Pay raises top list of necessities in college budget

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Salary increases for faculty and staff have taken the biggest bite out of OKCCC’s fiscal year 2001 budget draft that was presented to the Board of Regents June 5 at its Committee of the Whole meeting.

OKCCC’s budget will total $28.9 million next year, up from $26.8 million in FY 2000. Salaries and benefits make up 75.4 percent of the total budget.

Approximately 3.9 percent average raises for college employees are planned, according to a wage and salary plan that was introduced to the regents by Ruth Boone, director of human resources.

Statewide, colleges and universities will attempt to realize raises of 3 to 3.5 percent, said OKCCC president Bob Todd.

The main focus of the wage and salary plan at OKCCC is to maintain competitive salaries by providing base salary adjustments, and recognizing cost of living increases and job market changes. Another principle was to reward employees based on performance.

Todd said the OKCCC Board of Regents has always believed in paying employees based on performance. With this approach, OKCCC differs from comparable institutions such as Tulsa Community College and Rose State College. These institutions do not base raises on performance, he said.

In detail the salary increases will look like this, if approved by the Board of Regents:

A $350 base salary adjustment is planned for all full-time employees, said Todd. This adjustment will be made to offset the increased cost of dependent health, dental and life insurance. An additional 1 percent adjustment is planned for faculty.

Then salary increases based on performance are added for all qualified full-time employees.

Employees who met their job requirements based on their performance evaluation will receive a 2 percent raise. Approximately one third to 40 percent of all employees fall into this category, said Todd.

Employees who exceeded their job requirements will receive a 2.5 percent performance increase. The percentage of employees in this category is slightly higher, said Todd.

A 3 percent performance raise is planned for employees who initiated one or more job-related activities that exceeded job requirements. A 3.5 percent increase is for employees whose performance evaluation indicated they substantially exceeded job requirements and contributed in a significant way to the advancement of their department or the college’s mission. Both of these categories each make up about 8 to 10 percent of college employees, Todd said.

Adjunct faculty’s pay is expected to increase by 1 percent.

OKCCC President Bob Todd has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Community Colleges.

“In my position, Todd will help set policy regarding the future and direction of the national community college organization,” said Dr. David Pierce, AACC president. “As the largest sector of higher education, community colleges have grown tremendously over the past two decades — both in numbers of students served and in public approval.

“We need dedicated educators such as President Todd on our board to help continue that momentum and meet the new challenges that face us.”

Todd has also been appointed to two-year college board

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Editorial

Restaurants lose without etiquette

Taking time out to go to a restaurant is a favorite for many because they relish in the idea of others cooking and cleaning up after them. This idea, however, may be more aggravating than it is worth. Restaurant etiquette seems to be failing or non-existent in some areas.

While it can still be fun to go to different places and experience new atmospheres, it can also be disturbing if you go to the wrong place or get a bad waiter or waitress.

Usually a bad tip will convey the message that the service wasn’t good, but sometimes that isn’t enough.

The first thing that could shift the mood of the night from good to bad is getting seated in a place that is either away from the rest of the human population or might as well be in the kitchen because it is so close. Seeing the chef cook all the meals and then the many waiters and waitresses walk by can be a little disturbing.

Another place to sit that could ruin the meal would be to be next to a big group of screaming kids and angry adults. Nothing is worse than not being able to hear the person sitting right in front of you. Many times simply asking the host or hostess to sit you in a quiet place will solve this problem.

Unsanitary restaurants are a turn off and this includes the restrooms, tables and kitchens. But one thing that may seem like it would help the restaurant be sanitary is actually very disgusting. Vacuuming right under and around the tables where customers are eating is not only noisy and distracting but also unsanitary.

This is not cleaning. It is throwing dust into the air and onto the plates of food.

Cleaning up should be done after the customers leave and the restaurant is closed unless there is a spill.

One final plea is: do not give the customer the check until they are done. All too often, the check will be given before the main dish is even eaten. This is sending the message that the diners should hurry and leave.

Besides, what if the customers aren’t done and want to order a dessert or another drink? This causes trouble for the waiter or waitress because they have to take the check back to add the item and it also causes time and trouble for the customer because they have to wait for it to be fixed.

