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Western Board Approves Budget and No Increase to Tuition Fees

Altus, Okla. – The Western Oklahoma State College Board of Regents approved the FY20 budget, which includes raises for faculty, as well as no increase in undergraduate tuition and fees.

Under the approved budget, tuition and mandatory fees will remain flat. In-state tuition remains at \$138.90 per credit hour. Non-resident tuition will remain at \$284.05 per credit hour. Tuition and mandatory fee increases require approval by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

“We are pleased to announce that Western will not be increasing tuition or mandatory fees for the upcoming academic year,” said Chad Wiginton, Western president. “Our goal has always been to provide a high quality affordable education, and the efforts of our legislators and Governor Stitt have provided funding that will allow us to keep tuition and fees flat. After a five-year period of declining or flat state appropriations, Oklahoma higher education received an increase of \$28 million from the legislature.”

Wiginton said this increase will benefit Western students and faculty.

“The direct impact to Western Oklahoma State College was an additional \$135,037 in performance funding which was legislatively directed toward a 3.5% salary increase for faculty,” Wiginton said. “The legislature also fully funded concurrent enrollment and Western’s reimbursement based upon last year’s enrollment was an additional \$89,155. The overall state allocated funds for fiscal year 2020 were \$4,548,372.”

For more information on enrollment, tuition and fees at Western Oklahoma State College, visit wosc.edu.

Western Oklahoma State College is the oldest original municipal two-year college still in existence in the state of Oklahoma. Its mission is to provide high quality education, support student success, and empower individuals to become productive members of local, regional and global

communities. Western offers high-quality associate degrees and certificates to its five-county service area and beyond.

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