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Regents approve budget, tuition for FY2019-2020

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents approved the fiscal year 2019-2020 operating budget for the college during its regularly scheduled June meeting.

The regents and NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans were pleased to see some additional funding for higher education for the first time in five years and are grateful to state leaders for these additional resources.

Increases in the Oklahoma State Regents budget were provided with legislative intent to cover three areas: 100% of the cost for concurrent enrollment for seniors (tuition only), compared to 86.9% reimbursed last year; a 3.5% increase in salary for full-time higher education faculty; and Section 13 offset (for institutions that do not receive school land capital funds).

NOC also received a slight adjustment for performance-based funding from the State Regents because Northern met state goals for degree production and other funding formula criteria.

Although the state budget for higher education reflects a slight increase from the prior year, the college still faces several challenges in budgeting resources, according to Evans.

"First, higher education's budget has been cut so dramatically in the past few years that NOC, like many institutions, has already made significant cuts," she said. "Second, while funding was not provided for fringe benefits required to accompany this increase, nor was funding provided for higher education staff salary and benefits increases. Third, mandatory costs, such as healthcare, continue to rise regardless of revenue. Finally, enrollment is trending downward statewide, and Northern's enrollment is no exception."

NOC's budget includes state appropriations of \$8.1 million, a 4.49% or \$349,794 increase from the original FY2019. State appropriations now account for 33% of NOC's overall operating budget; this number reflects an increase from last year's 28.6% but is still significantly down from the 70% provided in 2002.

Tuition and fees paid by students and their families will comprise 67% of the College's operating budget in the coming year. NOC's \$24.7 million budget for 2019-2020 represents a \$2.6 million decrease from last year's original 2018-2019 budget as mid-year cuts were not reinstated and anticipated enrollment decrease for the fall.

"To maintain full-time positions and essential student support services, it is necessary to increase revenue," Evans said. "In order to meet the budget needs for the coming year, the regents approved a 4.6 percent increase in tuition and mandatory fees at the June board meeting."

Evans said the proposed increase was presented to the State Regents on June 26 and was ap-

proved.

Evans said the change will take effect in the fall 2019 semester and will amount to an increase in resident tuition and fees of \$97.50 per semester or \$195.00 for the academic year for students on the Tonkawa and Enid campuses that complete 30 credit hours.

"We understand the financial sacrifice many of our students and their families make in order to seek a higher education and raising the cost of tuition is not a decision that the college takes lightly; however, this increase will assist in preserving the quality of the student experience at Northern," Evans said.

"As President Evans has previously stated, we are appreciative and thankful to our Governor and State Leadership for their support of additional funding for Higher Education for the coming fiscal year," said NOC regent chair Chad Dillingham. "We appreciate and understand that their job is difficult, as there is never enough revenue to meet the demands of our publicly funded needs."

"It is also a difficult task on the parts of administration, faculty, staff, students and their families, and Regents of our State Higher Education System to find ways to do more with less, all the while striving to keep the student experiences as positive and meaningful as possible, while keeping the quality and affordability of their educational needs attainable," Dillingham

added.

"On behalf of the Regents, I'd like to thank our administration, faculty and staff for the amazing job that they have done in navigating through these financial challenges and selflessly taking on more in order to continue to meet the student's needs," Dillingham said. "One of our top priorities in this year's budget is to provide a modest increase in pay for our staff, faculty and administration that is long overdue and we are hopeful that our enrollment numbers are maintained at a level that allows us to move forward with these modest increases."

In other business, the regents approved various items including tenure request, campus master plan, items for surplus auction scheduled July 20 at NOC, monthly financial report and purchases.

Also, retiring Vice President for Enid Dr. Ed Vineyard was recognized at his final board of regents meeting.

Board chair Chad Dillingham thanked Vineyard for his service.

"Thank you for a fantastic 20 years of leadership at NOC Enid," Dillingham said.

Retiring Regent Jeff Cowan was also recognized for eight years of service to NOC.

"It was an honor and privilege to serve with all of you," Cowan said. "I won't forget this ex-

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Megan Hill selected to lead NOC Enid Jets' softball program

Northern Oklahoma College has hired Megan Hill to lead the Jets' softball program in Enid.

Hill comes to NOC from El Dorado High School in Kansas, where she coached softball and taught physical education.

"I am extremely grateful for Jeremy Hise giving me this opportunity and very excited to be joining the NOC family," she said. "I can't wait to get on campus and meet the team."

Hill has big aspirations for the Jets' program.

"My vision for the program is hard work, dedication, discipline and family," she said. "Our goal will be to put NOC Enid softball back on the map and compete at a very high level. I think a trip to Nationals is a goal that can be reached if everyone is on board with our vision."