Restaurants are supposed to be a place to kick back, relax and have other people wait on you for a change, but this idea seems to be slipping due to lack of etiquette.

—Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Scholarship recruiting went well

“...This is a very high rate of acceptance compared to other college and universities in the area.”
—Sally Edwards

To the Editor:
OKCCC Prospective Student Services has had a great year in scholarship recruiting.

The Academic Scholarship Committee selected 155 students to be offered scholarships.

Three students received Regent’s Scholarships (63 qualified). 10 students received President’s Scholarships (115 qualified) and 142 students received Freshman Scholarships.

Scholarship recipients were chosen from several hundred applications from 51 high schools in towns ranging from Hugo to Guymon. The majority of the applications came from the metro area.

About 91 percent of these students have accepted their scholarship offer. This is a very high rate of acceptance compared to other colleges and universities in the area.

The highest score this year is a 32 on the ACT Test and highest GPA was 4.71.

The lowest scores to receive scholarship offers were a 19 on the ACT Test and/or a GPA of 3.5.

I just thought you might enjoy hearing about this great group of students who will be here next fall.

—Sally Edwards
Prospective Student Services

Read the Pioneer at www.okc.cc.ok.us
Hidden secret results in dead baby and two damaged futures

As a story of deception and loyalty unfolds in the book “Always in Our Hearts” so does the readers desire to know more.

This book is the true story of two teenagers, Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson, who dated throughout high school and were raised in a nice neighborhood with supportive families. They were ending their senior year and had their whole lives ahead of them at colleges away from home when their future plans began to change.

Unfortunately, one night changed their lives and Amy ended up pregnant. Scared of what her parents would say and think of her, she kept the secret away from everyone except her boyfriend. Brian supported Amy’s decision to keep the pregnancy a secret and didn’t tell anyone either.

Amy and Brian were a couple who stood next to each other from conception to birth, birth to death and then into the courtroom.

On a cold November night in 1996, Amy went into labor. She called Brian and told him that their worst fear was coming true. He drove the seemingly endless two-hour drive between the two colleges they attended. He picked her up and went to a motel room.

With questions still unanswered about exactly what happened in that room, one thing is known — a baby boy was delivered there and disposed of in a dumpster at that same motel.

I recommend this book with a warning that it sheds a light into the eye-opening thoughts of scared teenagers. It is definitely a page turner to read with a box of tissues.

—Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Mayhem by Marshall Mathers

The recent addition to the Eminem album collection has been released. It is called “The Marshall Mathers LP,” and it is worth spending the money to get a hold of it.

If you were not a fan of Eminem with his commercial release album “Slim Shady LP,” then you are not going to be swayed into liking him with this CD. It is just as vulgar, if not more, than the previous one.

But if you liked the vulgar and dark humor of that CD, then this is definitely the CD for you to own.

It is chock full of the beats, lyrics and humor you would expect from Eminem.

The very first track is “Public Service Announcement 2000.” It tells the listener that Eminem doesn’t care about you, the consumer, and that you can just die for all he cares.

Now the intelligent people who listen to this will realize that he doesn’t really mean this, just that it is a funny satirical type of skit.

I think all of his songs on this CD follow this line of thought.

There are songs that talk about how he purposely influences kids to do bad things through his music. What I think that he is getting at, is that celebrities and the media really have nothing to do with the way kids will act.

My favorite song that exemplifies this is “Stan.” It is about a fan who idolizes Eminem, and does just as Eminem does, even to the point of killing his wife like one of Eminem’s songs says.

This fan keeps writing letters to Eminem, and doesn’t get replies. Eventually Eminem replies and tells him that he’s a crazy person for trying what the songs say, because they are just songs and Eminem is not really like that.

So for those of you who like satire, or just like the lyrics and the music of Eminem, this CD is for you.

If you hated him before, you’ll still hate him, so don’t waste the money on this CD if you think you’ll change your mind after hearing it.

I give this CD a 5 out of 5 M&M’s.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

The nebulous world of Dr. Vu

Purging pessimistic pestilence prevails

You really can’t trust people these days. Straight-A students are gunning down their teachers, kids are gunning down their classmates and other kids at zoos, cops are blowing away people reaching for their wallets.

