcount; it's about building a stronger, more dynamic campus community," said Dr. Julie Dinger, University President. "Our intentional focus on student retention, engagement, and support is paying off. Research consistently shows that a vibrant student life contributes to higher retention rates, and we're seeing that impact firsthand. It's exciting to witness how this momentum is shaping the OPSU experience."

### Enrollment on the Rise

The increase in enrollment is driven by key programs that have seen significant growth. Concurrent enrollment has risen by 87.5% with 35 additional students, directly resulting from the university's efforts to streamline communication between high school counselors and OPSU through a designated central advisor. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program continues to attract students, seeing a 10.4% increase, while the Health and Physical Education program grew by 17.6%, largely due to the improved retention rate of the university football team. Certificate enrollment has skyrocketed by 233.3%, thanks to the university's efforts to expand access to Alternative Teacher Certification funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund and facilitated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. OPSU is a rising leader in helping address the teacher shortage crisis in Oklahoma, serving teachers seeking alternative certification across our Great State.

"It's incredible to see the growth in our athletic programs this spring," said Victor Esparza, Athletic Director at OPSU. "Our coaches have worked tirelessly to recruit talented student-athletes who excel on the field and contribute to our campus community. I couldn't be more proud of our coaching staff and the positive impact they're making. This

enrollment growth shows that OPSU is the place for academic and athletic success."

### The Heart of Campus Life

The surge in enrollment has also fueled a more vibrant student life. With more students on campus, participation in clubs, organizations, and events has reached new heights. The Student Life Department has played a pivotal role in creating an inclusive and dynamic campus culture. From planning campus traditions to fostering an inclusive community, the Student Life Department at OPSU is the driving force behind experiences that shape more than just a college career.

At OPSU, student life is more than just events on a calendar. It's about building a community where every student feels connected and valued. The Student Life Department dedicates countless hours to crafting experiences that inspire growth, friendships, and unforgettable memories.

"Our goal is to make every student feel like they belong. We want them to connect, grow, and find their place here at OPSU," shared Morgan Trevino, Student Life Coordinator. "The increase in student engagement this semester proves that our efforts are working, and I am so proud of our team."

From the excitement of New Aggie Orientation to the buzz of Welcome Week, the Student Life team is behind every detail, ensuring each event is meaningful and impactful. But it's not just about planning events; it's about creating moments that matter. "We have a strong team that works hard to bring friends and the school as a whole closer together. We think outside the box to create our events so they will appeal to each and every student," said Aspen Jolly, who coordinates weekly activities.

"Morgan and her team pour their hearts into every event. Their dedication and hard work are why our students feel connected and valued on campus," said Laura Hutchinson, Dean of Student Services. "They go above and beyond to create an environment where students don't just attend college—they thrive."

Looking ahead, the Student Life team is committed to evolving and enhancing the student experience even further. With new initiatives and dedication to student success, the future is bright at OPSU. Student life is more than attending events; it's about belonging, growing, and thriving. The Student Life team is behind it all, pouring their heart and soul into every experience to make OPSU feel like home for students. **P**



# OPSU FOUNDATION

## EXPANDS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**The Panhandle State Foundation** is proud to announce a significant increase in funding for its scholarship program. The Foundation has allocated an additional \$120,000 in scholarship funding for the 2025-2026 academic year, a move made possible by implementing new accounting software, updated investment strategies, and updated policies and procedures.

"We are excited to be able to increase scholarship funding to deserving students pursuing their educational dreams," said Chyanna Black, Executive Director of Panhandle State Foundation. "This increase is a testament to the Foundation's dedication to making every penny count and ensuring the legacy of our donors continues to reach its fullest impact."

In an era where every dollar counts, the adoption of advanced accounting software has revolutionized the Foundation's financial management. This software allows for greater transparency, accuracy, and efficiency in managing funds. The Foundation can identify and allocate resources more effectively than ever by automating routine tasks and providing detailed insights. Guided by expert advice and a commitment to long-term growth, the Foundation has optimized its investments. This strategic approach ensures sustainable scholarship funding while aligning with the Foundation's mission to support Oklahoma Panhandle State University students.

Dr. Ryan Blanton, Vice President of Advancement, praised the efforts of the Foundation leadership. "Chyanna Black and Stephanie LeGrange, along with the entire Board, have done an excellent job navigating these changes. Their dedication ensures that every dollar donated has the greatest possible effect on our students and their futures."

A comprehensive review and update of policies and procedures have further contributed to this milestone. By streamlining administrative processes and adopting best practices, the Foundation has maximized the impact of every donation. The expanded funding will allow the Foundation to award either more or a larger scholarship depending on the endowment restrictions, providing greater support to students in various fields. The move aligns with the Foundation's mission to invest in the university's future by empowering students to succeed. The Panhandle State Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to educational excellence and donor support. This significant increase in scholarship funding represents a step forward in fulfilling its mission to make higher education accessible and attainable for students.

The application deadline for the 2025-2026 scholarships has now passed. The Panhandle State Foundation Scholarships committees are reviewing applications to award scholarships to deserving students. Students are encouraged to visit <https://opsu.edu/panhandle-state-foundation/> or contact the office directly at 580-349-1392 for information about future scholarship opportunities and eligibility requirements. **P**

# OPSU NAMES PTCI ESPORTS LOUNGE

## IN RECOGNITION OF LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP



**OPSU proudly announces its Esports Lounge** as the “PTCI Esports Lounge” in recognition of PTCI’s outstanding contributions to the university and its students. This decision honors PTCI’s continuous investment in student success, innovation, and community development. PTCI has been a dedicated partner of OPSU for decades, providing critical support in areas such as athletics, communication infrastructure, and student development. The organization has played a pivotal role in establishing and growing OPSU’s Esports program, offering guidance, funding, and opportunities for student competition.

“Supporting Esports programs with OPSU and high schools in our service area is a natural fit with PTCI’s mission of highlighting our fiber broadband networks, delivering progressive and high-quality communication services for our customers, and promoting PTCI values of embracing drive and innovation while having fun! What speaks to this more than gaming?” said Jana Wallace, CEO of PTCI.

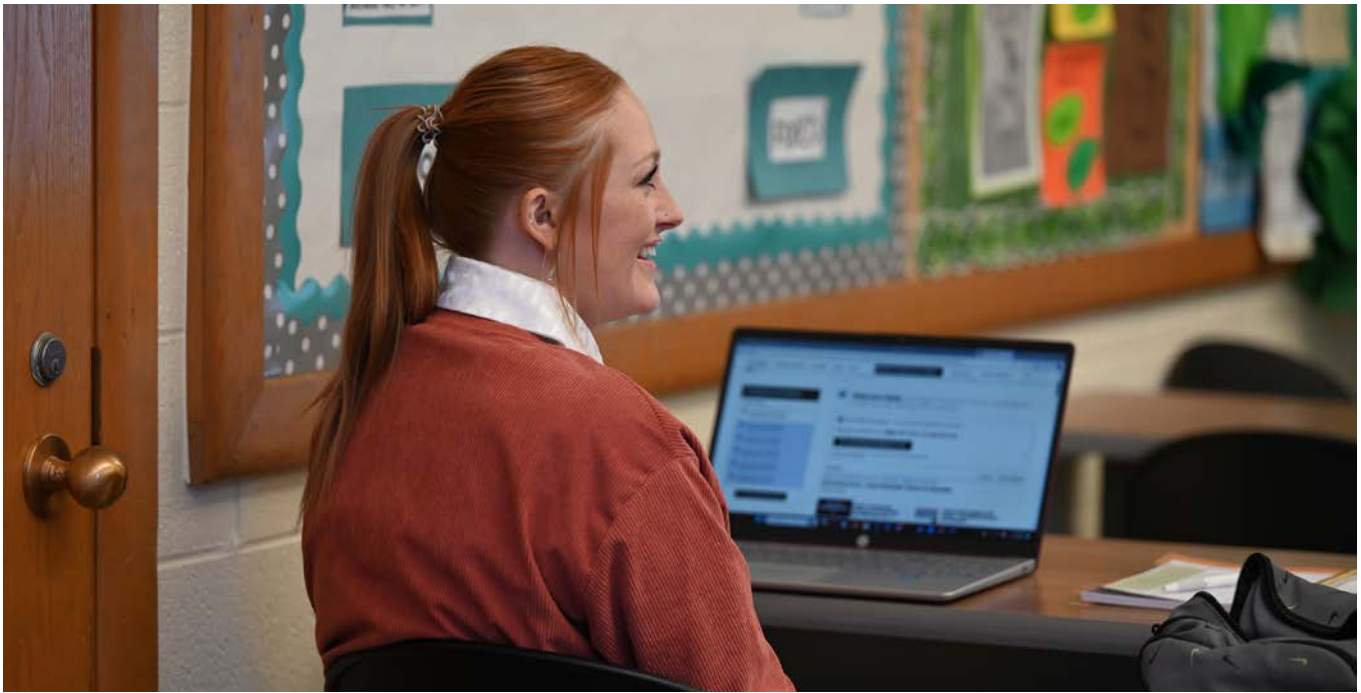
Beyond Esports, PTCI has expanded OPSU’s communication and live-streaming capabilities, making campus events more accessible to students, families, and community members. Additionally, PTCI has long supported student internships and continuing education initiatives, often hiring OPSU graduates for full-time positions within the company. “PTCI is extremely community-focused, and we view OPSU as a core anchor institution in our region that provides a quality and affordable education. Many of our staff have attended or graduated from OPSU and are doing amazing things right here in our communities. We always look for great opportunities to keep or return ‘our’ kids home to work and live,” Wallace added.

As Esports continues to grow, it provides students with highly marketable skills beyond gaming. A recent report published by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association highlights the benefits of Esports, including proficiency in networking and hardware, digital literacy, leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and team building. “These are qualities that definitely stand out to us when hiring and developing great employees and our next generation of leaders in the telecommunications industry,” Wallace noted.

The naming of the PTCI Esports Lounge represents a continued commitment to strengthening the OPSU-PTCI partnership. PTCI is excited about future collaborations, including Aggie Connections and the opportunity to award two \$2,500 scholarships during PTCI’s Annual Meeting of cooperative members.

University President Dr. Julie Dinger expressed gratitude for PTCI’s support. “PTCI has been a true partner in our mission to serve students and prepare them for the future. Their investment in our Esports program not only enhances our campus but also opens doors for students to explore new technologies, build critical skills, and connect with the broader world. We are incredibly grateful for their belief in our students and their support of our community.”

As OPSU continues to expand its Esports program, the PTCI Esports Lounge will serve as a state-of-the-art space where students can compete, connect, and develop valuable skills. With PTCI’s support, the university is excited to see how this partnership will continue to shape the future of Esports. **P**



# OKLAHOMA MAGAZINE

## THE EDUCATION PREVIEW

**Striving for and obtaining** a higher education degree is rewarding and surely worth the effort – but can also be expensive and overwhelming. Luckily, leadership at area colleges and universities are determined to help students succeed, no matter their academic goals. We talk with experts across the state about the pros and cons of standardized testing scores for admissions, alongside budding AI integration technology, how quantum computing is evolving and becoming more accessible for education, ways colleges are ensuring their educators are staying sharp, and strategic majors for the best possible employment outcomes.

In a world with ever-evolving avenues for information and self-development, more and more colleges are starting to recognize that standardized test scores are not always indicative of someone's true intelligence and potential. Tulsa Community College is one such institution. Oklahoma Panhandle State University takes on similar guidelines for admissions, says Charla Lewis, Ed.D., OPSU's vice president of academic affairs.

"OPSU is an open admission school," she says. "Standardized test scores are not required for admittance, but they can be used to place students in the correct general education courses. We use essays in our application to apply for academic scholarships along with GPA."

From major universities to small colleges, curriculum management keeps educators continually striving to give their students the best instruction possible. But how much work goes into creating and approving these lesson plans?

At OPSU, Lewis says, "the curriculum approval process is involved. Department chairs take the lead on curriculum management. When they want to make a change, they take the changes to the curriculum committee (made up of deans and department chairs across the university) along with justifications for the changes. The committee will vote to approve or deny the proposed changes. If the changes are approved by the committee, they are presented to our A&M board of regents for their consideration. If the A&M board approves, then the changes are presented to the OSRHE for their consideration. Any substantive changes are then presented to our accrediting body. Once approved, the new curriculum is noted in the catalog." **P**





# DR. HASIB CHOWDHURY:

## PIONEERING HOSPITALITY EDUCATION AT OPSU WITH ADVANCED CERTIFICATIONS

**Renowned for his expertise** in Hospitality Management, Dr. Hasib Chowdhury continues to set new standards in education at OPSU with his dual certifications: Certified Hospitality Educator (CHE) and Certified Hospitality Industry Analyst (CHIA).

When asked about his motivation for pursuing the CHE and CHIA certifications, Dr. Chowdhury shared, “The CHE certification is dedicated to refining teaching techniques and overall methods for educators. It’s designed not just for hospitality instructors but for educators across all fields. I pursued this certification to elevate my teaching skills and better serve my students.”

Dr. Chowdhury’s pursuit of the CHIA certification stemmed from a desire to deepen his expertise in the hotel industry data analytics. “I wanted to gain a thorough understanding of hotel industry analytics to enrich my teaching in hospitality-related courses at OPSU,” he explained. The CHIA certification, offered by STR, focuses on data specific to the North American hotel industry.

Dr. Chowdhury plans to leverage his CHE certification to enhance his instructional techniques across all classes related to his teaching interests, not just within hospitality courses. “The knowledge from the CHE certification will be valuable for shaping my approach as an educator in various subjects,” he said.

The CHIA certification will benefit hospitality courses such as Hotel Operations Management and Revenue Management. Dr. Chowdhury intends to incorporate CHIA lessons into these classes and offer students the opportunity to obtain their CHIA certifications under his guidance. “This certification will significantly aid our students as they prepare for careers in hotel management and related fields,” he noted.

In addition to these achievements, he also earned the Certification in Advanced Hospitality and Tourism Analytics (CAHTA) at the start of the year. Like CHIA, CAHTA enhances his expertise in hospitality analytics, further enriching his educational approach.

Recognized as an authority in the field, Dr. Chowdhury was featured

as an expert in WalletHub’s article on the best hotel credit cards. His insights on maximizing rewards and benefits underscore his industry knowledge and leadership in hospitality management. His contributions demonstrate his dedication to hospitality education and industry knowledge. To read his expert opinions, visit the full article [here](#).

Dr. Chowdhury is confident that the CHE, CHIA, and CAHTA certifications will positively impact the hospitality industry. “These certifications enhance the skillsets of educators and, in turn, produce more competent hospitality professionals,” he stated. CHE improves overall teaching methods, while CHIA and CAHTA boost technical skills related to hotel data analytics, preparing students for advanced roles in the industry.

OPSU is in the early stages of adding a hospitality management option to the Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Administration. These certifications will directly benefit this future program. The CHE certification will aid instructors across various courses, while the CHIA and CAHTA certifications will enhance specialized hospitality courses. Beginning in Fall 2025, with board approval, the College of Business and Technology will introduce new hospitality-related majors, further integrating Dr. Chowdhury’s certifications into the curriculum.

Dean for the College of Business and Technology, Vicki Pasque, stated, “Dr. Chowdhury’s achievement of these certifications is a testament to his dedication and expertise, which will align well with our vision to add a Hospitality Management option to our Business Administration Degree. His commitment to enhancing his teaching skills and expanding his knowledge in hospitality analytics will enrich our curriculum and exemplify our university’s vision of preparing students to excel in their careers.”

Dr. Chowdhury’s dedication to advancing his qualifications proves OPSU’s commitment to providing top-notch education by an exceptional faculty. His achievements reflect personal growth and significantly enhance OPSU’s academic offerings. **P**

## Our Nowhere Panhandle Histories



## Our Nowhere: Panhandle Histories



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# REDISCOVERING THE PANHANDLE:

## HISTORY TOLD THROUGH OUR NOWHERE PODCAST

**“Our Nowhere: Panhandle Histories”** is a captivating podcast that takes a fresh look at the rich and diverse history of the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles. Created by Dr. Gary Girod, an assistant professor of history and the award-winning host of The French History Podcast, alongside Dr. Rebekah Wagenbach, the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Education at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, this project blends academic expertise with cutting-edge digital, public, and oral history methods.

“This project launches a Digital Humanities Era at OPSU. It allows us to use cutting-edge technology to tell stories about real people in the Panhandle and deliver it to a worldwide audience,” stated Dr. Rebekah Wagenbach, College of Arts and Education Dean. “We hope to get people to love No Man’s Land as much as we do.”

This interdisciplinary initiative is driven by students, offering History, English, Education, Art, and other majors a chance to contribute to the podcast’s development. Through these contributions, “Our Nowhere” explores the historical events that shaped the region and is an academic tool that bridges generations of scholars and listeners alike.

Funded by the Masonic Grant for Cultural Enrichment and hosted by Evergreen Podcasts, this large-scale endeavor is dedicated to uncovering the forgotten and often overlooked histories of the Oklahoma and Texas

Panhandles. The podcast vividly depicts life in these vast, frequently misunderstood territories, from the region’s indigenous peoples to early explorers and settlers.

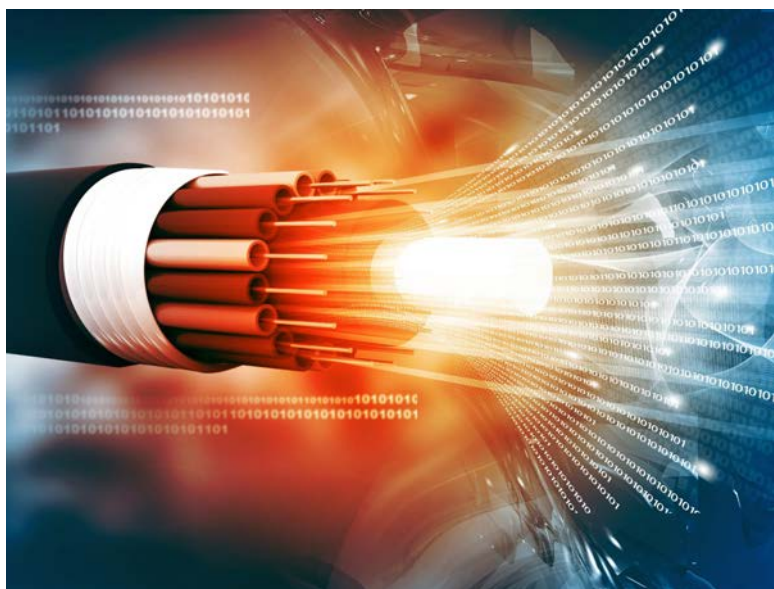
Episodes delve into topics like the Panhandle exploration, early settlers’ struggles, and the cultural evolution that still defines the area today. The aim is to tell the story of this fascinating region in a way that is both educational and engaging for a broad audience.

Assistant Professor Dr. Gary Girod said, “Our Nowhere is OPSU’s first step into digital humanities. It’s all part of our plan to upgrade what the university offers while having much fun.”

The project’s commitment to public history allows listeners to immerse themselves in the history of the Panhandle while also exploring the intersection of oral histories, archival research, and public storytelling. This is history for the 21st century – accessible, interactive, and driven by the next generation of historians.

Follow Our Nowhere: Panhandle Histories on Facebook and the College of Arts and Education’s Instagram page for updates on new episodes and behind-the-scenes insights. With its thoughtful, engaging content and commitment to community-driven research, this podcast is a must-listen for anyone interested in the deep and diverse past of the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles. **P**

# OPSU LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE



## **Oklahoma Panhandle State University** is

undertaking a comprehensive network infrastructure upgrade, a multi-phase project designed to bring the university's technology into the 21st century. This ambitious initiative is overseen by Vice President Liz McMurphy's office in collaboration with IT Director Jerome Ortiz and is fully funded through the Deferred Maintenance budget. This investment underscores OPSU's commitment to modernizing essential infrastructure and enhancing digital experiences for students, faculty, and staff.

The project's first phase focuses on a critical overhaul of OPSU's core infrastructure by replacing the existing multimode fiber optic cables with high-performance single-mode fiber optic cables. This foundational upgrade will significantly increase bandwidth capacity, improve signal quality over longer distances, and provide the flexibility needed for future network expansion. "Upgrading to single-mode fiber optics is essential for supporting the data-intensive demands of today's digital world," said OPSU's IT Director Jerome Ortiz. "This change isn't just about faster internet speeds; it's about building a network that can grow with the university's needs and support future innovations." OPSU has contracted TELCO Supply Company to implement this phase, ensuring a robust and future-proof network foundation.

Building on the upgraded fiber infrastructure, the second phase involves replacing outdated network switches and access points

exceeding a decade of service. OPSU will deploy state-of-the-art Meraki cloud-based network equipment, dramatically improving Wi-Fi coverage and performance across campus. This upgrade will enable students to connect seamlessly from anywhere on campus and lay the groundwork for smart campus initiatives powered by IoT, including potential applications like smart lighting, environmental monitoring, and building management. "This investment in cloud-based network equipment will provide a more reliable and faster internet experience for our students," said Ortiz. "We're creating an environment where connectivity is seamless, which is essential for modern learning and campus life."

The final phase focuses on replacing OPSU's aging phone system with a modern Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) solution. This transition will enhance communication quality and flexibility, streamline operations, and reduce maintenance costs. The new VOIP system is expected to provide more reliable tools for staff and faculty while aligning with contemporary communication standards. "By moving to a VOIP system, we're not only upgrading our technology but also enhancing the way our campus communicates," Ortiz explained. "This will allow for more efficient operations and ensure that our communication tools are as advanced as the rest of our network."

Vice President Liz McMurphy emphasized the upgrade's strategic importance, stating, "This project represents a significant investment in the future of OPSU. Modernizing our technological infrastructure ensures that our students and faculty have the tools to succeed. It's about creating a digital environment that supports innovation and growth."

This comprehensive network infrastructure upgrade is a strategic investment in OPSU's future. By modernizing its technology, OPSU empowers its students, faculty, and staff with a more connected and efficient learning environment. The initiative prepares the university for future innovations, establishing a solid foundation for integrating IT technologies. By enhancing campus operations and facilitating data-driven insights, OPSU is taking proactive steps to position itself at the forefront of technological advancement in higher education. This project addresses current needs and ensures the university is ready to meet the demands of an increasingly digital world. **P**



# OPSU FRESHMAN

## BEXLEI GOOD WON HIGH OVERALL INDIVIDUAL AT NATIONAL COMPETITION



**The OPSU Meat Judging Team** continues to make its mark on the national stage, with freshman standout Bexlei Good leading the charge at the Southwestern Meat Judging Contest, held at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Competing against top teams from across the country, Good delivered an exceptional performance, earning the prestigious title of High Overall Individual and securing multiple first-place finishes.

A native of Fargo, Oklahoma, Good dominated the competition, placing first in Total Beef, Pork Judging, and Total Placings. She also claimed second in Beef Grading, third in Questions, and fourth in Beef Judging. Her impressive performance shows the dedication and discipline that define OPSU's meat judging legacy.

**“Bexlei Good represents the spirit of excellence and determination that defines our students at OPSU.”**

— Dr. Julie Dinger, University President

OPSU President Dr. Julie Dinger expressed immense pride in Good's achievements and the team's continued success. “Bexlei Good's skill, grit, and determination exemplify the excellence of our OPSU Meat Judging Team. Her relentless pursuit of success is a testament to the hard work and dedication that define this team, of whom I am so proud. Their commitment to excellence continues to set the standard in collegiate meat judging.”

The team extends its gratitude to National Beef and Texas Tech University Meat Science for providing exceptional practice facilities and to AMSA and Columbia Packing Co., Inc. for hosting a fantastic contest. Additionally, special recognition goes to Coach Fox, whose leadership and dedication have been instrumental in the team's success.

With this major victory, Good and the OPSU Meat Judging Team now focus on the South Plains Contest, determined to continue their winning streak. Their success highlights OPSU's commitment to hands-on learning and student excellence in agriculture. For more information about the OPSU Meat Judging Team and their journey, visit [www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu) or follow their progress on social media. **P**



## ANNOUNCES 73RD ANNUAL OPSU DR. JERRY AND GWEN MARTIN BULL SALE



**Oklahoma Panhandle State University** is excited to announce the 73rd Annual OPSU Dr. Jerry and Gwen Martin Bull Sale, a time-honored tradition that continues to shape the livestock industry. Established in 1952 by Milton England, the OPSU Bull Test remains the longest-running program in the United States. Over the years, Dr. Jerry and Gwen Martin dedicated countless hours and effort to ensuring the program's continued success, preserving its legacy, and maintaining its excellence. Their commitment kept the bull test running for over five decades. The sale will be at the Milton England Activity Center on February 25th, with lunch served at noon and the sale beginning at 1 PM.

"The Bull Test sale is a Super Bowl-type event for the Animal Science Department. Back in September, some of the best genetics from across the state came to OPSU," stated Dean Tracy Kincannon. "Now, some of the very best producers will come and feel confident the genetics they are adding to their operation will add value, making the Dr. Jerry and Gwen Martin performance Bull Sale one of the best in the state."

The sale will feature top-tier bulls from Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, and Charolais breeds. These bulls have undergone a rigorous 112-day test, which began with their arrival in September and an official weigh-in on October 8th. The program ensures that only the highest-performing bulls are offered for sale, providing buyers with reliable genetic data and performance insights. Precision breeding and genomic technology advancements have transformed the selection process, allowing producers to invest in bulls with highly targeted traits, including improved meat quality and disease resistance. With science-backed assurances, buyers can make informed decisions that will yield sustainable benefits for their herds. We are proud to highlight the outstanding contributions of our bull producers. Last year, a top bull was sold for an impressive \$10,000, showcasing the exceptional quality of our herd. A small percentage of the proceeds from this sale will go toward supporting the continuous improvements of our bull test program at OPSU.

Beyond its role in the livestock industry, the OPSU Dr. Jerry and Gwen Martin Bull Sale is a premier educational opportunity for students in the College of Agriculture, Science, and Nursing. Students gain real-world experience in genetics, business management, and event coordination through hands-on involvement. Their contributions include animal care and preparation, genetic data analysis, marketing, auction logistics, customer relations, financial management, and professional networking. The OPSU Foundation houses a fund account for donors to contribute during the Bull Sale. This year, support will go towards the purchase of a new chute. This dedicated account allows for donations that directly aid in improving the program's infrastructure. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing community support and commitment to the growth of the OPSU Dr. Jerry and Gwen Martin Bull Sale.

Strategic partnerships with the Oklahoma Angus Association, Hansford County Vet Hospital, and Matt C. Sims Auction, Inc. further strengthen the sales' success. These collaborations provide industry expertise, marketing reach, and logistical support, ensuring a seamless and professional event. Additionally, local sponsors and media partners are vital in maximizing visibility and attendance. Those interested in receiving a catalog and performance reports should contact Dr. Crystal Tolle at 580-349-1507 or by email at [Crystal.Tolle@opsu.edu](mailto:Crystal.Tolle@opsu.edu). **P**



# OPSU LAUNCHES

## AGGIE ALERT SAFETY APP

**Oklahoma Panhandle State University** is excited to introduce Aggie Alert, a new mobile campus safety app designed to enhance the safety, well-being, and preparedness of the OPSU community. This free tool provides students, faculty, and staff with immediate access to vital resources and information, ensuring they stay safe and informed on and off campus.

Aggie Alert offers a range of safety features that address various emergency and non-emergency situations. The "Active Threat" feature is designed for immediate danger and active shooter scenarios, allowing users to respond quickly and appropriately. The "Report a Tip" function enables individuals to anonymously share safety concerns, promoting a proactive approach to campus safety. Additionally, the "Friend Walk" feature allows users to share their route with trusted contacts, providing an added layer of security when walking alone. For non-emergency situations, "Text with Campus Security" offers direct communication with campus safety officials. The app also includes push notifications for real-time updates, such as delays or campus closures due to severe weather, and quick reference guides for campus emergency procedures and local emergency resources.

Beyond safety, Aggie Alert connects users to wellness and support resources, offering easy access to academic counseling, sexual assault assistance, and peer support services. This holistic approach ensures the app is a safety tool and a resource for overall well-being.

Chief of Police Andy Ramirez emphasized the university's commitment to safety, stating, "Our goal is to make OPSU a leader in campus safety by leveraging technology to provide our students and employees with the tools they need to feel secure and informed. With Aggie Alert, we're taking a proactive step to ensure everyone can stay connected and safe, no matter the situation."

The development of Aggie Alert was a collaborative effort between OPSU's Department of Campus Safety, the Information Technology team, and OPSU Communications. Jerome Ortiz, Director of Information Technology, highlighted the importance of this partnership, saying, "This app represents our commitment to evolving with technology to meet the needs of our campus. Aggie Alert combines functionality with ease of use, making it an essential resource for the OPSU community."

Aggie Alert is now available for download on iOS and Android devices. The OPSU community is encouraged to use this valuable resource to stay prepared and connected. For more information about the app and its features, visit the OPSU website or contact Campus Safety. More details can be found at [Aggie Alert Information](#). **P**

# GABRIEL GONZALEZ

NAMED OPSU  
ATHLETICS HEAD  
MEN'S SOCCER  
COACH



**Oklahoma Panhandle State University** is proud to announce the hiring of Gabriel Gonzalez as the next head coach of the Aggies men's soccer program.

Gonzalez brings a wealth of coaching experience and a proven track record of success, having spent over seven years in collegiate and high school coaching. Most recently, he served as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's programs at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, where he played a pivotal role in leading the men's team to its first-ever winning regular season and back-to-back conference tournament appearances. He also contributed to record-breaking academic success for student-athletes, helping the team achieve its highest GPA in program history.

Before his tenure at Texas A&M-Texarkana, Gonzalez significantly impacted various sports levels, including successful coaching stints at Lyon College, El Reno High School, and Redlands Community College.

**"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Gonzalez to the Aggie family. His dedication to player development, competitive success, and academic excellence aligns perfectly with our vision for the men's soccer program."**

— Victor Esparza, Athletic Director

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Gonzalez to the Aggie family," said OPSU Athletic Director Victor Esparza. "His dedication to player development, competitive success, and academic excellence aligns perfectly with our vision for the men's soccer program. We look forward to seeing his impact on and off the field."

Gonzalez holds a National C Coaching License from the United States Soccer Federation and is certified in goalkeeping, first aid, and CPR. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Ethics from Mid-America Christian University.

Gonzalez will take the helm immediately as the Aggies prepare for the upcoming season. A formal introduction and press conference will be announced at a later date. **P**





# KAMRON NEAL

## NAMED SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MEN'S TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



**Kamron Neal has been named** the 2025 NAIA Indoor Track & Field South Central Region Men's Track Athlete of the Year, announced Thursday by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Neal, a standout sprinter from Houston, Texas, has dominated the indoor season, earning qualification for the 2025 NAIA Indoor Track & Field Championships in an impressive four events: 60 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, and the 4x400 relay. His performance in the 200 meters has been particularly historic. He clocked a blistering 20.94 seconds, ranking him second all-time on a record-legal track in NAIA history.

OPSU Athletics is proud of the five athletes from the men's track and field team have qualified for the prestigious 2025 U.S. Marines NAIA Indoor Track & Field National Championship. The competition will take place from February 27 to March 1, 2025, at the Alachua County Sports & Events Center at Celebration Pointe in Gainesville, Florida. Along with Neal, Jason Granillo (Spade, Texas), Diego Hernandez (Texhoma, Oklahoma), Alan Martinez (Friona, Texas), and Colby Perez (Cheyenne, Oklahoma) will also represent OPSU in the highly competitive 4x400-meter relay.

Head Coach Cyrus Hall expressed his pride and optimism for the upcoming championship. "We are excited to qualify our guys to the 2025 U.S. Marine NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championship meet. The fellas have worked hard and earned the right to go and represent Panhandle State University next week down in Florida," Hall said. "We feel like we've got a great opportunity to go down and accomplish some things. This will be a great experience for our younger guys on the relay to test themselves against the best the NAIA has to offer."

The championship also presents a significant opportunity for standout athlete Kamron Neal, who narrowly missed a title last spring, finishing third in the 200-meter outdoor event. "For Kamron, it is an opportunity for him to go chase a National Championship," Hall continued. "He came up short last spring, finishing 3rd in the 200m Outdoor. I know that has fueled him all offseason. Kamron does not like to lose. So I know he will be locked in. Should be fun watching him go try to accomplish that."

The OPSU community is rallying behind the team as they prepare to compete on the national stage. The university takes pride in the dedication and talent of these athletes, who embody the Aggie spirit of perseverance and excellence. For more information about OPSU Athletics and to follow the team's progress at the national championship, visit [www.opsuaggies.com](http://www.opsuaggies.com). **P**

# BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

## SEASON PREVIEW



**The Oklahoma Panhandle State University** Aggies baseball and softball teams are gearing up for an exciting 2025 season, showcasing determination and ambition. Aggies baseball is gearing up for a new era in the 2025 season, led by newly appointed head coach Jared Mayeda. The Aggies will conclude February with a three-game home series against Wayland Baptist University (Texas) on February 28 and March 1. They face Southern Nazarene University in a neutral-site doubleheader in Woodward, Oklahoma, on March 4. They will then hit the road again for a series against the University of Science and Arts (Okla.) in Chickasha, Oklahoma, on March 7 and 8. They will then play a single game at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma, on March 11.

Continuing their conference play, the Aggies will visit Mid-America Christian University (Okla.) in Oklahoma City for a three-game series on March 14 and 15. They return home to host Northwestern Oklahoma State University on March 18 and then welcome Southwestern Christian University for a three-game series on March 21 and 22.

The Aggies will face Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 28 and 29. They will return to Goodwell to host Nelson University (Texas) on April 4 and 5. They will then travel to Oklahoma City University for a series on April 11 and 12.

The softball team is gearing up for an exciting season under the leadership of new head coach Jim Walker. Entering his first year with the Aggies, Walker brings a wealth of experience and an impressive career. His arrival marks the beginning of a new chapter for the program, as he aims to lead the Aggies to success both on and off the field.

From February 28 to March 1, the Aggies will travel to Hobbs, New Mexico, for a non-conference series against the University of the Southwest (N.M.). This series will be followed by a return to Goodwell for the Aggies' conference home opener against Texas Wesleyan University on March 7-8. The Aggies will play doubleheaders each Day at Jim Quimby Field, with first pitches set for 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Friday and 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM on Saturday.

The season continues with road series against Langston University, Wayland Baptist University, and Nelson University, interspersed with home matchups against Mid-America Christian University, Central Christian College (Kan.), and Southwestern Christian University. With a supportive community and a competitive spirit, the Aggies are ready to make their mark this season. Fans can look forward to action-packed games filled with thrilling moments and unforgettable plays. Both teams are excited to see the impact of their hard work and dedication throughout the season. **P**





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## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of Oklahoma Panhandle State University and the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Mark Freeman, Oklahoma Panhandle State University Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame inductee, was claimed by death on November 19, 2024.

WHEREAS, Mark Freeman, by their loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a civic leader in the community and an Alumni Ambassador to Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and

WHEREAS, their friends and Oklahoma Panhandle State University have suffered irreparable loss in their passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES;

THAT it takes this method to express its appreciation for the exemplary service rendered by Mark Freeman to Oklahoma Panhandle State University, the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to their memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma Panhandle State University's dedicated servants.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be shared within the minutes of the Board and a copy sent to the family of Mark Freeman.

Adopted by the Board the 7th day of March, 2025.

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Dr. Julie Dinger, President

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Mr. Jimmy Harrel, Chair

**New Appointment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Contract Term</b>
Gabriel Gonzalez	Men's Head Soccer Coach	New Appointment	2/10/2025	\$36,000.00	12 months

**Change In Appointment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Contract Term</b>
Kristy Calloway	Recruiting Director and Assistant Professor of Nursing	Promotion	1/1/2025	\$62,710.19	12 months
Daniel Byers	Network Systems Administrator	Promotion	2/1/2025	\$40,507.00	12 months
Tonnie Scott	Director and Assistant Professor of Nursing	Promotion	2/11/2025	\$67,500.00	12 months

**Retirement or Separation – For Information Only**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Megan Steele	Director and Assistant Professor of Nursing	Separation	2/7/2025





## **Executive Summary: Easement Agreement for Tri-County Electric Cooperative for Center-Pivot Irrigation System Power Connection**

### **Overview**

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) seeks approval from the Board of Regents for an easement agreement granting Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. the right to install and maintain an electric power line on university-owned land. This easement will facilitate the connection of a center-pivot irrigation system to electrical power, supporting OPSU's and OSU's Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center's agricultural research and operations.

### **Justification**

The easement, located in **Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 13 East of the Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma**, is necessary to provide consistent and reliable electrical service to OPSU's agricultural research fields. This infrastructure is essential for modernizing irrigation methods, ensuring efficient water use, and supporting research-driven agricultural advancements. The agreement also ensures compliance with the National Electric Safety Code while preserving OPSU's rights to utilize the land for non-interfering purposes.

### **Impact**

This project will:

- Improve water management efficiency through electric-powered irrigation.
- Enhance OPSU's research capabilities in sustainable agriculture.
- Maintain university land use while granting Tri-County Electric Cooperative access for installation, maintenance, and vegetation control.
- Align with OPSU's long-term strategic goals for agricultural innovation and resource conservation.

### **Conclusion**

The easement agreement represents a minimal land use impact while significantly benefiting OPSU's agricultural research initiatives. Approval of this request will enhance operational efficiency, research output, and the university's ability to contribute to regional agricultural advancements. The easement document contains a detailed legal description of the area the easement covers and has been reviewed by the Office of Legal Counsel.

## RIGHT OF WAY / EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned **Oklahoma Panhandle State University**, hereinafter called "Grantor(s)," for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and other good and valuable consideration, do(es) hereby grant and convey unto **Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**, P.O. Box 880, Hooker, Oklahoma, hereinafter called "Grantee," its successors or assigns, easement and right of way, through, over, under and across the following described real property located in **Section 36, T2N-R13ECM, Texas County, Oklahoma**, more particularly described as follows:

*A powerline easement as located by poles, anchors, overhead and underground line in place in Section Thirty-six (36), Township Two (2) North, Range Thirteen (13) East of the Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma.*

To construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain and operate an electric line, on the above-described lands and/or in or upon all streets, roads or highways abutting said lands an easement together with all necessary appurtenances thereto.

Grantor(s), for the consideration aforesaid, further grant to Grantee the right of ingress to and egress from the subject property over and across Grantor's/s' land by means of roads and lanes thereon, if there is such, otherwise by such route or routes as shall occasion the least damage and inconvenience to Grantor(s) provided said route or routes are practical and safe.

Grantor(s) shall have the right to use the subject property for purposes not inconsistent with Grantee's full enjoyment of the rights herein granted; provided that Grantor(s) shall not erect, construct or place any building or other structure, or drill or operate any well upon that portion of Grantor's/s' property that is subject to the easement granted herein or at any location that will result in a violation of the National Electric Safety Code.

Grantee shall also have the right to trim, cut down and/or control the growth of trees, shrubbery and any other vegetation located on the above-described property which in the opinion of Grantee may interfere with or threaten to endanger the operation of Grantee's line or system. Said control by Grantee shall be by mechanical, chemical, or other means selected by Grantee.

Grantor(s) acknowledge(s) that all poles, wires, and other facilities installed on the subject property shall remain the property of the Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed this instrument this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**Oklahoma Panhandle State University**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Julie Dinger, President

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS:

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
by \_\_\_\_\_ as President of **Oklahoma Panhandle State University**.

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission #: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Agenda Item: Board Approval for Fire System Replacement for Hamilton Hall and Hefley Hall**

### **Overview**

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) seeks board approval for the fire system replacements in Hamilton Hall and Hefley Hall. This initiative involves installing new fire alarm systems to meet minimum fire safety code requirements, ensuring compliance with national standards and enhancing campus safety.

### **Scope of Services**

The project will involve the following key components:

- **Hamilton Hall:**
  - **Objective:** Install a new fire alarm system to enhance safety and ensure compliance with fire safety codes.
  - **Scope:**
    - Provision of all materials, installation labor, design labor, permits, and fees necessary to install a fire alarm system that meets minimum code standards. This includes the installation of an N16E Fire Alarm Panel and associated devices.
- **Hefley Hall:**
  - **Objective:** Upgrade the existing fire alarm system to comply with minimum fire safety code requirements.
  - **Scope:**
    - Provision of all materials, installation labor, design labor, permits, and fees necessary to install a fire alarm system that meets minimum code standards.

### **Financial Impact**

The total expenditure for these services is capped at \$300,000. This investment will be covered by legally available funds, ensuring no undue strain on the university's budget.

### **Procurement Process**

The Office of Central Procurement will oversee the review and approval of all contracts associated with this project, ensuring compliance with university procurement policies and achieving the best value for OPSU.

## **Recommendation**

Approval is requested to proceed with the fire system replacements for Hamilton Hall and Hefley Hall. This project will ensure that OPSU maintains its commitment to campus safety, compliance with fire safety standards, and responsible financial management.

OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
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SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AS OF January 2025  
MONTH

FUND SOURCE	FY25		FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25		FY24	
	TRAVEL THIS MONTH		CORRESPONDING MONTH		TRAVEL THIS YEAR		CORRESPONDING YEAR		CORRESPONDING YEAR		CORRESPONDING YEAR	
	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED
REVOLVING												
ST APPRO	7	\$ 1,280.12	5	\$ 2,999.90	34	\$ 7,742.46	46	\$ 18,895.24				
FEDERAL			4	\$ 1,387.60	11	\$ 1,183.23	7	\$ 2,056.29				
PRIVATE												
AUXILIARY			0	\$ -	9	\$ 3,529.48	12	\$ 8,624.08				
OTHER												
TOTAL	7	\$ 1,280.12	9	\$ 4,387.50	54	\$ 12,455.17	65	\$ 29,575.61				

### **III. NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE, MIAMI, OKLAHOMA**

President Kyle Stafford and other members of the administration came before the Board to review the Agenda and present the business of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO). (The NEO Agenda is attached to this section and considered a part of these minutes.)

