



1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3216.1 of Title 70, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make  
5 educational program resources at institutions in the Oklahoma State  
6 System of Higher Education available to the people of the Ponca City  
7 area. This program shall be known as the University Center at Ponca  
8 City. The State Regents for Higher Education shall draw upon the  
9 educational programs of institutions best suited to provide  
10 appropriate educational programs and shall, pursuant to Article X-  
11 IIIA of the Oklahoma State Constitution and the Oklahoma State  
12 Statutes, set the standards of education as they relate to the  
13 programs operated to ensure that credits earned by students can be  
14 transferred and will be accepted and applied to a course of study at  
15 institutions of higher education within the state of Oklahoma.  
16 Northern Oklahoma College shall have the exclusive authority to  
17 offer all lower division courses and programs at the University  
18 Center at Ponca City as listed in the college catalog of Northern  
19 Oklahoma College. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
20 may establish appropriate funds and accounts, including a revolving  
21 fund, in the Office of State Finance for servicing the fiscal  
22 operations of the University Center at Ponca City. The funds and  
23 accounts shall be subject to the direct supervision, management, and  
24 control of the board of trustees created in subsection B of this

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 section. The people of the Ponca City area shall provide suitable  
2 physical plant accommodations for the University Center at Ponca  
3 City.

4 B. There is hereby created a board of nine (9) trustees to be  
5 appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to  
6 serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at  
7 Ponca City. The board shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and  
8 use an official seal. The board shall have the authority to submit  
9 a budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
10 Education, administer monies budgeted by the State Regents,  
11 negotiate agreements with institutions for courses and programs of  
12 study approved by the State Regents, provide educational facilities,  
13 recommend courses and programs to be offered by participating  
14 institutions, select a chief executive officer whose duties include  
15 the general coordination of approved programs and services and the  
16 selection of other appropriate nonteaching personnel. The board of  
17 trustees is authorized to expend all monies allocated to the  
18 University Center at Ponca City as may be necessary to perform the  
19 duties and responsibilities imposed upon the board by this section.  
20 For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real and personal  
21 property from sources other than state appropriations, the board is  
22 authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules and  
23 regulations pertaining to such actions. The initial nine (9)  
24 members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally

1 appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration  
2 identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:

3 Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire  
4 on the 30th day of June, 2013, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

5 Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire  
6 on the 30th day of June, 2014, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

7 Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire  
8 on the 30th day of June, 2015, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

9 Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire  
10 on the 30th day of June, 2016, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

11 Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire  
12 on the 30th day of June, 2017, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

13 Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire  
14 on the 30th day of June, 2018, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

15 Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire  
16 on the 30th day of June, 2019, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

17 Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire  
18 on the 30th day of June, 2020, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

19 Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire  
20 on the 30th day of June, 2021, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

21 The board shall organize and elect a chair, vice-chair and  
22 secretary annually.

23 C. The board of trustees may establish and maintain plans for  
24 tenure and retirement of its employees and for payment of deferred

1 compensation of such employees and may provide hospital and medical  
2 benefits, accident, health and life insurance and annuity contracts  
3 for such employees and pay for all or part of the cost thereof with  
4 funds available for payment of its operating expenses.

5 D. The board may establish with the State Treasurer such  
6 accounts as are necessary to operate retirement, deferred  
7 compensation or benefits plans for its employees. Such accounts  
8 shall be revolving funds not subject to fiscal year limitations.  
9 Funds deposited in such accounts may be invested in any of the types  
10 of instruments in which the State Treasurer is authorized by law to  
11 invest.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,  
19 dated 03/28/2012 - DO PASS.  
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