Then there’s the British intelligence agents who leave their laptops in cabs, and INS officials who leak secret information to Cuban officials for financial gain.

Then there’s President Clinton’s rivals, accusing him of giving China our nuclear secrets.

There’s the guys who blow up commercial airlines over Ireland, on purpose.

Let’s not forget about assassins and spies posing as, ahem, journalists.

I mean, whom can you trust?

And then there are these two kids who followed me around.

I befriended them after they were caught by security for goofing around in the library.

After a few minutes of interviewing, the youngest, John, 9, said he wanted to be a journalist.

The oldest, Michael, 11, said that they were at the library by themselves.

They had been there since about 11 a.m. — for swimming lessons.

I was a stranger, and they told me about their father’s seven degrees and their mother’s job as an accountant.

But what spanked me silly was that, presumably, their parents entrusted their children to the school.

They had confidence that their children would be safer at OKCCC than at home.

We live in an age where parents won’t even allow their children in chat rooms on the internet.

We live in an age where parents are resorting to home schooling after the media’s convergence on school violence, thinking of the safety of their children first.

And here are Michael and John, roaming OKCCC without adult supervision.

Is this trust, or is this stupidity?

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Want to share your opinion?
Call the Pioneer editor at 682-1611, ext. 7675 and share your thoughts.
By Michaela Marx
Editor

Tom Hoskison was sworn in as the newest OKCCC Regent June 5, just prior to his first official OKCCC meeting.

Janice Phillips, executive administrative assistant to the president and notary public, conducted the ceremony. OKCCC President Bob Todd presided.

Gov. Frank Keating recently appointed Hoskison of Oklahoma City to serve on the board for a seven-year term.

Hoskison, 60, is a Managing Partner with Express Consulting Services. His experience includes extensive industrial relations, organizational development, training, staffing and management of benefit plans.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in education and master’s degrees in human resources, business administration and educational administration.

His term on OKCCC’s Board of Regents is not his first experience as a board member. Previously he has served as a member on the human resources steering committee of Food Marketing Institute, a member of the Cornell University Home Study Advisory Board, a member of the Joint Labor Management Committee and a trustee of several multi-employee trusts.

Hoskison is also very active in his community. He has served as Campaign Chair for the United Way and on the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army. He is an active member in his church.

Hoskison also finds time in his busy schedule to coach little league baseball. He has a long-time association with sports.

He was a high school basketball and football coach. He coached and played semi-pro baseball. He was also named to the Oklahoma All-State Baseball Team and played on the State Championship team at Bethany High School.

Todd said he is looking forward to working with Hoskison.

Hoskison will replace Regent John Michael Williams whose term expired after 16 years.

Todd said Williams served the board well.

“We deeply appreciate Regent Williams’ service and commitment to the college, its students, and the citizens of this community.

“Even though he will be missed as a board member, we look forward to his continued involvement in the life of the college,” Todd said.

Todd credits Williams as a leading force in developing OKCCC as a leading community college in America. A reception for Williams will be held at 3:30 p.m. June 13 in CU3.

Library can be key to success

By Adrian Crooks
Newswriting I Student

Making a student’s life much easier and providing sources for classes are just a few ways in which the library can be helpful, said Director of Library Services Barbara King.

“Some of the things to do in the library are using the computers for Internet searching, looking up online catalogues and references, and using copy machines,” she said.

King said, by making the library a part of their lives, students can increase levels of learning.

“Students can request books and other materials, check out telecourse videos and much more,” she said.

King mentioned a new computer program for student use called Net Library.

“The program allows students to go online to read and electronically check out books,” King said.

King said she and the other library employees look forward to the future with OKCCC students.

“The future for the library and students are providing better services, helping students use the college website and getting to know your librarians,” she said.

Students share several ideas for improvements of college library

By Adrian Crooks
Newswriting I Student

Several OKCCC students have definite ideas about how the college library could be improved.

Some of the ideas students had include additional group tables, updated books and more employees to provide needed help.

Other students had innovative ideas.

OKCCC premed and economics major Brian Bauernschmitt said he knows the perfect time-saving solution.

“It would be helpful if the library had a drive-thru window to drop off books,” OKCCC psychology major Brandon Steffens, 21, said.