President Stafford greeted the Board and expressed appreciation to Interim President Hess and his team for all they have done to host the recent meetings. He and his staff appreciate their hospitality over the last several months when hosting these meetings on the Stillwater campus.

#### **A-1 Remarks by President Kyle Stafford**

President Stafford said it is almost spring break, which means commencement ceremonies are right around the corner. NEO's spring commencement ceremony is scheduled for May 8, 2025. Enrollment at NEO continues to be strong this spring semester. Second eight-week courses are still enrolling and will begin after spring break. He is pleased to say NEO's spring enrollment continues to trend upward with an increase of approximately 5 percent, and summer enrollment is trending upward as well.

#### **A-2 NEO Update**

President Stafford said the cover of the *NEO Update* features an NEO alum, Mr. Robbie Phillips, who was the keynote speaker who addressed the Top Ten Freshman class at NEO. Mr. Phillips graduated from NEO in 2019. President Stafford said before he became NEO President in 2020, he recruited Mr. Phillips from NEO to Southeastern State University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. Mr. Phillips currently resides in Tulsa, OK, and works as an account manager at McElroy Manufacturing, Inc.

Pictured on page 2 is Ms. Ashley Wooden, who is a member of the Top Ten Freshman class. President Stafford said Ms. Wooden's brother was NEO's student body president last year and he had such a great experience he encouraged his older sister to attend NEO, too. He said he is excited to see what Ms. Wooden will achieve in the future. She is majoring in business administration and will graduate in May before furthering her education at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. The administration is excited about the Top Ten Freshman group, and they truly expect amazing things from these students.

He said the story at the top of page 4 is about Ms. Farren Wright, who was selected to attend the prestigious Nigh Leadership Academy (NLA) and is also a Top Ten Freshman. Ms. Wright attended the NLA last month, which was hosted by the OSRHE and the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). President Stafford said he told Ms. Wright what he has told many other students: relationships truly matter. Ms. Wright was quoted in the article as saying she now has connections with a student from every college or university in OK. Her desire is to play college

soccer at a four-year institution after she graduates from NEO. She was also Miss Indian NEO last year and is an outstanding young lady to have at NEO.

President Stafford said there are many great people who work on the NEO campus, and the bottom of page 4 features a story about NEO faculty member Dr. Jessica Robinson. She was recently recognized at the Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and received the “2025 Excellence in Education” Award. Dr. Robinson teaches physics in the Math and Science Department and has worked at NEO for nearly 15 years.

Last Friday NEO hosted OSRHE Chancellor Sean Burrage on campus, and there is a write-up of that visit on the top of page 5. President Stafford said NEO organized a reception with Chancellor Burrage for members of the campus and local communities. This visit provided an opportunity for NEO to showcase workforce programs for Chancellor Burrage and for him to interact with students and staff across various areas including the new Nursing Simulation Lab and the Physical Therapy Assistant program. He also toured the Animal Science Facility at Synar Farm.

President Stafford referenced the “Presidential Partner Highlight” story on the top of page 6 featuring Mr. Grant Victor, who is the epitome of a public servant to community, agriculture, and conservation. Mr. Victor has been recognized as an outstanding NEO alumnus and is truly committed to the success of students at the College. He provided financial assistance to the NEO Livestock Judging Team’s trip to Scotland by not only committing personal resources, but by seeking financial support from others to contribute to the cause. President Stafford said he appreciates the great work that Mr. Victor does while representing NEO as a former Norseman. The bottom of page 6 contains an announcement of a new scholarship endowment at NEO. The Woodrow Bowles Memorial Scholarship was established by Dr. Ann Leinn Bowles Gibson in honor of her father, Mr. Woodrow Bowles, who was a proud NEO alumnus, lifelong teacher, coach, and school administrator. This scholarship will give preference to students majoring in mathematics to honor Mr. Bowles’s love for mathematics.

President Stafford said page 7 features another Norseman in the news, Mr. Ricky Rivera, a former Golden Norseman who was named a manager of the Corpus Christi Hooks. Mr. Rivera is 31 years old and has been a manager in minor league baseball for five years now, which may make him one of the youngest managers in the minor league ranks. His success is very impressive. President Stafford said Mr. Rivera played baseball at NEO in 2012-2013 and has a growing reputation on the global stage in baseball.

He said he recognized Women’s Basketball Head Coach Jim Rowland’s 400th win at the last board meeting, and there is a story about his coaching success on page 8. Coach Rowland began working at NEO in 2000 as an assistant coach for the men’s basketball team and was in that role for two years before becoming an assistant coach for the women’s team. After three years in the assistant women’s coach role, he became the head coach in 2005. Coach Rowland is NEO’s all-time winningest coach. President Stafford said he is pleased to say the women’s team under the



leadership of Coach Rowland is headed to the Region II Championship next weekend. Both the men's and women's teams are seeded second for that tournament.

The NEO Wrestling Team's successes are highlighted on page 9, and President Stafford said the team is currently competing on the national stage in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He said he is hoping the team will have a top five finish in that competition.

President Stafford said the NEO Livestock Judging Team earned the "Reserve Champion Team" title at the Fort Worth Stock Show last month. He is pleased to say that the team's fundraising goal has been met so the team can travel to Scotland to compete in the Royal Highland Cattle Show in June. He expressed appreciation to the team's coach, Ms. Mattie Haynes, and the local community for their support of the team.

Lastly, he said he was pleased to host the southwest dairy farmers on the NEO campus recently. They brought their mobile classroom to campus for 80 area 4th and 5th graders to experience the dairy process up close and personal. That was a great experience not only for those students but for NEO students to have interactions with those elementary-aged students. Looking ahead to upcoming events on the back cover, he invited the Regents to attend the A&M Baseball Classic game between NEO and Connors State College (CSC) at ONEOK Field in Tulsa, OK, on April 14th. He also invited the Regents to attend the A&M Softball Classic game at Cowgirl Stadium on the campus of OSU Stillwater on April 24th. He is excited about this tradition between NEO and CSC. It is a great experience not only for the student athletes but for the institutions as well.

#### D-1 Approval of personnel actions

President Stafford said there are three individuals retiring from NEO in July 2025. The first is Susan Norman, Director of Nursing and Department Chair of Allied Health, Nursing, and Physical Education. Ms. Norman has served NEO for 15 years and she will be greatly missed. Dr. Jeff Birdsong is the Department Chair of Social Sciences and Fine Arts and Instructor of Political Science, and he is retiring after 34 years of service at NEO. Dr. Birdsong's wife is an Instructor of English who has been at NEO for 29 years and is also retiring. Collectively there are 78 years of service between these three individuals and they each leave big shoes to fill.

Regent Walker moved and Regent Taylor seconded to approve Item D-1 as presented in the NEO Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

#### E-1 Approval of program curricular changes

Dr. Dustin Grover, Vice President (V.P.) for Academic Affairs, presented this item and noted there are two curricular changes listed for the Board's consideration. The first request is a program modification to the Associate of Arts degree in English to clean up the degree's requirements. Many of the requirements listed are not being taught anymore, so they are being removed. There are also two general education elective modifications for the program. The total credit hours for this degree will not change. The second request is to delete the Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Management. This program was started in 2012, but after over ten years of low enrollment, it is clear this is not a degree program the College can continue to offer. If approved by the Board, these changes will be submitted to the OSRHE for approval.

Regent Franklin moved and Regent Callahan seconded to approve Item E-1 as presented in the NEO Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

G-1 Approval of campus peace officer action

Decommission

Commission No.

Holli McDaniel

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Regent Arthur moved and Regent Franklin seconded to approve Item G-1 as presented in the NEO Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Chair Harrel congratulated President Stafford on the success of NEO's Livestock Judging Team. He said it takes a lot of work to accomplish what OPSU and NEO have done with their Judging Teams and to produce the level of results these two institutions have achieved.

The business of NEO being concluded, President Stafford and other members of the College's administration were excused from the meeting.



# **NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE**

## **Miami, Oklahoma**

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges  
March 7, 2025

Dear Board Members:

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Chief Procurement Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

### **A - GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Remarks by President Kyle Stafford
2. NEO Update

### **B – RESOLUTIONS- None**

### **C - POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES- None**

### **D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS-**

1. Board authorization is requested for personnel actions, new appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title or rate, personnel leaves, etc. Additional personnel items not requiring board approval are listed for informational purposes only (Reference Document D-1).

### **E - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-**

1. Board authorization is requested for the program curricular change as outlined in Reference Document E-1.

### **F - BUDGETARY ACTIONS- None**

### **G - OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS-**

1. Board authorization is requested of campus peace officer action (*Reference Document G-1*).

**H - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation) – None**

**I - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES- None**

**J - PURCHASE REQUESTS – None**

**K - STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES- None**

**L - NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED- None**

**M - OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

1. Out-of-state travel summary for January 2025 (Reference Document M-1).

# UPDATE

M A G A Z I N E

MARCH 2025 ISSUE



## TOP 10 AWARDED

NEO alumnus Robbie Phillips addresses stellar Top Ten Freshman class

## MILESTONE WIN

Womens' basketball coach James Rowland notch50 400th win

## CHANCELLOR VISIT

OSRHE Chancellor Sean Burrage visits NEO A&M campus





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## A LOOK AHEAD...

PRESIDENTIAL PARTNERS O-CLUB RECEPTION | MARCH 2

SPRING BREAK | MARCH 17-23

FOUNDERS' DAY | MARCH 27

A&M BASEBALL CLASSIC - ONEOK FIELD | APRIL 14

A&M SOFTBALL CLASSIC - COWGIRLS STADIUM | APRIL 24



# NEO HOLDS ANNUAL TOP TEN FRESHMEN RECOGNITION CEREMONY

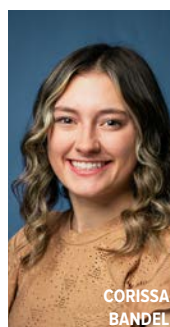


NEO recognized its Top Ten Freshmen on Tuesday, February 25th in the Bruce Carter Student Union, Calcagno Ballroom. This prestigious honor highlights students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic excellence, and campus involvement.

This year's keynote speaker was NEO alumnus Robbie Phillips (Class of 2019), who served as Student Body President and was a Top Ten Freshmen recipient during his time at NEO.

## Top Ten Freshmen of 2024

**Lauren Bailey** | Clinton, MO | Agriculture, Pre-Accounting  
**Corissa Bandel** | Oskaloosa, KS | Pre-Engineering  
**Madilynn Campbell** | Big Cabin, OK | Pre-Veterinary Science  
**Jiro Cardenas Bedford** | The Woodlands, TX | Business Administration, Pre-Engineering  
**Lindsey George** | Skiatook, OK | Pre-Engineering  
**Tyeson Gravenhof** | Roundup, MT | Animal Science, Agribusiness  
**Katelyn Long** | Afton, OK | Psychology and Sociology, Criminal Justice, Social Science  
**Jacey Smith** | Decatur, AR | Pre-Veterinary Science  
**Ashley Wooden** | Muskogee, OK | Business Administration  
**Farren Wright** | Skiatook, OK | Agriculture



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# FARREN WRIGHT SELECTED FOR NIGH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Farren Wright was selected to attend the prestigious Nigh Leadership Academy. Held on February 1 to February 4 in Oklahoma City, the Academy provided an enriching environment where selected students from across the state engaged in a variety of leadership-building activities. This recognition underscores her outstanding leadership, academic excellence, and community involvement both on and off campus.

Reflecting on her own experience at the Nigh Leadership Academy, Farren shared, “I had a great experience while attending the Nigh Leadership Academy. I met so many great people who support and advocate for higher education all around the state. At the academy, I was able to improve my leadership and communication skills. The other scholars and I visited

Oklahoma historical museums, volunteered at the Regional Food Bank, met legislators at the capital, and toured the Express Ranch. Every day, I and the other scholars grew closer and now I have connections with a student at every Oklahoma college or university. I feel very blessed that I was able to represent NEO at the Nigh Leadership Academy and believe that it has given me great opportunities for the future.”

Established in 1999 by the Oklahoma Legislature, the George and Donna Nigh Scholarship Program was designed to empower emerging leaders across Oklahoma by opening doors to transformative educational experiences. As part of the program, each participating nominee, including Farren, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, further supporting her dedication

to academic excellence and community service. The nomination also marked an important step in Farren’s continued growth as a leader committed to positively influencing public service and education in Oklahoma.



# NEO FACULTY MEMBER JESSICA ROBINSON HONORED WITH MRCC EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD



NEO faculty member Jessica Robinson has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to education by receiving the Excellence in Education Award at the Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) Awards Banquet. Robinson serves in the Math and Science Department as a Physical Science instructor.

Robinson has demonstrated commitment to academic excellence and student success. Student evaluations and classroom observations consistently reflect her high standards and engaging teaching style, particularly in the field of applied mathematics and physics. As the only instructor at NEO qualified to teach physics, she plays a crucial role in preparing students for careers in STEM and allied health fields.

Beyond the classroom, Robinson actively tutors and advises students, helping them navigate their academic pathways and ensuring that those transferring into allied health and STEM fields receive the necessary guidance. She has also played an essential role in promoting STEM education beyond NEO’s campus, serving as a judge at the TSA Regional Contest and attending the Engineering Fair in Muskogee.

As a longtime senator in the NEO Faculty Association, she currently serves as the President-Elect, a role that positions her in direct communication with the President of the College. Her leadership contributes to shaping policies that enhance the student and faculty experience at NEO, ensuring continuous institutional improvement.

Steve Dixon, Department Chair, who nominated Robinson for the award, emphasized her dedication

to student learning, campus leadership, and STEM advocacy, stating, “Jessica’s commitment to student success and her leadership at NEO make her a role model for instructors. She is truly deserving of this recognition.”



NEO is proud to celebrate Jessica Robinson’s achievements and her passion for education. Her commitment to excellence, service, and leadership exemplifies the values of NEO A&M College, and this Excellence in Education Award is a well-deserved recognition of her impact on students, faculty, and the broader community.

# CHANCELLOR SEAN BURRAGE VISITS CAMPUS FOR ENGAGING TOUR OF NEO'S LEARNING FACILITIES



Chancellor Sean Burrage of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recently visited campus, engaging with students, faculty, and staff while touring several innovative learning spaces.



The visit began with a meet and greet in Kah-Ne Hall's Charles Banks Wilson Art Gallery, where Chancellor Burrage had the opportunity to connect with campus faculty, staff, and community members.



Following the reception, he toured several immersive learning centers, including the NEO SIM Lab, where students demonstrated hands-on training in healthcare simulations. His tour also included the Animal Science Facility, showcasing experiential learning in agricultural sciences.

## NEO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHER IN OKC FOR RECEPTION AND NBA GAME

NEO alumni and friends came together for a memorable evening in Oklahoma City on February 7 for the NEO OKC Alumni and Friends Event. Hosted at the Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma (ACM-UCO), the event provided an opportunity for alumni to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate their shared NEO experiences.



Following the reception, attendees made their way to the Paycom Center to watch the OKC Thunder take



on the Toronto Raptors. The game had a special NEO connection both on the court and in the entertainment lineup, as NEO alumna Kiah Payton performed as an OKC Thunder Girl, while NEO alumnus Jonathan Mogbo took the floor as a power forward for the Toronto Raptors.

"It was incredible to see our alumni coming together in downtown OKC, sharing stories, and supporting our own on such a big stage," said Eric Iverson, Alumni Coordinator. "The energy and camaraderie of the evening truly embodied the spirit of NEO."

The event was a huge success, strengthening connections within the NEO alumni network and celebrating the achievements of former students. NEO extends its gratitude to ACM-UCO for hosting the reception and to all alumni and friends who joined for this unforgettable evening.

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# GRANT VICTOR

## A LEGACY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND COMMITMENT TO NEO

NEO alumnus and 2023 Outstanding Alumni honoree Grant Victor has dedicated his life to agriculture, conservation, and education, making a lasting impact on Oklahoma and beyond.

Victor grew up in Afton, Oklahoma, where his early experiences shaped his passion for agriculture. He attended Afton Public Schools, graduating as Valedictorian of his class. With strong family ties to NEO—his sisters attended the college, and his father, an agriculture education teacher, frequently brought students to NEO Aggie Days—Victor knew from an early age that NEO was the right place for him.

From 1975 to 1977, Victor studied agricultural economics at NEO, where he was an active member of Aggie Society and Student Senate. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University, earning a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1979.

Victor has built a distinguished career, serving on numerous boards and associations dedicated to agriculture and conservation. He is a member of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association, Afton Public School Board, and Oklahoma Conservation Board.

His leadership extends to organizations such as the Oklahoma Cattleman's Association, Ottawa County Conservation District Directors, Akdar Shriners, Craig County Shriners, Afton Masonic Shriners, and the Tribal Resource Policy Group. Additionally, he serves as President of the Grand Lake of the Cherokees



Watershed Program and has shared his expertise as an adjunct instructor for the NEO Agriculture Department.

Victor is a proud Presidential Partner and dedicated supporter of NEO, actively investing in the college's continued success. His commitment extends beyond financial contributions, he is a strong advocate for student development, agriculture programs, and institutional growth.

"I do what I do because it is the right thing, and an absolute must to help create opportunities for students," Grant said. "I am grateful for what NEO did for me. NEO has been a tremendous blessing for my family."

His passion for ensuring future generations of students have access to quality education at NEO has made a significant impact. Through his generosity, he has helped support scholarships, campus initiatives, and student success programs, further strengthening the opportunities available for NEO students.

Victor's achievements in agriculture and conservation, along with his support for education, exemplify the values of being a Norsemen. His contributions continue to shape both the NEO community and the future of agriculture, leaving a legacy of excellence and service.

## PRESIDENTIAL PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

## WOODROW BOWLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT NEO

The Woodrow Bowles Memorial Scholarship was established by Dr. Ann Leinn Bowles Gibson in honor of her father, Mr. Woodrow Bowles, a proud NEO alumnus, lifelong teacher, coach, and school administrator. This scholarship honors his dedication to education, his love for mathematics, and his commitment to shaping the lives of students.

Scholarship criteria:

- Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.*
- Must demonstrate financial need.*
- Preference given to students majoring in mathematics.*

Woodrow Wesley Bowles was born on November 4, 1914, in Baron, Oklahoma, to John and Betsy (Sanders) Bowles. He dedicated his life to education, coaching, and school administration, leaving a lasting impact on the countless students he mentored. He passed away on December 11, 2010, at the age of 96, having lived a life filled with service, love, and devotion to his family, community, and students.

Despite growing up during the Great Depression,

Woodrow pursued higher education with determination. He attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO) on a football scholarship, traveling by foot, hitchhiking, or riding freight trains to make his education possible. He later earned a degree in mathematics education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and went on to receive a master's degree in education administration from the University of Arkansas.

His influence continues to be felt through the many students whose lives he touched, as well as through this scholarship, which aims to support and inspire the next generation of learners, just as he did throughout his remarkable career.

"The Woodrow Bowles Memorial Scholarship is a testament to the enduring legacy of an educator who dedicated his life to shaping young minds," said NEO Executive Director of Development, Ryan Orcutt. "Through the generosity of Dr. Ann Leinn Bowles Gibson, this scholarship will provide opportunities for students facing financial barriers, just as Mr. Bowles once overcame his own challenges to pursue higher

education. His story of perseverance and passion for learning will continue to inspire future generations at NEO."

The Woodrow Bowles Memorial Scholarship stands as a tribute to his dedication to education, ensuring that future Norsemen have the opportunity to pursue their dreams, just as he did.



# ALUMNI NEWS: NEO ALUMNUS RICKY RIVERA NAMED MANAGER OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI HOOKS

Former Golden Norse baseball player, Ricky Rivera has been named the 2025 manager of the Corpus Christi Hooks, the Double-A affiliate of the Houston Astros, marking another milestone in his rising career in professional baseball.

Rivera, a native of Dorado, Puerto Rico, has quickly established himself as one of the most promising young managers in Minor League Baseball. The 31-year-old spent the last two seasons leading the Class A Fayetteville Woodpeckers before being promoted to the Hooks' managerial role for the 2025 season.

His leadership and success were further recognized last month when he was named Manager of the Year in the Puerto Rican Winter League after guiding San Juan to its first championship series appearance since 1997. The 2025 season marks Rivera's fifth year as a minor



league manager. He joined the Houston Astros system in 2020, taking on his first managerial role in 2021 as the field chief in the Florida Complex League.

Rivera's connection to NEO A&M College is a source of pride for the Norsemen community. He played college baseball at NEO (2012-2013)

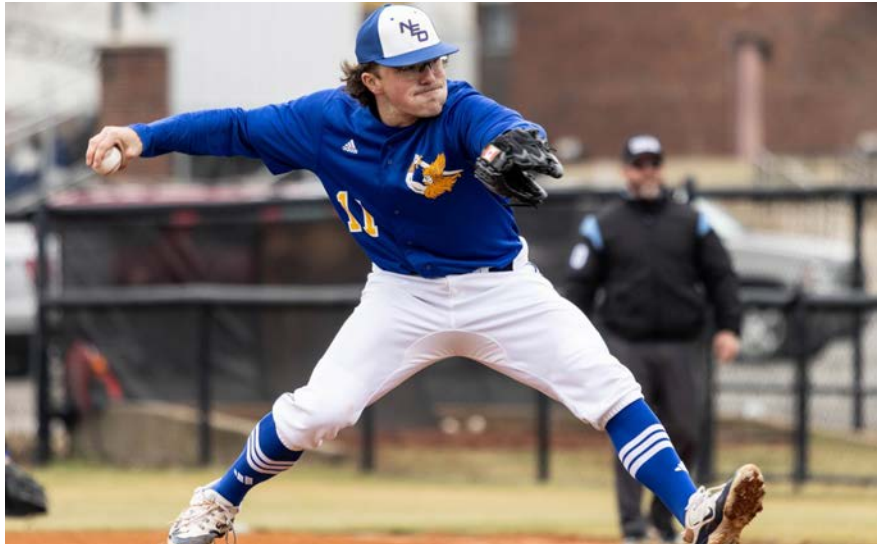
and later at the University of Central Missouri. Beyond his managerial role, Rivera also had the honor of representing Puerto Rico in the 2025 Caribbean Series, serving as the third base coach for Mayagüez. His involvement in international competition highlights his growing reputation as a respected baseball mind on a global stage.

NEO A&M College celebrates his success and contributions to the sport.



## NEO GOLDEN NORSE BASEBALL AND LADY NORSE SOFTBALL KICK-OFF SPRING SEASON WITH WINS

The Golden Norse Baseball team began their 2025 campaign with a commanding 15-5 victory over Oklahoma Wesleyan University on January 28 in Bartlesville, OK. They continued their momentum with a series against Panola College in Carthage, TX, on February 1 and 2, resulting in a split with one win and two losses. Their current overall record stands at 4-3, with a home record of 1-1 and an away record of 3-2.



The Lady Norse Softball team kicked off their season with a doubleheader victory against Seward County. Their current overall record is 2-1, with a home record of 2-0 and an away record of 0-1



# NEO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH JIM ROWLAND SECURES 400TH CAREER VICTORY



Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Women's Basketball Head Coach Jim Rowland reached a historic milestone on November 18, securing his 400th career victory over Bethany College JV. Now in his 19th season as head coach, Rowland has accumulated 412 career wins, solidifying his status as NEO's all-time winningest basketball coach.

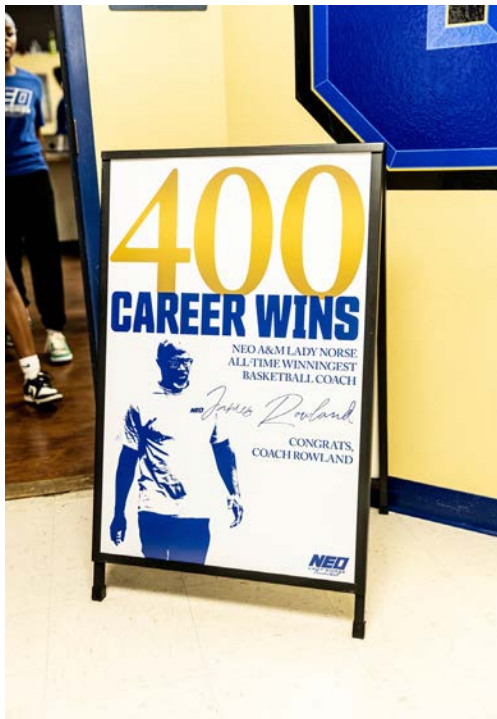
Runner-Up finish. His leadership and dedication over the years have shaped NEO Women's Basketball into a powerhouse program, producing 11 All-Americans and 17 All-Region II players. His players have gone on to compete at Division I and Division II programs across conferences such as the Big 12, SEC, Atlantic 10, Conference USA, SWAC, AAC, GAC, and MIAA.

(2000-02) under Lonnie Spencer, where he helped coach several All-Conference players. In 2002, he transitioned to the Lady Norse Basketball program as an assistant under Darin Grover. During his three seasons as an assistant, the team compiled an impressive 77-18 record, winning a Region II Championship and finishing 6th in the NJCAA National Tournament.

Rowland took over the Lady Norse program in the 2005-06 season, immediately making an impact by leading the team to a 22-9 record and a Region II

Before stepping into the head coaching role, Rowland played an integral part in NEO Basketball as an assistant coach for the Golden Norse Men's Basketball program

Coach Rowland's legacy at NEO continues to grow, and his contributions to the program and its student-athletes will be celebrated for years to come.





# NEO GOLDEN NORSE WRESTLING QUALIFIES NINE FOR NJCAA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



The NEO Golden Norse Wrestling Team delivered a dominant performance at the 2025 NJCAA South Central District Tournament, securing a third-place team finish and qualifying nine wrestlers for the NJCAA National Tournament.

The Golden Norsemen scored 152.5 team points, placing just behind Fort Hays Tech Northwest College (165.0 points) and Pratt Community College (157.5 points) in a highly competitive field.

## NEO's National Qualifiers and Individual Results:

### Champions:

125 lbs – **Logan Crawford** (19-6) – 1st Place  
149 lbs – **Gavin Montgomery** (27-11) – 1st Place

### Runner-Ups:

133 lbs – **Karim Allal** (31-9) – 2nd Place  
141 lbs – **Toryion Stallings** (25-14) – 2nd Place  
174 lbs – **Trey Bennett** (32-7) – 2nd Place

### Third-Place Finishers:

157 lbs – **Zach Dawson** (32-14) – 3rd Place  
165 lbs – **Jackson Wilkins** (28-12) – 3rd Place  
285 lbs – **Jude Beers** (34-15) – 3rd Place

### Additional National Qualifier:

197 lbs – **Samuel Murphy** (18-17) – 5th Place



NEO standout Logan Crawford dominated the 125-pound division, winning his bracket in with two technical falls and a 7-4 decision in the finals. Gavin Montgomery, wrestling at 149 pounds, also secured his title with a fall in the semifinals and a major decision victory in the finals.

Other top performers included Karim Allal (133), Toryion Stallings (141), and Trey Bennett (174), who each earned runner-up finishes, while Dawson (157), Wilkins (165), and Beers (285) fought through the consolation bracket to secure third-place finishes and their spots at nationals.

“Qualifying nine wrestlers for the NJCAA National Tournament is a tremendous accomplishment, and I’m extremely proud of how these guys competed,” said Head Coach, Joe Renfro. “We’re excited for the opportunity to showcase our talent at the national level.”

With nine national qualifiers, the Golden Norse Wrestling Team now shifts its focus to the 2025 NJCAA National Tournament on March 7-8 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they will look to continue their success on the national stage.



## NEO BOOKSTORE FEATURED ITEM

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# NEO LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM EARNS RESERVE CHAMPION TITLE AT FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW



The NEO Livestock Judging Team returned home from Cowtown with an impressive finish, earning the title of Reserve Champion Team at the prestigious Fort Worth Stock Show. The team, led by Brighton Lane, showcased outstanding talent and dedication in multiple categories.

## Team Awards:

*Champion Team Cattle*  
*Reserve Champion Team Reasons*  
*Reserve Champion Team Sheep & Goats*



## Individual Achievements:

**Brighton Lane**  
*High Individual Overall*  
*High Individual Swine*  
*2nd High Individual Reasons*  
*2nd High Individual Cattle*  
*10th High Individual Sheep & Goats*

**Tyson Gravenhof**  
*3rd High Individual Sheep & Goats*  
*4th High Individual Reasons*

**Avery Kimble**  
*4th High Individual Beef*  
*14th High Individual Overall*

**Chloe Mabry**  
*Tied for High Individual Horses*

**Jacey Smith**  
*5th High Individual Overall*  
*4th High Individual Swine*

## Additional Team Members:

**Avery Kimble**  
**Cooper Frazier**  
**Dustee Hollenback**

With Brighton Lane leading as the High Individual by an 11-point margin, the team demonstrated exceptional skill across all species, reinforcing NEO's strong tradition of excellence in livestock judging.

"We are incredibly proud of our students for their dedication and performance at this highly competitive

event," said Livestock Judging Coach, Mattie Haynes. "Their hard work continues to elevate NEO's presence in livestock judging across the country."

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NEO congratulates the entire team on this outstanding achievement and looks forward to continued success throughout the season.





# NEO AG AMBASSADORS HOST DAIRY DAY FOR FAIRLAND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



On February 11, 2025, the NEO Ag Ambassadors hosted an engaging and educational event—Dairy Day. With the help of the Southwest Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom, more than 80 area 4th and 5th graders had the opportunity to experience the dairy process firsthand through an immersive, interactive learning experience.

The event provided students with an up-close look at the journey from farm to table, highlighting the importance of dairy farming, milk production, and agriculture in everyday life. The Southwest Dairy Farmers Mobile Classroom brought dairy farming to

life, showcasing live demonstrations and interactive presentations on the milking process, dairy nutrition, and modern farming practices.

In addition to the presentation, the NEO Ag Ambassadors led a science experiment where students made their own ice cream, giving them a fun and educational way to learn about the chemistry of dairy products.

“This was a chance to engage young students and introduce them to the world of dairy farming,” said Ag Department Chair, Dr. Mary Booth. “Events like this allow us to share our passion for agriculture while

helping the next generation understand the importance of the dairy industry.”

NEO faculty and students also participated in the event, gaining insight into the dairy industry and witnessing the impact of hands-on learning in agriculture education.



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## BASEBALL CLASSIC

• 2025 •



**NEO A&M COLLEGE vs CONNORS STATE COLLEGE**  
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## PRESIDENTIAL PARTNERS ARE CHANGE MAKERS

AT NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE

Since its inception in 2009, the NEO Presidential Partners program has been instrumental in improving NEO in areas that are often underfunded. From cultural mainstays like Miss Indian NEO to student necessities like ACT prep courses, support from the Presidential Partners ensures that students have the resources they need to succeed.

To date, Presidential Partners have supported nearly half a million dollars in projects on campus. The heart of NEO is the student body, and our Presidential Partners support students in a variety of ways. One prime example is the Textbook Bank, which allows students to visit the library to use textbooks from the most common courses on campus free of charge.

Presidential Partners also support academic awards such as the Top Ten Freshmen. Each year, we have the opportunity to recognize the cream of the crop, highlighting the ten most outstanding students during their freshmen year. Additionally, Presidential Partners support student and academic clubs across campus to encourage students to get the most out of their college educational experience.

Many of our students excel not only in the classroom, but on the field, arena, mat, or court as well. Presidential Partners show our nationally competitive athletic teams their appreciation in many ways, including travel expenses and national tournament gear. A student-athlete truly feels the support of our alumni and the community when they receive shirts or jackets for their national title run.

To maintain an excellent student body, we must also support our faculty and staff. The Presidential Partners show their support each year through funding of the NEO Service Awards. These awards highlight new talented employees as well as those who have gone above and beyond their job description.

**Join the dozens of Presidential Partners today as we strive to improve the campus experience for students, faculty and staff!**

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**D. PERSONNEL ACTIONS-**

1. Board authorization is requested for personnel actions, new appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title or rate, personnel leaves, etc. Additional personnel items not requiring board approval are listed for informational purposes only.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary/Rate Annually</b>
Marsha Cleaver	Resignation- Academic Tutor for Nursing	1/13/2025	\$28,080.00
Holli McDaniel	Resignation- Campus Police Officer	1/16/2025	\$12,080.25
Michael Cannon	Employ- Assistant Football Coach	2/1/2025	\$45,000.00
Johannah Berryman	Resignation- Professional Mentor for American Indian Center of Excellence	2/5/2025	\$12,653.55
Sam Hoover	Transfer- Academic Coordinator for Upward Bound	2/16/2025	\$35,800.00
Susan Norman	Retirement- Director of Nursing and Dept. Chair Allied Health, Nursing, PE	7/1/2025	\$73,645.10
Jeff Birdsong	Retirement- Instructor of Political Science, Dept. Chair of Social Sciences & Fine	7/31/2025	\$84,323.88
Seonae Birdsong	Retirement- Instructor of English	7/31/2025	\$61,898.70
Jonah Fabian	Employ- Coordinator of Public Relations & Marketing	3/10/2025	\$42,000.00



## **E - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-**

1. Board authorization is requested for the following curricular changes.

### **CURRICULAR CHANGE REQUESTS**

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO) College requests approval of the following curricular changes. Upon approval, NEO A&M College will submit the curricular change requests to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for approval.

#### **Program Modifications:**

##### **English– AA Degree**

- Change Program requirements (Required credit hours remains the same)
  - Change focuses students to take English courses
  - Change General Education requirements
    - Required Elective
      - Add - One course from the following: Psychology, Foreign language, Fine Arts (Art, Music, Drama), Social Sciences
      - Delete - PSYC 1113 Psychology
    - General Ed Elective
      - Add - Any liberal arts and sciences course
      - Delete - ENGL 2413 Introduction to Literature
      - Delete the following Course form program course options
        - ENGL 2333 Introduction to Technical Writing
        - ENGL 2443 World Literature II
        - GEOG 1013 World Regional Geography
        - HUM 2103 Humanities I
        - HUM 2203 Humanities II
        - PHIL 1113 Intro to Philosophy
        - SPCH 2713 Intro to Speech Communications
      - Add the following Course form program course options
        - ENGL 2413 Introduction to Literature

##### **Construction Management – AAS Degree**

- Delete program
- Program has been on suspension and has no currently enrolled students



# English

## Associate in Arts School of Liberal Arts

This curriculum leads to an Associate in Arts Degree and is designed to prepare students for transfer to a Bachelor's program in English. By proper advisement in the selection of electives, students also may prepare for a four-year program in English Education or Foreign Language. Students should consult the catalog of the college or university to which they plan to transfer and carefully select courses that will meet requirements for both the baccalaureate and associate degree programs. For more information, contact the Language and Literature Program at (918) 540-6348

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (38 HOURS)

Communication	6	ENGL 1113 Freshman Composition I ENGL 1213 Freshman Composition II
History	3	HIST 1483 American History to 1865 HIST 1493 American History since 1865
Political Science	3	POLS 1113 American Government
Humanities	6	Select from the Humanities listing in the Academic Program
Life Science	4	Any Life Science course as listed in the Academic Programs section
Physical Science	4	Any Physical Science as listed in the Academic Programs section
College Math	3	Any college-level MATH course as listed in the Academic Programs section
Required Elective	3	One course from the following: Psychology, Foreign language, Fine Arts (Art, Music, Drama), Social Sciences  <del>PSYC 1113 Psychology</del>
General Ed Elective	3	Any liberal arts and sciences course <del>ENGL 2413 Introduction to Literature</del>
Computer Proficiency	3	CS 1103 Computers in Society

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (22 HOURS)

Core Requirements		FYE 1011	Freshman Year Experience
		ENGL 2013	American Indian Writers
		<del>ENGL 2333</del>	<del>Introduction to Technical Writing</del>
		ENGL 2433	World Literature I
		<del>ENGL 2443</del>	<del>World Literature II</del>
		ENGL 2533	Creative Writing
		ENGL 2543	Survey of British Literature I
		ENGL 2653	Survey of British Literature II
		ENGL 2773	Survey of American Literature I
		ENGL 2883	Survey of American Literature II
		<del>GEOG 1013</del>	<del>World/Regional Geography</del>
		<del>HUM 2103</del>	<del>Humanities I</del>
		<del>HUM 2203</del>	<del>Humanities II</del>
		<del>PHIL 1113</del>	<del>Introduction to Philosophy</del>
		<del>SPCH 2713</del>	<del>Introduction to Speech Communication</del>
		ENGL2413	Introduction to Literature
			Approved Electives (maximum 6 hours)

**Total Degree Program Hours: 60**



**G - OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS-**

1. Board authorization is requested to decommission a campus police officer.

Peace Officer Decommissions:

Name	Campus	Commission #
Holli McDaniel	NEO A&M	811





## M – OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD –

### 1. Out-of-state travel summaries for January 2025.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College  
Summary of Out-of-State Travel as of

Jan-25

Column (1): Travel This Month

Column (2): Corresponding Month Last FY

Column (3): Amount Expended Current FY

Column (4): Amount Expended Prior FY

Fund Source	No. Trips (2)	Amount Expended	(2)	Amount Expended	No. Trips (17)	Amt. Exp Current FY	No. Trips (23)	Amt. Exp Current FY (14)
Revolving	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
State Approp. (290)	1	\$24.36	1	\$1,815.40	12	\$3,113.02	12	\$5,599.12
Federal (430)	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$1,076.13	0	\$0.00
Private	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Auxiliary (701)	1	\$804.97	1	\$268.82	1	\$1,718.84	11	\$5,527.78
Other	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$829.33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$2,084.22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$5,907.99</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$11,126.90</b>

#### **IV. CONNORS STATE COLLEGE, WARNER, OKLAHOMA**

President Ron Ramming came before the Board to review the Agenda and present the business of CSC. (The CSC Agenda is attached to this section and considered a part of these minutes.)

##### **A-1 Remarks by President Ron Ramming**

President Ramming said he will echo the other presidents by thanking Interim President Hess and his staff for their hospitality last night. It was a great evening. He congratulated Dr. Hess on his appointment to the interim presidency and said he looks forward to working with him.

##### **A-1.a. CSC Connection**

President Ramming said the cover of the *Connection* magazine features a photo of Ms. Grace Riley from Oktaha, OK, who was named Homecoming Queen, and Mr. Elijah Brooks from Tulsa, OK, who was named Homecoming King. These students are both great people, but he said he will brag about Mr. Brooks for a moment. Mr. Brooks is not only a member of the CSC President's Leadership Class, but as evidenced by the uniform he is wearing in the photo, is also serving in the United States (U.S.) Military as a member of the OK National Guard and is training to become a combat medic.

President Ramming referenced the "Student Spotlight" story on page 7 about Ms. Sam Fisher from Lindsay, Texas (TX). Ms. Fisher is a sophomore member of the CSC Show Team and has been extremely active on campus. President Ramming said she has a neat story and encouraged the Regents to read it if they have the opportunity. He said the "Alumni Spotlight" story on page 8 features Mr. Hunter Harris, a 2003 CSC graduate and former CSC baseball player. Mr. Harris transferred to the University of Texas to continue his education after graduating from CSC. He is a great young man and was a good player. He now resides in Tulsa, OK, and serves as a Regional Philanthropy Officer for the American Red Cross.

President Ramming referred to the story on page 10 about the CSC Dance Team. The team recently competed in the 2025 USA Collegiate Championship in Anaheim, California, where they claimed many awards including first place in the two-year college co-ed show cheer intermediate division. He said CSC will be competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region II Division I Basketball Tournament next week at the Rougher Village gym at the high school in Muskogee, OK. The CSC Women's Basketball Team finished its season with an overall record of 12-17 and a 9-7 record in the OK Collegiate Athletic Conference (OCAC). He said the head coach for women's basketball, Mr. Jaylen Thompson, is new and was hired at the end of July 2024 when the team only had four players. Since then, he has created a full team. His beginning schedule for the season was very difficult, so President Ramming is pleased with the team's OCAC record and congratulated Coach Thompson on the hard work accomplished by him and the team to reach that level of success for the season. The Men's Basketball Team is the Region II Champion team with a season record of 25-3, a 14-2 record in the OCAC, and is the

number one seed in the tournament. The entire men's team is new. There were no returning players from last year, so Head Men's Basketball Coach Mr. Bill Muse continues to do an outstanding job.

Lastly, President Ramming said he wanted to remind the Regents about some upcoming events. On April 3rd, CSC will hold its annual interscholastic agriculture competition, or "Aggie Day," and will host over 2,000 high school students on campus. He said he looks forward to seeing Regent Franklin at CSC's upcoming bull sale on April 10th. The CSC community is very excited for the upcoming A&M Classic baseball and softball games, and he extended a personal invitation to Chair Harrel to attend those games. Chair Harrel said he enjoyed attending the inaugural A&M Classic baseball game in Tulsa last year. President Ramming said he is very excited about the A&M Classic softball game. Both games provide outstanding opportunities for CSC and NEO students to compete in different venues. He thanked OSU Softball Head Coach Kenny Gajewski for hosting the A&M Classic softball game at OSU's Cowgirl Stadium.

H-1 Approval to waive competitive bid requirements to renew the Sodexo food service contract for up to three years

President Ramming said Sodexo has been an outstanding partner to CSC. Sodexo's willingness to partner and work with the College has allowed CSC to keep its meal plan prices very competitive in comparison to other institutions in OK. In a recent poll, the overall student satisfaction rating for meal plans at CSC was 4.6 out of 5, which tied CSC for first place in the region including Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. He said this is evidence Sodexo is doing a very good job of keeping CSC students happy with its services, so CSC would like to continue doing business with this provider.

