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Dear Board Members:

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

I. PERSONNEL

A. CHANGE IN STATUS

Dr. Dana Lloyd has been appointed to the tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective February 10, 2025. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$67,576.00. The pay increase will take effect August 1, 2025. She will be able to apply for promotion in Fall of 2029, unless approved by the Provost to apply earlier.

B. FACULTY HIRES

Dr. Robin Heckes has been appointed to a voluntary Assistant Professor position in the Department of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective January 16, 2025. She will be involved in didactic teaching and precepting

College of Pharmacy students in the experiential program. Her appointment will be for twelve months. This is a continuing appointment that automatically renews each year. Dr. Heckes earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Jy Bass has been appointed to the PTA Program Director position as Instructor in the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective June 24, 2025. His salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$64,151.00. Mr. Bass earned a Master of ??? from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Somrita Mondal has been appointed to the tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University effective August 13, 2025. Her salary for the nine-month appointment will be \$59,155.00. Dr. Mondal earned a PhD from Jadavpar University, India.

C. RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Jonna Myers, Assistant Professor in the Department of Business, will resign from her position on July 25, 2025.

D. TENURE

THE FOLLOWING FACULTY MEMBERS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR TENURE EFFECTIVE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL 2025 SEMESTER:

DR. ANDY NORTH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 DR. ED KLEIN, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 DR. MEAGAN GOUCHER, DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
 DR. BRETT CHASE, DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
 MS. ANGELA KEELER REEVES, DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE MEDIA & VISUAL ART
 DR. DANA OLIVER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 DR. SUNIL GIRI, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
 DR. LEAANNE HUME, DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
 DR. SHUOHUI (SOPHIE) HUNG, DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
 DR. PRAGYA SHARMA, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
 DR. ANDREW BIGLEY, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS

E. PROMOTION IN RANK

THE FOLLOWING FACULTY MEMBERS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ADVANCEMENT IN RANK EFFECTIVE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL 2025 SEMESTER. THE FACULTY LISTED HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE PROVOST AND PRESIDENT:

DR. DANA OLIVER, PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
 DR. SUNIL GIRI, PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
 DR. SHUOHUI (SOPHIE) HUNG, PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
 DR. PRAGYA SHARMA, PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
 DR. ANDREW BIGLEY, PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
 DR. BRANDY CHASE, PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

DR. MAPOPA SANGA, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
 DR. SHARON LAWRENCE, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
 DR. AMANDA EVERT, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
 DR. RAYGAN CHAIN, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
 DR. HSUAN YU (ALEX) LEE, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
 DR. MICHAEL DOUGHERTY, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
 DR. CYNTHIA PENA, PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR

II. PURCHASE AGENDA

SWOSU presents the following purchases being made in accordance with Board Policy (Over \$50,000 and under \$150,000)

Elsevier Inc for the curriculum for Nursing Department
 Source E&G\$81,438.75

Elsevier 360 is curriculum integrated into the nursing courses to prepare students for the NCLEX licensing test. Through Elsevier 360, first time pass rates for SWOSU students has jumped from 75% to 97%.

III. GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Since January 8, 2025, the SWOSU Office of Sponsored Programs has received confirmation of **9 grant awards** for a total amount of \$146,577. A profile of the awards are presented below.

A. Developmental Psychology.....\$1,500

OSRHE has awarded the grant, entitled, “*Developmental Psychology*” in the amount of \$1,500. The primary function of this award is Instruction. The principal investigator is **Dr. Stephen Burgess**.

B. Travel to ACS Spring 25 in San Diego.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “*Travel to ACS Spring 25 in San Diego*” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Shawna Ellis**.

C. Travel to ACS Spring 25 in San Diego.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “*Travel to ACS Spring 25 in San Diego*” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Trevor Ellis**.

D. Determination of pK_a ’s of metal complexed glycine Schiff’ base in an aprotic solvent system by spectrophotometric methods.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “*Determination of pK_a ’s of metal complexed glycine Schiff’ base in an aprotic solvent system by spectrophotometric methods.*” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Jon Henrikson**.

E. Travel to ACS Spring 25 in San Diego.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “*Travel to ACS Spring 25 in San Diego*” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. Tim Hubin**.

F. Project UPCAST.....\$102,400

OSU-CHS has awarded the grant, entitled, “*Project UPCAST*” in the amount of \$102,400. The primary function of this award is Community Service. The principal investigator is **Ms. Dawn Keller**.

G. American Chemical Society Meeting Spring 2025.....\$2,000

OK-INBRE has awarded the grant, entitled, “*American Chemical Society Meeting Spring 2025*” in the amount of \$2,000. The primary function of this award is Research. The principal investigator is **Dr. David Martyn**.

H. OK-INBRE Travel: Identification and Characterization of a DNA-binding Proteins from Starved (Dps) Cells Homolog from *Streptococcus sanguinis*, an opportunistic pathogen involved in subacute infective endocarditis.....\$1,997

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Respectfully submitted,



Diana Lovell
President