It should be easier to get Internet access.

“It would be nice to see more computers for students,” he said.

Many students were thinking with their stomachaches when they said having access to food and drinks would make long study hours more pleasant.

OKCCC Spanish major, Jessica Henderson, 22, said her idea offers food for thought.

“The library could be improved by having a food court,” she said.

Vijay Patel, 19, computer major, said vending machines would be helpful for students to grab a quick bite to eat while studying.

Most of the students said they spend time in the library for a peaceful study environment.
Day to celebrate fatherhood approaches

Widower helped establish Father’s Day tradition

Father’s Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards.

In fact, when a “father’s day” was first proposed there were no Father’s Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington state, first proposed the idea of a “father’s day” in 1909.

Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd’s mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child.

Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father’s Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Wash.

About the same time in various towns and cities across America, other people were beginning to celebrate a “father’s day.” In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father’s Day.

Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father’s Day.

Father’s Day has become a day not only to honor your father, but also to honor all men who act as a father figure.

Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends will all be honored on Father’s Day celebrated this year on June 18.

—courtesy of www.holiday.net

Students honor all fathers worldwide

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Pop really deserves some credit.
Scaring off boyfriends, or giving talks about women is tough.

Dad probably doesn’t enjoy fixing the toilet, moving the lawn or building spice racks either.

He’s constantly busy teaching junior how to throw spirals, buying his little girl dolls and telling mom how pretty she looks.

And justly so, every June, dad gets his very own day.

OKCCC students have different backgrounds, but this week all dads will be loved.

Long distances won’t keep dad lonely this weekend either.

From Venezuela to India, dads will hear how their kids are doing.

Student Puja Gogri plans to call her father in India to wish him a happy Father’s Day.

Student Claudio Ramos will call his father in Venezuela.

Other students, whose dads live nearby, will be giving presents.

Leo Daniel is one who knows dads love electronic do-hickeys.

“I bought him a Sony 27-inch TV, and I plan on taking him out to eat,” Daniel said.

With only a few buying days left, students are beginning to feel the heat.

“I’m thinking about a camcorder, but I’m still undecided,” student Marie Seilas said.

Fathers-in-law won’t be forgotten either.

“I’m probably buying my father-in-law shirts and clothes,” student Sajit Walter said.

What dad wouldn’t enjoy the traditional pasttimes of food and fishing?

“We’re having a cookout and he’s going fishing” student Janice James said. “We bought him a portable fishing chair.”

Some students plan on treating their fathers to a meal.

“I’m taking my dad out to eat,” student Elizabeth Pearce said.

Older students want to give dad something special.

“I’m going to buy him a bottle of Hennessey and visit with him,” student Deon Bradeley said.

Dad will enjoy the ties, the dinner outings and gifts but, better yet, he will get that special feeling that he’s loved.

Gift of time brings joy to fathers

Father’s Day does not have to empty the piggy-banks of younger kids or the pockets of adult children. There are plenty of free or inexpensive gifts that kids can give to dad.

• Write dad a story about some of your favorite memories you’ve made with him and bind the story in a nice folder so he can read it again and again.

• Older children who don’t live at home may want to pop a bowl of popcorn and spend an entire day with dad watching his favorite movies or viewing home movies and laughing at some of the fun times you’ve had together.

• Dad may appreciate you performing some home repairs for him — especially if he is older.

• Children 12 and older can surprise dad by asking him to take a drive to his birthplace (town) and point out the places that were hangouts for him as he was growing up. Videotape the day to share with future generations.

• Fathers who are Internet savvy may enjoy a free subscription to Fathering Magazine located at: www.fathermag.com

Are you a super dad?
To find out, visit:
http://homearts.com/depts/family/67sdadf1.htm
**Highlights**

**Fall Tuition Fee Waivers**
Aug. 4 will be the last day to submit tuition fee waivers applications for the fall semester to the office of Financial Aid. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. The names of those receiving the waivers will be posted in the Student Financial Aid center Aug. 18.