Regent Walker moved and Regent Franklin seconded to approve Item H-1 as presented in the CSC Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

The business of CSC being concluded, President Ramming was excused from the meeting.



## Connors State College

Warner, Oklahoma

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges

March 7, 2025

Dear Board Members

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Chief Procurement Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

### **A - GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Remarks by President Dr. Ron Ramming
  - a. Connection

### **B – RESOLUTIONS- None**

### **C - POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES- None**

### **D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS- None**

### **E - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM- None**

### **F - BUDGETARY ACTIONS- None**

### **G - OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS- None**

### **H - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)**

1. Board approval is requested to waive competitive bid requirements and renew the Sodexo food service contract for up to three years.

### **I - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES-None**

### **J - PURCHASE REQUESTS- None**

**K - STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES-None**

**L - NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED- None**

**M - OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

1. Out-of-State Travel Reports for January (Reference Document M-1)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. S. Ramming', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Ronald S. Ramming  
President



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# CONNECTION



Connors State College Celebrates Annual  
All-School Homecoming



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## ***Connors State College Celebrates Annual All-School Homecoming***

by CSC Communications & Marketing

Connors State College crowned its 2025 Homecoming royalty during a rescheduled ceremony held on February 22 in Melvin Self Fieldhouse. Grace Riley (Oktaha, OK) and Elyjah Brooks (Tulsa, OK) were named Homecoming Queen and King during the halftime festivities of the men's basketball game against NOC-Tonkawa.

The long-anticipated event had been originally scheduled for the previous Thursday but was postponed due to inclement winter weather that affected the region. Despite the delay, students, faculty, and alumni gathered to celebrate the annual tradition.

Riley and Brooks were selected from a competitive field of candidates from various campus organizations and academic departments. The coronation ceremony took place at center court during halftime.

The rescheduled homecoming festivities

provided a welcome celebration for the CSC community after navigating the challenges posed by the recent winter weather. The event continued Connors State's annual homecoming tradition and helped spur the Cowboys to a 65-51 victory.







## ***Connors State College NAACP Celebrates Black History with "Triple Six Eight" Program***

by CSC Communications & Marketing

The Connors State College NAACP Freedom Fighters hosted their annual Black History Program on February 25, 2025, at the Dr. Nero Fine Arts Building on the Warner Campus. This year's program centered around the theme "Diversity in Love & Unity; The Triple Six Eight."

The event featured several speakers including Angie Lane, Director of the Bursar Office at CSC, who delivered the themed address, and Alan Gordon, Principal of Warner Elementary School, who served as the main speaker. The Warner High School Choir, directed by Shelly Beck, performed multiple selections throughout the program, including the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice."

A highlight of the celebration was the special recognition of the 2025 Freedom Fighters of the Year: Dr. Lynett Rock, Mrs. Christina Connor, and Sergeant Blane Newfield. Each honoree was acknowledged for their

outstanding contributions to the college and community.



The program also included participation from several CSC NAACP members, with Antonio Gonzalez, Vice President of CSC NAACP, delivering the welcome address, and Samantha Brewer, CSC NAACP Ambassador, offering the opening prayer.



Sir Patrick Davis, Founding President of CSC NAACP, presented the special awards, including announcing the winner of the annual Black History Coloring Contest.

The CSC NAACP chapter holds historical significance as the first established NAACP chapter in Warner, Oklahoma, and the first NAACP Auxiliary on the Warner campus. If you want to learn more about the CSC NAACP Freedom Fighters and their upcoming activities, contact Rev. Carneta Cooper, Advisor to the CSC NAACP chapter. The Freedom Fighters welcome new members and community support as they continue their mission on campus and throughout the Warner community.







## ***CSC Show Team Wraps Up 2024-2025 Season***

by Macey McCoy (Freshman - Beggs, OK)

As the 2024-2025 season comes to an end for the Connors State College Show Team, they can't help but look back at the successful year that they have had; in and out of the arena. The show team comes in a week before school starts to get to know each other, and start working on their cattle for the show year. Most already know how to handle cattle, others showed other species in high school. By the end of their first week, everyone knew what to do, and acted like they had been showing cattle their whole life.

It's a lot different joining a team rather than showing by yourself. As a team member, you have the comfort of knowing there's always someone to support you when needed, something the show team discovered very quickly. With the guidance of their coach, Stetson May, they not only learned how to get along, but how to become leaders, work hard, and develop teamwork.

The show team was able to travel to 6 different shows this season. These shows took the team from Warner to Oklahoma City, Dallas, Tulsa, Fort Worth, and Mississippi; often traveling back-to-back weekends. It can get tiring traveling so much, especially with 11 head of cattle. But the team didn't mind. In all their days of travel, they were able to have a Grand Division Champion Bull (Dallas, TX) and Grand Division Champion Heifer (Tulsa, OK) in a few shows.

Traveling is always fun, but the show team always looked for more than that. They sought out to prove that they can work hard, represent their college well, and also carry on their agriculture industry. When asked about her outlook about the show season, Addison Turner (Morgan, UT) stated, "Never hope for more than you work for it." As the team went along their season, they not only hoped for good shows, but worked as hard as they could to get those Grand Division places.

Being able to travel, continue their livestock showing career, and working within the agriculture industry, are not the only things the members will be able to use in their future endeavors. Being able to have those connections, good memories, and impacts they made on people's lives are what they will get to carry on for a very long time.

The show season may be over, but the team still has plenty to do around campus and their community. Campus events, working around the farm, and breaking new show calves are what lies ahead for them. Some are graduating this year, but for the ones coming back, along with new showmen, will look forward to next year!



## ***Division of Ag Hosts Annual Aggie Homecoming***

by CSC Communications & Marketing

Connors State College's Division of Agriculture continued a beloved campus tradition with its annual Aggie Homecoming celebration on February 4th. The event serves as a preliminary competition to determine which agricultural students will represent the division at the upcoming All-School Homecoming festivities.

Head rodeo coach Jake Walker served as master of ceremonies for the evening, guiding contestants through a series of questions designed to showcase their quick thinking.

Prenny Prenovost and Wyatt Jackson earned the titles of Aggie Homecoming Queen and King respectively. The newly crowned royalty earned the honor of representing the Division of Agriculture at CSC's All-School Homecoming.

The annual event highlights the strong sense of community within CSC's agricultural programs while maintaining a tradition that has become an important part of campus life in Warner.





## ***Student Spotlight: Sam Fisher (Lindsay, TX)***

by Macey McCoy (Freshman - Beggs, OK)

Sam Fisher, a sophomore from Lindsay, Texas, chose Connors State College for its small-town atmosphere and tight-knit community, reminiscent of her hometown in Texas.

Fisher has fully embraced campus life at CSC, joining several agricultural and academic organizations. As a member of the CSC Show Team, she travels across multiple states representing Connors in competitive exhibitions. Her commitment to agriculture extends to her active participation in Connors Collegiate Cattlewomen, where she collaborates with fellow female students passionate about the cattle industry.

Fisher continues to build her agricultural expertise through her involvement in the Aggie Club, where she networks with students and professionals across various agricultural disciplines. Beyond her agricultural focus, her academic excellence has earned her membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the

international honor society for two-year colleges, demonstrating her dedication to scholarly achievement alongside her extracurricular activities.

After graduating from Connors, Fisher plans to attend West Texas A&M to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education. Her goal is to inspire and encourage younger generations of students by showing them different perspectives of the agriculture world.

"My Ag teacher Mrs. Lee opened my world in so many ways in the agriculture world and show world," Fisher shares. "She is one of the many reasons I would like to be part of the ag teaching world."

To prospective students considering Connors State College, Fisher offers this advice: "If you are looking for a small-town atmosphere, you have found it. The classes are very good at Connors, and there are so many different activities to do, you will never get bored."



## ***Alumni Spotlight: Hunter Harris ('03)***

by CSC Communications & Marketing

Hunter Harris began his athletic journey at Metro Christian Academy. His high school career was marked by outstanding performances in both football and baseball, with his baseball prowess leading the Patriots to their first state championship in school history. Harris's talent earned him numerous accolades, including First Team All-Metro, First Team All-State, Tulsa Worlds Co-Player of the Year, The Oklahoman's All-State Team, and the prestigious Oklahoma Jim Thorpe Player of the Year award. These achievements set the stage for his remarkable collegiate career at Connors State College, where he would further cement his legacy as an exceptional athlete.

At Connors State, Harris quickly became a standout player for the Cowboys' baseball team. As a two-year starter, he earned All-Region and Region All-Tournament team honors, showcasing his abilities. His exceptional performance culminated in being named a 2003 NJCAA All-American, a testament to his impact at the national level. Harris's defensive skills were particularly

noteworthy, earning him the National Easton Defensive Player of the Year award, a prestigious recognition of his fielding excellence. His leadership and performance were instrumental in guiding the Cowboys to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado. Following his stellar career at Connors State, Harris continued to excel at the University of Texas. There, he earned Big 12 First Team All-Conference honors, contributing significantly to the Longhorns' two Big 12 Championships. His college career reached its pinnacle with a second-place finish in the College World Series in Omaha, NE. Today, Hunter resides in Tulsa with his wife Diana and their twin boys, Jack and James. He serves as a Regional Philanthropy Officer for the American Red Cross, demonstrating his commitment to community service off the field. Harris's induction into the Connors State College athletic Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to his exceptional athletic career, his contributions to the college's baseball program, and his continued dedication to making a positive impact in his community.





## ***Cowgirl Basketball Builds Momentum Heading Into Postseason***

by Taylor Moore (Sophomore - Owasso, OK)

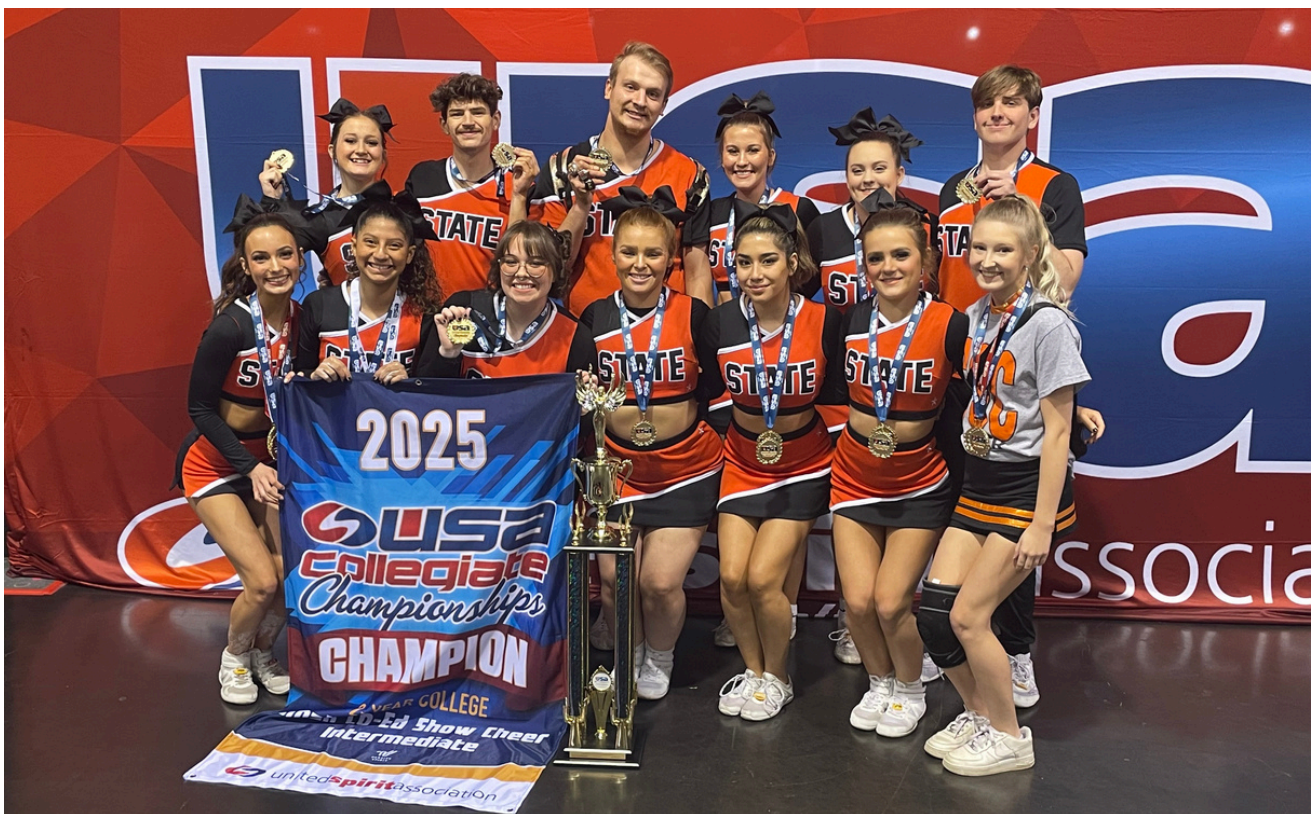
Going into the 2024-2025 basketball season, expectations were set low, with a new coaching staff and a team of almost all new faces. Challenges began to arise before region play had even taken off, with a small roster and injuries happening in preseason, the team turned to picking up players who had experience at basketball, from other on-campus activities such as PLC and cross-country. Take Freshman Harlie Chesser (Warner, OK) as an example, Chesser began her career at Connors State running for the cross-country team and taking part in PLC activities, but as her first semester carried on, she found herself to be adding Connors State Women's basketball player to her list of extracurricular activities.

Although Coach Jaylen Thompson didn't have much time to put together his roster, he has done an excellent job at taking the handful of girls he's got and turning them into a competing team. When asked about his

coaching style, his response was "my coaching style is competitive and honest." Thompson has a strong passion for the game and likes to convey that into his coaching by selecting players who play hard and are willing to do what it takes to compete at a high level. He describes his team as "adaptive", stating they've had a lot of things happen this season such as injuries, roster changes, and adding an assistant coach mid-preseason, which all were factors in the team taking timescale to come together.

**...COMPETITIVE  
AND  
HONEST"**

Now with all the pieces coming together, the Cowgirls are starting to buckle down and are looking for a run at postseason play. As Coach Thompson says, "our best basketball is ahead of us."



## ***CSC Dance Team Shines at National Championship in California Debut***

by CSC Communications & Marketing

The Connors State College Dance Team made history at the 2025 USA Collegiate Championship in Anaheim, California, on February 15-16, bringing home multiple awards in their first-ever appearance at this prestigious competition.

In an impressive national debut, the team claimed first place in the 2-Year College Co-Ed Show Cheer Intermediate division, establishing themselves as a force to be reckoned with on the collegiate dance scene. Their success continued with a second-place finish in the Pom competition and third place in the Hip-Hop category.

Head Coach Clint Maxcey expressed pride in the team's performance. "These students worked incredibly hard to prepare for this

competition. To come to Anaheim for the first time and perform at this level is a testament to their dedication and talent."

The journey to California was an adventure in itself as the team road tripped across the country, building team chemistry along the way. For many team members, this marked their first trip to California and their first experience competing on a national stage.

The CSC Dance Team's impressive showing at the USA Collegiate Championship adds to a growing list of accomplishments for Connors State athletic programs this academic year, highlighting the college's commitment to excellence both in Oklahoma and on the national stage.



# CAMPUS LIFE



## ***Spring Sports Underway in Warner***

by CSC Communications & Marketing

Connors State College's spring sports season is officially underway as both the baseball and softball teams have kicked off their 2025 campaigns. Expectations are running high following impressive performances from both programs last year.

The Cowboys enter the season looking to build on last year's success, having claimed a share of the regular season conference championship last year. Head Coach Perry Keith's squad features a mix of returning talent and promising newcomers as they aim to make a deeper postseason run this spring.

Meanwhile, the Cowgirls have begun their season with even loftier goals after an outstanding 2024 campaign that saw them capture the Region 2 title and advance to the NJCAA World Series. Under the leadership of third-year Head Coach Bobby Foreman, the team is focused on returning to the national stage and improving on last year's performance.

To keep up with the Cowboys and Cowgirls throughout their spring seasons, you can follow the teams on Facebook or visit [connorsathletics.com](http://connorsathletics.com).

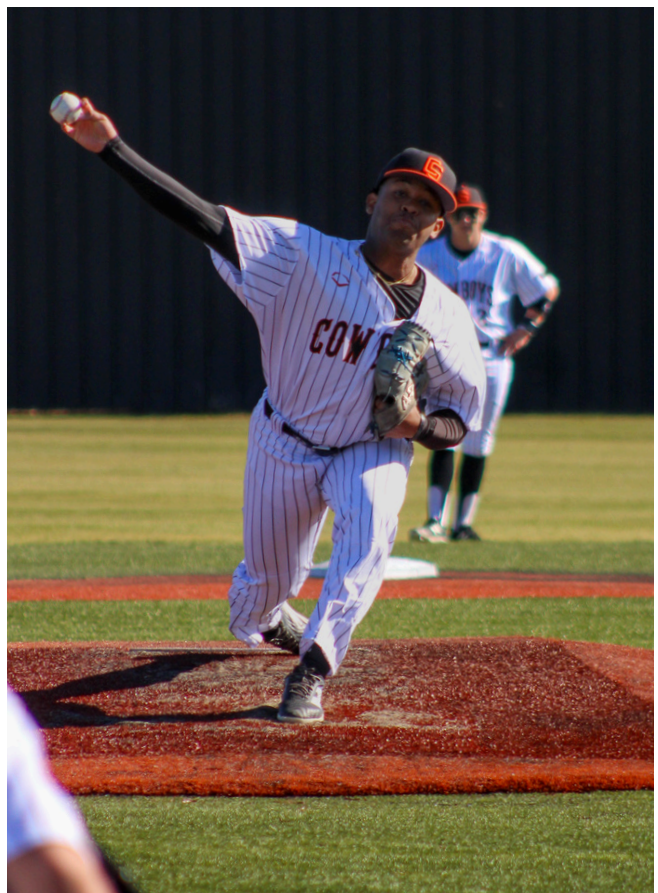




Photos by Taylor Moore (Sophomore - Owasso, OK)



# PHOTOS



Photos by Macey McCoy (Freshman - Beggs, OK)





Photos by Matthew Harmon (CSC Communications & Marketing)





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CSC Basketball's Edwin Daniel (#32) celebrates with DJ Dormu (#14) following Dormu's game-winning shot to beat NEO A&M 78-75 on January 30th.



# Official Approval Request to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the OSU /A&M Board of Regents

## CONNORS STATE COLLEGE

### Category

☐ NA

(a) The matter is related to the peace, health, and safety of the Institution.

☐ NA

(b) The matter possibly could deter the accomplishment of important institutional objectives without authorization to act immediately.

☐ YES

(c) The matter has significant economic implications for institutional resources and or properties without authorization to act reasonably soon.

*Connors is in the process of setting up and negotiating FY26 Contracts including Foodservice to produce an accurate and timely budget. Our data indicates maintaining the current cost-effective and customer-friendly contract with Sodexo with a 3-year extension meets our goals. Their prices (as reflected on the college meal comparison chart) show Connors has the state's cheapest meal plans. Also, the amount of extra no-cost amenities including filling vending machines for night and weekend, sack lunches on request, special meal catering, and voted #2 in the state for student satisfaction.*

☐ NA

(d) The matter is related to an emergency requiring action by the administration.

2. The Administrative action for which approval is being requested is as follows:

Allow Connors to extend the current contract with Sodexo for another three years through a temporary Waiver, bypassing the requirement to re-bid this contract at this time.

3. The actual cost or best-estimated cost of this action: \$850,000

4. Funds affected or being used in this action: Auxiliary

Meal Plan Rate Comparision

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Oklahoma Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost
2	Regionals								
3	Southeastern	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,025	Unlimited / \$100	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,880	Unlimited / \$100	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,830
4	Sodexo		\$ 2,025	10 / \$200		\$ 1,880	10 / \$200		\$ 1,830
5			\$ 2,025	7 / \$500		\$ 1,880	7 / \$500		\$ 1,830
6			\$ 1,445	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,340	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,310
7									
8	Southwestern	2024 / 2025		10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,815	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,650
9	Self-op			14/\$0		\$ 1,950	14/\$0		\$ 1,775
10				19/\$0		\$ 2,105	19/\$0		\$ 1,915
11				8/0 (2nd year+)		\$ 1,650	8/0 (2nd year+)		\$ 1,500
12									
13	East Central	2024 / 2025	\$ 1,700	10/\$125	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,625	10/\$0	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,489
14	Chartwells		\$ 2,000	14/\$100		\$ 1,914	14/\$0		\$ 1,658
15			\$ 2,140	19/\$75		\$ 2,050	19/\$0		\$ 1,808
16			\$ 1,000	Flex (Tiger Commons)		\$ 1,000	Flex (Tiger Commons)		\$ 950
17									
18	UCO	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,725	Block 275 / \$100	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,625	Block 275 / \$100	2022 / 2023	\$ 2,425
19	Chartwells		\$ 2,600	Block 175 / \$200		\$ 2,500	Block 175 / \$200		\$ 2,325
20			\$ 2,550	9/\$425		\$ 2,450	9/\$425		\$ 2,265
21			\$ 1,900	* Block 125 / \$300		\$ 1,850	* Block 125 / \$300		\$ 1,725
22				*Returning students only			*Returning students only		
23			\$ 710	51B/\$125		\$ 685	51B/\$125		\$ 640
24			\$ 460	35B/\$50		\$ 445	35B/\$50		\$ 410
25			\$ 200	15B/\$25		\$ 195	15B/\$25		\$ 180
26									
27									
28	Northeastern	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,580	16/\$200	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,450	16/\$200	2022 / 2023	\$ 2,270
29	Sodexo		\$ 2,525	230B/\$200		\$ 2,400	230B/\$200		\$ 2,250
30			\$ 2,370	180B/\$175		\$ 2,250	180B/\$175		\$ 2,190
31			\$ 2,210	10/\$150		\$ 2,100	10/\$150		\$ 2,190
32									\$ 1,750
33									\$ 1,700
34									
35	Northwestern	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,050	17/\$100	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,930	17/\$100	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,760
36	Chartwells		\$ 1,950	12/\$150		\$ 1,840	12/\$150		\$ 1,680
37			\$ 1,850	8/\$200		\$ 1,750	8/\$200		\$ 1,600
38	OSU A&M System								
39	Panhandle State	2024 / 2025	\$ 1,799	10/\$0	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,713	10/\$0	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,602
40	Great Western		\$ 1,918	15/\$0		\$ 1,827	15/\$0		\$ 1,708
41			\$ 2,055	19/\$0		\$ 1,968	20/\$0		\$ 1,840
42			\$ 985	Apt Plan - 5 mpw		\$ 938	Apt Plan - 5 mpw		\$ 877
43									
44	Connors State	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,125	19 / \$50	2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
45	Sodexo		\$ 1,667	200B / \$50		\$ 1,587	200B / \$50		\$ 1,511
46			\$ 1,540	175B / \$50		\$ 1,466	175B / \$50		\$ 1,396
47									
48	Langston	2024 / 2025	\$ 1,803	19/\$100	2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
49	Aladdin								
50									
51									



Meal Plan Rate Comparision

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Oklahoma Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost
52	NEO	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,173	19/\$75	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,067	19/\$75	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,912
53	Sodexo		\$ 2,014	14/\$125		\$ 1,917	14/\$125		\$ 1,775
54			\$ 1,862	12/\$100		\$ 1,775	12/\$100		\$ 1,390
55			\$ 1,578	10/\$100 (suite only)		\$ 1,502	10/\$100 (suite only)		
56									
57	OSUIT- Okmulgee	2024 / 2025	\$ 1,578	300B/\$0	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,578	300B/\$0	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,475
58	Self-op		\$ 1,522	15/\$100		\$ 1,522	15/\$100		\$ 1,422
59			\$ 1,210	10/\$100		\$ 1,210	10/\$100		\$ 1,131
60									
61	Oklahoma State		\$ 2,425	\$2,275 DCB		\$ 2,425	\$2,275 DCB		
62	Self-op	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,155	\$2,005 DCB	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,155	\$2,005 DCB	2022 / 2023	
63			\$ 1,905	\$1,755 DCB		\$ 1,905	\$1,755 DCB		
64			\$ 1,700	\$1,550 DCB		\$ 1,700	\$1,550 DCB		
65			\$ 1,330	\$1,180 DCB		\$ 1,330	\$1,180 DCB		
66									
67	OU System	2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
68	Cameron		\$ 2,225	15 / \$300		\$ 2,099	15 / \$300		\$ 1,925
69	Sodexo		\$ 2,100	10 / \$325		\$ 1,979	10 / \$325		\$ 1,815
70			\$ 2,085	8 / \$400		\$ 1,967	8 / \$400		\$ 1,804
71			\$ 1,460	5 / \$550 CV only		\$ 1,379	5 / \$550 CV only		\$ 1,265
72		2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
73									
74	Rogers State		\$ 2,226	18 / \$150		\$ 2,066	18 / \$100		\$ 1,880
75	Sodexo		\$ 2,236	15 / \$200		\$ 2,076	15 / \$150		\$ 1,889
76			\$ 2,257	11 / \$325		\$ 2,096	11 / \$275		\$ 1,907
77		2024 / 2025	\$ 1,944	135B / \$400 (w/Kitchen)	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,799	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,637
78									
79	Univ of Oklahoma		\$ 3,075	12/\$250		\$ 2,845	12/\$250		\$ 2,610
80	Self-op		\$ 3,075	10/\$400		\$ 2,845	10/\$400		\$ 2,610
81			\$ 3,075	8/\$550		\$ 2,845	8/\$550		\$ 2,610
82			\$ 3,075	6/\$750		\$ 2,845	6/\$750		\$ 2,610

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Oklahoma Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost
83		2024 / 2025	\$ 3,375	14/\$400	2023 / 2024	\$ 3,145	14/\$400	2022 / 2023	\$ 2,930
84			\$ 3,375	10/\$700		\$ 3,145	10/\$700		\$ 2,930
85									
86	Other State Schools								
87	USAO		\$ 2,370	19/\$250		\$ 2,250	19/\$250		\$ 1,955
88	Sodexo	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,200	14/\$200	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,110	14/\$200	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,835
89			\$ 2,000	12/\$200		\$ 1,905	12/\$200		\$ 1,655
90			\$ 1,580	5/\$500 Apt		\$ 1,500	5/\$500 Apt		\$ 1,305
91									
92	Eastern State College		Room & Board			Room & Board			Room & Board
93	Aladdin	2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
94									
95	Seminole		Room & Board			Room & Board			Room & Board
96	Great Western								
97									
98	Western State College	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,165	12/\$250	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,060	12/\$250	2022 / 2023	\$ 1,890
99	Aladdin		\$ 2,165	17/\$0		\$ 2,060	17/\$0		\$ 1,890
100									
101	Murray State College		\$ 1,960	19 / \$100			19 / \$100		
102	Great Western		\$ 1,745	15 / \$50			15 / \$50		
103		2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
104	Private Schools								
105	Southern Nazarene		Room & Board	19/\$150		Room & Board	19/\$150		
106	Sodexo								
107			\$ -	B60 \$125 VMP		\$ 720	B60 \$125 VMP		
108		2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
109	OBU		\$ 2,375	Unlimited / \$50		\$ 2,305	Unlimited / \$50		\$ 2,195
110	Chartwells		\$ 2,375	220B / \$125		\$ 2,305	220B / \$125		\$ 2,195
111			\$ 2,375	150B / \$150		\$ 2,305	150B / \$150		\$ 2,195
112			\$ 1,090	80B / \$100 - Apt		\$ 1,055	80B / \$100 - Apt		\$ 1,005
113		2024 / 2025	\$ 800	60B / \$60 - Apt	2023 / 2024	\$ 780	60B / \$60 - Apt	2022 / 2023	\$ 740
114									
115	OCU		\$ 2,888	19/\$300		\$ 2,750	19/\$300		\$ 2,750
116	Chartwells		\$ 2,696	17/\$325		\$ 2,568	17/\$325		\$ 2,568

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Oklahoma Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost
117		2024 / 2025	\$ 2,547	14/\$350	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,426	14/\$350	2022 / 2023	\$ 2,426
118									\$ 2,426
119									\$ 350
120									\$ 400
121									
122	Tulsa		\$ 3,483	AA / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900		\$ 3,317	AA / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900		\$ 3,194
123	Sodexo		\$ 2,871	12 / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900		\$ 2,475	12 / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900		\$ 2,683
124			grandfather only	7 / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900		\$ 2,083	7 / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900		\$ 2,457
125			\$ 2,101	* 80B / \$300		\$ 1,910	* 80B / \$300		\$ 1,757
126			\$ 1,772	* 45B / \$650		\$ 1,611	* 45B / \$650		\$ 1,528
127		2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
128									
129	Oklahoma Wesleyan		\$ -	19/\$0		\$ -	19/\$0		\$ 2,207
130	Pioneer	2024 / 2025	\$ -	14/\$?	2023 / 2024	\$ -	14/\$?	2022 / 2023	
131									
132	ORU		\$2,700 / \$2,830*	Unlimited / \$0 - *w/meal trade option		\$2,550 / \$2,670*	Unlimited / \$0 - *w/meal trade option		\$ 2,425
133	Sodexo		\$2,700 / \$2,830*	17 / \$200		\$2,550 / \$2,670*	17 / \$200		\$ 2,425
134			\$2,700 / \$2,830*	14 / \$250		\$2,550 / \$2,670*	14 / \$250		\$ 2,425
135			\$2,700 / \$2,830*	10 / \$350		\$2,550 / \$2,670*	10 / \$350		\$ 2,425
136			\$2,700 / \$2,830*	7 / \$500		\$2,550 / \$2,670*	7 / \$500		\$ 2,425
137			\$1,200 / \$1330*	75B/\$200 Apt Plan		\$1,130 / \$1,250	* 75B/\$200 Apt Plan		\$ 1,075
138			\$1,200 / \$1330*	105B/\$100 Apt Plan		\$1,130 / \$1,250	* 105B/\$100 Apt Plan		\$ 1,075
139									
140	Mid-America	2024 / 2025	\$ -	?	2023 / 2024	\$ -	?	2022 / 2023	\$ 2,088
141		2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
142									
143	Southwestern Christian								
144									
145	Oklahoma Christian		\$ 2,520	19 / \$150		\$ 2,390	Unlimited 7 day / \$100		\$ 2,170
146	United Dining		\$ 2,260	15 / \$100		\$ 2,140	Unlimited 5 Day / \$100		\$ 1,940
147			\$ 2,340	75B / 400		\$ 2,140	15/ \$100		\$ 1,940
148			\$ 1,190	105B / 100		\$ 1,130	Block 105/\$100 - Apt		\$ 1,030
149						\$ 830	Block 75/\$100 - Apt		\$ 760
150									
151		2024 / 2025			2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
152									
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	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan
2										
3	Unlimited / \$100	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,750	Unlimited / \$100	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,650	Unlimited / \$100	2019/2020	\$ 1,650	Unlimited / \$100
4	10 / \$200		\$ 1,750	10 / \$200		\$ 1,650	10 / \$200		\$ 1,650	10 / \$200
5	7 / \$500		\$ 1,750	7 / \$500		\$ 1,650	7 / \$500		\$ 1,650	7 / \$500
6	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,250	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,150	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,150	5 / \$250 SHS only
7										
8	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,500	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,435	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2019/2020	\$ 1,435	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$
9	14/\$0		\$ 1,610	14/\$0		\$ 1,540	14/\$0		\$ 1,540	14/\$0
10	19/\$0		\$ 1,740	19/\$0		\$ 1,665	19/\$0		\$ 1,665	19/\$0
11	8/0 (2nd year+)		\$ 1,360	8/0 (2nd year+)		\$ 1,300	8/0 (2nd year+)		\$ 1,300	8/0 (2nd year+)
12										
13	10/\$0	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,489	10/\$0	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,455	10/\$0	2019/2020	\$ 1,403	10/\$0
14	14/\$0		\$ 1,658	14/\$0		\$ 1,609	14/\$0		\$ 1,562	14/\$0
15	19/\$0		\$ 1,808	19/\$0		\$ 1,755	20/\$0		\$ 1,704	20/\$0
16	Flex (Tiger Commons)		\$ 847	Flex (Tiger Commons)		\$ 822	Flex (Tiger Commons)		\$ 798	Flex (Tiger Commons)
17										
18	Block 275 / \$100	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,275	19/\$100	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,210	19/\$100	2019/2020	\$ 2,130	19/\$100
19	Block 175 / \$200		\$ 2,235	14/\$200		\$ 2,170	14/\$200		\$ 2,090	14/\$200
20	9/\$425		\$ 1,935	10/\$25		\$ 1,880	10/\$25		\$ 1,710	10/\$25
21	* Block 125 / \$300		\$ 2,195	9/\$425		\$ 2,130	9/\$425		\$ 2,085	9/\$425
22	*Returning students only		\$ 2,165	167B/\$240		\$ 2,100	167B/\$240		\$ 2,035	167B/\$240
23	51B/\$125		\$ 615	51B/\$125		\$ 595	51B/\$125		\$ 585	51B/\$125
24	35B/\$50		\$ 390	35B/\$50		\$ 380	35B/\$50		\$ 370	35B/\$50
25	15B/\$25		\$ 175	15B/\$25		\$ 170	15B/\$25		\$ 165	15B/\$25
26			\$ 1,645	125B / \$300		\$ 1,595	125B / \$300			
27										
28	17/\$150	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,200	17/\$150	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,140	17/\$150	2019/2020	\$ 2,070	17/\$150
29	15/\$200		\$ 2,180	15/\$200		\$ 2,115	15/\$200		\$ 2,045	15/\$200
30	12/\$200		\$ 2,120	12/\$200		\$ 2,060	12/\$200		\$ 1,990	12/\$200
31	10/\$350		\$ 2,085	10/\$350		\$ 2,025	10/\$350		\$ 1,955	10/\$350
32	8/\$175		\$ 1,600	8/\$175		\$ 1,550	8/\$175		\$ 1,500	8/\$175
33	B150/\$75		\$ 1,575	B150/\$75		\$ 1,525	B150/\$75		\$ 1,475	B150/\$75
34										
35	17/\$50	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,660	17/\$50	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,612	17/\$50	2019/2020	\$ 1,550	17/\$50
36	12/\$100		\$ 1,580	12/\$100		\$ 1,535	12/\$100		\$ 1,475	12/\$100
37	8/\$150		\$ 1,500	8/\$150		\$ 1,456	8/\$150		\$ 1,400	8/\$150
38										
39	10/\$0	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,578	10/\$0	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,578	10/\$0	2019/2020	\$ 1,555	10/\$0
40	15/\$0		\$ 1,683	15/\$0		\$ 1,683	15/\$0		\$ 1,658	15/\$0
41	20/\$0		\$ 1,813	20/\$0		\$ 1,813	20/\$0		\$ 1,786	20/\$0
42	Apt Plan - 5 mpw		\$ 864	Apt Plan - 5 mpw		\$ 864	Apt Plan - 5 mpw		\$ 852	Apt Plan - 5 mpw
43										
44		2021 / 2022	\$ -	19 / \$50	2020 / 2021	\$ -	19 / \$50	2019/2020	\$ 1,848	19 / \$50
45	200B / \$50		\$ 1,440	200B / \$50		\$ 1,440	200B / \$50		\$ 1,440	200B / \$50
46	175B / \$50		\$ 1,330	175B / \$50		\$ 1,330	175B / \$50		\$ 1,330	175B / \$50
47										
48		2021 / 2022	\$ 1,675	19/\$100 For Spring 2021	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,675	19/\$100 For Spring 2021	2019/2020	\$ 1,642	19/\$100
49			\$ 1,675	14/\$200		\$ 1,675	14/\$200		\$ 750	Apt Plan - \$750DCB
50			\$ 765	Apt Plan - \$765 DCB		\$ 750	Apt Plan - \$750DCB			
51										

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1	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan
52	19/\$75	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,830	19/\$75	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,790	19/\$75	2019/2020	\$ 1,749	19/\$75
53	14/\$125		\$ 1,650	14/\$75		\$ 1,600	14/\$75		\$ 1,604	14/\$125
54	10/\$100 (suite only)		\$ 1,303	10/\$75 (suite only)		\$ 1,303	10/\$75 (suite only)		\$ 1,314	10/\$175 (suite only)
55										
56										
57	300B/\$0	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,475	300B/\$0	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,432	300B/\$0	2019/2020	\$ 1,390	300B/\$0
58	225B/\$100		\$ 1,422	225B/\$100		\$ 1,380	225B/\$100		\$ 1,339	225B/\$100
59	150B/\$100		\$ 1,131	150B/\$100		\$ 1,098	150B/\$100		\$ 1,066	150B/\$100
60										
61		2021 / 2022	\$ 2,275	All Flex	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,275	All Flex	2019/2020	\$ 2,275	All Flex
62			\$ 2,005			\$ 2,005			\$ 2,005	
63			\$ 1,755			\$ 1,755			\$ 1,755	
64			\$ 1,550	Freshman minimum		\$ 1,550	Freshman minimum		\$ 1,550	Freshman minimum
65			\$ 1,180	Soph+ No MP Req		\$ 1,180	Soph+ No MP Req			Soph+ No MP Req
66										
67										
68	15 / \$300	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,750	15 / \$300	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,680	15 / \$300	2019/2020	\$ 1,615	15 / \$300
69	10 / \$320		\$ 1,650	10 / \$320		\$ 1,585	10 / \$320		\$ 1,525	10 / \$320
70	8 / \$400		\$ 1,640	8 / \$400		\$ 1,575	8 / \$400		\$ 1,515	8 / \$400
71	5 / \$550 CV only		\$ 1,150	5 / \$550 CV only		\$ 1,100	5 / \$550 CV only		\$ 915	5 / \$400 CV only
72									\$ 600	3 / \$550 CV only
73										
74	18 / \$100	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,808	18 / \$100	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,742	18 / \$100	2019/2020	\$ 1,742	18 / \$100
75	15 / \$150		\$ 1,808	15 / \$150		\$ 1,742	15 / \$150		\$ 1,742	15 / \$150
76	11 / \$275		\$ 1,808	11 / \$275		\$ 1,742	11 / \$275		\$ 1,742	11 / \$275
77	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)		\$ 1,552	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)		\$ 1,495	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)		\$ 1,495	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)
78										
79	12/\$250	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,466	12/\$250	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,377	12/\$250	2019/2020	\$ 2,308	12/\$250
80	10/\$400		\$ 2,466	10/\$400		\$ 2,377	10/\$400		\$ 2,308	10/\$400
81	8/\$550		\$ 2,466	8/\$550		\$ 2,377	8/\$550		\$ 2,308	8/\$550
82	6/\$750		\$ 2,466	6/\$750		\$ 2,377	6/\$750		\$ 2,308	6/\$700

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	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan
83	14/\$400	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,766	14/\$400	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,677	14/\$400	2019/2020	\$ 2,608	14/\$400
84	10/\$700		\$ 2,766	10/\$700		\$ 2,677	10/\$700		\$ 2,608	10/\$700
85										
86										
87	19/\$250	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,700	19/\$250	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,700	19/\$250	2019/2020	\$ 1,700	19/\$250
88	14/\$200		\$ 1,595	14/\$200		\$ 1,595	14/\$200		\$ 1,595	14/\$200
89	12/\$200		\$ 1,440	12/\$200		\$ 1,440	12/\$200		\$ 1,440	12/\$200
90	5/\$500 Apt		\$ 1,135	5/\$500 Apt		\$ 1,135	5/\$500 Apt		\$ 1,135	5/\$500 Apt
91		2021 / 2022			2020 / 2021			2019/2020		
92			Room & Board	18/\$0		Room & Board	18/\$0		Room & Board	18/\$0
93										
94										
95		2021 / 2022	Room & Board	19/\$0	2020 / 2021	Room & Board	19/\$0	2019/2020	Room & Board	19/\$0
96										
97										
98	12/\$250		\$ 1,800	12/\$250		\$ 1,740	12/\$250		\$ 1,675	12/\$50
99	17/\$0	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,800	17/\$0	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,740	17/\$0	2019/2020		17/\$0
100										
101	19 / \$100		\$ 1,750	19 / \$100			19 / \$100			19 / \$100
102	15 / \$50		\$ 1,525	15 / \$50			15 / \$50			15 / \$50
103		2021 / 2022			2020 / 2021			2019/2020		
104										
105	Unlimited / \$125		\$ -	Unlimited / \$125		\$ 2,301	Unlimited / \$125			Unlimited / \$125
106	B135 / \$125		\$ -	B135 / \$125		\$ 1,843	B135 / \$125			B135 / \$125
107	B50 \$125 VMP	2021 / 2022	\$ 700	B50 \$125 VMP	2020 / 2021	\$ 680	B50 \$125 VMP	2019/2020		B50 \$125 VMP
108										
109	Unlimited / \$50		\$ 2,155	Unlimited / \$50		\$ 2,125	Unlimited / \$50		\$ 2,050	Unlimited / \$50
110	220B / \$125		\$ 2,155	220B / \$125		\$ 2,125	220B / \$125		\$ 2,050	220B / \$125
111	150B / \$150	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,155	150B / \$150	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,125	150B / \$150	2019/2020	\$ 2,050	150B / \$150
112	80B / \$100 - Apt		\$ 995	80B / \$100 - Apt		\$ 980	80B / \$100 - Apt		\$ 990	80B / \$100 - Apt
113	60B / \$60 - Apt		\$ 730	60B / \$60 - Apt		\$ 720	60B / \$60 - Apt		\$ 775	60B / \$60 - Apt
114										
115	19/\$300	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,750	19/\$350	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,750	19/\$350	2019/2020	\$ 2,647	19/\$200 + \$50SC
116	17/\$325		\$ 2,568	17/\$325		\$ 2,568	17/\$325		\$ 2,518	14/\$150 + \$50SC