NOC Athletic Director Jeremy Hise is excited about Hill leading the Jets program.

"Megan has demonstrated an outstanding ability as a player, a coach, and more importantly as a person," Hise said. "She brings a tremendous amount of knowledge about the game and shared a great vision for the future of our program. I am excited to add Megan to the Northern family."

Hill played collegiate softball at Emporia State University where she was a two time All-American for the Hornets reaching the National Championship game in 2006.

Hill earned a Bachelor's degree in Physical &



Jets' head coach Megan Hill

Health Education from Emporia State in 2007 and later earned a Master's Degree in Physical & Health Education in 2013. She was inducted into the Emporia State University Hall of Honor in 2018.

After college, Hill coached high school softball in the Wichita area and in 2011, started the Kansas Blue Sox Organization. The softball organization consists of seven to 10 teams that compete in high level tournaments to assist athletes earn college scholarships. The Blue Sox have over 50 former players that have received college scholarships.

Hill, a native of Derby, Kansas, was named the AVCTL-DIV 3 coach of the year in 2017 while at El Dorado High School.



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perience."

The regents also elected officers for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Chair – Dale DeWitt, Vice-Chair – Jodi Cline, Secretary – Chad Dillingham. The other members are Stan Brownlee and Michael Martin who replaces Jeff Cowan. Martin takes office in July.

See the NOC website <http://www.noc.edu/tuition> after July 1 for the updated cost comparison chart reflecting the pricing structure for each location at which NOC provides classes. Official minutes of the NOC Board of Regents meetings are available online at www.noc.edu.

NOC Faculty, Staff Birthdays for June, July



Elizabeth Gonzales	June 29	Ryan Paul	July 22
Nichole Litzau	July 2	Daryl Gulliford	July 23
Rachel Wood	July 2	Jackie Melson	July 25
Kimberly Beegle	July 4	Kathy Riley	July 25
Leslie Johns	July 7	Bryon Lewis	July 25
Jill Schultz	July 9	Stephen Vasser	July 26
Dean Percy	July 16	Kayla Wooderson	July 27
Stephani Yunker	July 17	AJ Lee	July 27
Mary McCoy	July 20	Sherryl Nelson	July 29
Mary Moody	July 21	Ray Weidman	July 30



Jet's coach Raydon Leaton was named 2019 ABCA/Diamond National Coach of the Year. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

Leaton named coach of the year

Jets baseball coach Raydon Leaton was named the 2019 ABCA/Diamond National Coach of the Year for NJCAA Division II Baseball.

Leaton led the Jets to the 2019 World Series Championship in May. NOC Enid was 42-18 in 2019.

The National and Regional Coaches of the Year will be honored on Friday, Jan. 3 in the

main clinic hall prior to the start of clinics at the 76th annual ABCA Convention, which will be held Jan. 2-5, 2020 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The ABCA, founded in 1945, is the primary professional organization for baseball coaches at the amateur level. Its over 11,000 members represent all 50 states and 23 countries.

2019 ABCA/Diamond National Coaches of the Year	
NCAA Div. I:	Tim Corbin, Vanderbilt (TN)
NCAA Div. II:	Joe Urso, Tampa (FL)
NCAA Div. III:	Scott Laverty, Champan (CA)
NAIA:	Billy Berry, Tennessee Wesleyan
NJCAA Div. I:	Anthony Gilich, Central Arizona
NJCAA Div. II:	Raydon Leaton, Northern Oklahoma College Enid
NJCAA Div. III:	Keith Gorman, Cumberland County (NJ)
Pacific Assoc. Division:	John Altobelli, Orange Coast (CA)
High School Div. I:	Chan Brown, Parkview (GA)
High School Div. II:	Ricky Griffin, Argyle (TX)
High School Div. III:	Aaron Frey, Sabetha (KS)

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE 2019-2020 Important Housing Dates

WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 14	Residence Halls Open for Fall Semester Enid 10 am, Tonkawa 11 am	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 18	Fall Break No Classes	
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 22	Residence Halls Close for Thanksgiving Break 3 pm	
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 25-29	Thanksgiving Break No Classes	
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 1	Residence Halls Open 12 pm	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 13	Residence Halls Close for Winter Break 10 am	
FOUR WEEKS	DEC 16-10 JAN	Winter Break No Classes	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 12	Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester 12 pm	
MONDAY	JANUARY 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day No Classes	
FRIDAY	MARCH 13	Residence Halls Close for Spring Break 3 pm	
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY	MARCH 16-20	Spring Break No Classes	
SUNDAY	MARCH 22	Residence Halls Open 12 pm	
FRIDAY	MAY 8	Residence Halls Close for Summer 10 am	