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Regional University System of Oklahoma 305 NW 5th #407 Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Chair McDermott and Members of the Board:

The recommendations of East Central University are as follows:

1 Personnel

1.1 APPOINTMENTS

- Dr. Gilson Sanchez
 - Dr. Sanchez has been appointed to a non-tenure track position as an Instructor in the Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences for the remainder of the academic year with an annual salary of \$42,500. Dr. Sanchez began the appointment on January 21, 2025, and will receive six hours of reassigned time for a half-time role within ECU's Oka' Institute.
 - Dr. Sanchez holds a Bachelor of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology from the University of California at Riverside (2004) and a PhD in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder (2016).

2 REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTS

None to report at this time.

3 GRANTS

None to report at this time.

4 Purchases

- 4.1 The following purchases are presented as informational items in accordance with *Board Policy 2.3.3*, over \$50,000 and under \$150,000:
 - Central Oklahoma Family Medical Center
 - Contracted on-campus Student Health Services Clinic

■ Source: Fund 730

\$125,00.00

- Trane US Inc.
 - For HVAC service technician labor onsite daily Monday through Friday for equipment assessments, diagnostics, and consulting for 3 months

■ Source: *Fund 290* \$94,500.00

- 4.2 WE REQUEST APPROVAL TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH *BOARD POLICY*, OVER \$150,000:
 - Request to solicit proposals
 - For professional services/sculptor to create and install life-size bronze statue of Chickasaw Citizen, Daniel (Dan) Hays

■ Source: Fund 730

- 830-832 E. 14th St., Ada, OK -- Lot 16 Block 8 College Addition
 - o For real property congruent to ECU campus for master plan

Source: 290

5 ACADEMIC SERVICE FEES

5.1 ACADEMIC SERVICES FEES

- East Central University recently submitted three new academic service fees for approval to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The fees are as follows:
 - Biology Thesis Fee in the amount of \$125 per credit hour for the new Biology graduate program;
 - Education Dissertation Fee in the amount of \$350 per course for students enrolled specific Doctorial courses; and
 - Graduate Application Fee in the amount of \$20 per application to the graduate program.
- Should these fees be approved by OSRHE, ECU will include these fees in its budget for RUSO Board approval in June 2025 and begin charging these fees in Fall 2025.

6 Informational Item

6.1 Master Lease

- East Central University has submitted to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education a
 request to be included on the Real Property Master Lease Program Potential Project Listing to
 utilize master lease funds for two different potential projects. Such submission was due to
 OSRHE on or before January 24, 2025, in order to be submitted within the first seven days of the
 legislative session.
 - The first project is for residential hall repairs and renovations in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.
 - The second project is for the construction of a new student dining facility in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.
- ECU, should it decide to move forward with these projects, will seek approval from the RUSO Board at that time.

6.2 Update on State Deferred Maintenance Funds

- As we work to expend the funds provided by the State of Oklahoma during academic year 2024-2025, below are the projects we are working on as authorized by SB1185 for deferred maintenance:
 - o Roofing Replacements: \$2,122,771
 - o HVAC Replacements: \$1,072,524
 - Total Deferred Maintenance to be reallocated: \$3,195,295
 - Amount estimated to be used for Knight Hall and the student dining hall: \$384,250

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell L. Godwin

President

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