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	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan
117	14/\$350	2021 / 2022	\$ 2,426	14/\$300	2020 / 2021	\$ 2,426	14/\$300	2019/2020	\$ 2,378	10/\$450 + \$50SC
118	10/\$450		\$ 2,426	10/\$450						
119	20B / 165		\$ 350	20B / 165						
120	50B		\$ 400	50B					\$ 2,378	150B/\$200 + \$50SC
121										
122	19/\$300		\$ 3,110	19/\$300		\$ 3,028	19/\$300		\$ 3,289	21 / \$400 / \$50 GD
123	12/\$500		\$ 2,619	12/\$500		\$ 2,543	12/\$500		\$ 2,590	17 / \$225 / \$50 GD
124	7/\$600		\$ 2,403	7/\$600		\$ 2,350	7/\$600		\$ 2,419	12 / \$400 / \$50 GD
125	* 80B / \$300		\$ 1,715	* 80B / \$300		\$ 1,671	* 80B / \$300		\$ 2,776	10 / \$650 / \$50 GD
126	* 45B / \$650		\$ 1,495	* 45B / \$650		\$ 1,470	* 45B / \$650		\$ 2,189	8 / \$375 / \$50 GD
127		2021 / 2022			2020 / 2021			2019/2020	\$ 2,959	165B / \$500 / \$0 GD
128										
129	19/\$0		\$ 2,094	19/\$0		\$ 2,073	19/\$0		\$ 2,073	19/\$0
130										
131										
132	Unlimited / \$0		\$ 2,350	Unlimited / \$0		\$ 2,300	Unlimited / \$0		\$ 2,250	Unlimited / \$0
133	17 / \$200		\$ 2,350	17 / \$200		\$ 2,300	17 / \$200		\$ 2,250	17 / \$200
134	14 / \$250		\$ 2,350	14 / \$250		\$ 2,300	14 / \$250		\$ 2,250	14 / \$250
135	10 / \$350		\$ 2,350	10 / \$350		\$ 2,300	10 / \$350		\$ 2,250	10 / \$350
136	7 / \$500		\$ 2,350	7 / \$500		\$ 2,300	7 / \$500		\$ 2,250	7 / \$500
137	* 75B/\$200 Apt Plan	2021 / 2022	\$ 1,050	* 75B/\$200 Apt Plan	2020 / 2021	\$ 1,025	* 75B/\$200 Apt Plan	2019/2020	\$ 1,000	* 75B/\$200 Apt Plan
138	* 105B/\$100 Apt Plan		\$ 1,050	* 105B/\$100 Apt Plan		\$ 1,025	* 105B/\$100 Apt Plan		\$ 1,000	* 105B/\$100 Apt Plan
139										
140	?		\$ 2,028	?		\$ 1,968	?		\$ 1,855	?
141										
142										
143			0	19/\$50 ?		0	19/\$50 ?		R&B Combined	19/\$50 ?
144										
145	Unlimited 7 day / \$100		\$ 1,975	Unlimited		\$ 1,975	7 Day Access		\$ 2,150	7 Day Access / \$100
146	Unlimited 5 Day / \$100		\$ 1,750	5 Day Access		\$ 1,750	5 Day Access		\$ 2,075	5 Day Access / \$250
147	15/ \$100		\$ 1,750	15 Meal per week		\$ 1,750	15 Meal per week		\$ 2,075	15/\$250
148	Block 105/\$100 - Apt	2021 / 2022	\$ 885	Block 105 - Apt	2020 / 2021			2019/2020		
149	Block 75/\$100 - Apt		\$ 630	Block 75 - Apt						
150										
151										
152										
153										
154										
155										
156										
157										
158										
159		2021 / 2022			2020 / 2021			2019/2020		
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161										
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	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC
1	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	
2										
3	2018/2019	\$ 1,600	Unlimited / \$100	2017/2018	\$ 1,600	Unlimited / \$100	2016/2017	\$ 1,920	19 / \$100	
4		\$ 1,600	10 / \$200		\$ 1,600	10 / \$200		\$ 1,860	225 Block/\$100	
5		\$ 1,600	7 / \$500		\$ 1,600	7 / \$500		\$ 1,680	14/\$100	
6		\$ 1,100	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,100	5 / \$250 SHS only		\$ 1,620	165B/\$100	
7										
8	2018/2019	\$ 1,435	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2017/2018	\$ 1,380	10/\$0 Flex is \$ 4 \$	2016/2017	\$ 1,380	10/\$0	
9		\$ 1,540	14/\$0		\$ 1,480	14/\$0		\$ 1,480	14/\$0	
10		\$ 1,665	19/\$0		\$ 1,600	19/\$0		\$ 1,600	19/\$0	
11		\$ 1,300	8/0 (2nd year+)		\$ 1,250	8/0 (2nd year+)			Flex is \$ for \$	
12										
13	2018/2019			2017/2018	\$ 1,322	10/\$0	2016/2017	\$ 1,296	10/\$0	
14					\$ 1,473	14/\$0		\$ 1,444	14/\$0	
15					\$ 1,607	20/\$0		\$ 1,575	20/\$0	
16					\$ 753	Flex (Tiger Commons)		\$ 738	Flex (Tiger Commons)	
17										
18	2018/2019	\$ 2,075	19/\$100	2017/2018	\$ 2,075	19/\$100	2016/2017	\$ 1,995	19/\$100	
19		\$ 2,035	14/\$200		\$ 2,035	14/\$200		\$ 1,955	14/\$200	
20		\$ 2,035	9/\$425		\$ 2,035	9/\$425		\$ 1,995	9/\$425	
21		\$ 2,035	167B / \$220		\$ 2,035	167B / \$220		\$ 1,955	167B / \$220	
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23										
24										
25		\$ 1,665	10/\$25		\$ 1,665	10/\$25		\$ 1,600	10/\$25	
26										
27										
28	2018/2019	\$ 2,000	17/\$150	2017/2018	\$ 1,960	17/\$150	2016/2017	\$ 1,875	17/\$150	
29		\$ 1,975	15/\$200		\$ 1,935	15/\$200		\$ 1,850	15/\$200	
30		\$ 1,925	12/\$200		\$ 1,880	12/\$200		\$ 1,750	12/\$200	
31		\$ 1,890	10/\$350		\$ 1,830	10/\$350		\$ 1,800	10/\$350	
32		\$ 1,450	8/\$175		\$ 1,360	8/\$175		\$ 1,300	8/\$175	
33		\$ 1,425	B150/\$75		\$ 1,345	B150/\$75		\$ 1,290	B150/\$75	
34										
35	2018/2019			2017/2018	\$ 1,415	17/\$50	2016/2017	\$ 1,415	19	
36					\$ 1,350	12/\$100		\$ 1,350	15	
37					\$ 1,250	8/\$150		\$ 1,250	10	
38										
39	2018/2019	\$ 1,481	10/\$0	2017/2018	\$ 1,481	10/\$0	2016/2017	\$ 1,481	10/\$0	
40		\$ 1,579	15/\$0		\$ 1,579	15/\$0		\$ 1,579	15/\$0	
41		\$ 1,701	20/\$0		\$ 1,701	20/\$0		\$ 1,701	20/\$0	
42		\$ 811	Apt Plan		\$ 811	Apt Plan		\$ 811	Apt Plan	
43										
44	2018/2019	\$ 1,848	19 / \$50	2017/2018	\$ 1,744	19 / \$50	2016/2017	\$ 1,744	19 / \$50 (off campus \$)	
45		\$ 1,440	200B / \$50		\$ 1,526	15 / \$50		\$ 1,359	200B/ \$50	
46		\$ 1,330	175B / \$50		\$ 1,359	200B / \$50		\$ 1,255	175B / \$50	
47					\$ 1,255	175B / \$50				
48	2018/2019			2017/2018	\$ 1,571	19 / \$100	2016/2017	Approx \$4,850/sem	19 / \$100	
49					\$ 750	\$750 DCB Commuter			Room & Board	
50										
51					\$ 628	19/\$100 Summer				

# Meal Plan Rate Comparision

	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC
1	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	
52	2018/2019	\$ 1,699	19/\$75	2017/2018	\$ 1,694	19/\$50	2016/2017	\$ 1,630	19/\$50	
53		\$ 1,559	14/\$125		\$ 1,529	14/\$100		\$ 1,470	14/\$100	
54		\$ 1,279	10/\$175 (suite only)		\$ 1,271	10/\$150 (suite only)		\$ 1,220	10/\$150 (suite only)	
55										
56										
57	2018/2019	\$ 1,390	300B/\$0	2017/2018	\$ 1,299	300B/\$0	2016/2017	\$ 1,299	300B/\$0	
58		\$ 1,339	225B/\$100		\$ 1,201	225B/\$50		\$ 1,201	225B/\$50	
59		\$ 1,066	150B/\$100		\$ 996	150B/\$100		\$ 996	150B/\$100	
60										
61	2018/2019	\$ 2,225	All Flex	2017/2018	\$ 2,175	16/\$300 (examples only)	2016/2017	\$ 2,125	\$8.50	
62		\$ 1,950			\$ 1,900	14/\$280		\$ 1,850	\$8.75	
63		\$ 1,690			\$ 1,635	12/\$220		\$ 1,580	\$9.00	
64		\$ 1,480	Freshman minimum		\$ 1,410	9/\$190		\$ 1,340	\$9.50	
65		\$ 1,135	Soph+ No MP Req		\$ 1,090	7/\$160		\$ 1,050	\$9.75	
66										
67										
68	2018/2019	\$ 1,615	15 / \$300	2017/2018	\$ 1,615	15 / \$300	2016/2017	\$ 1,525	10/\$175	
69		\$ 1,525	10 / \$320		\$ 1,525	10 / \$320		\$ 1,515	8/\$250	
70		\$ 1,515	8 / \$400		\$ 1,515	8 / \$400		\$ 1,615	15/\$140	
71		\$ 915	5 / \$400 CV only		\$ 915	5 / \$400 CV only		\$ 600	3/\$400***	
72		\$ 600	3 / \$550 CV only		\$ 600	3 / \$550 CV only		\$ 915	5/\$250***	
73										
74	2018/2019	\$ 1,725	18 / \$100	2017/2018	\$ 1,725	18 / \$100	2016/2017	\$1,675	18 / \$50	
75		\$ 1,725	15 / \$150		\$ 1,725	15 / \$150		\$1,675	15 / \$100	
76		\$ 1,725	11 / \$275		\$ 1,725	11 / \$275		\$1,675	11 / \$225	
77		\$ 1,480	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)		\$ 1,480	135B / \$350 (w/Kitchen)		\$1,430	120B / \$300 (w/Kitchen)	
78										
79	2018/2019	\$ 2,308	12/\$250	2017/2018	\$ 2,198	12/\$250	2016/2017	Same rates as 2015/	15/\$0	
80		\$ 2,308	10/\$400		\$ 2,198	10/\$400		Same plans as 2015/	12/\$300	
81		\$ 2,308	8/\$550		\$ 2,198	8/\$550			10/\$450	
82		\$ 2,308	6/\$700		\$ 2,198	6/\$700			8/\$600	



# Meal Plan Rate Comparision

	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC
1	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	
83		\$ 2,661	14/\$400		\$ 2,198	150B/\$500			6/\$750	
84		\$ 2,661	10/\$700		\$ 2,198	100B/\$700				
85					\$ 2,534	10/\$700				
86										
87	2018/2019	\$ 1,650	19/\$250	2017/2018	\$ 985	100B / \$100	2016/2017	\$ 965	100B / \$100	
88		\$ 1,550	14/\$200		\$ 1,355	85B / \$300		\$ 1,330	85B / \$300	
89		\$ 1,400	12/\$200		\$ 1,505	150B / \$200		\$ 1,475	150B / \$200	
90		\$ 1,100	5/\$500 Apt		\$ 1,420	225B		\$ 1,395	225B	
91					\$ 1,505	225B / \$150		\$ 1,475	225B / \$150	
92	2018/2019	Room & Board	18/\$0	2017/2018	Approx \$3,200/sem	Room/Board together	2016/2017	Approx \$3,100/sem	Room/Board together	
93										
94										
95	2018/2019	Room & Board	19/\$0	2017/2018	\$ 3,535	Room & Board	2016/2017	\$ 3,535	Room & Board	
96										
97										
98	2018/2019	\$ 1,575	3 mls - 5 days 1- Sat & Sun	2017/2018	\$ 1,525	3- 5 days 1- Sat & Sun	2016/2017	\$ 1,475	3- 5 days 1- Sat & Sun	
99										
100										
101		Room & Board	19 & 15 mpw							
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103										
104										
105	2018/2019	Room & Board	Unlimited / \$125	2017/2018	\$ 2,126	Unlimited / \$125	2016/2017	\$2,044	Unlimited / \$125	
106			B135 / \$125		\$ 1,704	B135 / \$125		\$1,638	B135 / \$125	
107			B50 \$125 VMP		\$ 640	B50 \$125 VMP		\$640	B50 \$125 VMP	
108										
109	2018/2019	\$ 2,020	Unlimited / \$50	2017/2018	\$ 1,950	Unlimited / \$50	2016/2017	\$1,880	Unlimited / \$50	
110		\$ 2,020	220B / \$125		\$ 1,950	220B / \$125		\$1,880	220B / \$125	
111		\$ 2,020	150B / \$150		\$ 1,950	150B / \$150		\$1,880	150B / \$150	
112		\$ 960	80B / \$100 - Apt		\$ 960	80B / \$100		\$930	80B / \$100	
113		\$ 750	60B / \$60 - Apt		\$ 760	60B / \$60		\$740	60B / \$60	
114										
115	2018/2019	\$ 2,521	19/\$200 + \$50SC	2017/2018	\$ 2,378	19/\$200 + \$50SC	2016/2017	\$2,378	19/\$200 + \$50SC	
116		\$ 2,398	14/\$150 + \$50SC		\$ 2,262	14/\$150 + \$50SC		\$2,262	14/\$150 + \$50SC	

# Meal Plan Rate Comparision

	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC
1	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	
117	2018/2019	\$ 2,265	10/\$450 + \$50SC	2017/2018	\$ 2,137	10/\$450 + \$50SC	2016/2017	\$2,137	10/\$450 + \$50SC	
118										
119										
120		\$ 2,265	150B/\$200 + \$50SC		\$ 2,137	150B/\$200 + \$50SC		\$2,137	150B/\$200 + \$50SC	
121										
122		\$ 3,206	21 / \$400 / \$50 GD		\$ 3,206	21 / \$400 / \$50 GD		\$3,206	21 / \$400 / \$50 GD	
123		\$ 2,522	17 / \$225 / \$50 GD		\$ 2,522	17 / \$225 / \$50 GD		\$2,522	17 / \$225 / \$50 GD	
124		\$ 2,361	12 / \$400 / \$50 GD		\$ 2,361	12 / \$400 / \$50 GD		\$2,361	12 / \$400 / \$50 GD	
125		\$ 2,715	10 / \$650 / \$50 GD		\$ 2,715	10 / \$650 / \$50 GD		\$2,715	10 / \$650 / \$50 GD	
126		\$ 2,137	8 / \$375 / \$50 GD		\$ 2,137	8 / \$375 / \$50 GD		\$2,137	8 / \$375 / \$50 GD	
127		\$ 2,887	165B / \$500 / \$0 GD		\$ 2,887	165B / \$500 / \$0 GD		\$2,887	165B / \$500 / \$0 GD	
128										
129	2018/2019	\$ 2,032	19/\$0	2017/2018	\$ 2,032	19/\$0	2016/2017	\$ 1,972	19/\$0	
130										
131										
132	2018/2019	\$ 2,530	Unlimited / \$0	2017/2018	\$2,445	Unlimited / \$0	2016/2017	\$2,445	Unlimited / \$0	
133		\$ 2,530	17 / \$200		\$2,445	17 / \$200		\$2,445	17 / \$200	
134		\$ 2,530	14 / \$250		\$2,445	14 / \$250		\$2,445	14 / \$250	
135		\$ 2,530	10 / \$350		\$2,445	10 / \$350		\$2,445	10 / \$350	
136		\$ 2,530	7 / \$500		\$2,445	7 / \$500		\$2,445	7 / \$500	
137										
138										
139										
140	2018/2019	\$ 1,855	?	2017/2018	\$ 1,808	?	2016/2017	\$1,738	???	
141										
142										
143	2018/2019	R&B Combined	19/\$50 ?	2017/2018	?	Room & Board Combined	2016/2017		Room & Board Combined	
144										
145	2018/2019	\$ 1,920	21/\$100							
146		\$ 1,860	18/\$100							
147		\$ 1,940	14/\$200							
148		\$ 2,100	12/\$400							
149		\$ 1,950	12/\$250							
150		\$ 1,330	105B/\$400							
151		\$ 1,140	105B/\$200							
152		\$ 1,050	105B/\$100							
153		\$ 1,105	75B/\$400							
154		\$ 915	75B/\$200							
155		\$ 825	75B/\$100							
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	A	B	C	D	E
1	Private Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	
2					
3	Tulsa	2024 / 2025	\$ 3,483	AA / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900 in DCB	
4			\$ 2,871	12 / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900	
5			Upperclassmen	7 / Choose \$500/\$750/\$900	
6			\$ 2,101	* 80B / \$300 - 3rd+ Option	
7			\$ 1,772	* 45B / \$650 - 3rd+ Option	
8			\$ 300	\$300 DCB/sem - 1st & 2nd Yr Commuter	
9					
10	Tulane	2024 / 2025	\$ 4,055	Unlimited/\$250 Wave/\$25 NOLA\$	
11			\$ 4,055	15/\$400/\$25	
12			\$ 4,055	10/\$750/\$50	
13			\$ 4,055	7/\$1,100/\$50	
14			\$ 5,480	10/\$400 Kosher	
15			\$ 2,135	5 / \$0 - Greek / Special Diet	
16			\$ 1,535	8/ \$0	
17			\$ 875	50B / \$0	
18					
19	TCU	2024 / 2025	\$ 3,150	Unlimited AYCE / 10 exchanges / 5 guest	Mandatory 1st year
20			\$ 2,950	14/\$350 / 7 exchanges	
21			\$ 2,760	7/\$800 / 4 exchanges	
22			\$ 1,150	50B/\$450	
23			\$ 500	50B/\$0 - Employee	
24					
25	Washington Univ	2024 / 2025	\$ 4,023	3,138 Points - All DCB	
26			\$ 3,694	2,809 Points	
27			\$ 3,182	2297 Points	
28			\$ 2,660	1775 Points	
29			\$ 1,198	813 Points - Apt Plan	
30			\$ 744	480 Points - Commuter	
31					
32	University of Denver	2024 / 2025	\$ 6,831	175B / \$300 - Annual / Quarter = \$2,277	
33			\$ 6,501	150B / \$300 - Annual / Quarter = \$2,167	
34			\$ -	125B / \$300 - Annual / Quarter = \$2,072	
35					
36	Rice University	2024 / 2025	\$ 3,050	375B / \$100 Required on campus plan	
37			\$ 935	85B / \$100 - Commuter	
38			\$ 1,700	170B / \$100 - Commuter	
39					
40	SMU	2024 / 2025	\$ 3,400	Unlimited / \$200 / 10 guest	without tax
41			\$ 3,520	Unlimited / \$350 / 10 guest	with tax add 7.76% to rates
42			\$ 3,640	Unlimited / \$500 / 10 guest	
43			\$ 2,085	B150 / \$200 / 10 guest	
44			\$ 2,205	B150 / \$350 / 10 guest	
45			\$ 2,325	B150 / \$500 / 10 guest	
46					
47					
48	ORU	2024 / 2025	\$2,700 / \$2,830*	Unlimited / \$0 - *w/meal trade option	
49			\$2,700 / \$2,830*	17 / \$200	
50			\$2,700 / \$2,830*	14 / \$250	
51			\$2,700 / \$2,830*	10 / \$350	



	A	B	C	D	E
1	Private Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	
52		2024 / 2025	\$2,700 / \$2,830*	7 / \$500	
53			\$1,200 / \$1330*	75B/\$200 Apt Plan	
54			\$1,200 / \$1330*	105B/\$100 Apt Plan	
55					
56	MIT		\$ 3,608	21 / \$0	
57		2024 / 2025	\$ 3,608	B225 / \$150	
58			\$ 3,114	B190 / \$0	
59			\$ 2,781	B160 / \$0	
60					
61	Stanford				
62		2024 / 2025			
63					
64					
65	Liberty		\$ 2,900	Unlimited/\$250DCB/10 exchanges/3 guest	
66				Unlimited/\$350DCB/\$80 Flames/10 exchanges - 3 guests	
67		2024 / 2025			
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Arkansas Schools	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan	Year	Semester Cost	Meal Plan
2							
3	UALR	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,362	Unlimited/\$75	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,245	Unlimited/\$75
4	Sodexo		\$ 2,123	224B/\$500		\$ 2,018	224B/\$500
5			\$ 1,773	128B/\$500		\$ 1,685	128B/\$500
6			\$ 1,166	40B/\$700* (credit hours)		\$ 1,108	40B/\$700* (credit hours)
7							
8	UA - Fayetteville	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,643	Unlimited Plus +\$160 Dining Dollars	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,522	Unlimited Plus +\$160 Dining Dollars
9	Chartwell's		\$ 2,580	Unlimited Plus +\$60 Dining Dollars		\$ 2,462	Unlimited Plus +\$60 Dining Dollars
10			\$ 2,444	15 Meals + \$185		\$ 2,332	15 Meals + \$185
11			\$ 2,375	15 Meals + \$85		\$ 2,266	15 Meals + \$85
12			\$ 1,536	7 Meals + \$135		\$ 2,104	10 Meals + \$135
13				Meal trades are available			Meal trades are available
14							
15	Arkansas State	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,475	7/\$450	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,350	7/\$450
16	Sodexo		\$ 2,385	7/\$300		\$ 2,260	7/\$300
17			\$ 2,385	5/\$400		\$ 2,265	5/\$400
18			\$ 2,030	150Block/\$500		\$ 1,930	150Block/\$500
19			\$ 1,915	115Block/\$700		\$ 1,830	115Block/\$700
20							
21	Central Arkansas	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,075	Total Access w/ \$250 DD	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,969	Total Access w/ \$250 DD
22	Aramark		\$ 2,355	200 Block Plan w/ \$250 DD		\$ 2,235	200 Block Plan w/ \$250 DD
23							
24							
25	Arkansas- Fort Smith	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,200	Unlimtied/ \$250 DD	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,175	Unlimtied/ \$250 DD
26	Chartwells		\$ 2,060	Unlimited / \$75 DD		\$ 2,000	Unlimited / \$75 DD
27			\$ 1,957	220Block / \$150 DD		\$ 1,900	220Block / \$150 DD
28			\$ 1,854	160Block / \$250 DD		\$ 1,800	160Block / \$250 DD
29							
30	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2024 / 2025	\$ -	20 Meal Plan + \$50	2023 / 2024	\$ -	20 Meal Plan + \$50
31	Aramark		\$ -	15 Meal Plan + \$200		\$ -	15 Meal Plan + \$200
32			\$ -	10 Meal Plan + \$275		\$ -	10 Meal Plan + \$275
33							
34	Henderson State	2024 / 2025	\$ 1,850	19Meal Plan +\$75	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,870	19Meal Plan +\$75
35	Sodexo		\$ 1,500	10Meal Plan + \$175		\$ 1,850	15Meal Plan + \$200
36			\$ -	DCB is \$for\$		\$ 675	5 / \$50
37							
38	SAU-Magnolia	2024 / 2025	\$ 1,965	Unlimited Plan + \$250	2023 / 2024	\$ 1,880	Unlimited Plan + \$250
39	Aramark		\$ 1,926	Unlimited Plan + \$200		\$ 1,843	Unlimited Plan + \$200
40			\$ 1,868	14 Meal Plan + \$175		\$ 1,788	14 Meal Plan + \$175
41							
42	UA - Monticello	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,325	Unlimited / \$300	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,025	Unlimited / \$115
43	Aramark		\$ 2,125	Unlimited / \$125		\$ 1,995	15 / \$150
44			\$ 2,075	14 / \$150		\$ 1,925	10 / \$200
45							
46	Arkansas Tech	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,225	Unlimited / \$175	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,056	Unlimited / \$175
47	Chartwells		\$ 2,032	210B / \$175		\$ 1,879	210B / \$175
48			\$ 1,907	10 / \$175		\$ 1,764	10 / \$175
49							
50	Private						
51							

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
52	<b>Harding</b>	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,250	Unlimited / \$100	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,628	Unlimited / \$300
53	Chartwells		\$ 2,225	15/\$100		\$ 2,060	12 / \$275
54			\$ 1,900	10/\$150		\$ 1,799	8 / \$350
55			\$ 1,025	B75 / \$135		\$ 1,060	59B / \$300
56			\$ 650	B50 / \$50		\$ -	
57							
58	<b>John Brown</b>	2024 / 2025	\$ 3,009	All Access / \$0	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,928	All Access / \$0
59	Creative Dining		\$ 2,776	19 / \$0		\$ 2,702	19 / \$0
60			\$ 2,660	14 / \$0		\$ 2,589	14 / \$0
61			\$ 1,215	7 / \$0 (Special Hall)		\$ 1,182	7 / \$0 (Special Hall)
62							
63	<b>Hendrix</b>	2024 / 2025	\$ 3,650	Unlimited	2023 / 2024	\$ 3,600	Unlimited
64	Self Op		\$ -	10 Meals per week (Apts)		?	10 Meals per week (Apts)
65			\$ -	85B (Apts)		?	85B (Apts)
66							
67	<b>Ouchita Baptist</b>	2024 / 2025		Room & Board Combined	2023 / 2024		Room & Board Combined
68	Sodexo			Estimated at @\$2,500 for Dining			Estimated at @\$2,500 for Dining
69							
70	<b>Williams Baptist</b>	2024 / 2025		Room & Board Combined	2023 / 2024		Room & Board Combined
71	Fresh Ideas/Chartwells			Estimated at @\$2,127 for Basic MP			Estimated at @\$2,127 for Basic MP
72							
73	<b>Lyon College</b>	2024 / 2025	\$ 2,490	14 / \$50	2023 / 2024	\$ 2,490	14 / \$50
74	Fresh Ideas						

## SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 31, 2025

	TRAVEL THIS MONTH		CORRESPONDING MONTH LAST FISCAL YEAR		AMOUNT EXPENDED CURRENT		AMOUNT EXPENDED PRIOR	
FUND SOURCE	NO. OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NO. OF TRIPS	AMOUNT EXPENDED	NO. OF TRIPS	FISCAL YEAR	NO. OF TRIPS	FISCAL YEAR
ST. APPROP.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 3,418.38	1	\$ 6,247.94
FEDERAL	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 10,159.79	1	\$ 10,525.74
PRIVATE	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
AUXILIARY	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
OTHER	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
TOTAL	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	3	\$ 13,578.17	2	\$ 16,773.68



## **V. LANGSTON UNIVERSITY, LANGSTON, OKLAHOMA**

President Ruth Ray Jackson and other members of the administration came before the Board to review the Agenda and present the business of Langston University (LU). (The LU Agenda is attached to this section and considered a part of these minutes.)

### **A-1 Remarks by President Ruth Ray Jackson**

President Jackson thanked the OSU staff for their hospitality when hosting all the board meetings and related events over the past few months. She said she is looking forward to returning to the panhandle for the next board meeting at OPSU.

She was unable to attend the dinner last night because she and LU's V.P. for Operations, Mrs. Theresa Powell, were out of state filming a nationally syndicated television (TV) show that is doing a feature on LU. The show will air on the Lifetime TV network on the anticipated date of April 28th. She said they were very excited to tell the story of LU in this way.

President Jackson said LU is halfway through its spring semester. Students are completing their mid-term exams and the second session of eight-week classes will begin next week. Some of the most exciting news the LU administration has received in the last few weeks is that the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education (Carnegie) designated LU as a 2025 Carnegie Research Colleges and Universities (RCU), making it one of only 216 institutions across the country to have this designation. There are seven institutions in OK with Carnegie research designations, three of which are in the A&M System: LU, OSU-Center for Health Sciences (CHS), and OSU. LU is one of only two institutions in OK to receive the RCU designation in 2025, the other being UCO. To receive Carnegie's RCU designation, an institution's research expenditures must average at least \$2.5 million annually over a three-year period. Based on fiscal years (FY) 2021, 2022, and 2023, LU averaged \$7.7 million in research expenditures, with over \$10 million in grant funding secured in FY 2023. LU's research is funded through grants secured by its talented researchers, scientists, and faculty. The University is the third highest research producer among public higher education institutions in OK, following the two flagship institutions, OSU and the University of Oklahoma (OU). She said she is very proud of all who contributed to that success.

Regarding athletics, President Jackson said the LU Basketball Teams have continued their success. The Women's Basketball Team (Lady Lions) secured the regular season's championship with an overall record of 29-2 and a conference record of 22-2. The Men's Basketball Team (Lions) fought through the flu and injuries to finish the season with a conference record of 17-7 and an overall record of 24-7. President Jackson said LU was proud to serve as the host for the 2025 Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) Tournament for both the men's and women's brackets. The last basketball game of that tournament was this past Tuesday, and they celebrated Men's Basketball Head Coach Chris Wright for reaching a significant milestone by earning his 300th win that night. She said she is thrilled to report that both the Lady Lions and the Lions earned the Championship title in their respective divisions at the SAC Tournament. President Jackson said an announcement

was made last night that more good news is in store for LU Athletics. LU's Lions and Lady Lions not only advanced to playoffs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), but LU will serve as the host site for the first round games of the NAIA Tournament next Friday and Saturday.

There will be more activities taking place on the Langston campus next week, including the annual LU Founders' Day Program. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Makola Abdullah, who is President of another 1890 land-grant institution, Virginia State University (VSU). President Abdullah will speak on the enduring legacy and the impact of John Mercer Langston, for whom the city of Langston, OK, and LU are named. Mr. Langston was the first president of VSU and the founding dean of the law school at Howard University. She said she is excited for those connections to be outlined for the LU community. The festivities next week will close with the Investiture Ceremony on Friday, March 14th, at 2:00 p.m. in the I.W. Young Auditorium on the Langston campus, followed by a campus-wide reception. She said she hopes any Regents whose schedules allow will attend that event. She expressed appreciation to her fellow institutional presidents in the A&M System who have been so supportive and encouraging to her throughout her entire journey as President of LU, and she looks forward to their continued friendship.

#### A-1.a. Overview of 'E Roar Digital Publication

President Jackson referenced the '*E Roar*' publication and drew attention to the story on page 3, which covers the history of LU beginning with the founding of the Town of Langston City, and the subsequent efforts of its citizens to create opportunities for education by founding an institution that later became known as LU. There is a nod to women's history month on pages 4 and 5, with a story about the Student Government Association's (SGA) V.P., Ms. Elise Thompson, who was also a George Nigh Scholar. There are stories featuring the newly crowned 79th Miss LU, Amya Jamison from Tulsa, OK, and the 41st Mr. LU, Christion Gause, who is an agribusiness major from Dallas, TX. She encouraged the Regents to read the stories in this edition of '*E Roar*' and enjoy the many photographs within from Black History Month celebrations not only within the LU campus community, but throughout OK.

#### D-1 Approval of personnel actions

President Jackson said the personnel actions include several action and informational items. One informational item is the retirement of Dr. Vernon Jones who is an Associate Professor within the Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. Dr. Jones has faithfully served LU and its land-grant mission for over 40 years.

Regent Hall moved and Regent Franklin seconded to approve Item D-1 as presented in the LU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

D-2 Approval to engage with an executive search firm for the recruitment of two academic dean positions

D-3 Approval to post position descriptions for two academic dean positions

President Jackson said these Items were discussed with members of the AAPP Committee. AAPP Committee Chair Callahan said the Committee recommends Board approval for LU to proceed with dean searches for the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences, as outlined in Items D-2 and D-3.

Regent Callahan moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve Section D, Items 2 and 3 of the LU Agenda, as presented.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

I-1 Approval to solicit public bids and process a purchase order to the awarded vendor for replacement of selected stairwells in Scholars' Inn Apartments on the Langston Campus

President Jackson said this Item was discussed with members of the FACS Committee. FACS Committee Member Taylor said the Committee recommends Board approval for LU to solicit public bids for the replacement of stairwells in the Scholars' Inn Apartments as indicated in Item I-1.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Arthur seconded to approve Item I-1 as presented in the LU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

J-1 Approval for the Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to purchase a DairySpec and SomaCount machine from Bentley Instruments

Regent Arthur moved and Regent Taylor seconded to approve Item J-1 as presented in the LU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Regent Franklin said President Jackson was too modest to make this announcement, but he wants to recognize her publicly for recently being named one of Oklahoma's most powerful and influential Black figures by *The Black Chronicle* magazine. (*President Jackson was recognized with applause.*)

President Jackson thanked Regent Franklin for his remarks and said it was an honor for her to be recognized in this way, but more importantly, it was an opportunity for her to continue to tell the story of LU.

The business of LU being concluded, President Jackson and other members of the University's administration were excused from the meeting.





## LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Langston, Oklahoma

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma A&M

Colleges

March 7, 2025

Dear Board Members:

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Chief Procurement Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

### **A - GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Remarks by President Ruth Ray Jackson
  - a. Overview of 'E Roar Digital Publication

### **B – RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

### **C - POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

*None*

### **D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

1. Board approval is requested for personnel actions including appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title or rate, personnel leaves, etc. Personnel items not requiring action by the Board including resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirements, etc. are provided for informational purposes only. (*Reference Document D-1*)
2. Approval is requested to engage with an executive search firm for the recruitment of two academic dean positions. (*Reference Document D-2*)
3. Board Approval is requested to post position descriptions for two academic dean positions. (*Reference Document D-3*)

### **E - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

*None*

**F - BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

*None*

**G - OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

*None*

**H - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)**

*None*

**I - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

1. Approval is respectfully requested to solicit public bids and process a purchase order to the awarded vendor for replacement of selected stairwells in Scholars' Inn Apartments on the Langston Campus. *(Reference Document I-1)*

**J - PURCHASE REQUESTS**

1. Approval is requested for the Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to purchase a DairySpec and SomaCount machine from Bentley Instruments. *(Reference Document J-1)*

**K - STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

*None*

**L - NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED**

*None*

**M - OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

1. Quarterly FTE Report for period ending December 31, 2024 *(Reference Document M-1)*

All items listed above are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Ray Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ruth Ray Jackson, Ph.D.  
President

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1897 UNITED:  
HONORING BLACK HISTORY, TOGETHER.







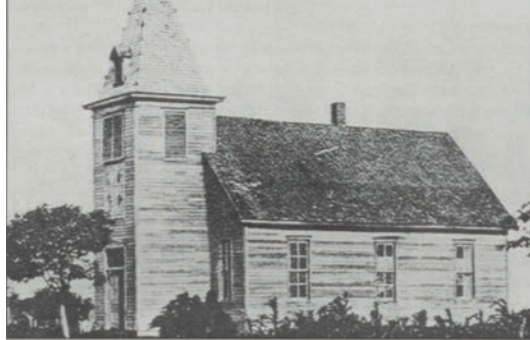
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## EDUCATION FOR SERVICE: THE HISTORY OF LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Langston City was established on April 22, 1890, as one of several all-Black towns in the Oklahoma Territory. Two years later, three members of the city approached the Oklahoma Industrial School and College Commission to petition for Langston to have a college because African Americans were not permitted to attend any of the institutions of higher education in Oklahoma.

Eventually, Territorial Governor William Gary Renfrow relented and proposed a reform bill establishing the school. Founded as a land grant college through the Morrill Act of 1890, the Colored Agricultural and Normal University was established by House Bill 151 on March 12, 1897.

The purpose of the university was to instruct “both male and female Colored persons in the art of teaching various branches which pertain to common school education and in such higher education as may be deemed advisable, and in the fundamental laws of the United States in the rights and duties of citizens in the agricultural, mechanical and industrial arts.”

Despite the townspeople’s victory in establishing the school, there were still hurdles to overcome before the university could officially open. One stipulation of House Bill 151 was that citizens of Langston had to purchase the land on which the college would be built. They held picnics, auctions and bake sales to raise money, and the land was purchased within a year by Black settlers determined to provide an opportunity for higher education for their children.

On September 3, 1898, the school was opened in a Presbyterian Church in Langston with an initial budget of \$5,000 (equal to about \$190,000 in 2025).

The Colored Agricultural and Normal University drew students from all over the Territory, and in 1941 the school was renamed Langston University after John Mercer Langston, a black Virginia educator prominent in public affairs who organized the first Department of Law at Howard University, eventually serving as its vice president

and acting president. He later served as President of Virginia State University.

Despite facing early adversity, Langston University, its faculty, staff and students, members of the Town of Langston City and its community persevered. Langston University would not be here today without their continued support.

This year, Langston University celebrates its 128th anniversary.

Throughout its history, Langston University has produced alumni who blaze trails and break down barriers. Alumni like Bessie Coleman, the first African American and first known Native American to earn a pilot license; Clara Luper, whose organized sit-in movement in Oklahoma City helped inspire a national fight for civil rights; and Dr. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, whose tenacity and courage helped bring an end to segregation in Oklahoma higher education. These are only a few examples of Dear Langston’s impact on state and national history.

And we are just getting started. Langston University continues to sit “high on a throne with royal mien,” inspiring leaders, innovators and trailblazers of the future.

To all Lion alumni, you have laid the foundation for Langston University’s continued success in educating the future. Your perseverance and hard work have left an indelible mark not only on Langston University, but the world.

To all current Lions, you stand on the shoulders of giants. You determine the pathways Langston University takes into the future, and your work now will impact the thousands of students that will come after you.

To all future Lions, we can’t wait to meet you. You are who we strive to be better for every day.



## **WOMEN LEADERS FIND THEIR STRIDE AT LANGSTON UNIVERSITY**

There are over 70 registered student organizations at Langston University offering students chances to find communities with like-minded interests and, for those willing to seek them, opportunities for leadership. From Greek Life to the English Club, there is always a need for campus leaders, and the Office of Student Life works hard to provide mentorship and learning opportunities to develop these students' leadership skills.

Dr. A. Dominique Williams, the assistant dean for the Office of Student Life, tries to connect students not only with each other but also with resources that can help them be successful. For her, honing students' leadership abilities is an important part of preparing them for their future careers, and she emphasizes that anyone willing to put in the work can become a leader, regardless of race or gender.

“Even though it’s 2025, there are still a lot of places in corporate America, non-profits, multiple different industries where Black women and women of color are not given leadership roles,” Dr. Williams said. “So, it’s really important to show our students, ‘You can be a leader. You absolutely can be in these rooms and be at these tables, and this is how you can lead in these spaces.’”

Lady Lions all over campus prove every day that women can be leaders. Let’s meet a few of the young women leading at Dear Langston.

**BY ELLIE MELERO**



## ELISE THOMPSON

### SGA VICE PRESIDENT

Elise Thompson has always been civically engaged.

An Oklahoma City native, Thompson didn't always feel like she fit in at the Dove Science Academy where she went to school, so from a young age, she sought out different avenues to try to find her place. She ended up joining youth leadership programs, which is how she first met Anastasia Pittman, a former state senator, former state representative and a Langston University alumna.

Pittman's work for Oklahoma's 99th District inspired Thompson, and Pittman became her mentor. Working with Pittman and learning about government helped Thompson realize that was what she wanted to do when she grew up: serve her community as the State Representative for the 99th District. That's the goal she's still working toward.

After high school, Thompson came to Langston University as a McCabe Scholar studying accounting and immediately joined the LU Student Government Association (SGA). She ran for freshman class president and tied the race before losing by three votes in the runoff election. Instead of discouraging her from pursuing future leadership positions, the loss motivated her to work on herself and develop her skills for next time.

"That was a turning point for me," Thompson said. "That just made me want to work harder. I saw the people who did have those positions and used them as inspiration. Even though I didn't win, I made sure that I stayed around so I could learn."

As an SGA senator, Thompson helped lobby Langston University administration to raise the fall bursar balance cap for spring enrollment from \$200 to \$1,000, allowing many students to continue their studies without having to take a semester off. As the SGA Vice President, Thompson helped register over 200 LU students to vote in the 2024 presidential election, and she attended OSRHE's Student Advisory Council. She is currently helping plan Alternative Spring Break, which is a student community service trip to Washington D.C.

"I can see that my work is not done in vain," Thompson said. "I actually do have an impact on people, on my community."

Her hard work has earned her opportunities outside of LU, too. She was invited to attend the Oklahoma City Police Department Youth Leadership Academy where she was able to build a working relationship with Police Chief Ron Bacy, and she received a George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship to represent Langston University at the Nigh Institute. Additionally, she has been an intern for Rep. Ajay Pittman for the past 6 years.

Thompson is aware she still has a lot of room to grow as a leader, but she's proud of how far she's come and how much she's been able to accomplish during her time at Dear Langston. She is constantly learning from those around her, and she's doing it all so she can one day use all she's learned to help improve her community in east Oklahoma City.

"I want to help my community be able to thrive," Thompson said. "Even if it's something small, knowing that I'm able to help someone really just fills my heart, and that's what keeps me going."





# NADIA MOORELAND

## CO-FOUNDER OF LU ATHLETICS SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

Nadia Mooreland lives her life by Habakkuk 2:2: “Write it down, make it plain.”

For Mooreland, the first step to achieving a goal is to write it down. The second step is to put in the work. Her hard work and dedication have transformed the Langston University Department of Athletics’ approach to social media.

Mooreland transferred to Langston University as a broadcast journalism major in Fall 2022 after running track at Oklahoma Baptist University for three years and taking a gap year to focus on her mental health. Growing up in Cushing, Oklahoma, without many Black peers or role models, Mooreland felt an immediate sense of belonging when she arrived on the Langston University campus, and that motivated her to seek out ways to get involved.

