

Regional University System of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimberli Lee will retire as Professor of English at Northeastern State University on August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee has served faithfully and honorably on the Northeastern State University faculty in the English department for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee is an innovative instructor who has developed and taught undergraduate and graduate level courses and mentored, advised, and recruited students and new faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee has also served as graduate student advisor and mentor for the MA in English program for 15 years, overseeing and mentoring students through their thesis research process and sponsoring Native scholars; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee is an active scholar who has published three monographs or collections, numerous chapters and articles, and served as a reviewer for Native education journals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee has received numerous awards for her contributions to the field, including multiple fellowships and invited lectures as well as an NIH grant invitation to support the Marni Sandoz archives at the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee served the institution on multiple committees and demonstrated a commitment to community engagement through participation in the American Indian Symposium each year; and

WHEREAS, through her commitment to the highest ideals of her profession, Dr. Lee is deserving of special recognition for the influence she has had on Northeastern State University, her colleagues, and her field as a whole; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional University System of Oklahoma bestow upon **Dr. Kimberli Lee** the honorary title of “**Professor of English Emeritus**” and extend to her an expression of commendation and appreciation for her contributions to the success of Northeastern State University and wish for her continued prosperity, good health, and a feeling of satisfaction so rightly deserved by one who has served so faithfully and honorably as an educator for the students of Oklahoma; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Regional University System of Oklahoma and a copy, signed by the Chair of the Board, be forwarded to **Dr. Kimberli Lee** in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

ADOPTED by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Regent Jane McDermott, Chair
Regional University System of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Regent Amy Anne Ford, Secretary
Regional University System of Oklahoma