**Lively courses offered**
The Office of Recreation and Community Services is hoping to liven up the summer. There will be Fox Trot, Waltz, or Rumba dance classes in beginning, intermediate or advance ballroom classes. There will also be a beginning country and western dance steps class. Other classes are Swing, Salsa and Mideastern Belly Dancing. Costs, days and times vary. Those looking for a different swing can enroll in beginning golf classes. Six-week evening classes will begin June 19 and 20, July 31 and Aug. 1. The cost is $48. There will also be a beginning genealogy class to explore heritage and ancestral lines. An intermediate class will be offered July 17 to Aug. 21. Cost is $40. For more information call 682-7560.

**Spanish in Mexico 2000**
Enroll now to earn credit while traveling to Mexico. For $1195 spend nine days, July 22 to July 30 traveling to Guadalajara and Morelia, two of the most famous colonial cities in Mexico. Enjoy the beauty of the highlands, explore the rainforest, the area where the Volcano Paricutin appeared in a corn field in 1943, Lake Patzcuaro and the Indian villages surrounding it.

**Susan E. Clowers Memorial Scholarship**
The Susan E. Clowers Memorial Scholarship has been established by the OKCCC Board of Regents. Contributions can be made payable to the Oklahoma City Community College Foundation. The scholarship fund will be used annually to assist students with the cost of attending OKCCC.

**Tips for Veterans**
Tutors are available for Chapter 31 Veterans (Voc-Rehab). Tutors must be approved by Dennis Jackson. The following websites may be helpful for Veterans: The Veteran News and Information at www.vnis.com and the Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov. Hours for the Veterans Certification Office are Monday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7694 or 7695.

**Scholarship deadline approaching**
The Valerie Koelsch Memorial Scholarship Fund will be accepting applications through June 15. There will be two $1500 scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships for members of Sheet Metal Workers’ Local No. 124, their spouses or their dependents. Contact Anna-Faye Rose, scholarship coordinator, at 405-235-5603.

**Scholarship applications available**
William P. Willis Scholarship applications are available at the Office of Prospective Student Services. Requirements are low income, less than $32,000, full-time undergraduate, making satisfactory academic progress, must plan to enroll full-time both fall and spring semester at OKCCC. The deadline is June 30.

**Decisions:** OKCCC student Jaime Kier looks over the selection of ice cream toppings offered at the Welcome Back Sundaes counter.
The Office of Student Life serve up free ice cream sundaes to students and staff at the beginning of each semester as a way of welcoming them to the campus.
Volunteers staff the counter, scooping up servings of vanilla ice cream and offering toppings of strawberries, chocolate syrup and caramel.
The free ice cream counter will be back in the fall.

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**Honors club awarded**

**Phi Theta Kappa earns distinction as Five-Star chapter**

**By Kathi Etherton**

The OKCCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, earned special distinction at this year’s International convention in Orlando, Fla. as a Five-Star Chapter. This distinction is the highest status a chapter can achieve.

In order for the chapter to be awarded the honor, the group must attend all of the regional meetings and submit two entries in four hallmarks of fellowship, leadership, service and scholarship.

The entries are descriptions of the activities the organization took part in throughout the year.

Dana Glencross, professor of political science and one of the sponsors of Phi Theta Kappa, said the club always shines.

“The five-star program is about 10 years old,” she said. “I think we have gotten it every single year since it has been offered.”

Helping Glencross in the adviser position is Richard Rouillard, professor of English.

The newly elected officers for the 2000-2001 year are Heather Sutton, president; Amy Perkins, vice-president; and Barbara Gwinn, correspondence secretary.

Sutton, Rouillard and Glencross will travel to San Diego, Calif., for the International Honors Institute June 18 through 25.

“Heather will be attending a week long study on water,” Glencross said. “She will then help the chapter implement projects dealing with what she learned.

“This is how chapters compete for Five-Star levels.”

**Got club news?**
Is your club active this summer?
Call 682-1611, ext. 7675 or come by 2M6 in the Main building
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Pioneer Classified Advertising is free to all currently enrolled OKCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to publication date. Call 682-1611, ext. 7674 for more information.

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The ad for it was in the PIONEER!!
What a great buy!!
Recent campus thefts total almost $7000

By Ryan Johnson  
Staff Writer

More than $6800 worth of equipment has been reported missing from the OKCCC campus within a two-week period.