She pondered how she could combine her interests in sports and social media with her desire to find a way to give back to the university, and then she came across the LUBOys TikTok account. The page, run by her fellow broadcast journalism students as part of a class project, was filled with interviews and highlight reels of the LU football team.

“I was thinking to myself, ‘Man, it would be cool if we could do this but for all the sports programs,’” Mooreland said.

The idea stayed in the back of her mind until one Fried Chicken Wednesday that spring when her sister introduced her to Quinzaria Tatum. Tatum had a similar interest in revamping Athletics’ social media, and Mooreland knew she had found someone to help bring her idea to life. They met up again a few weeks later, and Mooreland brought a notebook filled with ideas to use social media to bring attention to LU athletes. To her delight, Tatum had done the same.

For the past two years they have co-led the 15-person social media team, creating content and managing the Instagram and Facebook accounts for all eight sports teams. The team has received lots of positive feedback from LU students and alumni, and coaches now use the content they create for recruitment. LU Athletics’ online exposure and engagement has increased exponentially; one of their football videos has over 600,000 views and earned dozens of ‘follows’ from high school football players.

“Langston University doesn’t get a lot of good press, but I like to call it the Hidden Gem of Oklahoma,” Mooreland said. “If you look inside that Hidden Gem, you see the talented, motivated, hardworking and passionate future leaders of America just killing the game at Langston University. And we just wanted to show exposure to our HBCU, one post at a time.”

Part of Mooreland’s original vision included increasing Athletics’ media and community engagement, and she has been spearheading the team’s media relations and brand storytelling. She organizes media days for every sport and promotes theme nights for home games, and this year she started conducting post-game press conferences and half-time reports for men’s and women’s basketball.

Mooreland has learned and grown a lot from leading the social media team, but she is now facing her biggest challenge yet: letting go. As she prepares to graduate this July, she is mentoring and training the underclassmen on the social media team to take over for next year.

“It’s kind of hard starting a legacy but then coming to the realization, ‘Dang, I have to leave it,’” Mooreland said. “We have to give it to the younger people so they can put their own twist on it, and they can continue the legacy.”





## CAMBRIE CANNON

### LU STUDENT AMBASSADORS

For Cambrie Cannon, confidence is key in leadership.

A junior double majoring in corrections and broadcast journalism, Cannon has learned a lot about leadership since high school. Growing up in Oklahoma City, she always had examples of strong leaders thanks to the many military service members in her family, including her father who served in the Army National Guard, Army and Army Reserves. As she neared her high school graduation, she knew she wanted to serve her country, but she also knew she wanted to pursue a higher education.

Luckily for her, it didn't have to be one or the other.

Cannon enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard after graduation and attended basic training that summer. In the fall, she accepted a Regent Scholarship to attend Langston University.

"I find myself following in my dad's footsteps," Cannon said. "He also served, and he also attended Langston."

At first Cannon felt odd being an active-duty service member in school, but she was quickly able to find community among her fellow Lions. As she became more comfortable, she started getting more involved on campus. She became an LU Student Ambassador, joined the Student Government Association and became an active member of the Legal Lions, a club for pre-law students. As she got more involved, she began to take on leadership roles within these student organizations.

Cannon is the Constitution Revision Chair for the LU Student Ambassadors, the CivicVoice Chair in the SGA Senate and the Public Relations Chair for the Legal Lions. In the National Guard, she has earned the rank of Specialist and works in Public Affairs.

"These positions are really shaping me as a leader, and I'm definitely going to carry these skills and traits on when I go to law school," Cannon said. "The skills that Langston is teaching me now are going to make me a better leader. I feel like the skills that you develop here, they're skills that you can't get anywhere else."

Cannon knows the lessons she has learned in both the military and as a student have been building off each other, enabling her to better serve in each of her respective positions. Her experience in the military has given her the confidence to trust herself and her abilities, while her experiences at Dear Langston have given her the confidence to be creative in her problem solving, use her resources and interact with authority figures.

When Cannon finishes her degree, she plans to go to law school, though she is unsure whether she would like to go into criminal or family law or pursue a career as a Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) officer. Whatever path she chooses, she knows she's prepared.

"Langston is giving me that confidence as a woman and as a minority to go after these positions," Cannon said. "I'm not scared to apply for promotion boards, I'm not scared to communicate with my higher ups. I'm used to Langston pushing me to take on these positions. So, when it comes having the confidence to go after something that I want, Langston has given me the confidence to do that."



# SHINING RESILIENCY:

## BRIANNA CAMPBELL'S JOURNEY BACK TO LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

BY JET TURNER

Brianna Campbell had not felt well in weeks.

An apple here, a smoothie there; that was all she could muster to eat. Not feeling well has been common to Campbell since she was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at 13 years old, but something this time felt a little “off.”

Campbell, who was 19 years old at the time, was in the process of switching from her pediatric endocrinologist to an adult endocrinologist and was having difficulties getting the supplies she needed for her diabetes. Her blood sugar was high for several days and she had no idea.

With midterms coming up, she didn't really have time to think about it.

Campbell had not attended class in-person for about two weeks, as professors were hosting remote classes due to the spread of COVID-19. Hardly leaving her dorm, how she felt wasn't really a concern to her at the time.

She woke up on Sept. 20, 2023, less than ready to take her English midterm.

“I woke up not feeling good at all,” Campbell said. “I was out of breath, breathing very, very hard trying to get dressed and get down the stairs to get to my car.”

She parked in front of Jones Hall on Langston University's campus. Just getting out of the vehicle and walking into the building was exhausting.

Campbell sat at a desk and, as soon as the professor passed the exams out, she hurried to the bathroom to throw up.

“That's probably not a good sign, but I have to take this midterm,” Campbell said.

She found her way back to class, but not long after sweating over the exam she had to go back to the restroom. Stumbling down the hallway this time, she just made it to the bathroom door before passing out.



Not long afterward, a friend of Campbell's found her. She was already waking up but didn't have enough strength to stand. Campbell's friend went to find her professor, and the professor called 911.

Paramedics arrived and took Campbell to the hospital. Her professor followed to ensure she was OK. They alerted her roommate, who called Campbell's parents and let them know what was happening.

Campbell was admitted to the emergency room, and the tests began.

She was immediately tested for COVID-19, which came back positive. Her blood sugar level was also around 600 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL), about six times higher than the norm. Most surprising, they found her hemoglobin levels to be at a 4, when the normal range is about 12-15 for adult women. A blood transfusion was needed.

"I signed my own consent form for a blood transfusion at 19 years old," Campbell said. "I sign it, then turn to my professor and ask, 'What is a blood transfusion?'"



About the same time as she was admitted into the hospital, Campbell's parents arrived.

The next several hours were a blur of CT scans and blood work as doctors worked to get to the root of what was making Campbell so sick. That night she stayed in the hospital for monitoring.

She awoke early the next morning, and soon a doctor was in to give the prognosis. Campbell called her parents on the phone so they could receive the news at the same time.

"They think it's leukemia," Campbell said.

She was transferred to Oklahoma Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City that morning. The next day, Campbell had a bone marrow biopsy to determine if she had leukemia. After the procedure, she slept the rest of the day.



The next day the doctors came back and said leukemia was off the table. They now thought it was myelodysplastic syndrome.

According to Mayo Clinic, "Myelodysplastic syndromes are a group of disorders caused by blood cells that are poorly formed or don't work properly. Myelodysplastic syndromes result from something amiss in the spongy material inside your bones where blood cells are made (bone marrow)."

A bone marrow transplant is the only potential cure for myelodysplastic syndrome. During the transplant, a high dose of chemotherapy drugs is used to clean out defective red blood cells from the bone marrow.

After the transplant you have a brand-new immune system, and your body needs time to not only adjust to it, but to isolate so you don't get sick.

This was what potentially awaited Campbell as she left the hospital six days later to head back to Keller, Texas. Campbell, with the help of her parents, decided to withdraw from Langston University because there was no telling how long this process would take.

On Oct. 20, 2023, one month after she passed out during her midterm, she got the results.

It turned out Campbell didn't have myelodysplastic syndrome, or anything nearly as serious. Campbell has pernicious anemia, a rare B12 vitamin deficiency where her body cannot absorb the vitamin through food, which can be easily treated with supplements, shots, a diet change and other simple measures depending on the severity.

Campbell and her parents were relieved.



these things I might have before the tests were official,” Campbell said.

Because of what she went through, Campbell decided to change her major and pursue a degree in nursing. Campbell began taking online classes at the University of Texas at Arlington to not fall behind, but she quickly became frustrated with the pace of her education. She was progressing slower than she wanted and missed the social aspect of college she had come to love at Langston University.

Campbell began considering her options. Should she go back to Langston University? Enroll in another college in-person? Or should she continue online? Her parents were hoping that, whatever decision she made, Campbell would remain close to home after all she went through.

Campbell was returning to Langston University often in the months following her pernicious anemia diagnosis to see her friends.

“I was just really missing Langston at this point,” Campbell said. “I would come (to Langston University) for days on end, and they would go to class, and I’d be like, ‘I wish I had classes to go to.’”

Langston University President Ruth Ray Jackson had been in contact with Campbell and her family during this whole process, even visiting Campbell in the hospital. Dr. Jackson and Campbell’s mother had remained in contact, and Campbell began emailing and texting Dr. Jackson about possibly returning to Dear Langston.

Dr. Jackson helped Campbell find the proper offices and people to begin the re-enrollment process.

Campbell eventually told her parents she wanted to go back to Langston University as a student.

“When they asked why, I told them that I never believed Langston University was a steppingstone,” Campbell said. “I don’t believe it was ever a wrong choice. I think that it is the first decision that I made as an adult to go to this university. I decided to move out of state, I decided to come to this university. I decided to go to

an HBCU, and it’s a decision that never felt wrong to me. I want to honor that decision from my younger self, that first decision I made as an adult.”

Campbell returned to Langston University in the Fall of 2024. Now a sophomore, she’s made it a point to get the most out of her experience the second time around.

She is excelling in her nursing classes and hopes to be helping people just like her as soon as possible. Additionally, Campbell competed in the Alpha Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. 2024–2025 Miss Krimson and Kream pageant that returning semester, winning the title of Miss Alpha Pi.

“I think having to leave and come back, you are able to appreciate Langston more,” Campbell said. “I think I’ve done 10 times more things than I would have done if I had just gone through normally. When I came back, I wanted to get out there, meet people, join things.

“You don’t realize what you have until you lose it.”







## ‘IT’S MY TURN:’

### Amya Jamison is 79th Miss Langston University

Amya Jamison fell in love with Langston University when she was 12 years old.

Born and raised in Tulsa in a tight-knit family, Jamison first visited the Langston campus to visit her aunt, Courtney Johnson, who was a student. It didn’t take her long to decide Dear Langston was where she was meant to be.

“I immediately fell in love, and I told everyone, ‘I’m going to Langston University,’” Jamison said. “There was no changing my mind. So, it’s really kind of amazing that even when I was 12 years old and didn’t really know any better, that that feeling has still stuck with me to this day.”

After that visit, she couldn’t wait to go to college. She looked forward to joining the Marching Pride and finding other ways to get involved in campus life, and her excitement only grew as time went on. She was a senior in high school the first time she considered competing for Miss Langston University.

Jamison came across Diva Hunt, the 76th Miss Langston University, while doing research on LU’s programs and thought to herself that it would be cool to do that one day. The idea stuck with her as she officially entered the Lion Pride as a quadruple major in corrections, criminal justice, general studies and sociology, and her freshman year she competed in the Miss Langston University Marching Pride Pageant. Over the past year, she admired the work A’lexis Wells did in her role as the 78th Miss Langston University, and she decided that this year it was finally time for her to enter the pageant.

“After some reflection I was like, ‘It’s something that you’ve told yourself you wanted to do, so why not just go for it?’” Jamison said. “Langston is near and dear to my heart, and this is a chance to not only represent it here, but also to the outside world.”

After months of preparation, Jamison won the pageant on Sunday, Feb. 9, and officially began her reign as the 79th Miss Langston University.

She ran on the platform “One Heart, One Sound: Empowering Everyone to Hit the Right Notes.” Her goal is to provide everyone with an opportunity to have community because she believes having connections with other people is the key to success not just in education but also in life. She plans to start by having conversations with her fellow students about what they need and then work with organizations on and off campus to find solutions.

As she acclimates to her new title, Jamison is eager to get started. In addition to enacting her platform, she is ready to begin her work as a representative of Dear Langston to the public. She hopes that during her reign she can show people why Langston University is so important and what makes it so special for all who enter the Lion Pride.

“To me, to be the next Miss Langston University means to build off of the people and the legacy that came before me,” Jamison. “There were 78 incredible women who held this title before me, and now it’s my turn.”





## HIS OWN LEGACY:

### Chistian Gause is 41st Mr. Langston University

Christion Gause has been struggling with the idea of legacy.

The agro business major and computer science minor is only a sophomore and has already accomplished much in his almost two years at Langston University. Last year he became the 14th Mr. Orange and Blue, a pageant title exclusive to freshmen. He also became involved in the Student Government Association.

It sounds like he's off to a great start, right? For anyone else, it would be. But Gause has some big shoes to fill.

Gause's brother O'Riyan graduated from Langston University in May 2023, and was the 38th Mr. Langston University. O'Riyan left a long lasting and memorable legacy on campus, and Gause is trying to find his way out of his brother's shadow.

"O'Riyan left the year I was coming in," Gause said. "Trying to distinguish myself from him has been difficult."

But Gause has already begun forging a different path through Langston University.

The Mr. Orange and Blue pageant was an event for which O'Riyan did not compete. Additionally, Gause is overseeing SGA's student internship program, which will ensure freshmen and underclassmen are prepared for higher positions later in their academic careers. This program teaches its participants how to balance budgets, plan events and maintain engagement.

But Gause did decide to do something his brother did, albeit a year earlier than O'Riyan, and participate in the Mr. Langston University pageant, winning the crown on Feb. 7, 2025.

Gause and O'Riyan have etched their names in history as the first pair of brothers to ever hold the title. Gause also becomes only the fourth sophomore to ever win the pageant.

"There are points in time during my matriculation at Langston that I deal with imposter syndrome, trying to identify who I am away from my older brother," Gause said. "When I first got here, I was called names like OJ (O'Riyan Junior) and had been branded in many ways with the same characteristics as my brother.

"It was difficult at first, but I've learned to embrace it and where I'm from."

Gause ran on the platform "One Book, One World," an effort to help children with learning disabilities overcome their challenges, especially when it comes to reading.

Gause didn't realize he had dyslexia until he was 19 years old.

Before his diagnosis, Gause remembers being taken out of English classes to improve his reading skills in remedial classes, even though he was excelling in his math classes.

Now, he has the tools to help himself overcome his dyslexia, and he wants to help others do the same.

"You can simply guide children where they can read more often," Gause said. "Guide them into platforms where dyslexia or other learning disabilities are more embraced, and they are given media that they actually enjoy.

"If I could give that same passion to a younger child who has dyslexia or maybe ADHD, we can improve their reading from a young age."

Ultimately, that's what it's all about for Gause and his family; helping those who come after them.

"That is the foundation of our community," Gause said. "Somebody before me was thinking about me. That's why I am allowed to be here and attend this university, and I want to do that for those who come next."





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**D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Personnel actions pertaining to appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes title or rank, personnel leaves, etc.

Board approval is requested for the following personnel actions:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Salary/Rate</b>
Dr. Atashia Muhammad	Change in salary and title <b>from</b> Research Assistant Professor <b>to</b> Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Rehabilitation Counseling	01/02/2025	\$60,094 annually (12-month basis)
Dr. Edward Manyibe	Change in salary with no change in title	05/01/2024	\$88,121.97 annually (12-month basis)
Dr. Nancy Riddick	Employ as Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Rehabilitation Counseling	01/06/2025	\$60,359 annually (12-month basis)
Dr. Chukwuebuka Ezeakacha	Employ as Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Music & Director of Choral Activities	01/06/2025	\$58,000 annually (9-month basis)
Dr. Ryan Johnson	Employ as Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Chemistry	01/13/2025	\$57,680 annually (9-month basis)
Ciara Graham	Employ as Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure Track) of English	01/07/2025	\$52,000 annually (9-month basis)

The following personnel items are listed for informational purposes only:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Service Time</b>
Alonzo Talton	Instructor of Social Sciences	Resignation	12/31/2024	07/25/2022-12/31/2024
Catherine Kindt	Assistant Professor of Nursing	Resignation	01/06/2025	07/29/2024-01/06/2025
Kacie Dentleegrand	Post Doc, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences	Resignation	01/10/2025	05/01/2023-01/10/2025
Dr. Vernon Jones	Associate Professor, Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Science	Retirement	01/20/2025	09/01/1984-01/20/2025

**D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

2. Approval is requested to engage with an executive search firm for the recruitment of two academic dean positions.

- Dean, School of Arts and Sciences
- Dean, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Langston University will engage with the Office of Central Procurement to select an executive search partner from the list of approved firms. The search will be facilitated through the Division of Academic Affairs in close coordination with the Office of Central Procurement. The Office of Central Procurement will assist in the review and approval of all contracts associated with the search process before final acceptance, ensuring compliance with procurement policy and securing best value for Langston University.



## **D - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

3. Approval is requested to post the enclosed position descriptions announcing formal searches to fill both positions permanently:

- Dean, School of Arts and Sciences
- Dean, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

The positions will be vacant at the close of the Spring 2025 semester following retirements.

Both position descriptions have been vetted through the Division of Academic Affairs and have been approved by the Office of Legal Counsel.

The position descriptions are enclosed in their entirety for review and approval.

**Job Title: Dean, School of Arts and Sciences****Location:** Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma**Position Type:** Full-Time, Administrative**Position Overview**

Langston University is seeking an accomplished and visionary leader to serve as the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. The Dean will provide strategic direction, leadership, and administrative oversight for the school, ensuring academic excellence and fostering a culture of research, innovation, and student success. The School of Arts and Sciences is home to a wide array of programs and departments that are integral to the university's mission. The Dean will be responsible for advancing the academic, research, and service goals of the school, as well as supporting faculty development and enhancing student outcomes.

**Departments within the School of Arts and Sciences**

- **Department of Biology:** The Department of Biology offers a comprehensive curriculum that prepares students for careers in healthcare, environmental science, biotechnology, and research. The department emphasizes a hands-on, research-driven approach to biological sciences, with opportunities for students to engage in laboratory work and field studies.
- **Department of Physical Science:** This department includes programs in chemistry, physics, and earth sciences. Students are prepared for careers in science, research, education, and industry through rigorous coursework and laboratory experiences. The department focuses on fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the physical sciences.
- **Department of Mathematics:** The Department of Mathematics provides a strong foundation in mathematical theory, applied mathematics, and statistics. Students develop analytical and quantitative skills that prepare them for careers in education, data science, engineering, and technology. The department also supports other disciplines through its service courses.
- **Department of Engineering Technology:** This department offers programs in engineering technology with a focus on practical, hands-on learning. Students gain skills in areas such as electronics, industrial technology, and manufacturing. The department is dedicated to preparing students for careers in engineering fields and technical industries.
- **Department of Social Sciences:** The Department of Social Sciences encompasses disciplines and courses such as sociology, corrections, political science, humanities, history, and criminal justice. Students engage with social theories, research methodologies, and critical analysis to prepare for careers in public service, social work, education, and law. The department fosters a deep understanding of human behavior, societal trends, and public policy.
- **Department of English:** This department offers courses in English literature, creative writing, and communication studies. Students develop skills in critical thinking, analysis, writing, and public speaking, preparing them for careers in media, education, writing, and

public relations. The department also plays a key role in supporting students' general education requirements in writing and communication.

- **Department of Communication:** The Department of Communication, with a focus on Broadcast Journalism, is dedicated to preparing students for dynamic careers in media, broadcasting, and communication industries. The program combines theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience, equipping students with the skills necessary to excel in a rapidly changing media landscape. Through coursework, practical training, and internships, students develop a strong foundation in journalism, media production, communication theory, and digital storytelling.
- **Science Research Institute:** The Science Research Institute is dedicated to advancing research in the natural and physical sciences. The institute supports faculty and student research initiatives, fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, and seeks external funding opportunities. It also plays a critical role in mentoring students in research methods and scientific inquiry, preparing them for graduate studies and careers in research.

### Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Leadership:** Develop and implement a vision for the School of Arts and Sciences that aligns with Langston University's mission and strategic goals. Lead the school in advancing academic excellence, research initiatives, and community engagement.
- **Academic Program Management:** Oversee the development, implementation, and evaluation of academic programs across all seven departments. Ensure that programs meet accreditation standards, align with workforce needs, and prepare students for successful careers.
- **Research and Innovation:** Support and promote research across the school, with a focus on fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and securing external funding. Oversee the Science Research Institute and encourage faculty and student engagement in research activities.
- **Faculty Development:** Lead efforts to recruit, retain, and develop talented faculty members. Encourage a culture of mentorship, collaboration, and scholarly activity. Support faculty in pursuing research, publication, and professional development opportunities.
- **Student Success:** Promote initiatives that enhance student engagement, retention, and academic achievement. Ensure that the school provides a supportive learning environment for all students, including those from underrepresented groups.
- **Resource and Budget Management:** Manage the school's budget and allocate resources effectively to support academic programs, research, and student services. Identify and pursue opportunities for external funding and partnerships to enhance the school's resources.
- **Community and External Relations:** Build and maintain strong relationships with external stakeholders, including alumni, industry partners, donors, and community organizations. Advocate for the School of Arts and Sciences and its role within the broader university and community.



- **Expression of Thought:** Champion an environment that supports the free exchange of varying perspectives and experiences among students, faculty, and staff.

### **Required Qualifications**

- An earned doctorate in a discipline relevant to the School of Arts and Sciences.
- A distinguished record of academic achievement, research, and service.
- A minimum of five years of progressive administrative experience in higher education, preferably at the department chair level or above.
- Proven leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills, with a demonstrated ability to inspire and support faculty, staff, and students.
- Experience with academic program development, assessment, and accreditation processes.
- A commitment to a diversity of experiences, perspectives, thoughts and ideas in an academic and research setting.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience in strategic planning, program evaluation, and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- A successful track record in securing external funding and building partnerships with industry, government, and community organizations.
- Experience in faculty development, research initiatives, and promoting innovative teaching practices.

### **Application Process**

Interested candidates should submit the following:

1. A cover letter outlining qualifications and vision for the role of Dean.
2. A current curriculum vitae.
3. Contact information for three professional references.

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled.

Langston University is committed to the exchange and exploration of experiences, perspectives, thoughts and ideas. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences.

### **About Langston University**

Langston University, Oklahoma's only Historically Black College or University (HBCU), is committed to providing quality education and fostering academic success for students from all backgrounds. The School of Arts and Sciences plays a central role in this mission, offering a wide range of programs that empower students to achieve their academic and career goals. We invite you to join a university community that values innovation, collaboration, and the transformative power of education.

**Job Title: Dean, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences****Location:** Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma**Position Type:** Full-Time, Administrative**Position Overview**

Langston University is seeking an accomplished and visionary leader to serve as the Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences. The Dean will be responsible for providing strategic leadership and administrative oversight for the school, which encompasses multiple departments including Education, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Psychology, and Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Studies. The ideal candidate will drive academic excellence, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and enhance the school's impact both within the university and the broader community.

**Departments' Overview**

- **Department of Education:** Focuses on preparing future educators through comprehensive programs in teacher preparation, curriculum and instruction, and educational leadership. Emphasizes practical experience and research to enhance educational practices and outcomes.
- **Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation:** Offers programs designed to promote physical health and wellness, including degrees in health education, physical education, and recreation management. Encourages active lifestyles and community health initiatives.
- **Department of Psychology:** Provides rigorous programs in psychology with a focus on understanding human behavior and mental processes. Supports research and practical training in various subfields such as clinical, developmental, and cognitive psychology.
- **Department of Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Studies:** Prepares professionals to support individuals with disabilities through counseling, advocacy, and policy development. Focuses on improving quality of life and promoting inclusiveness for people with disabilities.

**Key Responsibilities**

- **Leadership & Strategic Planning:** Develop and implement a strategic plan for the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences, aligning with the university's mission and goals. Promote innovative practices in teaching, research, and community service.
- **Academic Administration:** Oversee and enhance the academic programs within the school, including the Departments of Education, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Psychology, and Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Studies. Ensure program quality, assessment, and compliance with accreditation standards.
- **Faculty Development:** Support the recruitment, retention, and professional growth of faculty members. Foster a collaborative and supportive environment that encourages scholarly activity and interdisciplinary research.

- **Student Success:** Champion initiatives that improve student engagement, academic success, and career readiness. Ensure that the school provides a supportive and inclusive environment for all students.
- **Budget & Resource Management:** Manage the school's budget and allocate resources effectively to support academic programs, research initiatives, and student services. Seek out and secure external funding and partnerships to enhance the school's resources.
- **Community & External Relations:** Build and strengthen relationships with alumni, donors, and community partners. Represent the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences, highlighting its contributions and achievements to the broader community.
- **Expression of Thought:** Create an environment that supports the free exchange of varying perspectives and experiences among students, faculty, and staff.

### **Required Qualifications**

- An earned doctorate or terminal degree in a relevant field related to one of the departments within the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences.
- A distinguished record of academic achievement, research, and scholarly contributions.
- At least five years of progressive administrative experience in higher education, with experience at the department chair level or above preferred.
- Strong leadership and communication skills, with a proven ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Experience with academic program development, assessment, and accreditation processes.
- A commitment to a diversity of experiences, perspectives, thoughts and ideas in an academic and research setting.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience in strategic planning and implementation at the college or university level.
- Proven track record of securing external funding and establishing partnerships with community organizations, government agencies, and industry.
- Experience in faculty development, mentorship, and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration.

### **Application Process**

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## **I - NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

1. Approval is respectfully requested to solicit public bids and process a purchase order to the awarded vendor for replacement of selected stairwells in Scholars' Inn Apartments on the Langston Campus.

The RFP will invite proposals from qualified vendors to provide labor and materials including:

- Removal of existing stair structures
- Manufacturing of new steel stair structures
- Installation of new steel stair structures

A total of eleven (11) stairwells within the Scholars' Inn Apartments community have been identified for replacement within this project. The total estimated cost for this expenditure is not to exceed \$200,000 and will come from legally available funds (Auxiliary Funds).

Langston University Residential Life & Housing Services will work closely with the Office of Central Procurement to facilitate the RFP. The Office of Central Procurement will assist in the review and approval of all contracts associated with this project before final acceptance, ensuring compliance with procurement policy and securing best value for Langston University.

## **J – PURCHASE REQUESTS**

1. Approval is requested for the Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to purchase a DairySpec and SomaCount machine from Bentley Instruments.

Bentley Instruments is the sole source provider of this equipment. The machine is required in the Langston University Dairy Herd Information (DHI) Lab since it will be used to test goat milk for various components. Goat herders nationwide are interested learn and benefit from the information obtained with this machine. Additionally, test data provided to goat producers will assist producers in making financial as well as other important decisions about their goat herd(s). This equipment will be instrumental for the SL/SAAS DHI extension programs that support both Oklahoman's dairy goat producers and nationwide farmers.

The estimated cost of the equipment with all components totals \$202,000. USDA-NIFA goat extension funds will be used to fund the purchase of this equipment.





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## Quotation

DairySpec Combi 200

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Dear Hirut;

Bentley Instruments Inc., is pleased to submit the following quotation for the DairySpec FT 200 Combination System.

### Bentley DairySpec Combination System

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- Laser based flow cytometry.
- Low work factor equals greater accuracy.
- Upgradable to speeds up to 300 samples per hour.

MODEL	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1 x DairySpec 200 Combi	Automated Combination system	\$ 192,000.00
Optional:	Fatty Acid Application Package	\$ 10,000.00
Includes: Computer, spares, software, automated sampling system, consumable kit for 30,000 samples, accessories and specifications as per attached specification sheet.		



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- PRICES** Shipping, installation and onsite training are included in the quotation. Any applicable state and/or local sales or use taxes are not included in the quoted price. It is the responsibility of the buyer to pay any such taxes. This quotation is valid for 60 days from the date of the quotation.
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- SERVICE** Optional Internet connectivity subscription for remote access is included during the warranty period if network access is available.

For Bentley Instruments, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tod Schilling Date

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FTE Employee Report<sup>1</sup>

To:

The Governor of Oklahoma, The President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate, and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives

From:

**Langston University**  
Institution  
**Dr. Ruth Jackson**  
President

Subject:

FTE Employee Report for Fiscal Quarter Ending 12 / 31 / 2024  
Mo. Day Yr.

The following information is provided pursuant to 74 O.S. 1981, Section 3602.<sup>2</sup>

FTE EMPLOYEE CATEGORIES

Educational & General Budget Part I				Educational & General Budget Part II						Agency Accounts: Other				Sub-Total				Total FTE
Faculty		Other		Faculty	Other		Faculty	Other		Faculty	Other		Regular	Student				
		Regular	Student		Regular	Student		Regular	Student									
103.32	170.94	13.74		15.23	33.03	12.62		0	12.01	65.91		118.54	215.98	92.27		426.79		
81.03	175.22	11.40		12.32	29.86	4.52		0	10.31	14.76		93.35	215.39	30.68		339.42		
22.29	-4.28	2.34		2.91	3.17	8.10		0	1.70	51.15		25.19	0.59	61.59		87.37		
98.04	163.58	13.23		20.66	30.96	16.8		0	13.98	65.9		118.7	208.52	95.93		423.15		

A. FTE Employees for Reported Fiscal Quarter  
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B. FTE Employees for Fiscal Quarter Immediately Preceding Reported Quarter<sup>3</sup>

C. Increase or Decrease in FTE Employees (Item A minus Item B)

D. Comparable Quarter Last Year

<sup>1</sup>File with State Regents' office by the tenth of the month following the end of the calendar quarter being reported.

<sup>2</sup>The term employee shall mean "a full-time employee or any number of part-time employees whose combined weekly hours of employment equal those of a full-time employee, but shall not include seasonal employees." For this report, the number of FTE employees for the reported quarter can be calculated by dividing by 519 hours (173 hours per month multiplied by three months) the total payroll hours (excluding seasonal employees) for the quarter.

<sup>3</sup>This figure reflects the total number of FTE employees for the main campus, branch campus(es), and all constituent agencies.



## **VI. OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA**

Interim President Jim Hess and other members of the administration came before the Board to review the Agenda and present the business of OSU. (The OSU Agenda is attached to this section and considered a part of these minutes.)

### **Statement about OSU Presidency by Board Chair Harrel**

Chair Harrel thanked everyone for attending today's meeting, and said he would like to make a statement on behalf of the Board about the OSU Presidency prior to addressing the business of OSU.

He said he wants to express the confidence the Board has in Interim President Hess. When the Board asked Dr. Hess to serve, they knew his four decades of service to OSU and deep understanding of the institution made him the right choice. He is already proving that. Interim President Hess has the Board's support as he addresses current challenges and maintains a clear focus on the students. The Board is very pleased with the progress Interim President Hess has already made in the push for a new veterinary teaching hospital. The Board also wants to recognize the work Dr. Hess has already done to bring OSU faculty, staff, and students together. The Regents are committed to fostering a professional, collaborative relationship between the Board and the administration, and Dr. Hess is committed to that as well.

Chair Harrel said he would like to clearly state for OSU's friends in the room: he knows many are curious about who will lead OSU next. But the Board's focus right now is on supporting Interim President Hess and OSU's land-grant mission. The Board will determine a timeline for the OSU presidential search at a later date. Interim President Hess has the Board's full support.

### **A-1 Remarks by Interim President Jim Hess**

Interim President Hess thanked Chair Harrel and the Board for their support. He said he truly appreciates the Board's confidence in him and commitment going forward. He is very grateful to all the Regents. He thanked his OSU team members in the Student Union, President's Office, Provost's Office, and Student Affairs for their involvement in hosting the Board on the Stillwater campus for this meeting and all the related events. He thanked the other A&M institutional presidents for their expressions of gratitude to him for hosting this meeting, but he wants to publicly acknowledge his staff because they do all the work arranging these events.

He said over the past few weeks he has been connecting with students on campus at different events and in the community of Stillwater. Students are the energy that fuels the University, and he is pleased that so many of them have been so gracious and kind to him, walking up to him and introducing themselves, then telling him about their dreams and visions for the future.

Interim President Hess said he has also been connecting with OSU's tremendous faculty and staff. He met with the Faculty Council during the second day of his first week in this role. What he heard clearly from his faculty colleagues at that meeting is their strong desire for the administration,

faculty, and staff to reconnect and work together. Doing so is the only way OSU will reach new heights through its land-grant mission. He assured the faculty that he and his team are committed to the success of OSU's faculty and students, and he is grateful for their collaboration.

Interim President Hess said he also hit the ground running and mobilized resources to support one of OSU's number one Legislative priorities: a new veterinary teaching hospital. A new facility is absolutely critical for attracting top veterinarian talent and students not only to OSU but to the state, which will ensure OK regains a competitive advantage in recruiting ability for those top veterinary talents. Neighboring states are making major investments in veterinary medicine, and with everyone working together, so will the State of OK.

To conclude his remarks, he said it is important to him that the Board is always informed about important matters related to OSU. He will ask members of his team to prepare and present briefings for members of the Board at future board meetings, covering matters that are of interest to them.

A-2 Capital Financing and Construction Projects Presentation by Eric Polak, Interim Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

*(The university administration withdrew this item.)*

B-1 Adoption of Memorial Resolutions for Mohamed Samir Ahmed, Hermann Burchard, Kenneth Case, Paul Epstein, and Karen McBee

Interim President Hess presented the Memorial Resolutions and read aloud brief statements about each individual's service at OSU. (Copies of the signed Memorial Resolutions are collectively identified as ATTACHMENT A and considered a part of these minutes.)

Regent Franklin moved and Regent Hall seconded to adopt Memorial Resolutions as recommended for the individuals listed in Item B-1 of the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Provost Jeanette Mendez presented the following items pertaining to Personnel, Policy and Operational Procedures, and Academic Affairs:

C-1 Approval to award a posthumous Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources degree to Terra D'aun Richmond

Provost Mendez said the Ferguson College of Agriculture learned of the loss of a talented undergraduate student, Terra D'aun Richmond, earlier this semester. At the time of her passing, Ms. Richmond was enrolled in the last 10 hours she needed to complete her bachelor's degree.

If approved, this posthumous degree will be awarded to Ms. Richmond's family at the May 2025 commencement ceremony, and the OSRHE will be notified of this action.

Regent Callahan moved and Regent Arthur seconded to approve Item C-1 as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

#### D-1 Approval of personnel actions

Provost Mendez said the personnel actions include the appointments of six new faculty members who have notable careers at their current institutions and for whom the conferral of tenure is requested. Four of the six are being appointed to administrative or endowed positions. Items provided for informational purposes include one notice of retirement.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve the personnel actions as listed in Item D-1 of the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

#### E-1 Approval of curricular changes including new degrees, program modifications, etc.

Provost Mendez said these curricular changes were discussed with members of the AAPP Committee. AAPP Committee Chair Callahan said the Committee recommends Board approval of the curricular changes as presented.

Regent Callahan moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve Item E-1 as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

#### Interim President Hess presented the following Items pertaining to Administration and Finance:

Interim President Hess noted Items 1 through 3 of Section G were discussed with members of the Finance (FINC) Committee, and Items 4 and 5 were discussed with members of the FACS Committee.

G-1 Approval of actions required to refund master lease program bonds for savings

Interim President Hess said the refunding of these master lease program bonds will save the University approximately \$98,000 annually. FINC Committee Chair Franklin said the Committee recommends approval of actions required to refund master lease program bonds for savings as presented.

Regent Franklin moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve Item G-1 as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

G-2 Approval of Series 2025 General Revenue Bond actions, including execution of a resolution to form Supplemental Bond Resolutions and the sale of the Board's Series 2025 General Revenue Bonds

Interim President Hess said the bond actions requested in this Item are for \$12 million for Central Market Dining and \$10 million for the supercomputer facility. He said it is important to note that the \$10 million amount may be reduced by \$2.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, if approved. FINC Committee Chair Franklin said the Committee recommends approval of the Series 2025 General Revenue Bond actions as presented.

Regent Franklin moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve Item G-2 as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

G-3 Approval to enter into a purchase agreement for real property adjacent to the east side of the Stillwater campus and authorize the designated administrator(s) to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purchase, and to manage or operate the property

Interim President Hess said this is a \$4 million transaction to purchase the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) facility in Stillwater, OK. The physical location of this property is 204 S. Duck Street and 209 S. Duck Street. Acquiring this property will give the University control of an area adjacent to the east side of the Stillwater campus for future growth. If approved, OSU will enter a nominal lease with the YMCA for the YMCA to occupy this existing facility until its new facility is completed. FINC Committee Chair Franklin said the Committee recommends approval for OSU to enter into a purchase agreement for this real property as presented.



Regent Franklin moved and Regent Taylor seconded to approve Item G-3 as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

G-4 Approval to grant an easement to the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents for the purpose of pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress (OSU-CHS)

G-5 Approval to grant an easement to the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents to construct, install, operate, repair, illuminate, maintain, replace and/or remove a freestanding monument sign (OSU-CHS)

Interim President Hess said these transactions will be executed by the Board, for the Board, the process of which is explained in the cover sheet provided by the Board's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) for these Items. A new Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center is being constructed adjacent to the OSU-CHS campus. The easement requested in Item G-4 would be granted for egress and ingress for pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the land. Both easements are to more easily facilitate the transfer of the VA facility back-and-forth.

FACS Committee Member Taylor said the Committee recommends approval to grant easements in the OSU Academic Medical District as presented in Items G-4 and G-5.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Callahan seconded to approve Section G, Items 4 and 5, as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

I-1 Approval to select on-call consultants to provide architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board (OSU-System)

I-2 Approval to select on-call consultants to provide landscape architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board (OSU-System)

I-3 Approval to select on-call consultants to provide structural engineering as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board (OSU-System)

Interim President Hess presented Items 1 through 3 in Section I of the Agenda and provided a brief overview of the requested actions for the Board. FACS Committee Member Taylor said the Committee recommends Board approval to select all recommended on-call consultants listed in Items I-1, I-2, and I-3.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve Section I, Items 1, 2, and 3, as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

I-4 Approval to select an architectural firm to assist the university with updating the campus master plan

Interim President Hess said the initial cost for this project is not expected to exceed \$1 million. The campus master plan update is planned to occur in two phases. Phase one will begin with the Board's approval of this request to allow the University to hire an architectural firm to study the current status of all OSU facilities. Phase two will be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting and will be the actual long-range planning portion of the project. He said this process began with the Board's approval of OSU's request to begin soliciting bids for this project at the October 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. OSU then submitted a letter to the State Construction Administrator at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) requesting a list of registered consultants. Subsequently, in November 2024, project notifications were sent to the registered firms to notify them of the University's intent to select a consultant for phase one of this project. Five firms submitted letters of interest, and the selection committee interviewed all five firms in January 2025. Of those interviewed, the committee recommended the three firms listed in the Item for the Board's consideration. He noted funding for this project will come from legally available funds. FACS Committee Member Taylor said the Committee recommends Board approval of SmithGroup, Inc., with Dewberry Architects, Inc., as the architectural firms to assist with the project as presented.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Arthur seconded to approve the selection of SmithGroup, Inc., with Dewberry Architects, Inc., as the architectural firm to assist with updating the OSU Stillwater campus master plan as presented in Item I-4 of the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

J-1 Approval of sole source and special request purchasing items

- a. Authorization for Housing and Residential Life to increase the previously approved estimated annual amount of \$1,800,000 to \$3,600,000 for overflow student housing. This increase is due to a possible increase in the number of beds from 200 to 400 on an as-needed basis. Funding will be provided by Auxiliary Enterprises Funds. (bid)

Interim President Hess presented the Items in Section J and noted Item J-1.a. was discussed with members of the FINC Committee. FINC Committee Chair Franklin said the Committee recommends approval of the request to increase the capacity for overflow student housing.

Regent Franklin moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve Item J-1.a. as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

J-2 Approval of auxiliary enterprises funds purchasing items (OSU-System)

- c. Authorization for the Student Union to purchase water damage and restoration services for three floors of the Student Union in the estimated amount of \$3,040,000. (OSU contract)

Interim President Hess said Items J-2.c. and J-3.b. were discussed with members of the FACS Committee. FACS Committee member Taylor said the Committee recommends approval of the request to address water damage in the OSU Student Union.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Callahan seconded to approve Item J-2.c. as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

J-3 Approval of plant funds purchasing items

- b. Authorization for Facilities Management to purchase remediation services for the February 2025 winter storm damage in various campus locations in the estimated amount of \$353,000. (OSU contract)

FACS Committee member Taylor said the Committee recommends approval of the request to purchase remediation services following winter storm damage.

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Arthur seconded to approve Item J-3.b. as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Balance of Section J:J-2 Approval of auxiliary enterprises funds purchasing items (OSU-System)

- a. Authorization for OSU Athletics to purchase 11,000 chairbacks for Boone Pickens Stadium in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000. This one-time purchase will allow the chairbacks to be leased on gameday and generate new revenue for Athletics. (bid)
- b. Authorization for OSU-Center for Health Sciences to purchase reagents and testing supplies from Hologic Inc. for laboratory testing within the clinic system in the estimated annual amount of \$700,000. (exempt)
- d. Ratification of Interim Approval received from the Board CEO, February 22, 2025. Authorization for the Student Union to purchase water damage and restoration services for the first part of recovery services for three floors of the Student Union in the amount of \$960,000. (OSU contract)

J-3 Approval of plant funds purchasing items

- a. Authorization for Facilities Management to purchase labor, material, equipment, and services for the culinary boiler replacement at the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agriculture Processing Center, Building 0047, in the estimated amount of \$400,000. (bid, as-needed contracts, or OCCM)

Regent Taylor moved and Regent Baetz seconded to approve the Balance of Items in Section J, as presented in the OSU Agenda.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.  
The motion carried.

