

Moran Lauded by HEACO

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Melvin Moran of Seminole was named Distinguished Director of the Year at the annual meeting of the Board of the Directors of the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma.

The Outstanding Director award recognizes a member of the HEACO Board of Directors who has served with distinction as a director and been an active supporter of higher education.

Moran is a business and community leader in Seminole, a 14-year regent for Seminole State College, and an inductee into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

He was presented the award by Dr. Jim Utterback, president of Seminole State College.

Dr. Carlos E. Johnson, president, presided over the meeting, attended by members of the Board of Directors, institutional presidents, legislators, and guests.

Highlights of the meeting included the presentation of awards to supporters of higher education and TABOR (Taxpapers' Bill of Rights) Forum.

Other recipients of the awards are listed below:

Governor Brad Henry received the Distinguished Statesman Award. The award recognizes continuing support for higher education.

Calvin Anthony of Stillwater and Sid Hudson of Lawton received awards for Distinguished Service. The award recognizes the contributions of a supporter of higher education.

Anthony, is a regent for the Board of Regents, Oklahoma Agricultural and mechanical Colleges and a former member of the HEACO Board of Directors.

Hudson is legislative assistant, Office of the President Pro Tempore, State Senate.

Senator Mike Morgan of Stillwater received the award for Distinguished Leadership. The award recognizes a career of outstanding service in the legis-



Melvin Moran

lature and support of higher education issues.

Morgan is president pro tempore, State Senate.

Rep. Tad Jones of Claremore and Sen. Johnnie Crutchfield of Ardmore were named Friends of Higher Education. The award recognizes specific contributions of legislators during the 2006 legislative session.

Jones is chairman of the Education Subcommittee, Appropriations and Budget Committee, House of Representatives.

Crutchfield is chairman of the Appropriations Committee, State Senate.

Reps. Lee Denney of Cushing and Wes Hilliard of Sulphur were recognized as Legislative Newcomers. The award recognizes the service of freshmen legislators.

Denney and Hilliard have each served one term in the Oklahoma Legislature.

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Welcome Back, SSC!



SSC students enjoy the commons area on campus between classes (Above). (Right) SSC Math Instructor Annette Troglin begins another exciting fall semester with her students in Tanner Hall.



Three SSC nursing students have been honored with scholarships from the Seminole Medical Center Auxiliary. (L to R): Brenda Hudson, Susan Johnson, Kelly Grant and SSC Nursing and Health Sciences Division Chair Nina Kirk. The Auxiliary will continue to provide a scholarship to these students every semester until they graduate. The Auxiliary earns money for the scholarships through their sponsorship of the Seminole Medical Center gift shop and local bake sales.



Stormi Marlow of Shawnee purchases textbooks from the Seminole State College Bookstore in preparation for the beginning of the fall term.

Fall Calendar

Mid-term Classes Begin

Thursday, October 17

Fall Break

Thursday-Friday, October 19-20
NO CLASS

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday-Friday, November 22-24
NO CLASS

Last Day to Withdraw

Friday, November 10

Final Exams

Tuesday-Friday, December 12-15

Semester Ends

Friday, December 15



Seminole State Begins Fall Semester with New Faces and Big Plans for Campus

Change abounds on the Seminole State College campus this fall as the college enters its 75th year of serving students and area communities. New faculty and staff and major building and renovations projects will come together to provide a better education for SSC students.

SSC averages about 2,200 students each fall. According to the *Fall 2005 SSC Institutional Statistics*, students from Shawnee represent 23 percent of the school's total enrollment, while students from the Seminole community make up 21 percent. Twenty-four percent of the student body is Native American. The average age of an SSC student is 28 years, while 25 percent of SSC students are under 20 years-old and approximately 10 percent of the student population is over 50.

Returning students will notice a new sidewalk around the SSC pond. The sidewalk was created as a safety measure for students walking to class from the Roesler Residential Learning Center. It is also part of the pond area renovation project and is the beginning of a campus walking track.

