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**Southeastern Oklahoma  
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Regional University System of Oklahoma  
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RE: Educational Excellence Committee

Dear Board Members:

We are seeking approval for the following program modifications and new certificates.

**Bachelor of Science in Liberal & Applied Studies (102) Change program outcome #4, change in elective hours. No change in total hours.**

**Bachelor of Science in Aviation -Professional Pilot (005) change in courses, no change in total hours.**

**Certificate in Nation Building (137) – Embedded certificate, 6 total hours.**

**Certificate in Program and Project Management (138) – Embedded certificate, 6 total hours.**

**Certificate in Hospitality Management and Tourism (139) – Embedded certificate, 6 total hours.**

**Certificate in Cultural Resource Management (140) – Embedded certificate, 6 total hours.**

**Certificate in Health Information Systems (141) – Embedded certificate, 6 total hours.**

**Certificate in Community Health (142) – Embedded certificate, 6 total hours.**

**Master of Business Administration (075) add degree requirement. No change in total hours.**

We are also requesting approval to split the Behavioral Sciences Department into two departments.

**“The current Behavioral Sciences Department houses 7 degree programs (4 undergraduate and 3 graduate). It is the largest department on campus with 20+ faculty and a variety of adjuncts. Due to rapid online enrollment growth, the current programs have the faculty and student numbers to necessitate splitting the department into two separate departments. Thus, the Behavioral Sciences department would become the: 1- Department of Behavioral Sciences (BEHS) housing the Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Sociology degree programs (CJ, PSY, & SOC courses) and 2- the Department of Counseling & Early Intervention (CEI) housing the Early Intervention & Childhood Development, Clinical Mental Health Counseling and the School Counseling degree programs**

**(EICD/MEICD and COUN courses). This will best serve the growing programs and the needs of the students. Beyond the addition of a staff secretary to serve one of the new departments and appointing an additional department chair this is essentially a ‘no cost’ reorganization. The current department budget and allocations would be divided based on the faculty and staff moving to the respective departments.”**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas W. Newsom', written in a cursive style.

Thomas W. Newsom  
President