Comments by Board Chair Harrel

Chair Harrel thanked Interim President Hess for hosting this meeting and acknowledged the other presidents for expressing their appreciation as well for the many board meetings OSU Stillwater has hosted back-to-back recently. Preceding Dr. Hess's appointment as the interim president, it was decided that all board meetings from fall 2024 through March 2025 would be hosted in Stillwater to help promote a new veterinary medicine teaching hospital for OSU. He said Interim President Hess has been a big help in promoting that cause since his appointment, and the Board appreciates those efforts. He thinks much of the work in that regard is done and the process for a new veterinary hospital at OSU is off to a good start.

Chair Harrel said he also wanted to make a point of thanking Interim President Hess and his team for being in the room for the entire board meeting to show respect to the other institutions. He said he appreciates that gesture very much.

Lastly, he shared Dr. Hess's reply when asked to take on the role of interim president, which was, "Put me in, coach." So, the Board "put him in." He thanked Dr. Hess for accepting that challenge. Interim President Hess said it is his honor and privilege to serve the Board in this capacity.



The business of OSU being concluded, Interim President Hess and other members of the University's administration were excused from the meeting.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Dr. Mohamed Samir Ahmed, Professor, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, was claimed by death on January 7, 2025, and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ahmed, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from December 15, 1980, to the date of his death, January 7, 2025, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and,

**WHEREAS**, in his passing, Oklahoma State University has suffered the loss of a friend and devoted citizen.

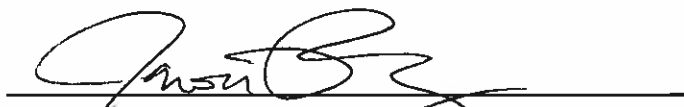
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board takes this method to express appreciation for the years of service rendered by Dr. Ahmed to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the family of Dr. Ahmed and a copy made a part of the official minutes of the Board as a lasting tribute to his service and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma. Adopted by the Board of Regents on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



  
**Regent Jimmy Harrel, Chair**

Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges

  
**Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer**  
Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Dr. Hermann Burchard, Professor, Emeritus, Mathematics, was claimed by death on September 28, 2024, and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Burchard, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from September 1, 1972, to the date of his retirement, August 31, 2008, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and,

**WHEREAS**, in his passing, Oklahoma State University has suffered the loss of a friend and devoted citizen.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board takes this method to express appreciation for the years of service rendered by Dr. Burchard to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the family of Dr. Burchard and a copy made a part of the official minutes of the Board as a lasting tribute to his service and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma. Adopted by the Board of Regents on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



**Regent Jimmy Harrel, Chair**

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**Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer**

Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Dr. Kenneth Case, Regents Professor, Department Head, Emeritus, Industrial Engineering, was claimed by death on December 4, 2024, and,

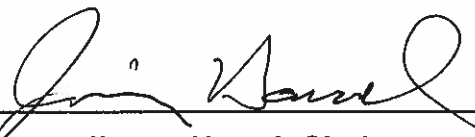
**WHEREAS**, Dr. Case, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from August 1, 1975, to the date of his retirement, June 1, 2005, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and,

**WHEREAS**, in his passing, Oklahoma State University has suffered the loss of a friend and devoted citizen.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board takes this method to express appreciation for the years of service rendered by Dr. Case to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the family of Dr. Case and a copy made a part of the official minutes of the Board as a lasting tribute to his service and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma. Adopted by the Board of Regents on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



  
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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Dr. Paul Epstein, Associate Professor, Emeritus, Foreign Languages, was claimed by death on November 11, 2024, and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Epstein, by his loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from September 1, 1989, to the date of his retirement, July 1, 2016, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and,

**WHEREAS**, in his passing, Oklahoma State University has suffered the loss of a friend and devoted citizen.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board takes this method to express appreciation for the years of service rendered by Dr. Epstein to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to his memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the family of Dr. Epstein and a copy made a part of the official minutes of the Board as a lasting tribute to his service and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma. Adopted by the Board of Regents on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



  
**Regent Jimmy Harrel, Chair**

Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
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**Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer**  
Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been called to the attention of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges that Dr. Karen McBee, Professor, Emeritus, Integrative Biology, was claimed by death on October 10, 2024, and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. McBee, by her loyalty, attention to duty, and faithful performance rendered service as a faculty member of Oklahoma State University from September 1, 1987, to the date of her retirement, January 2, 2020, and as a citizen worthy of commemoration and respect; and,

**WHEREAS**, in her passing, Oklahoma State University has suffered the loss of a friend and devoted citizen.

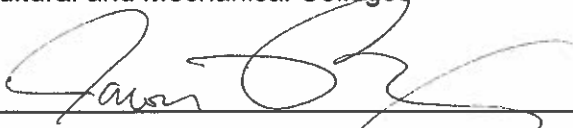
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board takes this method to express appreciation for the years of service rendered by Dr. McBee to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, to express respect to her memory, and to extend to the family its deep sympathy in the loss sustained, and to state that the Board and every member thereof respectfully join the friends of the deceased in mourning the passing of one of Oklahoma State University's faculty members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the family of Dr. McBee and a copy made a part of the official minutes of the Board as a lasting tribute to her service and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma. Adopted by the Board of Regents on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



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# Oklahoma State University

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges  
March 7, 2025

Dear Board Members:

Subject to budgetary limitations and availability of funds, the following expenditures are submitted for Board approval with purchases to be coordinated through the Chief Procurement Officer, Oklahoma State University. We recommend the following business for your consideration and approval.

## **A-GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Remarks by Interim President Jim Hess.
2. Capital Financing and Construction Projects Presentation by Eric Polak, Interim Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance.

## **B-MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

1. Request adoption of Memorial Resolutions for Mohamed Samir Ahmed, Hermann Burchard, Kenneth Case, Paul Epstein, and Karen McBee – (*Ref. Doc. B-1*).

## **C-POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

1. Request approval to award a posthumous Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources degree to Terra D'aun Richmond – (*Ref. Doc. C-1*).

## **D-PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

1. Request approval of personnel actions including appointments, reappointments, changes in salary, changes in title or rate, personnel leaves, etc. Personnel items not requiring action by the Board including resignations, terminations, suspensions, retirements, etc. are provided for informational purposes only – (*Ref. Doc. D-1*).

## **E-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

1. Request approval of curricular changes including new degrees, program modifications, etc. – (*Ref. Doc. E-1*).

## **F-BUDGETARY ACTIONS -- None**

#### **G-OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Request approval of actions required to refund master lease program bonds for savings – OSU-STW (*Ref. Doc. G-1*).
2. Request approval of series 2025 general revenue bond actions – OSU-STW (*Ref. Doc. G-2*).
3. Request approval to enter into a purchase agreement for real property in Stillwater, Oklahoma – OSU-STW (*Ref. Doc. G-3*).
4. Request approval to grant an easement to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges – OSU-CHS (*Ref. Doc. G-4*).
5. Request approval to grant an easement to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges – OSU-CHS (*Ref. Doc. G-5*).

#### **H-CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation) -- None**

#### **I-NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

1. Request approval to select on-call consultants to provide architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board – OSU-SYSTEM (*Ref. Doc. I-1*).
2. Request approval to select on-call consultants to provide landscape architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board – OSU-SYSTEM (*Ref. Doc. I-2*).
3. Request approval to select on-call consultants to provide structural engineering as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board – OSU-SYSTEM (*Ref. Doc. I-3*).
4. Request approval to select an architectural firm to assist the university with updating the campus master plan – OSU-STW (*Ref. Doc. I-4*).

#### **J-PURCHASE REQUESTS**

1. Request approval of sole source and special request purchasing items – OSU-STW (*Ref. Doc. J-1*).
2. Request approval of auxiliary enterprises funds purchasing items – OSU-SYSTEM (*Ref. Doc. J-2*).
3. Request approval of plant funds purchasing items – OSU-STW (*Ref. Doc. J-3*).

#### **K-STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES -- None**

#### **L-NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED -- None**

#### **M-OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD -- None**



## **MOHAMED SAMIR AHMED**

Mohamed Samir Ahmed was born on August 27, 1946, in Egypt. Mohamed received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Cairo University, his M.S. in Civil Engineering from McGill University, and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from The University of Oklahoma. He joined Oklahoma State University in 1981 when he was hired as an Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering. He was promoted to professor in 1990, and he continued his career at OSU until he passed from this life.

Dr. Ahmed specialized in the design, planning, and management of transportation systems and facilities; highway traffic operations and control; intelligent transportation/infrastructure systems; transportation safety; systems modeling, simulation, and optimization; transportation policy; and statistical quality assurance and quality control of highway construction. Over his years of service, he received more than \$20 million in research funding sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and the transportation industry.

Dr. Ahmed became a Federal Highway Administration Faculty Fellow in 1979, was awarded the International Who's Who in Engineering Award in 1982, the Halliburton Outstanding Teacher Award in 1991, and the Halliburton Outstanding Faculty Award in 1996. He held professional memberships in the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Transportation Research Board, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. Ahmed was passionate about educating others about his field of transportation and spent his time at OSU sharing his expertise with others.

Mohamed Samir Ahmed passed away on January 7, 2025, at the age of 79.

## HERMANN BURCHARD

Hermann Burchard was born in 1934 in Germany. He earned the German equivalent of a Bachelor of Science in 1959 from the University of Hamburg and stayed at Hamburg for the equivalent of a Master of Science, which he obtained in 1963.

After immigrating to the United States initially to work at General Motors Research Labs in Michigan, Hermann entered graduate school at Purdue University, where a National Defense Education Act fellowship partially supported him. He obtained his PhD from Purdue under the direction of Dr. John Rice (himself an Oklahoma State University alumnus) in 1968, writing a thesis in the field of Numerical Analysis.

After graduate school, Dr. Burchard served as Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin for a year, and then as Assistant Professor at Indiana University Bloomington from 1969 to 1972. Dr. Burchard joined OSU as an Associate Professor in 1972 in the Department of Mathematics and was promoted to Professor in 1977.

During his time at OSU, Dr. Burchard supervised five PhD students and several master's students and continued his work in Numerical Analysis and Mathematical Logic, publishing over 20 research papers. He also served as a consultant for the Phillips Petroleum Company for 15 years. He retired from OSU in the Summer of 2008.

Dr. Burchard had a seemingly limitless curiosity for many different academic disciplines. In addition to his mathematical work, he authored articles in fields as diverse as geology, archeology, metaphysics, and history. His interests also led him to endow the Holistic Science Prize, which recognizes interdisciplinary research in the College of Arts and Sciences, among both faculty and PhD students.

Hermann Burchard passed away on September 28, 2024, at the age of 89.

## KENNETH CASE

Kenneth E. Case was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on August 12, 1944. Ken received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1967, his Master of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1967, and his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering in 1969, all from Oklahoma State University. He spent a few years away from Oklahoma State University but found his way back in 1975 when he was hired as an Associate Professor in Industrial Engineering and Management. He was promoted to professor in 1978, and he continued his successful career until he retired in 2005 as Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Case was not an idle faculty member, and his academic record is proof of the legacy he left in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology department. He served as department head of Industrial Engineering Management for three years, executed the fully online M.S. in Engineering and Technology Management program geared toward working engineers, and was a fellow and president of both the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers and the American Society for Quality. He was one of only three OSU faculty members to receive the honor of National Academy of Engineering membership, with only 21 members total in Oklahoma.

Ken's numerous awards and publications were outstanding representations of who he was as a faculty member and of his expertise in his field. Ken was named the Outstanding Engineer in Oklahoma, held five American Society for Quality certifications, and was a Six Sigma Black Belt. He received the Quality Oklahoma Award and the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in College/University Teaching from the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. He received the Melvin R. Lohmann Medal and was inducted into the Hall of Fame for CEAT. He was a Regents Professor at Oklahoma State University, the highest title a professor can hold. He served on many industrial advisory boards, but the Board of Directors for Webco was a highlight of his career. He retired from the Board of Directors in August 2024.

Dr. Case was passionate about learning and sharing his love of education with those around him. He was an excellent professor, mentor, colleague, and friend. He and his wife Lynn have provided several funding opportunities for others to pursue their passion at Oklahoma State University.

Kenneth E. Case passed away on December 4, 2024, at the age of 80.

## PAUL EPSTEIN

Paul Epstein was born on April 6, 1950, in Silver Springs, Maryland to Al and Esther (Klein) Epstein. He graduated from Montgomery Blair High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Classics at the University of Toronto, a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and a doctorate in classics from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1981.

Dr. Epstein joined the faculty at Oklahoma State University as an Assistant Professor of Humanities in the Department of Religious Studies in 1981. With the dissolution of that department, he moved to the Department of Languages and Literatures. He received tenure and was promoted to associate professor in 1990. He taught Greek and Latin, as well as a variety of courses for the Honors Program that included topics as varied as the novels of Jane Austen. He also served as department head for several years. He retired in 2016 and led an active life. He continued to work on his scholarship, primarily on the works of Aristophanes, and he taught informally, leading several groups devoted to Greek language or classical literature in the Guthrie Public Library.

Paul was an excellent colleague with a deep intellectual curiosity and surprisingly broad knowledge. He was always good at interesting conversation, had a wry sense of humor, and brought joy and energy to his job. He will be greatly missed.

Paul Epstein passed away on November 11, 2024, at the age of 74.



## KAREN MCBEE

Karen McBee was born October 23, 1954, to Whillamina Porter McBee and Clois McBee in Fort Worth, Texas. Karen grew up on her family's farm outside of Brownwood, Texas, where she developed a deep passion for the ecosystem and fauna surrounding her. Inspired by the natural wonder surrounding her, she pursued biology academically at Baylor University, Texas Tech University, and Texas A&M, focusing on Ecotoxicology, Vertebrate Morphology, and Wildlife Biology.

Dr. McBee traveled worldwide, including Tiah Land, Mexico, and the greater part of the United States, to pursue learning and promote a better understanding of how we can protect the natural wonder that surrounds us. As a professor at Oklahoma State University, Dr. McBee worked hard to inspire, support, and encourage her students in the classroom, the field, and the laboratory, leaving behind a legacy of driven and passionate biologists and naturalists.

Dr. Karen McBee will be remembered as a passionate educator and dedicated naturalist who inspired her students. Karen was a long-time faculty member of the Integrative Biology department who retired in 2020. She had a huge impact on her students and colleagues as a mentor and a friend. The Collection of Vertebrates, a valuable scientific natural history collection and important tool for outreach, would not be what it is today without her passion and hard work.

Dr. Karen McBee passed away on October 10, 2024, at the age of 69.



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February 10, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Jim Hess  
Interim President

FROM: Jeanette M. Mendez  
Provost and Senior Vice President

SUBJECT: *Request to Award Posthumous Degree*

Dr. Jayson Lusk, Vice President Dean of the Ferguson College of Agriculture (FCA), and members of the FCA leadership team, have requested that Terra D'aun Richmond be granted a posthumous Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Dr. Lusk shared that Terra had completed 114 credit hours towards her degree and was enrolled in the last ten hours needed for the BS degree, majoring in Animal Science.

Rita Peaster, OSU's Registrar, confirmed Terra was in good academic standing at the time of her passing in January 2025. As such, this request is in accordance with the OSRHE Policy 3.14.6, *Posthumous Degrees*, as well as OSU's Policy and Procedure Letter 2-0114, *Awarding Posthumous Degrees*, which allows the institution to confer a posthumous degree to recognize a student who has "completed the majority of the degree requirements" and was "currently enrolled in good academic standing."

Upon review of the above-mentioned policies and supporting documentation from Dr. Lusk, I concur with this recommendation and request your concurrence to include a request to grant this posthumous degree as part of the OSU agenda for the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents. Thank you for your consideration.

c: Jayson Lusk  
Cynda Clary  
Richard Coffey  
Mellissa Crosswhite

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February 3, 2025

Dr. Jeanette M. Mendez  
Provost and Senior Vice President  
101 Whitehurst  
Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, OK 74078

Dear Provost Mendez,

On behalf of the Ferguson College of Agriculture, I request that Terra D'aun Richmond (A20322746) be granted a posthumous degree from Oklahoma State University to be awarded in May 2025.

At the time of her death in January 2025, Terra was pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with a major in Animal Science. She was in good academic standing and had completed 114 credit hours towards her degree. At the time of her death, Terra was enrolled in her last 10 credit hours.

This posthumous degree request is supported by Dr. Cynda Clary, Associate Dean and the faculty in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences including her faculty advisor, Dr. Mellissa Crosswhite and department head, Dr. Richard Coffey.

In compliance with OSU Policy 2-0114, at the time of her death, Terra had completed the majority of her degree requirements and was enrolled in good academic standing. Attached is Terra's degree works audit which also supports this action. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jayson Lusk'.

Jayson Lusk  
Vice President and Dean

cc: Dr. Cynda Clary, Ferguson College of Agriculture  
Dr. Richard Coffey, Animal and Food Sciences  
Dr. Mellissa Crosswhite, Animal and Food Sciences

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS  
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		<u>Effective Dates</u>		Action
		From	To	
<b>AGRICULTURAL SCI AND NATURAL RESOURCES    ANIMAL &amp; FOOD SCIENCES</b>				
Johnson, Logan	6/30/2025	5/31/2029	11 mths	1
Assistant Professor				
<b>AGRICULTURAL SCI AND NATURAL RESOURCES    BIOCHEMISTRY &amp; MOLECULAR BIOLOGY</b>				
Arif, Mohammad	7/31/2025		12 mths	2
Professor and Director				
Appointment confers tenure.				
<b>AGRICULTURAL SCI AND NATURAL RESOURCES    NATURAL RESOURCE ECOLOGY &amp; MGMT</b>				
Harmon, Jason	6/1/2025		12 mths	3
Professor and Department Head				
Appointment confers tenure.				
<b>BUSINESS    ACCOUNTING</b>				
Cather, William	8/1/2025	5/31/2029	9 mths	4
Assistant Professor				
Schomburger, John	8/1/2026	5/31/2030	9 mths	5
Assistant Professor				
<b>BUSINESS    ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>				
Payne, G. Tyge	6/1/2025	6/30/2028	9 mths	6
Professor and Jabara Chair				
Appointment confers tenure. Appointment to the Fran D. Jabara Chair in Business extends through 6/30/2028.				
<b>BUSINESS    FINANCE</b>				
Grieser, William	8/1/2025		9 mths	7
Associate Professor				
Appointment confers tenure.				
<b>BUSINESS    HOSPITALITY &amp; TOURISM MANAGEMENT</b>				
Suess, Courtney	8/1/2025	6/30/2028	9 mths	8
Associate Professor and Spears Professor				
Appointment confers tenure. Appointment to the William S. Spears Professorship extends through 6/30/2028.				

**New Appointment**

		<u>Effective Dates</u>			
		From	To	Action	
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT</b>				
Nerger, Gina		8/1/2025	5/31/2029	9 mths	9
Assistant Professor					
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES</b>	<b>COM HLTH SCI, COUN &amp; COUNSELING PSYC</b>				
Floyd, Denise		1/6/2025	5/31/2027	9 mths	10
Clinical Assistant Professor					
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES</b>	<b>KINESIOLOGY, APPLIED HEALTH &amp; REC</b>				
Alexander, Andrew		8/4/2025	5/31/2029	9 mths	11
Assistant Professor					
<b>ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>ELECTRICAL &amp; COMPUTER ENGR</b>				
Brown, Timothy		7/31/2025	4/30/2029	9 mths	12
Assistant Professor					
Strecker, Karl		7/31/2025	4/30/2029	9 mths	13
Teaching Assistant Professor					
<b>ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>INDUSTRIAL ENGR &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>				
Tian, Wenmeng		8/16/2025		9 mths	14
Associate Professor					
Appointment confers tenure.					
<b>ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>MECHANICAL &amp; AEROSPACE ENGR</b>				
Hassett, Anthony		2/3/2025	6/30/2028	9 mths	15
Teaching Assistant Professor					



**Change in Appointment**

		<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>		Action
		From	To		
<b>AGRICULTURAL SCI AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		<b>PLANT &amp; SOIL SCIENCES</b>			
Abit, Sergio	4/1/2025	6/30/2028			16
Professor and Warth Professor					
Title and rate change for appointment to the Warth Distinguished Professorship in Agronomy.					
Haggard, Beatrix	4/1/2025	6/30/2028			17
Associate Professor and Harrill Professor					
Title and rate change for appointment to the P.E. Harrill Professorship in Crop Science.					
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES</b>		<b>COM HLTH SCI, COUN &amp; COUNSELING PSYC</b>			
Abel, Emily	7/1/2025	5/31/2027			18
Assistant Professor					
Change in academic home from the Department of Human Development and Family Science.					
<b>INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - OKMULGEE</b>		<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>			
Jasper, Kristin	3/10/2025		\$135,000	\$155,000	19
Vice President					
Rate change due to additional responsibilities.					
<b>OSU - OKLAHOMA CITY</b>		<b>BUDGET AND FINANCE</b>			
Reece, Ronda	3/10/2025		\$140,000	\$148,000	20
Vice President					
Rate change due to restructuring and equity.					

**Sabbatical**

	<u>Effective Dates</u>		<u>Action</u>
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
<b>AGRICULTURAL SCI AND NATURAL RESOURCES    HORTICUL &amp; LANDSCP ARCHITECTURE</b>			
Mihalko, Cheryl Professor	1/1/2025	5/10/2025	21
<b>BUSINESS    ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>			
Rutherford, Matthew Professor	8/15/2025	12/31/2025	22
<b>BUSINESS    MANAGEMENT</b>			
Porck, Jeanine Associate Professor	8/15/2025	5/31/2026	23
<b>BUSINESS    MARKETING &amp; INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS</b>			
Fang, Xiang Associate Professor	8/15/2025	12/31/2025	24
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES    DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING</b>			
Chandrasekera, Tilanka Professor	8/15/2025	12/15/2025	25
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES    HUMAN DEVELOPMENT &amp; FAMILY SCIENCE</b>			
Cox, Ronald Professor	7/1/2025	1/1/2026	26
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES    TEACHING, LEARNING &amp; EDU SCIENCES</b>			
Donovan, Sarah Associate Professor	9/1/2025	5/31/2026	27
Hathcock, Stephanie Associate Professor	1/1/2026	5/31/2026	28
<b>HEALTH SCIENCES    PEDIATRICS</b>			
Shrum, Kayse Professor	2/3/2025	6/30/2025	29

**Retirement or Separation - For Information Only**

	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>BUSINESS ACCOUNTING</b>		
Bakke, Ashleigh Assistant Professor Separation with no annual leave due.	5/16/2025	30
<b>EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES</b>		
Herrmann, Janice Professor Retirement with no annual leave due.	8/1/2025	31
Klufa, Jennifer Associate Extension Specialist Separation with no annual leave due.	2/14/2025	32
<b>GENERAL UNIVERSITY INNOVATION FOUNDATION</b>		
Pollard, Elizabeth Chief Executive Officer and President Separation with 176 hours of annual leave due.	3/4/2025	33
<b>GENERAL UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF PRESIDENT</b>		
Loughridge, Jerome Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff Separation with 176 hours of annual leave due.	3/21/2025	34

## **NEW PROGRAM REQUESTS AND CURRICULAR MODIFICATIONS**

### **Oklahoma State University-Stillwater**

#### **Ferguson College of Agriculture**

##### **Master of Science in Animal Science (019)**

###### Degree requirement change

- Remove GRE requirement for admission
- Agreement of AFS faculty to serve as mentor
- Require personal statement and three letters of reference
- Reason for requested action: To align admission requirements with current practice and remove barriers associated with GRE exam.

###### Course requirement change

- For thesis option
  - Remove ANSI 5010
  - Reduce hours for ANSI 5110 from 3 to 1 credit hour
  - Add STAT 5013
  - Add 6 credit hours of ANSI or FDSC graduate courses
  - Reduce electives from 15 to 14 credit hours
- For non-thesis option
  - Remove formal report and replace it with non-thesis
  - Remove ANSI 5010 and ANSI 5000
  - Remove 2 credit hours of research
  - Reduce hours for ANSI 5110 from 3 to 1 credit hour
  - Add 12 credit hours of ANSI or FDSC graduate course
  - Increase electives from 15 to 16 credit hours
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To aid students' career-readiness and better prepare students for success in their chosen career path.

#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

##### **Undergraduate Certificate in American Sign Language (New)**

###### New program request

- Total credit hours: 21
- Reason for requested action: The proposed certificate will give students linguistic proficiency and cultural knowledge to interact with native American Sign Language users in real-world situations for various professions.

##### **Doctor of Philosophy in History (122)**

###### Course requirement change

- Remove HIST 5021
- Increase thesis hours from 15 to 16 credit hours



- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: Removing course from degree requirements that is no longer offered.

**Master of Science in Integrative Biology (211)**

## Course requirement change

- Add two approved seminar courses
- Reduce other course requirements from 24 to 22 credit hours for thesis option and 2 credit hours of formal report for the formal report option
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To provide students with a focused seminar course as part of their degree requirements.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Integrative Biology (212)**

## Degree program change

- Remove the requirement for a student to hold a Master's degree for program admission
- Reason for requested action: The department determined a Master's degree does not need to be required for admission into the program.

**Master of Science in Mass Communications (140)**

## Course requirement change

- For non-thesis option
  - Add MC 5001 to Creative Component track
  - Add MC 5011 for Practicum and Study Abroad track
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To clarify degree requirements for the non-thesis option.

**Master of Science in Plant Biology (032)**

## Course requirement change

- Clarify that a research proposal defense is required
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To ensure transparency of program requirements.

**Undergraduate Certificate in Publishing and Editing (New)**

## New program request

- Total credit hours: 18
- Reason for requested action: This undergraduate certificate is intended for writers, job seekers, and new or returning students seeking to add skills in editing and publishing.

**Graduate Certificate in Sport Communication (270)**

## Course requirement change

- Add MC 5443
- Move MC 5883 to electives
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: Updating curriculum to be more applicable to the certificate program.

**Bachelor of Science in Statistics: Actuarial Science (230)**

## Course requirement change

- Require MATH 2233
- Add STAT 4123 as an alternate to STAT 4203
- Require ACCT 2003, ECON 2203, FIN 3113, and MATH 4453
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To update curriculum to align with the Society of Actuaries requirements.

**Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication: Global Communication (476)**

## Option Addition

- Add option in Global Communication
- Reason for requested action: To provide students with the option of concentrating their studies on global topics related to strategic communication.

**Undergraduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (527)**

## Course requirement change

- ENGL 4180 changed from a 3-hour course to a 4-hour course
- Total hours will increase from 15 to 16 credit hours
- Reason for requested action: To update the credit hours for the course to align with the amount of work required and make the certificate eligible for federal financial aid.

**College of Education and Human Sciences****Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum Studies (553)**

## Degree requirement change

- Remove GRE requirement for admission
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To remove barriers to admission

**Doctor of Philosophy in Education (435)**

## Option name change

- Change option name from Language, Literacy and Culture to Literacies and Language Arts Education

- Reason for requested action: To make the option more marketable to specific student populations

**Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (074)**

## Option addition

- Add option in Alternative Certification
- Reason for requested action: To offer students an alternative pathway to teacher certification.

**Master of Science in Human Development and Family Science: Early Childhood Education (095)**

## Course requirement change

- For thesis:
  - Add HDFS 5293 as an alternate to HDFS 5213
  - Remove 3 hours of ECE electives
  - Add 3 hours of HDFS guided electives
  - Add STAT 5013 as an alternate to REMS 5953
  - Remove SCFD 5913
  - Total credit hours will not change
- For non-thesis:
  - Add HDFS 5293 as an alternate to HDFS 5213
  - Remove REMS 5953 or SCFD 5913
  - Remove 6 hours of ECE electives
  - Remove HDFS 5160
  - Add 12 hours of HDFS guided electives
  - Total credit hours will decrease from 32 to 30
- Reason for requested action: To streamline the ECE program and align the course requirements with the HDFS course rotation.

**Master of Arts in Social Foundations of Education (529)**

## Existing program online delivery

- Reason for requested action: To allow greater flexibility for students pursuing the degree.

**College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology****Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology in Construction Engineering Technology (076)**

## Course requirement change

- Remove EET 1003
- Add CET 2333
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To fill a current knowledge gap related to construction practices and procedures within the curriculum.

**Master of Science in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (269)**

## Degree requirement change

- Remove GRE requirement for admission
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To remove barriers to admission

**Spears School of Business****Undergraduate Certificate in Business Essential (295)**

## Course requirement change

- Add BADM 2111 or BADM 3111
- Total hours will increase from 15 to 16 credit hours
- Reason for requested action: To enhance students' business essentials knowledge and allow the certificate to qualify for federal financial aid.

**Undergraduate Certificate in Business Financial Essentials (296)**

## Course requirement change

- Add BADM 2111 or BADM 3111
- Total hours will increase from 15 to 16 credit hours
- Reason for requested action: To enhance students' business essentials knowledge and allow the certificate to qualify for federal financial aid.

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance (446)**

## Course requirement change

- General option
  - Remove ECON 3313
  - Add FIN 4213 or FIN 4813 and FIN 4113 or FIN 4103
  - Remove select 3 hours of the following (BCOM 3113, BCOM 3223, BCOM 3443, ENGL 3323, SPCH 3703, SPCH 3723, SPCH 4753, SPCH 4763)
  - Decrease upper-division FIN courses from 18 to 15 credit hours
- Commercial Bank Management option
  - Remove Select 6 hours of the following (FIN 3613, FIN 3713, FIN 4213, FIN 4363, FIN 4453, FIN 4550, FIN 4653, FIN 4813, FIN 4843)
  - Add Select 9 hours of upper-division FIN courses
  - Remove select 3 hours of the following (BCOM 3113, BCOM 3223, BCOM 3443, ENGL 3323, SPCH 3703, SPCH 3723, SPCH 4753, SPCH 4763)
  - Reduce electives from 5 to 2 credit hours
- Financial Analyst option
  - Remove ECON 3313
  - Add FIN 4113 or FIN 4103
  - Remove Select 3 hours of the following (BCOM 3113, BCOM 3223, BCOM 3443, ENGL 3323, SPCH 3703, SPCH 3723, SPCH 4753, SPCH 4763)



- Change Select 9 hours of the following (FIN 4833, FIN 4853, FIN 4550, FIN 4550, FIN 4363, FIN 4213) to Select 9 hours of upper-division FIN courses
- Pre-Law option
  - Remove ECON 3313
  - Add FIN 4113 or FIN 4103 and FIN 4213 or FIN 4813
  - Reduce upper-division electives from 18 to 12 credit hours
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To give students a stronger foundation in finance coursework.

### **Master of Science in Management Information Systems (412)**

#### Course requirement change

- Options in Big Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, Health Analytics
  - Remove “Select 3 hours from approved electives”
- Total credit hours will be reduced from 33 to 30 credit hours
- Reason for requested action: To align all options with the same number of credit hours.

### **Undergraduate Certificate in Marketing Essentials for Business Success (New)**

#### New program request

- Total credit hours: 18
- Reason for requested action: To provide students with the fundamental concepts, theories, and marketing practices.

### **Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Marketing and Revenue Generation (New)**

#### New program request

- Total credit hours: 18
- Reason for requested action: To provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop and implement marketing strategies, social media, and sports events, and understand consumer behavior specific to sports.

## **Center for Health Sciences**

### **Graduate Certificate in Forensic Weapons of Mass Destruction Investigation (New)**

#### New program request

- Total credit hours: 12
- Reason for requested action: To provide law enforcement and intelligence professionals who specialize in investigations involving weapons of mass destruction a pathway to augment their training and experience.

**Doctor of Health Care Administration in Health Care Administration (016)**

Course requirement change

- Remove HCA 6990
- Add HCA 6943
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: To correct an error in the degree requirements as listed in the catalog.

**Joint Programs****Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence (New)**

New program request

- Options in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Health Care Administration
- Total credit hours: 33
- Reason for requested action: To train the next generation of workers to operate in and advance an artificial intelligence-driven economy.

**Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City****School of Health Sciences****Healthcare Management, AS (071)**

New embedded certificates

- Addition of new embedded certificate in Medical Billing
- Addition of new embedded certificate in Medical Coding
- Reason for requested action: Adding these certificates will allow students to earn credentials recognized in the field.

**Pre-Nursing, AS (New)**

New program request

- Reason for requested action: Creation of the AS in Pre-Nursing, designed to prepare students for admission to the AAS in Nurse Science program and for transfer to 4-year nursing programs. Graduates can use this degree to supplement their AAS in Nursing or apply directly to a 4-year nursing program. This program would also allow students to take the pre-BSN courses alongside their major nursing courses.

**School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics****Applied Data Analytics, AAS (127)**

New embedded certificate

- Addition of embedded certificate in Data Processing

- Reason for requested action: Certificate should have been added at same time as AAS in Applied Data Analysis (but was not). This request will align the catalog with the OSRHE degree program inventory.

#### Program Requirement Changes

- Change MGMT 2143 to MGMT 2103
- Add BUS 2023 as required for the embedded certificate
- Total credit hours for the degree will not change
- Reason for requested action: Courses more closely align with the program.

### **Engineering Technologies, AAS (010)**

#### New embedded certificates

- Addition of new embedded certificate in Automation and Controls Technician
- Addition of new embedded certificate in Manufacturing Technician I
- Reason for requested action: The addition of these certificates will provide benchmarks of progression within the AAS degree program and group-like courses.

#### Program Requirement Changes

- Remove ENGT 1113
- Add ENGT 1234 and ENGT 2403
- Reduce the number of electives from 9 to 6 hours.
- Total credit hours will not change
- Reason for requested action: Adding the Analog and Digital course (ENGT 1234) to the curriculum is needed to better prepare students for other courses. The print reading class is being removed because the content will be incorporated into other coursework within the program. The addition of internships will better prepare students for the workforce and increase the chance of employment.

### **Engineering Technologies, BT (128)**

#### New embedded certificate

- Addition of new embedded certificate in Manufacturing Technician II (QC)
- Reason for requested action: The addition of this certificate will provide benchmarks of progression within the BT degree program and group-like courses.

**Approval of Actions Required to Refund Master Lease Program Bonds for Savings (OSU-STW)**

Board approval is requested to submit the appropriate documents and take all necessary action to incorporate a potential refunding with the Series 2025 General Revenue Bonds (the Bonds) of Master Lease Program Bonds.

The Master Real Property Lease, Series 2015A Bonds originally financed the refunding of the Series 2004 Athletic Bonds issued to finance the North Side renovations of Boone Pickens Stadium.

The potential refunding amount is currently estimated at \$12,000,000, and the Bonds will be issued with principal sufficient to refinance all of these Master Lease Program Bonds, plus the cost of issuance. For any refunding to proceed, the Net Present Value savings as a percentage of the refunded principal must be greater than 3%, which is the minimum threshold of savings the Government Finance Officers Association identifies for assessing the appropriateness of a refunding.

Required capital payments will be made from legally available funds.

Mitchell Emig, Administration & Finance Business Operations, is coordinating this item.



**Approval of Series 2025 General Revenue Bond Actions (OSU-STW)**

Board approval is requested to execute a resolution authorizing the form of Supplemental Bond Resolutions and the sale of the Board's Series 2025 General Revenue Bonds (the Bonds).

Board approval is also requested to authorize the Board Chair, or a designee, to execute the required documents and agreements, and do all things necessary to cause the execution and delivery of the Bonds, subject to Board Legal Counsel review and approval.

The Board previously approved the following:

- September 2024 (G-1) – actions required to issue the Bonds to finance the new money projects for:

Central Market Dining	\$12,000,000
Supercomputer Facility	<u>10,000,000</u>
Total	\$22,000,000

- October 2024 (G-2) and December 2024 (G-1) – members of the financing team for the Bonds

The Bonds will be issued in a principal amount sufficient to fund \$22,000,000 of the costs associated with the new money program, net of any ARPA funds which can be applied to the project, and to refund Master Lease Program Bonds in a principal amount of up to \$12,000,000, plus the cost of issuance of the Bonds.

Debt service payments on the Bonds will be from legally available funds.

Mitchell Emig, Administration and Finance Business Operations, is coordinating this item.

**Approval to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement for Real Property in Stillwater, Oklahoma (OSU-STW)**

Board approval is requested to enter into a real estate agreement to acquire property near the OSU Stillwater campus and to allow the President of OSU, or a designee, to execute the necessary document(s) upon approval of the Board and to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purchase.

Board approval is also requested to authorize the President of OSU, or a designee, to take all steps necessary to manage or operate the property, including authorizing a leaseback to the Stillwater Young Men's Christian Association at a nominal rate until its new facility is constructed. All documents are subject to review by Board Legal Counsel prior to execution.

The acquisition of this property provides an area adjacent to the east side of campus for future growth.

Costs for this acquisition are not expected to exceed \$4,000,000.

Physical addresses of the property included are as follows:

204 South Duck Street  
209 South West Street

Funding will be from legally available funds.

Mitchell Emig and Suzanne Frits, Administration and Finance Business Operations, and Brandee Hancock, Board Legal Counsel, are coordinating this item.

**REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT**

THIS REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT (this “Contract”) is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 (the “Effective Date”), by and between THE YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY, an Oklahoma not for profit corporation (the “YMCA of OKC”), and, for the limited purposes specified herein, STILLWATER FAMILY YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC., an Oklahoma not for profit corporation (the “Stillwater YMCA Foundation” and together with the YMCA of OKC, collectively referred to herein as “Sellers”); and THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES acting on behalf of OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (“Buyer”).

WHEREAS, the YMCA of OKC owns a fee simple determinable interest (the “Determinable Fee Interest”) in the Property (as defined herein) created in the General Warranty Deed recorded in Book 2373 at Page 261 of the records of the County Clerk of Payne County, Oklahoma (the “General Warranty Deed with Reverter”);

WHEREAS, the Stillwater YMCA Foundation owns the reversionary interest (the “Reversionary Interest”) in the Property created in the General Warranty Deed with Reverter conveyed to it in the Deed of Reverter recorded in Book 2372 at Page 264 of the records of the County Clerk of Payne County, Oklahoma (the “Deed of Reverter”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Letter Agreement dated January 3, 2017, executed by the Board of Trustees of the Stillwater YMCA Foundation, the Stillwater YMCA Foundation agreed to release its Reversionary Interest in the Property upon receipt of the YMCA of OKC’s commitment to use proceeds from the sale of the Property to construct new YMCA facilities in Payne County, Oklahoma (the “New YMCA Facility”);

WHEREAS, in connection with the Reversionary Interest, the Stillwater YMCA Foundation joins in the execution of this Contract for the limited purposes specified in Sections 1, 3, 4, 10 and 12 of this Contract;

WHEREAS, Buyer desires to purchase all of Sellers right, title, and interest in the Property, including, without limitation, the Determinable Fee Interest and the Reversionary Interest, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, and Sellers desire to sell their right title, and interest in the Property to Buyer.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations contained in this Contract, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties hereby acknowledge, Buyer and Sellers agree as follows:

**1. Agreement to Sell and Purchase.** Upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, Buyer hereby agrees to purchase from the undersigned Sellers and Sellers agree to sell to Buyer the following described real property, located in Payne County, Oklahoma, commonly known as 204 S. Duck Street and 209 S. West Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and more particularly

described on the attached Exhibit A, together with all of Sellers' right, title, interest, and estate in and to the surface of said real property, including, without limitation, the Determinable Fee Interest and the Reversionary Interest, less and except all oil, gas, and other minerals in and under said real property not previously reserved or conveyed of record; all buildings and structures affixed to and upon said real property, all of the appurtenances belonging to said real property and all of Sellers' right, title, and interest in and to all streets, alleys, and other public or private ways adjacent thereto, before or after vacation thereof; all of Sellers' right, title and interest, if any, in and to all assignable service, maintenance, operating, repairs, leasing, supply, advertising, parking and consulting contracts related solely to the real property and improvements or pursuant to which goods, services or supplies are furnished for the operations of the Property; all of which shall be considered part of the purchase price; hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Property".

**2. Purchase Price and Additional Consideration:** Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be the total purchase price paid by the Buyer for the Property, described herein, payable at Closing (the "Purchase Price"). Upon execution of the Contract, the earnest money in the amount of One Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) (the "Earnest Money") shall be deposited in the trust account of the Title Company (as defined herein).

**3. Title:** As soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, The YMCA of OKC shall use commercially reasonable efforts to, at its' expense, obtain a commitment for title insurance issued by the Title Company covering the Property (the "Title Commitment") for the issuance of an Owner's Title Insurance Policy (the "Title Policy"). Buyer shall have a reasonable time, not to exceed fifteen (15) days from receipt of the last of the Title Commitment and Survey (defined below), to examine the same and return to the YMCA of OKC a written report specifying any objections or defects in the title that cause title not to be marketable in accordance with the Title Examination Standards of the Oklahoma Bar Association ("Title Objections"). Any matters in the Title Commitment or the Survey to which Buyer does not timely object shall constitute "Permitted Exceptions." The YMCA of OKC shall have until the Closing Date to correct such defects and perfect title; provided however, the YMCA of OKC shall not be obligated to cure or attempt to cure any Title Objection, other than voluntary liens or mortgages granted by the YMCA of OKC and filed against the Property or mechanics liens resulting from the acts or omissions of the YMCA of OKC ("Monetary Liens"). If the YMCA of OKC is unable or refuses to cure any Title Objection, Buyer's exclusive rights under this Contract shall be to either (i) terminate this Contract by delivering written notice thereof to the YMCA of OKC prior to Closing, in which case the Earnest Money shall be immediately refunded to Buyer, and thereafter neither Buyer nor Sellers shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder (except for those which expressly survive the termination hereof), (ii) waive any such Title Objections and close under this Contract, or (iii) to the extent such Title Objections relate to Monetary Liens, Buyer may direct the Title Company at Closing to pay the amounts necessary to cause any such Monetary Liens to be fully paid, satisfied, and removed from the Title Commitment (or insured over by the Title Company if acceptable to Purchaser) from the purchase proceeds otherwise to be paid to YMCA of OKC at Closing. The abstract(s) shall become the property of Buyer at Closing.