On June 2, Audio Visual Technician Simon Gallegos reported an Epson LCD Powerlite Projector, valued at $5344, missing from classroom 2R7 in the main building. According to Director of Computer Systems Development John Richardson, the projector was missing from the classroom when he taught a class May 8. He said he didn’t report the missing projector to safety and security because he thought the projector was out being serviced.

On May 22, Math Lab Assistant Niloufar Hendrick reported an In Focus Projection Panel LCD Computer, valued at $1,519, missing from room 1N1 of the Math Center. Hendrick reported the Projector Panel was last seen May 3 by Mary Brese, math computer lab assistant, when she secured the room for the night.

Hendrick said she waited to file a missing property report because she thought an adjunct math professor was using the missing item.

On June 5, Building and Campus Crew leader John Mullins reported that a key ring containing a master key, various cabinet keys, and the keys to one of the college vehicles were missing from his locked desk in his office. He said the keys were last seen at about 5 p.m. June 2 when he locked his center desk drawer and left the campus for the weekend.

Safety and security officers found signs of forced entry on the desk, but no signs of forced entry were found on the door of the office. A flathead screwdriver was found on the floor of his office.

There are no suspects in any of the crimes at this time.

Fiscal year 2000-2001 budget determined

For the film program OKCCC will work closely with the private film industry, said Todd. This program can have great impact on the state, he said.

State Sen. Keith Leftwich, of south Oklahoma City, has been a strong supporter of the film program. The University of Oklahoma will be OKCCC’s partner for the program. Hollywood producer and native Oklahoman Gray Frederickson serves as a consultant in this program, Todd said.

Todd said OKCCC will hire a professor for the film program if OKCCC regents approve the plans. A Hollywood director has been chosen as a potential faculty member.

The Board of Regents will vote on the budget on June 12 in its regular meeting. See sidebar story for more details on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2001, which runs from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

Todd to serve on college board

The membership, made up of college presidents in a 17-state region, elected Todd.

The NCA grants or denies accreditation to nearly 1,000 colleges and universities. During his term with North Central, Todd will help set standards and contribute to the policy and decision-making involved in higher education institutions.

At a Glance: OKCCC Proposed Budget for FY 2000-2001

Total funds: $28,907,972
Required for Core Activities: $26,505,084
Required Mandatory Cost Increases: $260,000
$160,000 contribution to the Oklahoma TRS.
$100,00 employee benefits at current level.
Contingencies: $326,933
$100,00 for Integrated Information System supplemental staffing.
New and Expanded Initiatives: $1,815,955
$659,894 to provide increased environment controls and replacement furniture. 
$242,100 for Film Program.
$293,625 for Technology to improve computer assisted design, emergency medical technician, occupational therapy assistant, and physical therapy assistant labs, implement third year of three-year computer replacement cycle, replace fire servers, provide repair supplies for technology in classrooms and labs, and provide classroom LCD projector supplies.
$8,490 to provide increased environment controls and replacement furniture.
$20,995 to partially fund Economic Development staffing.
$24,324 to increase staffing for Mini-hospital and Macintosh Lab.
$8,520 to provide Scrantron software for student testing.
$11,500 to provide computer furniture for new Computer Assisted Design Classroom.
$20,000 to enhance student success through OKC-GO Mentoring and Online Orientation projects.
$88,490 to provide an Online Check Writing System.
$107,000 to provide Increased Environment Controls and Replacement Furniture for improved facilities.

To go up from $485 per credit hour to $500. Nearly 50 percent of all classes at OKCCC are taught by adjuncts, or part-time faculty.

Todd said OKCCC’s average raises of 3.9 percent are satisfying. However, he said, higher education did not have a great funding year, considering that the legislature authorized raises of 10 percent for public school teachers and 7 percent for public employees.

Another highlight in this year’s budget is the funding for a new film program in Oklahoma affiliated with OKCCC. The amount of $242,100 is set aside to get the program started.

Todd said the film program is of the same importance to Oklahoma’s economy as programs such as the biotechnology or semiconductor programs.

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Todd serve on college board

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elects as a trustee for one of higher education’s most prestigious governing boards. He will serve as the Two-year College representative for the 15-member Board of Directors of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.