



UNIVERSITY OF

Central Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma

November 8, 2024

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

Dear Board Members:

The recommendations of the University of Central Oklahoma are as follows:

I. PERSONNEL

A. Faculty Appointments

College of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Stephanie Loria has been appointed as an **Assistant Professor** in the **Department of Biology**. This is a full-time, tenure-track appointment, effective January 13, 2025.

Dr. Loria's degrees are: Ph.D. (2016), Comparative Biology, The Richard Gilder Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY; and B.S. (2011), Environmental Studies: Ecology and Biodiversity, Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

Her professional experiences include: Scientist (3), Museum of Nature, Hamburg, Germany; Co-Founder and President (13), The Metropolitan Society of Natural Historians, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany; Postdoctoral Researcher (2), American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY; Postdoctoral Research Scientist (1), California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA; and Adjunct (1), State University of New York, Albany, NY

Dr. Loria will be paid an annual salary of \$68,225.00.

B. Retirements with Resolutions

Mr. Stephen Wagner, Lecturer in the **Department of Humanities and Philosophy** will retire his position, effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Wagner has served the University of Central Oklahoma in a full-time capacity since 2014.

C. Faculty Senate Constitution

Having been approved by more than two-thirds (2/3) of the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Association members voting in a special election, the Faculty Senate seeks Board approval for the attached amended Faculty Senate Constitution.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF AWARDS

Following are the new contracts that have been awarded since the last Board Letter:

September 2024

CS4OK: RPP-Infused Workforce Development, \$299,776

National Science Foundation

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Joselina Cheng, Information Systems and Operations Management

CFDA#: 47.07

This grant will fund a partnership research practice between UCO, Code.org, and leaders of the Kiawa Tribe to support educators in Oklahoma through a multilayered professional development model. This will assist in the codesign of Computer Science Curricular Interventions that integrate emerging and disruptive technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence. The goal is to generate knowledge to empower tribal educators with innovative teaching techniques to prepare tribal students for Computer Science Education Career pathways.

Prospective Teachers Academy 4, \$7,000

Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education

September 1, 2024 – June 2, 2025

Alissa Crawford, Educational Sciences, Foundations and Research

This is a continuing grant that seeks to fund the recruitment of prospective teachers. The PTA 4 introduces high school juniors and seniors to college readiness, scholarship, leadership, and an overview of teacher education programs.

Broadway Tonight Series FY25, \$6,250

Oklahoma Arts Council

August 1, 2024 – May 30, 2025

Greg White, College of Fine Arts and Design

CFDA# 45.025

Broadway Tonight is Edmond’s longstanding, local presenter of the industry’s top artists whose performances enrich both students and the community by integrating student arts programming with professional artists. Broadway Tonight’s current season will present diverse performances that include some of the top artists in the industry.

Dance and Down Syndrome Camp FY25, \$2,000
Oklahoma Arts Council
July 1, 2024 – June 30,2025
Michelle Moeller, College of Fine Arts and Design
CFDA# 45.025

This program is a musical theater camp specifically for people with Down Syndrome ages 13 and up. The camp includes dancing, singing, and script rehearsals for theater and social time.

Development of double-casts for the validation of three-dimensional imaging systems for firearms forensics, \$205,090
U.S. Department of Justice
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Eric Law, Forensic Science Institute
CFDA# 16.560

This grant is a partnership between UCO and Miami-Dade to develop a deployment validation system. The proposed study aims to create a master set of cartridge cases and bullets, and then replicate these physical samples using the double casting process. UCO will mainly be responsible for the initial design of test sets, 3D scanning, double casting, and distribution of double casts to labs.

III. PURCHASES FOR APPROVAL

- A. Paycom Payroll Holdings LLC, payroll processing services for FY24.
Source: E&G\$447,933

- B. Enterprise Fleet Management, fleet leasing and management services per state contract for a 5-year agreement. Total agreement \$1,040,051.
Source: E&G\$1,040,051

- C. Request approval to award campus janitorial contract pursuant to RFQ process not to exceed \$2,600,000. This contract will be for a 1-year agreement with the university (January 2025-January 2026). Contract to be awarded before the next RUSO Board meeting in January 2025.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM PURCHASING

- A. ProctorU Inc., online exam proctoring services. Year 3 of 3-year agreement.
Source: Distance Education Course Fees.....\$110,000

B. Paradigm Shift, LLP, student leadership training and development workshop. Source: TRIO Grant.....	\$62,400
C. Overland Charters, sports team fall transportation. Source: Athletics Fee	\$100,000
D. Chickasaw Telecom Inc., HyperFlex data platform. Source: Technology Fee.....	\$92,256
E. Chickasaw Telecom Inc., Cisco SmartNet Total Care technical support service. Source: Technology Fee	\$54,995
F. Carnegie Dartlet LLC, Premium Plus Admissions Slate Reportal and consultation. Year 2 of 2-year professional services agreement. Source: E&G	\$58,423
G. A&V Holdings Midco LLC., Center for eLearning and Connected Environments classroom technology. Source: Course Fees.....	\$84,115
H. Swansea University, study abroad collaboration and reconciliation for 23-24 academic year. Source: E&G.....	\$111,207
I. National Council for Behavioral Health, TRIO training for mental health first aid. Source: TRIO Grant.....	\$52,000
J. Griffin Communications, UCO digital billboard advertising. Source: E&G.....	\$52,000

Respectfully,

Todd G. Lamb
President

Attachments:
Faculty Senate Amendment
Resolution