Title to the Property shall be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, in the case of the Determinable Fee Interest, and by Deed of Reverter, in the case of the Reversionary Interest, acceptable to the



Buyer and warranting the Property, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon consultation with and guidance from the Title Company, the Stillwater YMCA Foundation may elect to release the Reversionary Interest in the property by recordation of an appropriate release and quitclaim to the YMCA of OKC prior to the Closing (“Release of Reversionary Interest”), in which event, the Deed of Reverter shall not be necessary.

**4. Property Condition and Inspections:** During the Feasibility Period (defined below), the Buyer shall have the right to investigate the Property, at Buyer’s sole cost and expense, to determine its environmental condition by conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (“Phase I”) of the Property conducted in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries, 70 Fed. Reg. 66070 (November 1, 2005) (the “AAI Rule”). Buyer shall promptly furnish a copy thereof to the YMCA of OKC. If warranted in the opinion of the environmental engineer to conduct additional investigation in the form of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Testing Program (“Phase II”), Buyer shall present the YMCA of OKC with a detailed plan or proposal for the conducting of the Phase II for Seller’s prior approval thereof. Buyer shall obtain Seller’s prior written approval or consent before performing the Phase II in the manner so proposed, which said consent or approval of the Phase II can be granted or denied by the YMCA of OKC in its sole and absolute discretion. Buyer shall provide the YMCA of OKC at least seventy-two (72) hours advance written notice before it conducts any Phase II test to which the YMCA of OKC has given its prior written consent and shall promptly furnish a copy of the results thereof to the YMCA of OKC. The obligation of the Buyer to complete the purchase of the Property is expressly conditioned upon the fact that the Property is free from contamination by hydrocarbons or by hazardous or toxic substances (as defined in CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq.; RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901, et seq. and the regulations implementing these Acts), and that no abandoned and unplugged or improperly plugged oil or gas wells are located on or about the Property. Failure of this condition, as determined by the Environmental Site Assessments described herein, shall, at the option of the Buyer, result in termination of this Contract. Except as otherwise set forth in this Paragraph 4, the condition of the Property at transfer of possession will be “AS IS”, “WHERE IS” and “WITH ALL FAULTS” and with any and all latent and patent defects and that there is no warranty or representation, express or implied, of any kind or nature (including, without limitation, warranties with respect to habitability, marketability, use or fitness for a particular purpose) made by Sellers with respect to the Property (except for the representations of Sellers expressly set forth in Section 12 (as limited by this Section 4) and in the Deed), all other representations and warranties, both express and implied, are hereby expressly disclaimed and denied. Buyer expressly releases and discharges Sellers and their respective affiliates, members, managers, partners, officers, directors, shareholders, employees, attorneys, agents, brokers and contractors from any and all obligations, claims, administrative proceedings, judgements, damages, fines, costs, and liabilities arising out of or relating to the Property or any portion thereof. The provisions of this Section 4 shall survive Closing without limitation.

**5. Survey:** Buyer, at its sole cost, shall have the Property surveyed by a registered professional land surveyor prepared in accordance with the 2021 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys dated after the Effective Date and shall contain a certification in favor of the Buyer, Sellers and the Title Company that the survey is correct and

accurate and content of which certification shall in any event be approved by the Title Company for the purpose of deleting the standard survey exception from the Title Policy.

**6. Inspection:** Buyer shall have a period of sixty (60) days after the Effective Date (the “Feasibility Period”), during which Buyer and its consultants, agents, employees, and inspecting architects and engineers (collectively, “Consultants”) shall have reasonable access to the Property for the purpose of conducting, at Buyer’s cost, any inspections or tests that Buyer wished to make, including an environmental site assessment subject to the terms and conditions of Section 4; provided, however, that any entry by Buyer or Buyer’s Consultants upon the Property shall be at the sole cost, expense and risk of Buyer (but Buyer shall not in any event be liable for any diminution in value resulting from any information obtained as a result of such inspections). Buyer agrees (a) to satisfy any and all mechanic’s liens which may be filed against the Property as a result of such entry onto and inspection of the Property, and (b) to repair any damage to the Property caused by Buyer or Buyer’s Consultants and to restore the Property to substantially the same condition existing on the date hereof. Prior to the entry onto the Property by Buyer’s Consultants, Buyer agrees to provide Seller evidence of Buyer’s Consultant’s general liability insurance with combined single limits of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and naming the Seller as additional insured. Buyer and its Consultants shall not enter the Property or conduct any inspections or tests thereon without first coordinating the entry, test, or inspection with the YMCA of OKC’s designated representative who may be present at all times during any such inspections or tests. Buyer’s obligations under this Section 6 shall survive the Closing or any termination of this Contract. If Buyer, in its sole discretion, determines that Buyer’s intended use and development is not feasible or that the Property is otherwise unsatisfactory, Buyer may elect to terminate this Contract by giving notice to the YMCA of OKC and the Title Company on or before the expiration of the Feasibility Period. If Buyer timely delivers such notice of termination, then this Contract shall terminate and have no further force or effect, and Buyer shall be entitled to a full refund of the Earnest Money. If such notice is not given by the expiration of the Feasibility Period, then Buyer shall be deemed to have approved the Property, and in such event, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived any further right to terminate this Contract pursuant to this Section 6 and the Earnest Money shall have been fully earned by the YMCA of OKC and the Earnest Money shall thereafter be non-refundable to Buyer except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

**7. Leaseback:** At the Closing, Buyer, as landlord, and the YMCA of OKC, as tenant, shall enter into a lease agreement, in substantially the form of the attached Exhibit C (the “Lease”), pursuant to which Seller will retain possession and continue to operate the Property as a YMCA until such time as the New YMCA Facility is ready for operation as a YMCA by the YMCA of OKC.

**8. Financing Contingency:** It shall be a condition to the YMCA of OKC’s obligations to consummate the transaction contemplated by this Contract that the YMCA of OKC obtain sufficient local funding for the New YMCA Facility upon terms and conditions acceptable to the YMCA of OKC (“Sufficient Funding”). If Sufficient Funding has not been obtained, or will not be obtained in the YMCA of OKC’s reasonable discretion, by the YMCA of OKC, then the YMCA of OKC shall have the right to terminate this Contract by providing written notice to Buyer, in

which event, this Contract shall terminate and the Earnest Money shall be immediately refunded to Buyer and thereafter neither Buyer nor Sellers shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder (except for those which expressly survive the termination hereof).

**9. Taxes, Assessments and Closing Costs:** Real property taxes and assessments, if any, shall be prorated to the Closing Date, except personal property taxes for the entire year, if any, shall be paid by the YMCA of OKC. If current year real property taxes are unobtainable, the same shall be based on current assessed value and rate of levy. All street, sewer, and other similar assessments shall be paid by the YMCA of OKC through the Closing Date. At Closing, the YMCA of OKC shall be responsible for one-half (½) of the customary closing costs, fees and other charges of the Title Company, if any, all abstracting costs, all costs for the commitment for issuance of title insurance, current year pro-rated real estate taxes, and filing costs of title curative instruments. Buyer shall be responsible for one-half (½) of the customary closing costs, fees and other charges of the Title Company, premiums for the Title insurance policy, current year pro-rated real estate taxes and deed recording costs and any documentary stamps due and payable. All other costs shall be the responsibility of the party incurring the same or the party responsible for fulfilling the obligations as noted in this Contract, without reimbursement or credit except to the extent as otherwise provided in this Contract.

**10. Closing and Possession:** Buyer and Sellers agree that Closing (“Closing”) shall be scheduled at a date and time mutually agreed upon by the parties at Community Escrow & Title Co. in Stillwater, Oklahoma (the “Title Company”) not more than (45) days following the later of (i) the expiration of the Feasibility Period, or (ii) the date on which the YMCA of OKC obtains Sufficient Funding (the “Closing Date”).

At Closing, the parties shall deliver the following:

- a. A Special Warranty Deed (the “Deed”), approved by the Buyer, executed by the YMCA of OKC, warranting the Property, subject only to the Permitted Exceptions;
- b. A Deed of Reverter, approved by the Buyer, executed by the Stillwater YMCA Foundation, or evidence of the recorded Release of Reversionary Interest, as applicable;
- c. A “bills paid affidavit” executed by the YMCA of OKC and verifying that there are no unpaid bills for labor performed, materials supplied, or services provided for or to the Property prior to Closing;
- d. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, such other documents, instruments, certifications and confirmations as may be reasonably necessary or required to fully effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Contract;
- e. An executed original affidavit of ownership, duly executed and acknowledged by Buyer, to be attached as an exhibit to the Deed as required by 60 O.S. § 121;
- f. The Lease, duly executed by Buyer and the YMCA of OKC; and
- g. An assignment and assumption of the service contracts and leases, as applicable, duly executed by the YMCA of OKC and Buyer.

**11. Property Insurance and Risk of Loss:** Risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be on the YMCA of OKC until Closing and transfer of title. Thereafter, risk of loss is on the Buyer.

**12. Sellers' Representations:** YMCA of OKC and the Stillwater YMCA Foundation, but in the case of the Stillwater YMCA Foundation only as to subsections e, h and p, make the following representations and warranties to Buyer, as of the Effective Date and as of the Closing, which shall survive the Closing and the delivery of the Deed and said representations and warranties shall remain in full force and effect thereafter for a period of two (2) years:

- a. Intentionally Deleted.
- b. Compliance. The YMCA of OKC is, and will be, up to and including at time of Closing, in compliance with each and every undertaking on its part under all outstanding leases and all service contracts affecting the Property or any part thereof.
- c. Intentionally Deleted.
- d. Litigation. The YMCA of OKC has no knowledge of any actions, suits, or proceedings which have been instituted or threatened against or affecting the Property, at law or in equity, or before any federal, state, or municipal governmental commission, board, bureau, agency, or instrumentality which will materially adversely affect the value, occupancy, use, or operation of the Property. The YMCA of OKC will give Buyer prompt written notice of any such action, suit, or proceeding arising subsequent to the date hereof and prior to transfer of possession to the extent the YMCA of OKC acquires knowledge thereof.
- e. Authority. Sellers have duly and validly authorized, executed, and delivered this Contract, and the execution, delivery, and performance of this Contract are not restricted by nor violate any contractual or other obligation of Sellers.
- f. Intentionally Deleted.
- g. Intentionally Deleted.
- h. Accuracy. The documents and information to be delivered by Sellers to Buyer pursuant to this Contract will be, to the best of Sellers' knowledge and belief, complete, accurate, and not misleading.
- i. Continued Operations. From the date of this Contract to the Closing, The YMCA of OKC will (i) not become a party to any service contract or similar agreement with respect to or affecting the Property beyond Closing without the prior written consent of Buyer; and (ii) keep the Property in good condition and repair in the same manner as had existed prior to the Effective Date hereof (ordinary wear, tear, end of life and casualty excepted).
- j. Intentionally Deleted.
- k. Condemnation. The YMCA of OKC has no knowledge of any notice from any governmental authority that the Property, or any portion thereof, is or will be subject to or affected by any condemnation or similar proceedings.
- l. Intentionally Deleted.
- m. Intentionally Deleted.



- n. Intentionally Deleted.
- o. Contracts and Leases. The YMCA of OKC represents that no service contracts or leases affecting the Property beyond Closing are in place except for the service contracts or leases described on Exhibit B attached hereto which shall transfer to the New YMCA Facility upon completion of the same.
- p. Survival Beyond Closing. All representations and warranties of the YMCA of OKC contained in this Contract are materially true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Contract and shall be materially true and correct as of the Closing Date. The representations and warranties hereof and remedies provided Buyer, in the event of default, will survive the Closing and remain in full force and effect thereafter for a period of two (2) years.

**13. Contract Default:** In the event a default occurs in the performance of any party's obligations hereunder, except for failure to close on the Closing Date in which event no notice shall be required, the non-defaulting party shall, as a condition of exercising its remedies hereunder, provide written notice of such default to the other party. The defaulting party shall thereafter have five (5) days, commencing the day notice is deemed received, in which to remedy such default. The foregoing cure period shall not apply to any obligation to be performed on the Closing Date. If Sellers default hereunder and fails to timely cure such default, or if Sellers wrongfully refuse to close the sale of the Property under the terms of this Contract, Buyer shall be entitled to (a) terminate this Contract, in which event Buyer will receive a full refund from the Title Company of the Earnest Money, or (b) seek specific performance, and in either event, Buyer hereby waives all other remedies, including without limitation, any claim against Seller for damages of any type or kind including, without limitation, consequential or punitive damages. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this Section 13 will limit Buyer's remedies at law, in equity or as herein provided, in the event of a breach by Seller of any of the matters which expressly survive Closing after Closing or those matters which expressly survive the early termination of this Contract after termination. If Buyer defaults hereunder and fails to timely cure such default or if Buyer wrongfully refuses to close the purchase of the Property under the terms of this Contract, Buyer and Sellers agree that it would be impractical and extremely difficult to fix the damages which Sellers may suffer, and as a result, they agree that (x) an amount equal to the Earnest Money is a reasonable estimate of the total net detriment which Sellers would suffer in the event of a default by Buyer, and (y) such amount will be the full, agreed and liquidated damages for Buyer's default, and will be Sellers' sole and exclusive remedy (whether at law or in equity) for any default of Buyer, whereupon this Contract will terminate and Sellers and Buyer will have no further rights or obligations hereunder (other than those matters which expressly survive the early termination of this Contract). Notwithstanding anything in this Contract to the contrary, neither party shall be entitled to consequential or punitive damages in connection with a breach hereof by the other party. This Section 13 shall survive Closing or early termination of this Contract. In the event that legal action is brought or legal assistance is obtained to enforce the performance of this Contract, the prevailing party or the party not causing the breach or default shall have the right to recover all such party's expenses and costs incurred by reason of such litigation or action, including but not limited to, attorney's fees, court costs, and litigation expenses.

**14. Nonassignability:** This Contract may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

**15. Binding Effect and Amendments:** This Contract must be signed by both Buyer and Sellers and approved by Buyer's governing Board and, when so executed and approved, shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Sellers and Buyer and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Contract, when executed by the parties and approved by the Buyer's governing Board, sets forth the complete understanding of Sellers and Buyer and supersedes all previous negotiations, representations, and agreements between the parties and their agents. This Contract can only be amended or modified by written agreement signed by the authorized representatives of both Sellers and Buyer.

**16. Time Is Of The Essence:** Time shall be of the essence in this Contract.

**17. Execution:** This Contract may be executed in multiple counterparts, and by use of counterpart signature pages, but all such counterparts shall constitute but one and the same agreement. Signature pages bearing facsimile signatures shall be effective for purposes of binding the parties to this Contract.

**SELLERS:**

**The Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Oklahoma,  
An Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_, President Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stillwater Young Men's Christian Association Foundation, Inc.,  
An Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_, President Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUYER:**

Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges,  
acting for and on behalf of Oklahoma State University

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Jim Hess, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Six (6), EAST COLLEGE ADDITION to the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), and Thirteen (13), in Block Three (3), COLLEGE ADDITION to the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

The South 62 feet of Lot Four (4), Block Six (6), EAST COLLEGE ADDITION to the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.



**Exhibit B**

Service Contracts and Leases

1. Rental agreement with Stillwater Public Schools for pool activities.

**Exhibit C**

**Form of Lease Agreement**

**LEASE AGREEMENT**

This Lease Agreement (hereinafter “Lease”) is made effective the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, an Oklahoma institution of higher education (hereinafter “OSU” or “Lessor”), and THE YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY, INC. (hereinafter “YMCA” or “Lessee”).

**WHEREAS**, OSU and the YMCA have entered into a contract for OSU to purchase property owned by the YMCA and located at 204 S. Duck Street and 209 S. West Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma (collectively, the “Property”);

**WHEREAS**, YMCA is in the process of building a new facility (the “New YMCA Facility”) to which it plans to move its operations which are currently conducted at the Property;

**WHEREAS**, OSU and YMCA desire to enter into a lease agreement which allows YMCA to remain in the Property until such time as the New YMCA Facility is completed;

**WHEREAS**, as part of the consideration for the purchase of the Property, OSU desires to lease to YMCA the Property at a nominal rate until the New YMCA Facility is completed.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties hereby acknowledge, OSU and YMCA agree as follows:

**WITNESSETH:**

1. **Leased Premises.** OSU hereby leases to YMCA certain real property located at 204 S. Duck Street and 209 S. West Street, as more fully depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto (“Leased Premises”).

2. **Lease Term.** The initial lease term shall be four (4) years, commencing on the Effective Date and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 2029 (the “Lease Term”). In the event YMCA continues to occupy the Leased Premises at the expiration of the Lease Term, this Lease may only be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties after reaching agreement as to a commercially reasonable rate for YMCA’s continued occupancy.

3. **Rent and Anticipated Occupancy.** YMCA agrees to pay OSU as rent for the Leased Premises the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10) per year during the Lease Term, payable at commencement of the Lease Term and on each renewal anniversary thereafter during the Lease Term.

4. **Use.** YMCA shall occupy the Leased Premises for the purpose of operating a recreational facility benefitting the local community. The parties expressly acknowledge that YMCA is not in any way affiliated with or sponsored by OSU.

5. **Other Expenses Payable By YMCA.** YMCA shall pay, when due and/or reimburse OSU for payment of:

i. All taxes, assessments (including assessments for benefits from public works or improvements, whether or not begun or completed prior to the commencement of the term of this Lease and whether or not to be completed within said Lease Term), levies, fees, water and sewer rents and charges, charges for all utility services, including gas, electric, and trash disposal, and all other governmental charges, general and special, ordinary and extraordinary, whether or not the same shall have been within the express contemplation of the parties hereto, together with any interest and penalties thereon, which are, at any time, imposed or levied upon or assessed against (A) the Leased Premises or any part thereof, or (B) this Lease or the leasehold estate hereby created or which arise in respect of the operation, possession, occupancy, or use thereof, (C) any gross receipts or similar taxes imposed or levied upon or assessed against any sums payable by YMCA hereunder, (D) all sales and use taxes which may be levied or assessed against or payable by OSU or YMCA on account of the acquisition, leasing, or use of the Leased Premises or any portion thereof, and (E) all charges for water, gas, light, heat, telephone, electricity, power, and other utility and communications services rendered or used on or about the Leased Premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if YMCA qualifies for a non-profit tax exemption resulting in a reduction or exemption to pay property taxes or any other ad valorem property taxes assessed against the Leased Premises, YMCA shall receive the direct benefit of the exemption which shall suspend its obligation to pay such taxes hereunder so long as such exemption has been properly obtained and maintained throughout the Lease Term. YMCA shall be solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining such exemption and shall provide OSU with written evidence of such exemption upon OSU's written request, and OSU agrees to cooperate with YMCA in connection with obtaining such exemption.

ii. YMCA shall, at its expense, comply with and cause the Leased Premises to comply with all governmental statutes, laws, rules, orders, regulations, and ordinances affecting the Leased Premises or any part thereof, or the use thereof, including those which require the making of any structural, unforeseen, or extraordinary changes, whether or not any of the same, which may hereafter be enacted, involve a change of policy on the part of the governmental body enacting the same. YMCA shall, at its expense, comply with the requirements of all policies of insurance carried by YMCA which at any time may be in force with respect to the Leased Premises, and with the provisions of all contracts, agreements, and restrictions affecting the Leased Premises or any part thereof or the ownership, occupancy, or use thereof that YMCA is either a party to such document or has given its written consent to the substance thereof.

iii. YMCA shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with and cause the Leased Premises to comply with, all covenants, terms, and conditions of all presently existing documents which are recorded in the land records in Payne County, Oklahoma which affect the Leased Premises or the use thereof and any such documents which hereafter come into existence, provided, in the latter case, that YMCA is either a party to such document or has given its written consent to the substance thereof.



6. **Hazardous Materials.** The YMCA shall keep and maintain the Leased Premises in compliance with, and shall not cause or permit the Leased Premises to be in violation of, any federal, state, or local laws, ordinances or regulations relating to environmental conditions (Hazardous Materials Laws) on, under, about, or affecting the Leased Premises. The YMCA shall not use, generate, manufacture, store or dispose of, on, under or about the Leased Premises or transport to or from the Leased Premises any flammable explosives, radioactive materials, hazardous waste, toxic substances, or related materials, including without limitation any substances defined as or included in the definition of hazardous substances, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, or toxic substances under any applicable federal or state laws or regulations (collectively referred to hereinafter as “Hazardous Materials”).

The YMCA shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify and hold harmless OSU, its directors, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from and against, any loss, damage, cost, expense or liability directly or indirectly arising out of or attributable to the use, generation, storage, release, threatened release, discharge, disposal or presence of Hazardous Materials on, under or about the Leased Premises arising out of or relating to the period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the termination of the Lease to extent (but only to the extent) caused by YMCA, including without limitation: (A) all foreseeable consequential damages; (B) the costs of any required or necessary repairs, cleanup, or detoxification of the Leased Premises, and the preparation and implementation of any closure, remedial, or other required plans; and (C) all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by OSU in connection with clauses (A) and (B), including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees. The YMCA shall, at its expense, take all necessary remedial action(s) in response to the presence of any Hazardous Materials on, under, or about the Leased Premises.

7. **Liens.** YMCA will not, directly or indirectly, create or permit to be created or to remain, and will promptly discharge, at its expense, any mortgage, lien, encumbrance, or charge on, pledge of, or conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to, the Leased Premises or any part thereof or YMCA’s interest therein, or other sums payable by YMCA hereunder, other than any encumbrance or other charge created by or resulting from any act of OSU. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as constituting the consent or request of OSU, express or implied, to or for the performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials for any construction, alteration, addition, repair, or demolition of or to the Leased Premises or any part thereof by any contractor, subcontractor, laborer, materialman, or vendor. OSU shall not be liable for any labor, services, or materials furnished to or to be furnished to YMCA, or to any individual or entity holding the Leased Premises or any part thereof, through or under YMCA, and that no mechanics’ or other liens for any such labor, services, or materials shall attach to or affect the interest of OSU in and to the Leased Premises.

8. **Repairs and Maintenance.**

i. YMCA acknowledges it has received the Leased Premises in good order and condition. YMCA agrees that it will, at its expense, keep and maintain the Leased Premises, including any altered, rebuilt, additional, or substituted buildings, structures, and other improvements thereto in good repair and appearance, except for ordinary wear and tear, and will with reasonable promptness make all structural and non-structural, foreseen and unforeseen, and

ordinary and extraordinary changes and repairs of every kind and nature which may be required to be made upon or in connection with the Leased Premises or any part thereof in order to keep and maintain the Leased Premises in such good repair and appearance. Except as provided in Section 16 or otherwise in this Lease, OSU shall not be required to maintain, repair, or rebuild the Leased Premises or any part thereof in any way, or to make any alterations, replacements, or renewals of any nature or description to the Leased Premises or any part thereof, whether ordinary or extraordinary, structural or non-structural, foreseen or unforeseen, and YMCA hereby expressly waives any right to make repairs at the expense of OSU, which right may be provided for in any statute or law in effect at the time of the execution and delivery hereof or of any other statute or law which may thereafter be enacted.

ii. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if there is less than six (6) months remaining in the then-current term of this Lease, or if agreed to by the parties during the Lease Term, YMCA shall not be required to make any material repairs or replacements to the Leased Premises or any part thereof, including but not limited to, structural or non-structural components, pool facilities, or building systems.

9. **Advertising and Signage.** Neither party shall use the other's name or logo in any description or promotional literature or communication of any kind without the other's prior written approval.

10. **Alterations.** It is understood by OSU that YMCA may need to make alterations to the space in order to accommodate the use described in Paragraph 4 herein. All alterations, improvements, and additions will be made at YMCA's expense. No alterations, improvements, or additions shall be made without the written consent of OSU, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

11. **Trade Fixtures and Personal Property.** Any trade fixtures, business equipment, inventory, trademarked items, signs, and other removable personal property installed in or on the Leased Premises by YMCA at its expense ("YMCA's Property"), shall remain the property of the YMCA. OSU agrees that YMCA shall have the right, at any time or from time to time, to remove any and all of YMCA's Property. YMCA, at its expense, shall immediately repair any damage occasioned by the removal of YMCA's Property and upon expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, shall leave the Leased Premises in a neat and clean condition, free of debris, normal wear and tear excepted

12. **Assumption of Risk and Indemnification.** YMCA agrees to pay, and to protect, indemnify, and save OSU harmless from and against, any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses (including all reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of YMCA and OSU), causes of action, suits, claims, demands, or judgments of any nature whatsoever arising from (A) any injury to, or the death of, any person, or any damage to the property on the Leased Premises, or in any manner growing out of or connected with the use, non-use, condition, or occupancy of the Leased Premises or any part thereof, or resulting from the condition thereof, including, without limiting the foregoing, all claims or actions from YMCA's agents, employees, and invitees (B) violation by YMCA of any agreement or condition hereof, or (C) any negligence or tortious act on the part of YMCA or any of its agents, contractors, sublessees, licensees, or invitees. In case any action,

suit, or proceeding is brought against OSU by reason of any occurrence herein described, YMCA will, at its own expense, defend such action, suit, or proceed with counsel reasonably acceptable to OSU. Notwithstanding the foregoing, YMCA shall have no obligation to pay, protect, indemnify, and save OSU harmless from and against any of the foregoing claims resulting from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of OSU or any of its officers, directors, members, managers, regents, beneficiaries, partners, representatives, agents and employees.

13. **Licensing.** YMCA agrees to obtain and maintain all required and necessary licensing for its operations of the Leased Premises and shall be responsible for all fees incurred in obtaining any necessary licensing. OSU shall have no liability for and YMCA shall indemnify and hold OSU Harmless from any and all liabilities, costs, losses, or damages resulting or in any way connected with any failure by YMCA to obtain and/or maintain such required and necessary licensing.

14. **Security.** YMCA shall secure all locks and keys at its sole cost and shall assume all liability therefore. OSU shall have no responsibility or liability for security of the Leased Premises.

15. **Condemnation.** YMCA hereby irrevocably assigns to OSU any award or payment to which YMCA may be or become entitled to by reason of any taking of the Leased Premises or any part thereof in or by condemnation or other eminent domain proceedings pursuant to any law, general or special, or by reason of the temporary requisition of the use or occupancy of the Leased Premises or any part thereof by any governmental authority, whether the same shall be payable in respect of YMCA's leasehold interest hereunder or otherwise provided, however, OSU shall be entitled to seek its own separate award for the following: (a) for the taking of or damage to the YMCA's Property, if any; and (b) any consequential or other customary damages, including, but not limited to, relocation or moving expenses.. OSU shall be entitled to participate in any such proceedings at YMCA's expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, OSU covenants and agrees that it will not solicit the taking of the Leased Premises or any part thereof or act as the condemning authority in or by condemnation or other eminent domain proceedings during the Lease Term.

16. **Insurance.**

i. YMCA agrees to carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all buildings on the Leased Premises for an amount providing coverage for the full replacement cost thereof less depreciation. Each insurance policy required to be obtained by YMCA under this Lease shall name OSU as an additional insured. Said insurance policy shall provide that it cannot be canceled except on thirty (30) days' prior written notice to OSU and that there shall be no subrogation against YMCA's sub-tenants, licensees or concessionaires.

ii. YMCA agrees to carry general liability insurance on the Leased Premises during the Lease Term hereof naming OSU as an additional insured, with companies reasonably satisfactory to OSU and giving OSU and YMCA a minimum of ten (10) days' written notice by the insurance company prior to cancellation, termination or change in such insurance. Such insurance shall have a coverage of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability.

iii. In the event the Leased Premises or any portion thereof is damaged or destroyed or rendered partially untenable for their accustomed use, by fire or other casualty insured as referred to herein, such insurance proceeds shall be immediately assigned to OSU and OSU shall promptly (considering the circumstances), commence and diligently proceed to repair said Building and restore the Leased Premises to substantially the same condition in which it was immediately prior to the occurrence of the casualty. In determining what constitutes diligence in OSU's repair and restoration of the Leased Premises, consideration shall be given to delays caused by strikes, adjustment of insurance and other causes beyond the control of OSU. OSU shall be responsible for any deductible, but OSU shall not be obligated to expend for such repair an amount in excess of the insurance proceeds recovered as a result of such damage and in no event shall OSU be required to replace YMCA's Property. From the date of such casualty until the Leased Premises is so repaired and restored, rent and all other charges and items payable hereunder shall abate in such proportion as the part of the Leased Premises thus destroyed or rendered untenable bears to the total Leased Premises; provided, however, if the damage is to the extent that YMCA cannot conduct its business in the Building during the period of repair and restoration in substantially the same manner as conducted prior to the damage, the YMCA shall have the right to suspend business operations at the Leased Premises until the Leased Premises is repaired and the Leased Premises restored and, if suspended, all rent shall abate completely until the earlier of the substantial completion of such repair and restoration or the date YMCA reopens for business to the public at the Leased Premises.

17. **Surrender of the Leased Premises.** At the expiration of the Lease Term or other termination of this Lease, YMCA shall quit and surrender the Leased Premises hereby demised in as good a state and condition as at the commencement of this Lease, reasonable use and wear thereof excepted, and subject to Section 8.

18. **Holding Over.** In the event YMCA remains in possession of the Lease Premises after the expiration of the Lease Term without OSU's written consent, YMCA shall be deemed to be a tenant from month-to-month at a commercially reasonable rate determined in OSU's sole discretion. Except as aforesaid, such tenancy shall be upon and subject to the terms of this Lease. Either party may terminate such month-to-month tenancy as of any date by providing the other party with at least 30 days' prior written notice of termination. Nothing herein, however, shall be deemed to grant to YMCA the right to hold over in the Leased Premises beyond the expiration of the Lease Term, and OSU shall be entitled to all remedies available to it, in law or in equity, to recover possession of the Lease Premises upon YMCA holding over without OSU's consent.

19. **Default.** YMCA shall be in default hereunder if YMCA defaults in the performance or observance of any other covenant or condition agreed upon or imposed upon YMCA under the terms and provisions of this Lease; provided, however, that YMCA shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of written notice from OSU to remedy any such default. If such default is one that cannot be remedied within thirty (30) days following the giving of such notice, no event of default shall occur so long as YMCA promptly commences such cure and diligently pursues it until completion. Upon the occurrence of any event of default, OSU may, at its option, in addition to any other remedy or right given hereunder or by law, give notice to YMCA that this Lease shall terminate upon the date specified in the notice, which date shall not be earlier than ten (10) days after the date of notice. OSU may enter upon the Leased Premises or any part thereof for the



purpose of curing such default. Upon termination of this Lease as hereinabove provided or otherwise, OSU may enter the Leased Premises without further demand and take possession of the Leased Premises without being liable in trespass for any damages. In no event shall such re-entry or resumption of possession or re-letting of the Leased Premises as herein provided be deemed to be an acceptance or surrender of the Lease or a waiver of the rights and remedies of OSU hereunder.

20. **Sovereign Immunity.** OSU does not waive its sovereign immunity as established in the Governmental Torts Claims Act, 51 Okla. Stat. § 151 et seq., and nothing contained in this Lease shall be interpreted as such a waiver.

21. **Assignment and Subletting.** YMCA will use the space for the intended use, and agrees there will be no other sublease, assignment, or use of the premises, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of OSU, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

22. **Notices.** Any notice or demand upon OSU or YMCA shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given or made on the date it is mailed by Registered or Certified Mail, or delivered to OSU or YMCA, as the case may be, at the following addresses or at such other addresses as OSU or YMCA may hereinafter specify in writing for such purposes:

OSU:           President  
                  Oklahoma State University  
                  107 Whitehurst  
                  Stillwater, OK 74078

Copy to:       Office of Legal Counsel  
                  Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
                  Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges  
                  5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Student Union  
                  Stillwater, OK 74078

YMCA:         YMCA  
                  [INSERT ADDRESS]

23. **Binding Effect and Amendments.** This Lease must be signed by both OSU and YMCA, and, when so executed, shall be binding upon OSU and YMCA and their respective successors and assigns. Any changes or modifications to this Lease must be approved in writing by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

24. **Counterparts.** This Lease may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

25. **Waiver.** Failure by either party to enforce at any time any provision of this Lease shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or of the right of that party to enforce each and every provision.

26. **Severability.** If any provision of this Lease is as a matter of law unenforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be deleted, and this Lease shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

27. **Captions.** The captions, sections, headings, and arrangements used in this Lease are for convenience only and do not in any way affect, limit, amplify, or modify the terms and provisions thereof.

28. **Entire Agreement.** This Lease constitutes the entire agreement between OSU and YMCA and as such supersedes and voids all prior and/or contemporaneous agreements between OSU and YMCA as to the subject matter herein. This Lease may not be modified or amended except by a written instrument executed by both OSU and YMCA.

*[signature page follows]*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

OSU:  
Oklahoma State University

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James D. Hess, ED.D., Interim President

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA:  
The Young Men's Christian  
Association of Greater Oklahoma  
City, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_,



**Cover for OSU Items G-4 and G-5**  
**March 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

Please see the following explanation provided by Ms. Amy Newton in the Board's Office of Legal Counsel regarding OSU Items G-4 and G-5:

OSU-CHS would like to establish an easement for the construction and maintenance of a monument sign in front of the VA hospital to indicate the VA hospital's place in the OSU Academic Medical District.

An easement for this purpose is being placed on the March 2025 Board Agenda for consideration by the Board. If the easement includes specific non-merger of title language and is granted from the Board to the Board prior to property transfer, we will not have to seek agreement from the VA for the construction or maintenance of this sign after the transfer to the VA takes place.

Additionally, a mutual access easement will be placed on the March 2025 Board Agenda to allow for access to common or open areas between the three anticipated lots, discussed herein. Similarly to the sign easement, this easement contains non-merger of title language and is granted to the Board, from the Board.

We believe it is more efficient to grant this easement prior to the transfer to the VA.

**Approval to Grant an Easement to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges (OSU-CHS)**

Board approval is requested for the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to grant an easement to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

The easement, rights, and privileges granted herein will be used for the purpose of pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress to and from the Grantee's land.

The easement contains approximately 0.61 acres and is in an area more generally described as:

A tract of land in the southeast quarter, S2, T19N, R12E of the Indian Base and Meridian, Tulsa County, state of Oklahoma

No funding is required.

Eric Polak, OSU-CHS, and Amy Newton, OSU-CHS Board Legal Counsel, are coordinating this item.



### **ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is entered into effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between **Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural And Mechanical Colleges** (“**Grantor**”), and **Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural And Mechanical Colleges** (“**Grantee**”). Grantor and Grantee are sometimes referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner of that certain tract of land situated in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto (“Grantor’s Land”);

WHEREAS, Grantee is the owner of that certain tract of land situated in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, more particularly described on Exhibit B attached hereto (“Grantee’s Land”); and

WHEREAS, Grantor is willing to grant to Grantee an easement for ingress and egress to and from Grantee’s Land over a portion of Grantor’s Land, as more particularly described on Exhibit C attached hereto (the “Easement Area”), upon the terms and conditions and subject to the reservations hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid by Grantee to Grantor and the mutual covenants, terms and conditions set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Grant of Easement.** Grantor hereby grants and conveys to Grantee, its successors and permitted assigns, a non-exclusive, non-revocable, perpetual easement (the “Easement”) upon and across the Easement Area for the purpose of pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress to and from Grantee’s Land.
2. **Reservation of Rights.** The Easement, and the rights and privileges granted herein, are non-exclusive to Grantee, and Grantor reserves and retains the right to convey similar rights and easements to any persons other than the Grantee for any purpose so long as such other conveyance does not unreasonably interfere with Grantee’s use of the Easement Area. All right, title and interest in and to the Easement Area under this Agreement, which may be used and enjoyed without interfering with the rights conveyed by this Agreement are reserved to Grantor, provided however, that Grantor’s use and enjoyment of the Easement Area shall not unreasonably interfere with Grantee’s rights granted hereunder. The grant and conveyance of the Easement pursuant to this Agreement is made subject to matters evidenced by instruments of record in the office of the county clerk of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, to the extent the same are valid and still in effect.
3. **Use of the Easement.** Grantee shall at all times: (i) use the Easement Area in a reasonable, safe and prudent manner; (ii) keep the Easement Area in a clean, orderly, and safe condition; (iii) maintain reasonable and safe speed of operation of vehicles along the Easement Area; (iv) stay within the boundaries of the road now or hereafter located in the Easement Area; and (v) comply with all federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances or other governmental requirements applicable to any conduct or activity in which Grantee engages within the Easement Area or any other portion of Grantor’s Land.
4. **Specific Prohibitions.** Grantee shall not cause, suffer, permit or allow any of the following to occur in, on or about the Easement Area: (i) activities causing damage to any road or other property located within the Easement Area; (ii) parking of any vehicles or storing of any materials, equipment, or any other items; (iii) dumping or leaving of any trash or other waste; (iv) the release, leakage, or disposal (or any threat thereof) of any hazardous substance, toxic material, solid waste or waste product as defined by applicable local, state or federal law; or (v) any illegal conduct.

5. **Maintenance and Repair.** Each Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to perform any maintenance or repair of the Easement Area. If a Party performs any material repair or maintenance of the Easement Area, then the other Party shall reimburse such Party for a reasonable portion of the costs and expenses incurred for such work. If a Party causes any damage to the Easement Area, then such Party shall be solely responsible for promptly repairing such damage.
6. **Liens.** Grantee shall not permit or suffer to be filed against Grantor's Land any liens, claims or encumbrances of any kind. If any such lien, claim or encumbrance is filed against the Grantor's Land, Grantee shall cause such lien, claim or encumbrance to be fully released, whether by payment, posting a sufficient bond or otherwise, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of such lien, claim or encumbrance. In the event of the failure or refusal of Grantee to cause Grantor's Land to be so released, Grantor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make the payments or to post such bonds in the amount necessary to so relieve and release and Grantor shall be entitled to bring an action for the purpose of declaring the easement to be terminated.
7. **Grantee's Representatives.** Grantee shall at all times be solely and fully responsible for its owners, officers, employees, agents, servants, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees or any other any person claiming use of the Easement Area through or under Grantee (collectively, "**Representatives**"). Grantee's Representatives shall be bound by all obligations, conditions and restrictions to the same extent as Grantee. Time is of the essence as to every obligation of Grantee under this Agreement.
8. **Grantor Not Liable.** Grantor makes no representation or warranty whatsoever, express or implied, with respect to Grantor's Land, including without limitation, any hazards or dangers found at Grantor's Land. Grantee and its Representatives enter Grantor's Land at their own risk, and Grantee assumes all risks and liabilities related thereto. In no event shall Grantor be liable for any damage to, or loss of personal property or equipment sustained by Grantee or its Representatives on, in or about Grantor's Land, whether or not it is insured. Grantee hereby releases Grantor from all claims asserted against or incurred by Grantee or its Representatives that may arise in connection with their activities on the Grantor's Land. In no event shall Grantor be liable to Grantee or its Representatives for any indirect, punitive, special, consequential or incidental damages whatsoever.
9. **Governing Law; Venue; Severability; Legal Fees.** This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed and enforced in all respects by the laws of the State of Oklahoma. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be fully effective. If any legal action or proceeding is instituted to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover its, his, her or their costs, including reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees, from the non-prevailing Party.
10. **Injunctive Relief; Remedies.** Each Party shall have the right to compel performance of other terms and provisions of this Agreement by suit for specific performance or mandatory injunction and the further right to restrain or enjoin any threatened or continuing violation of the terms of this Agreement. In any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement or to enjoin a threatened or continued violation hereof, the defense that the Party initiating such equitable proceedings has a speedy and adequate remedy at law is hereby waived. The right herein granted to seek and obtain injunctive relief or specific performance shall not preclude an aggrieved Party from recovering any damages sustained by it by reason of breach of any of the covenants and agreements herein and shall not preclude such Party from seeking and obtaining any other remedy or relief afforded by the terms of this Agreement or by law for breach of the covenants and agreements herein contained.

11. **Run with the Land; Successors and Assigns.** The Easement, and the rights and privileges herein granted hereunder, shall be perpetual, run with the land, and inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties and their respective grantees, successor in interest, and permitted assigns. Grantee may not, without the prior written consent of Grantor, assign any of Grantee's rights, powers, or obligations hereunder. Any attempted assignment by Grantee in violation of this paragraph shall be null and void.
12. **No Merger of Title.** It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that it is the intent of the Parties that there shall be no merger of this Agreement or the Easement by reason of the fact that the same person or entity may acquire or own any portion of Grantor's Land and Grantee's Land. In the event that Grantee's interest under this Agreement and Grantee's rights to the Easement or any estate therein shall become vested in the same person or entity, this instrument shall not merge in such title but shall continue as a valid and enforceable burden on Grantor's Land for the purposes described herein.
13. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and no modification of the provisions herein shall be effective unless reduced to writing and executed by each Party hereto. All Exhibits attached to this Agreement are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as if fully rewritten or reproduced herein. Any discrepancy between a map or plat and a legal description shall be resolved in favor of the legal description.
14. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each signed by different persons and all of said counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and such instrument shall be deemed to have been made, executed and delivered on the date first hereinabove written, irrespective of the time or times when the same or any counterparts thereof actually may have been executed and delivered.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

**GRANTOR:**

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges)

STATE OF OKLAHOMA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by \_\_\_\_\_, as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Commission No.:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

**GRANTEE:**

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT A****Grantor's Land**

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PROCEEDING FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF 3RD STREET AND HOUSTON AVENUE, SOUTH 23°51'43" EAST A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 66°08'17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 23°51'43" EAST A DISTANCE OF 776.15 FEET PARALLELING HOUSTON AVENUE TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 113°48', A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET AND ARC LENGTH OF 99.31 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°56'17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 120.02 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 87°09'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 186.16 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°56'17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 345.34 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 44, OWEN ADDITION; THENCE NORTH 00°36'43" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 356.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 44 SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 21°57'46" WEST A DISTANCE OF 164.80 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 0°36' 43" WEST A DISTANCE OF 154.81 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 32°27'55" EAST A DISTANCE OF 109.94 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 87°51'33" EAST A DISTANCE OF 130.10 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 69°30'27" EAST A DISTANCE OF 10.83 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, BLOCK 127, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, NOW CITY OF TULSA; THENCE NORTH 88°35'19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 52.37 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 66°08'17" EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF 3RD STREET, A DISTANCE OF 145.00 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°, A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 78.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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**EXHIBIT C**

**Access Easement**

[ATTACHED]

# MUTUAL ACCESS EASEMENT

## Exhibit "C"

SHEET 1 OF 3

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PART OF VACATED 4TH STREET, AND VACATED LOTS FOUR (4) AND SIX (6), AND THE VACATED ALLEY, BLOCK ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN (127), ORIGINAL TOWN TULSA, AND VACATED LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), THREE (3), AND LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK FORTY-FOUR (44), OWEN ADDITION, LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW/4, SE/4) SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP NINETEEN (19) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN (I.B. & M.), CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SURVEY THEREOF, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

COMMENCING (P.O.C.) AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF VACATED LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK FORTY-FOUR (44); THENCE N01°14'50"W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID VACATED LOTS SEVEN (7), SIX (6), FIVE (5), AND FOUR (4) FOR A DISTANCE OF 167.01 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING** (P.O.B.); THENCE N01°14'50"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 24.00 FEET; THENCE N88°50'47"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 30.19 FEET; THENCE N01°14'50"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 167.05 FEET; THENCE N65°29'49"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 281.33 FEET; THENCE N24°30'10"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 310.34 FEET; THENCE N87°57'12"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 26.37 FEET; THENCE N65°30'10"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1.63 FEET; THENCE S24°30'10"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.27 FEET; THENCE N65°29'49"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 193.34 FEET; THENCE S24°30'16"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 37.00 FEET; THENCE S65°29'49"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 52.22 FEET; THENCE S83°09'18"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 36.26 FEET; THENCE S65°29'49"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 398.84 FEET; THENCE S01°14'50"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 173.15 FEET; THENCE S88°50'47"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 54.29 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**; AREA CONTAINS 0.61 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

### BASIS OF BEARINGS

THE BASIS OF BEARING FOR THIS EXHIBIT IS THE OKLAHOMA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (NAD83 OKLAHOMA NORTH ZONE 3501). THE WEST LINE OF BLOCK 44, OWEN ADDITION AS N01°14'50"W.

### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, CLIFF BENNETT, OF WALLACE DESIGN COLLECTIVE, PC, CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION CLOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS AND IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS DESCRIBED. THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.



*Cliff Bennett*

CLIFF BENNETT, P.L.S.  
OKLAHOMA NO. 1815  
CERT. OF AUTH. NO. 1460  
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SURVEYOR'S LAST SITE VISIT: AUGUST 6, 2023



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# Plat of Survey Mutual Access Easement Exhibit "C"

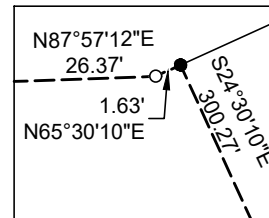
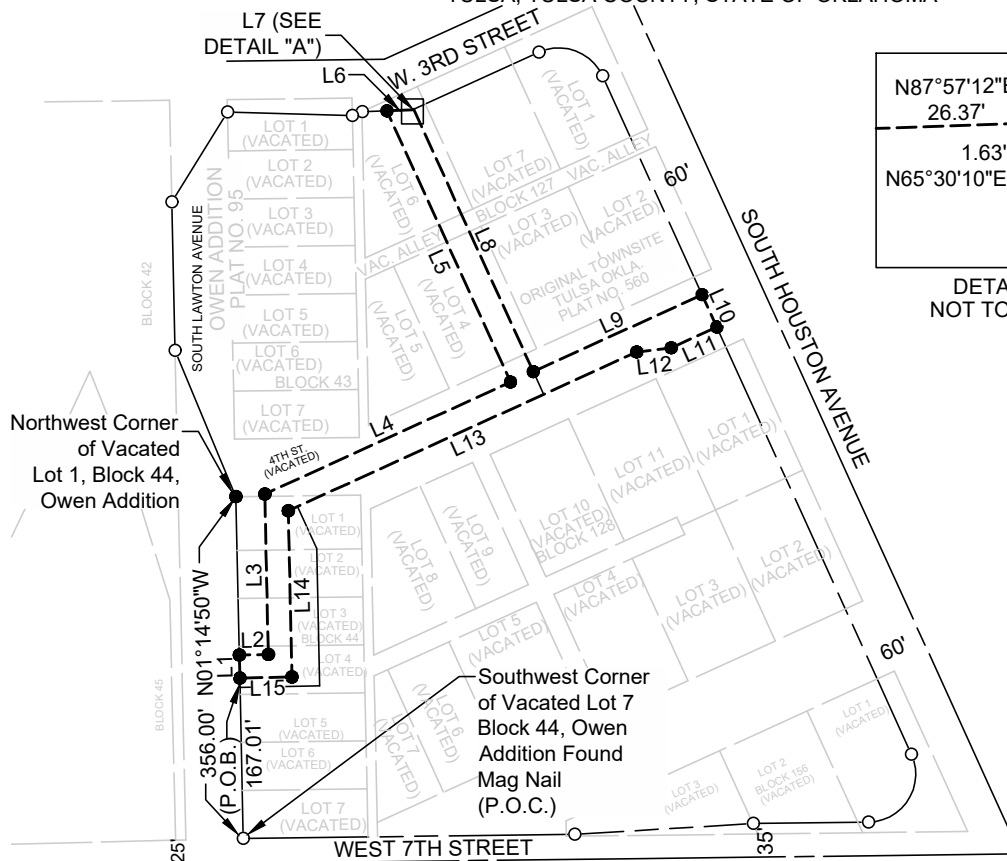
SHEET 2 OF 3

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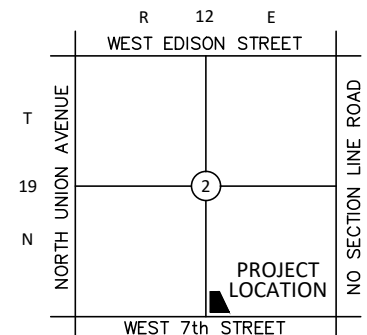
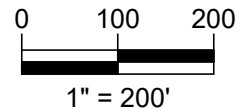
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## LEGEND

- P.O.B. = POINT OF BEGINNING
- P.O.C. = POINT OF COMMENCEMENT
- = SET MONUMENT
- = FOUND MONUMENT

## BASIS OF BEARINGS

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## SURVEYOR'S LAST SITE VISIT:

AUGUST 6, 2024

## CERTIFICATION

I, CLIFF BENNETT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE REPRESENTS A SURVEY PERFORMED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AS OF THIS DATE. THIS PLAT OF SURVEY MEETS THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

*Cliff Bennett*  
CLIFF BENNETT P.L.S.  
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# Plat of Survey Mutual Access Easement Exhibit "C" Line Table

SHEET 3 OF 3

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Line Table		
Line #	Length	Direction
L1	24.00	N01°14'50"W
L2	30.19	N88°50'47"E
L3	167.05	N01°14'50"W
L4	281.33	N65°29'49"E
L5	310.34	N24°30'10"W
L6	26.37	N87°57'12"E
L7	1.63	N65°30'10"E
L8	300.27	S24°30'10"E
L9	193.34	N65°29'49"E
L10	37.00	S24°30'16"E
L11	52.22	S65°29'49"W
L12	36.26	S83°09'18"W
L13	398.84	S65°29'49"W
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**Approval to Grant an Easement to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges (OSU-CHS)**

Board approval is requested for the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to grant an easement to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

The easement, rights, and privileges granted herein will be used to construct, install, operate, repair, illuminate, maintain, replace, and/or remove a freestanding monument sign (the "Structure"). The easement granted hereunder shall include rights-of-way necessary or desirable to construct and install such electrical and irrigation facilities, conduits, lines, and equipment as are reasonably necessary or desirable to provide electric and water service to the Structure and the easement area, and to operate, repair, maintain, replace, and/or remove any or all of the foregoing. The precise size, location, and design of the Structure (as well as any conduit, lines, electrical facilities, and equipment that support same) shall be determined by Grantee in its reasonable and good faith discretion.

The easement contains approximately 1,339 square feet and is in an area more generally described as:

A tract of land in the southeast quarter, section 2, T19N, R12E of the Indian Base and Meridian, Tulsa County, state of Oklahoma

Eric Polak, OSU-CHS, and Amy Newton, OSU-CHS Board Legal Counsel, are coordinating this item.

**SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is entered into effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by and between **Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges** (“Grantor”), and **Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges** (“Grantee”). Grantor and Grantee are sometimes referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner of that certain tract of land situated in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto (“Grantor’s Land”); and

WHEREAS, Grantor is willing to grant to Grantee a signage easement over a portion of Grantor’s Land, as more particularly described on Exhibit B attached hereto (the “Easement Area”), upon the terms and conditions and subject to the reservations hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid by Grantee to Grantor and the mutual covenants, terms and conditions set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Grant of Easement.** Grantor hereby grants and conveys to Grantee an exclusive, non-revocable, perpetual easement (the “Easement”) upon and across the Easement Area to construct, install, operate, repair, illuminate, maintain, replace, and/or remove a freestanding monument sign (the “Structure”). The Easement granted hereunder shall include rights-of-way necessary or desirable to construct and install such electrical and irrigation facilities, conduits, lines, and equipment as are reasonably necessary or desirable to provide electric and water service to the Structure and the Easement Area, and to operate, repair, maintain, replace, and/or remove any or all of the foregoing. The precise size, location, and design of the Structure (as well as any conduit, lines, electrical facilities, and equipment that support same) shall be determined by Grantee in its reasonable and good faith discretion.
2. **Use of the Easement.** The Easement shall be used by Grantee solely for the construction, installation, operation, repair, illumination, maintenance, replacement, and/or removal of the Structure within the Easement Area and for no other purpose. Grantee shall comply with all federal, state, municipal, and other laws and ordinances in connection with its installation and use of the Structure and the Easement Area, and shall not commit any act which shall constitute an unreasonable nuisance or for any illegal purpose. No act shall be performed by either Party which would in any manner affect or jeopardize or obstruct the free and continuous use and enjoyment of the Easement by Grantee. Grantor agrees that it shall not hereafter erect any structures, permanent or otherwise, that would materially impair the visibility of the Structure or the Easement Area.
3. **Exclusivity.** The Easement, and the rights and privileges granted herein, are exclusive to Grantee. Grantor shall not convey similar rights and easements upon the Easement Area to any persons other than Grantee for any purpose without Grantor’s prior consent. Grantor’s use and enjoyment of Grantor’s Land shall not unreasonably interfere with Grantee’s rights granted hereunder. Grantee is hereby given and granted the exclusive possession of the Easement Area for the purposes set forth herein. Grantor shall not permit or allow any building, structure, fence, wall, or other above ground obstruction (other than the Structure) to be placed, erected, or installed upon the Easement Area. In the event the terms of this paragraph are violated by Grantor or any person in privity with Grantor, such violation shall be promptly corrected and eliminated immediately by Grantor upon receipt of notice from Grantee; provided that Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove or otherwise eliminate such violation, and Grantor shall promptly pay the actual cost thereof.

4. **Maintenance and Repair.** Grantee shall be solely responsible for the prompt payment and performance of all maintenance and repair of the Easement, including without limitation, such maintenance, repair, landscaping, and improvements that are necessary to maintain the Structure and the Easement Area in good condition.
5. **Liens.** Grantee shall not permit or suffer to be filed against Grantor's Land any liens, claims or encumbrances of any kind. If any such lien, claim or encumbrance is filed against the Grantor's Land, Grantee shall cause such lien, claim or encumbrance to be fully released, whether by payment, posting a sufficient bond or otherwise, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of such lien, claim or encumbrance. In the event of the failure or refusal of Grantee to cause Grantor's Land to be so released, Grantor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make the payments or to post such bonds in the amount necessary to so relieve and release and Grantor shall be entitled to bring an action for the purpose of declaring the easement to be terminated.
6. **Grantee's Representatives.** Grantee shall at all times be solely and fully responsible for its owners, officers, employees, agents, servants, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees or any other any person claiming use of the Easement Area through or under Grantee (collectively, "**Representatives**"). Grantee's Representatives shall be bound by all obligations, conditions and restrictions to the same extent as Grantee.
7. **Grantor Not Liable.** Grantor makes no representation or warranty whatsoever, express or implied, with respect to Grantor's Land, including without limitation, any hazards or dangers found at Grantor's Land. Grantee and its Representatives enter Grantor's Land at their own risk, and Grantee assumes all risks and liabilities related thereto. Except as provided herein, Grantor shall not be liable for any damage to, or loss of personal property or equipment sustained by Grantee or its Representatives on, in or about Grantor's Land, whether or not it is insured. Grantee hereby releases Grantor from all claims asserted against or incurred by Grantee or its Representatives that may arise in connection with their activities on the Grantor's Land. In no event shall Grantor be liable to Grantee or its Representatives for any indirect, punitive, special, consequential or incidental damages whatsoever.
8. **Governing Law; Venue; Severability; Legal Fees.** This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed and enforced in all respects by the laws of the State of Oklahoma. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be fully effective. If any legal action or proceeding is instituted to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover its, his, her or their costs, including reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees, from the non-prevailing Party.
9. **Injunctive Relief; Remedies.** Each Party shall have the right to compel performance of other terms and provisions of this Agreement by suit for specific performance or mandatory injunction and the further right to restrain or enjoin any threatened or continuing violation of the terms of this Agreement. In any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement or to enjoin a threatened or continued violation hereof, the defense that the Party initiating such equitable proceedings has a speedy and adequate remedy at law is hereby waived. The right herein granted to seek and obtain injunctive relief or specific performance shall not preclude an aggrieved Party from recovering any damages sustained by it by reason of breach of any of the covenants and agreements herein and shall not preclude such Party from seeking and obtaining any other remedy or relief afforded by the terms of this Agreement or by law for breach of the covenants and agreements herein contained.
10. **Run with the Land; Successors and Assigns.** The Easement, and the rights and privileges granted hereunder, shall be perpetual, run with the land, and inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties and their respective successor in interest and permitted assigns. Grantee may not, without the prior written consent of Grantor, assign any of Grantee's rights, powers, or obligations hereunder. Any attempted assignment by Grantee in violation of this paragraph shall be null and void.

11. **No Merger of Title.** It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that it is the intent of the Parties that there shall be no merger of this Agreement or the Easement by reason of the fact that the Parties may be the same person or entity. In the event that each Party's interest under this Agreement or any estate therein is or becomes vested in the same person or entity, this instrument shall not merge in such title but shall continue as a valid and enforceable burden on Grantor's Land for the purposes described herein.
12. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and no modification of the provisions herein shall be effective unless reduced to writing and executed by each Party hereto. All Exhibits attached to this Agreement are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as if fully rewritten or reproduced herein. Any discrepancy between a map or plat and a legal description shall be resolved in favor of the legal description.
13. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each signed by different persons and all of said counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and such instrument shall be deemed to have been made, executed and delivered on the date first hereinabove written, irrespective of the time or times when the same or any counterparts thereof actually may have been executed and delivered.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

**GRANTOR:**

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges)

STATE OF OKLAHOMA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by \_\_\_\_\_, as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Commission No.:

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**EXHIBIT A****Grantor's Land**

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP NINETEEN (19) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SURVEY THEREOF, CONSISTING OF PARTS OF VACATED BLOCKS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN (127), VACATED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT (128) AND VACATED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX (156) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, NOW CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT NO. 560; AND PART OF VACATED BLOCK FORTY-THREE (43) AND ALL OF VACATED BLOCK FORTY-FOUR (44) OF OWEN ADDITION TO TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED AMENDED PLAT NO. 95, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

PROCEEDING FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF 3RD STREET AND HOUSTON AVENUE, SOUTH 23°51'43" EAST A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 66°08'17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 23°51'43" EAST A DISTANCE OF 776.15 FEET PARALLELING HOUSTON AVENUE TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 113°48', A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET AND ARC LENGTH OF 99.31 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°56'17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 120.02 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 87°09'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 186.16 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°56'17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 345.34 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 44, OWEN ADDITION; THENCE NORTH 00°36'43" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 356.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 44 SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 21°57'46" WEST A DISTANCE OF 164.80 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 0°36' 43" WEST A DISTANCE OF 154.81 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 32°27'55" EAST A DISTANCE OF 109.94 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 87°51'33" EAST A DISTANCE OF 130.10 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 69°30'27" EAST A DISTANCE OF 10.83 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, BLOCK 127, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, NOW CITY OF TULSA; THENCE NORTH 88°35'19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 52.37 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 66°08'17" EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF 3RD STREET, A DISTANCE OF 145.00 FEET TO A SET 3/8" IRON PIN; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°, A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 78.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Sign Easement**

[ATTACHED]

# SIGN EASEMENT

## Exhibit "B"

SHEET 1 OF 2

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PART OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX (156), ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TULSA, LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW/4, SE/4) SECTION TWO (2) TOWNSHIP NINETEEN (19) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN (I.B. & M.), CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SURVEY THEREOF, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

COMMENCING (P.O.C.) AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX (156) ORIGINAL TOWNSITE; THENCE S65°30'10"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1) FOR A DISTANCE OF 19.85 FEET; THENCE S24°29'50"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 86.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (P.O.B.); THENCE AROUND A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, A LENGTH OF 99.31 FEET, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 83.77 FEET WITH A CHORD BEARING S32°24'11"W; THENCE N32°24'29"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 83.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

### BASIS OF BEARINGS


BASIS OF BEARINGS FOR THIS EXHIBIT IS THE OKLAHOMA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (NAD83 OKLAHOMA NORTH ZONE 3501). THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 156, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TULSA AS S65°30'10"W

### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, CLIFF BENNETT, OF WALLACE DESIGN COLLECTIVE, PC, CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION CLOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS AND IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS DESCRIBED. THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



  
CLIFF BENNETT, P.L.S.  
OKLAHOMA NO. 1815  
CERT. OF AUTH. NO. 1460  
EXP. DATE JUNE 30, 2025

SURVEYOR'S LAST SITE VISIT: AUGUST 6, 2023



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# SIGN EASEMENT Exhibit "B"

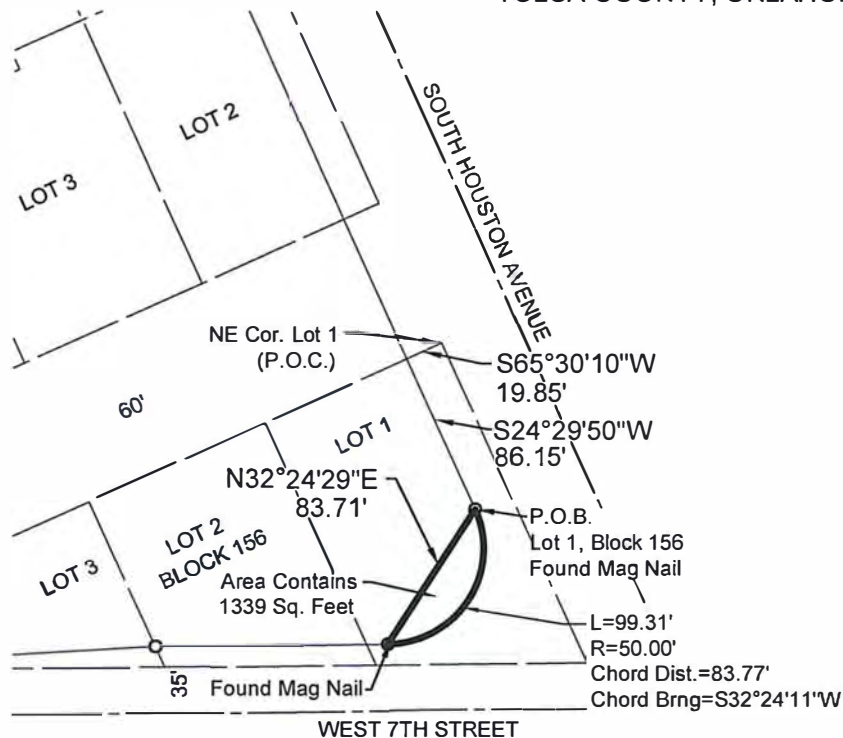
SHEET 2 OF 2

A PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 156 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TULSA  
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TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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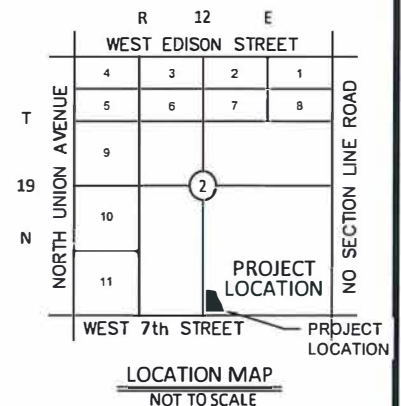
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**LEGEND**

P.O.B. = POINT OF BEGINNING

P.O.C. = POINT OF COMMENCEMENT

**BASIS OF BEARINGS**

THE BASIS OF BEARING FOR THIS SURVEY IS THE OKLAHOMA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (NAD83 OKLAHOMA NORTH ZONE 3501). THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 156, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TULSA AS S65°30'10"W

**SURVEYOR'S LAST SITE VISIT:**

AUGUST 6, 2024

**CERTIFICATION**

I, CLIFF BENNETT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE REPRESENTS A SURVEY PERFORMED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AS OF THIS DATE. THIS PLAT OF SURVEY MEETS THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



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**Approval to Select On-Call Consultants to Provide Architectural As-Needed Services to the University System and Institutions Governed by the Board (OSU-SYSTEM)**

Board approval is requested to select on-call consultants to provide architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board.

The firms listed below, in order of receipt of Letters of Interest, are all qualified, and it is recommended all firms be selected:

Narrate Design, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Dewberry Architects, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma  
KKT Architects, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma  
GH2 Architects, LLC, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Project fees will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

The university maintains a list of on-call consultants overseen by Long Range Facilities Planning. The current firms providing architecture as-needed services were selected in January 2022, and their terms will expire in 2025. The term length for all on-call professional services consultants is three years.

The recommended firms will provide services to all campuses under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges – nine campuses plus other facilities state-wide.

Approved at the September 2024 Board meeting, the selection process began with a letter to the State Construction Administrator at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services requesting a list of registered consultants. On November 20, 2024, Project Notifications were sent to the registered firms informing them of the university's intent to select a consultant. Twenty-one firms submitted Letters of Interest.

The selection committee reviewed the Letters of Interest and seven firms were invited to interview on January 14, 2025. At the conclusion of the interviews, the selection committee determined to recommend the firms listed above for Board consideration.

Phil Thomas and Jana Phillips, Long Range Facilities Planning, are coordinating this item.

**Approval to Select On-Call Consultants to Provide Landscape Architectural As-Needed Services to the University System and Institutions Governed by the Board (OSU-SYSTEM)**

Board approval is requested to select on-call consultants to provide landscape architectural as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board.

The firms listed below, in order of receipt of Letters of Interest, are all qualified, and it is recommended all firms be selected:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
GH2 Architects, LLC, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Alaback Design, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Project fees will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

The university maintains a list of on-call consultants overseen by Long Range Facilities Planning. The current firms providing landscape architecture as-needed services were selected in January 2022, and their terms will expire January 2025. The term length for all on-call professional services consultants is three years.

The recommended firms will provide services to all campuses under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges – nine campuses plus other facilities state-wide.

Approved at the September 2024 Board meeting, the selection process began with a letter to the State Construction Administrator at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services requesting a list of registered consultants. On November 20, 2024, Project Notifications were sent to the registered firms informing them of the university's intent to select a consultant. Four firms submitted Letters of Interest.

The selection committee reviewed the Letters of Interest and all four firms were invited to interview on January 16, 2025. At the conclusion of the interviews, the selection committee determined to recommend the firms listed above for Board consideration.

Phil Thomas and Jana Phillips, Long Range Facilities Planning, are coordinating this item.

**Approval to Select On-Call Consultants to Provide Structural Engineering As-Needed Services to the University System and Institutions Governed by the Board (OSU-SYSTEM)**

Board approval is requested to select on-call consultants to provide structural engineering as-needed services to the university system and institutions governed by the Board.

The firms listed below, in order of receipt of Letters of Interest, are all qualified, and it is recommended all firms be selected:

CEC Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Kirkpatrick Forest Curtis, P.C., Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Olsson, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Wallace Design Collective, PC, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Project fees will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

The university maintains a list of on-call consultants overseen by Long Range Facilities Planning. The current firms providing structural engineering as-needed services were selected in January 2022, and their terms will expire in 2025. The term length for all on-call professional services consultants is three years.

The recommended firms will provide services to all campuses under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges – nine campuses plus other facilities state-wide.

Approved at the September 2024 Board meeting, the selection process began with a letter to the State Construction Administrator at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services requesting a list of registered consultants. On November 20, 2024, Project Notifications were sent to the registered firms informing them of the university's intent to select a consultant. Ten firms submitted Letters of Interest.

The selection committee reviewed the Letters of Interest and eight firms were invited to interview on January 21, 2025. At the conclusion of the interviews, the selection committee determined to recommend the firms listed above for Board consideration.

Phil Thomas and Jana Phillips, Long Range Facilities Planning, are coordinating this item.

**Approval to Select an Architectural Firm to Assist the University with Updating the Campus Master Plan (OSU-STW)**

Board approval is requested to select an architectural firm to assist the university with updating the Stillwater Campus Master Plan.

The firms listed below, in order of receipt of Letters of Interest, are all qualified to work on this project:

SmithGroup, Inc., with Dewberry Architects, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma  
KKT Architects, Inc., with TSW, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates, P.C., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The cost for initial programming and conceptual design is not expected to exceed \$1,000,000 and is planned to occur in two phases. Phase I will begin upon Board approval of this request and will consist of evaluations of achievements of the current 2025 OSU Campus Master Plan and studies focusing on the condition of existing facilities. Phase II will address the campus' needs to accommodate the long-term Land-Grant strategies of the University and will begin after the Board has reviewed the Phase I outcomes.

The 2025 OSU Campus Master Plan, rooted in the Bennett Plan of the late 1920's, has proven to be an effective road map in supporting past university and college-level strategic planning. New structures aligning with the current master plan have been constructed to better serve the university, while utility, landscape, and transportation master plans have been developed since its acceptance.

Several individual colleges have followed suit to varying degrees of details to types of spaces needed to support their collective missions and how to best use existing resources.

Approved at the October 2024 Board meeting, the process began with a letter to the State Construction Administrator at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services requesting a list of registered consultants. On November 20, 2024, Project Notifications were sent to the registered firms notifying them of the university's intent to select a consultant for this project. Five firms submitted Letters of Interest.

The selection committee reviewed the Letters of Interest and invited all five firms to interview on January 23, 2025. At the conclusion of the interviews, the committee determined to recommend the firms listed above for Board consideration.

Funding will be from legally available funds.

Phil Thomas and Jana Phillips, Long Range Facilities Planning, are coordinating this item.



**Approval of Sole Source and Special Request Purchasing Items (OSU-SYSTEM)**

Board approval is requested for the following purchasing items, all of which are new. All purchases will comply with Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges Policies and Procedures, as well as applicable State statutes:

- a. Authorization is requested for Housing and Residential Life to increase the previously approved estimated annual amount of \$1,800,000 to \$3,600,000 for overflow student housing. This increase is due to a possible increase in the number of beds from 200 to 400 on an as-needed basis. Funding will be provided by Auxiliary Enterprises Funds. (bid)

**Approval of Auxiliary Enterprises Funds Purchasing Items (OSU-SYSTEM)**

Board approval is requested for the following purchasing items, all of which are new. All purchases will comply with Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges Policies and Procedures, as well as applicable State statutes:

- a. Authorization is requested for OSU Athletics to purchase 11,000 chairbacks for Boone Pickens Stadium in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000. This one-time purchase will allow the chairbacks to be leased on gameday and generate new revenue for Athletics. (bid)
- b. Authorization is requested for OSU-Center for Health Sciences to purchase reagents and testing supplies from Hologic Inc. for laboratory testing within the clinic system in the estimated annual amount of \$700,000. (exempt)
- c. Authorization is requested for the Student Union to purchase water damage and restoration services for three floors of the Student Union in the estimated amount of \$3,040,000. (OSU contract)
- d. Ratification of Interim Board Approval received from the Board CEO, February 22, 2025. Authorization is requested for the Student Union to purchase water damage and restoration services for the first part of recovery services for three floors of the Student Union in the amount of \$960,000. (OSU contract)

OFFICIAL INTERIM APPROVAL REQUEST TO THE OFFICE  
OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE OSU/A&M BOARD OF REGENTS

NOTE: Both pages of this form must be completed before interim approval is considered official.

Oklahoma State University Student Union, Stillwater Campus

College/University from which Request for Interim Approval Originated

1. The basis upon which interim approval is requested is indicated below (check one or more and explain).



- (a) The matter is related to the peace, health and safety of the institution and/or its inhabitants. (Explain how the matter of business for which interim approval is requested is related to the immediately foregoing statement.)

The Student Union (SU) at Oklahoma State sustained major flood damage on three floors due to a chilled water line break after a bolt broke on the flange holding up the line. This incident is unrelated to weather. There are multiple office spaces in the basement, first, and second floors impacted that are currently uninhabitable while demo, cleanup, and drying proceed.



- (b) The matter quite possibly could pose a deterrent to the accomplishment of important institutional objectives without authorization to act immediately or reasonably soon; and/or it is believed imprudent to delay action until the next meeting of the Board of Regents. (Explain how the matter of business for which interim approval is requested is related to the immediately foregoing statement.)

Offices and spaces affected are: SU Building Operations, Dining Services administrative offices, Veteran and Transfer Success offices, Center for Sales and Service Excellence (Spears), Study Abroad, University Store warehouse and e-commerce distribution site and buyer offices, ESports arena, Cowboy Underground meeting space, hair salon (lease shop), Pete's Pantry, Pre-professional Health and Law support services, dining kitchen, dining concepts including Chick-fil-a, Passport, Union Chophouse, Red Earth Kitchen, Bread & Beyond Deli, Mambo Italiano, Plaza Corner Cafe, Shake Smart, Union Express, Meeting and Conference Services offices, dining seating areas, Sequoyah, French Lounge and Ballroom meeting spaces, Student Union Activities Board offices, Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) lounge and office spaces, and the Hargis Leadership Institute construction site. Several of these are temporarily back online but have incurred expenses to date. Many of these directly impact student life and auxiliary revenues.



- (c) The matter has significant economic implications for institutional resources and/or properties without authorization to act immediately or reasonably soon; and/or it is believed imprudent to delay action until the next meeting of the Board of Regents. (Explain how the matter of business for which interim approval is requested is related to the immediately foregoing statement.)

As mentioned above several of our retail locations including the University Store and dining services were impacted. Major meeting rooms and conference sites were impacted as well. All are auxiliary revenue generators and necessary to the overall funding model of the Student Union.



- (d) The matter is related to an emergency requiring action by the administration prior to the next meeting of the Board of Regents because of extenuating circumstances not referenced above. (Describe the specific extenuating circumstances.)

We requested emergency services from a contracted vendor, Absolute Carpet and Tile Restoration. They deployed a large team and were on-site within an hour or two of the event with adequate staff and equipment to secure locations, begin demo, cleanup and drying. There is still a lot more work to do to get areas fully operational, accessible, and revenue generating.

2. The administrative action for which interim approval is hereby requested is as follows (describe fully what action is proposed and, if necessary, use an attached sheet):

We are requesting to use this contracted contractor for the process of demo, cleanup, and drying as well as inventory of loss, damages, replacement/repair plans. The estimate is based on feedback from the state insurance adjuster on site this morning and the quote we have already received for just the first part of recovery services.

3. State the actual cost or best estimated cost required to complete the action for which interim approval is requested. \$ 960,000.00
4. Identify the fund or funds to be used in covering the cost stated above. Auxiliary funding
5. If verbal approval was previously granted, indicate to whom approval was given, the date, and whether by telephone or in person. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

*Amber Manning Ouellette by sgg*

(Optional) Signature of Requesting Administrator

*James D. Hahn*

(Required) Signature of President

02.21.2025

Date

02.21.25

Date

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**DO NOT COMPLETE FIELDS BELOW.**

**FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ONLY.**

- ☒ Interim approval is granted by the office of the Chief Executive Officer for the business matter described above.

REMARKS:

- ☐ Interim approval is not granted for the business matter described above.

REMARKS:

*Jason Ramsey*

Jason Ramsey  
2025-02-22 15:47 UTC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Chief Executive Officer or  
his designated representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Approval of Plant Funds Purchasing Items (OSU-STW)**

Board approval is requested for the following purchasing item, which is new. All purchases will comply with Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges Policies and Procedures, as well as applicable State statutes:

- a. Authorization is requested for Facilities Management to purchase labor, material, equipment, and services for the culinary boiler replacement at the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agriculture Processing Center, Building 0047, in the estimated amount of \$400,000. (bid, as-needed contracts, or OCCM)
- b. Authorization is requested for Facilities Management to purchase remediation services for the February 2025 winter storm damage in various campus locations in the estimated amount of \$353,000. (OSU contract)



**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none registered to comment, so the Board continued with its business.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Academic Affairs, Policy and Personnel Committee**

No report. All recommendations made by this Committee were presented during the business of LU and OSU.

### **B. Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee**

No report.

### **C. Facilities Committee**

No report. All recommendations made by this Committee were presented during the business of LU, OPSU, and OSU.

### **D. Finance Committee**

No report. All recommendations made by this Committee were presented during the business of OSU.

**IX. OTHER BOARD OF REGENTS' BUSINESS**

**D-1. Approval of compensation for Interim President, Dr. James "Jim" Hess**

Mr. Ramsey said this request is for confirmation of the compensation for Dr. Jim Hess as Interim President for OSU, effective February 7, 2025, at an annual salary of \$650,000. He said full compensation information is outlined in the attached Schedule A. (The documents titled "Personnel Actions" and "Schedule A" are collectively identified as ATTACHMENT A and considered a part of these minutes.)

Regent Baetz moved and Regent Arthur seconded to approve the personnel action and compensation information for Dr. Hess, as presented.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

**I-1. Approval to reappoint CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, as the external auditors for FY 2025 at the proposed fee rates as presented**

Ms. Michelle Finley, Chief Audit Executive, presented this Item and asked for approval to reappoint CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP (CLA), as the external auditors for FY 2025 for OSU and the A&M institutions governed by the Board. The fee schedule provided by CLA represents a 1.2 percent fee increase from FY 2024. (The fee schedule for CLA is identified as ATTACHMENT B and considered a part of these minutes.)

Regent Baetz moved and Regent Walker seconded to approve the reappointment of CLA as the FY 2025 external auditors for the institutions governed by the Board at the fee rates as presented.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

**L. Meeting adjournment**

Regent Callahan moved and Regent Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:08 a.m.

Those voting Aye: Board Members Arthur, Baetz, Callahan, Franklin, Hall, Harrel, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.



## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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### Offices of the A&M Board of Regents

March 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

#### **Appointment of Interim President for Oklahoma State University and the OSU System**

- **Dr. James “Jim” Hess**, appointed as Interim President effective February 7, 2025, at an annual salary of \$650,000. Full compensation information is outlined in SCHEDULE A, which is attached.

#### **Executive/Administrative Office**

*None*

#### **Office of Internal Audit**

*None*

#### **Office of Legal Counsel**

*None*



## **SCHEDULE A**

**Compensation Information for  
Interim President James “Jim” Hess  
Oklahoma State University and the OSU System  
effective February 7, 2025**

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Amount or Description</b>
Salary	\$650,000.00 annually ( <i>paid monthly</i> )
Housing Allowance	<p>Temporary housing will be provided for the months of February, March, April, May, and June 2025. (<i>OSU will pay monthly amount directly to property owners/lessors. Monthly rental rate is \$3000, with February prorated to \$1,200, for a total cost of \$13,200.</i>)</p> <p>Expected availability of the University House will be during the month of June 2025.</p>
Automobile Allowance	\$20,000.00 annually ( <i>paid monthly</i> )
General Employee Benefits (Life, Health, Retirement)	All customary retirement and other benefit options are available to the Interim President and based on employee selection.
Discretionary account through the OSU Foundation	Access to this account is granted for the purpose of paying for official University travel, meetings, and entertainment expenses not covered by the University.
Memberships	If the Interim President affirmatively elects to receive memberships and/or privileges at the Stillwater Country Club and/or Karsten Creek Golf Club, the University shall provide such memberships and/or privileges.



# Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical Fees Proposed Fees

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP



Institution	General Purpose Financial Audit		Student Financial Asst Programs		Research and Development Cluster		Other Federal Programs		Preparation of Forms 990-T & 512E and Revenue Bonds Systems Audit		Total FY 2025	
	Dollars	Hours	Dollars	Hours	Dollars	Hours	Dollars	Hours	Dollars	Hours	Dollars	Hours
Connors State College	\$ 34,800	275	\$ 11,100	110	\$ -	-	\$ 5,300	80	\$ 1,500	10	\$ 52,700	475
Langston University	63,600	450	11,100	110	-	-	5,300	80	1,500	10	81,500	650
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	34,800	275	11,100	110	-	-	5,300	80	1,500	10	52,700	475
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	34,800	275	11,100	110	-	-	5,300	80	1,500	10	52,700	475
Subtotal	\$ 168,000	1,275	\$ 44,400	440	\$ -	-	\$ 21,200	320	\$ 6,000	40	\$ 239,600	2,075
<b>Oklahoma State University</b>												
OSU Research Foundation	\$ 117,100	850	22,000	160	-	-	14,900	110	11,000	80	\$ 202,500	1,475
KOSU - FM Radio Station	30,100	220									30,100	220
NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures	14,300	105									14,300	105
Intercollegiate Athletics Program General Purpose Fin. Stmtts.	12,900	95										
<b>Selected Component Units</b>												
Cowboys Athletics, Inc. (Includes Tax Services)	24,600	180										
NCAST Foundation	31,600	230									31,600	230
	17,800	130									\$ 17,800	130
<b>Total Oklahoma State University and Selected Component Units</b>	\$ 248,400	1,810	\$ 22,000	160	\$ -	-	\$ 14,900	110	\$ 11,000	80	\$ 296,300	2,160
<b>Total Oklahoma State University and Selected Component Units; and the A&amp;M Institutions</b>	\$ 416,400	3,085	\$ 66,400	600	\$ -	-	\$ 36,100	430	\$ 17,000	120	\$ 535,900	4,235
<b>Additional Professional Services Hourly Rate for both OSU and A&amp;M's</b>	\$ 138											

- NOTES:
- For OSU, the five-year proposal only includes estimates for work performed on the Research and Development Cluster for FY2023 and FY2026. When included 160 hours have been proposed for \$20,800 and \$21,200 respectively.
  - Additional estimated costs per audited federal major program are \$3,000 – \$5,000. Cost not to exceed \$5,000 for all major programs, except for the Research and Development Cluster which shall be \$7,500.
  - Arbitrage (as needed) \$ 5,800.00



BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE  
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MECHANICAL COLLEGES

A&M Institutions External Audit Five-  
Year Cost Trend Proposal:



Audit Year	Fiscal Year	Annual Fees
1	2022	\$227,000
2	2023	\$231,200
3	2024	\$235,400
4	2025	\$239,600*
5	2026	\$243,800



\*Current year fee proposal

NOTE: Additional estimated costs per audited federal major program are \$3,000 – \$5,000. Cost not to exceed \$5,000 for major programs, except for the Research and Development Cluster which shall be \$7,500.



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OSU and its Constituent Agencies External  
Audit Five-Year Cost Trend Proposal:



Audit Year	Fiscal Year	Annual Fees
1	2022	\$280,000
2	2023	\$306,700**
3	2024	\$291,100
4	2025	\$296,300*
5	2026	\$322,900**

\*Current year fee proposal

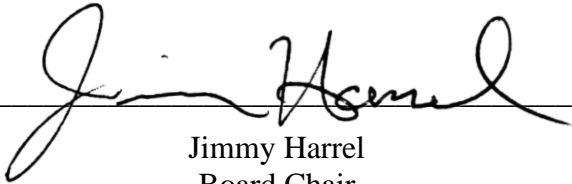
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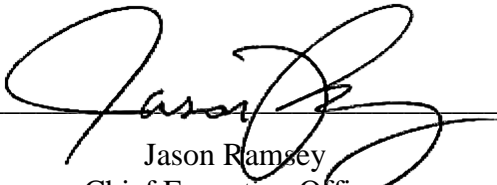
\*\* In the five-year proposal only year's 2023 and 2026 include estimates for work performed on the Research and Development Cluster. When included 160 hours have been proposed for \$20,800 and \$21,200 respectively.

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By:   
Jimmy Harrel  
Board Chair

ATTEST:   
Jason Ramsey  
Chief Executive Officer

Certified correct minutes subject to approval of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on April 25, 2025.

  
Kyla Eldridge  
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