Ground-breaking on a new residence hall north of the Roesler Residential Learning Center is scheduled for this fall. Other building projects in the works for the academic year include the relocation of the college's maintenance facilities. Using the money from the Higher Education Bond Issue passed last year, SSC will also be expanding its student services area and creating new faculty offices, classrooms and a lab in Tanner Hall.

New students won't be the only new faces on campus. The College has welcomed a new Regent and has also hired new faculty and staff members.

McAlester resident Jeff Miller joined the SSC Board of Regents this summer. Miller was named to serve on the Board by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry this spring. Miller succeeds Derrill Cody, whose term expired in June. Miller's seven-year term will expire in June 2013.

Steve Bolin, of Oklahoma City,



Seminole State College President Dr. Jim Utterback looks over an architect's rendering of a new 150-bed residence hall to be constructed on campus this year.

joins the College's Social Sciences Division as a new instructor. Bolin earned his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1986. In 1989, he received his master of arts in theological studies from Wheaton College. Bolin is completing work on his Ph.D. in history at Oklahoma State University.

Rayshell Palmer, of Norman, will serve as an English instructor for the college. Palmer received her bachelor's degree in English from East Central University in 2002. She received her master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in English literary and cultural studies in 2005. Currently, Palmer is pursuing a M.Ed. degree in secondary education from East Central University.

David Helseth will join the SSC faculty as a life sciences instructor. Helseth received his bachelor's degree in microbiology from Colorado State University in 1973. In 2001, Helseth

completed his master's degree from Oklahoma State University in secondary education. He is currently working toward at Ed.D. in postsecondary educational leadership at Oral Roberts University.

Karen Romine will serve as a nursing instructor at SSC. Romine, of Shawnee, earned an associate's degree in nursing from Seminole State College in 1999. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing at Bartlesville Wesleyan University. In 2004, Romine received her master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix.

Diana Lynd will join the SSC faculty as the child development coordinator and instructor. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1970 from the University of North Texas. She received her master's degree from East Central University in 1979. Lynd went on to receive her certification in early childhood education from East Central University in 1995.

John Bartos will serve as an SSC art history instructor. Bartos has served as an ad-

junct instructor at Seminole State College for the past 16 years. He graduated with his associate of art degree from Seminole State College in 1987. Bartos earned his bachelor of art degree from the University of Tulsa in 1989. Currently, he is working on his master of art degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Carlos Sanchez will join the SSC faculty as French instructor and assistant softball coach. Sanchez earned his associate's degree from Seminole State College in 2000. He is currently working on his degree at East Central University.

Kristina Socarras will serve as an SSC reading specialist and assistant softball coach. A former SSC softball player, Socarras received her associate's degree from Seminole State College in 2001. In 2003, she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Barry University. She com-

pleted her master's degree in reading from Barry University in 2004.

SSC's federally-funded GEAR UP program will also welcome new personnel.

Julie Parks, of Earlsboro, will serve as the new GEAR UP education coordinator. Parks received her associate's degree from Seminole State College in 1993. In 1994, she completed her bachelor's degree at East Central University. Parks received a master's degree in education from East Central University in 2005.

Kendall Rogers, of Shawnee, will join the GEAR UP staff as an activities specialist. Rogers received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Communication Arts and Science in 2004. She earned her master's degree in human relations from OU in 2006.

Students who attend SSC continue to receive a quality education from out-

standing instructors and exceptional academic programs.

Qualified high school juniors and seniors are eligible to earn college credit at Seminole State College free of tuition charges through a new concurrent enrollment program.

To encourage enrollment, SSC has established a number of off-site class offerings at area high schools for the fall term which began Aug. 21. High school students wishing to take advantage of the free tuition offer may take classes at their respective schools, or on the SSC campus.

Classes are scheduled at high schools in Seminole, Shawnee, Chandler, Tecumseh, Konawa and Okemah. A complete listing may be found on the College's Web site at: www.sscok.edu under "Prospective Students - Class Schedules - Off-Site." A printed class schedule is also available at the Office of Admissions in Tanner Hall on the SSC campus. These off-site classes are open to students other than concurrently enrolled high school students.

The College will continue to offer mid-term and short-term courses throughout the coming months. The courses will be offered at times to accommodate working adults. The offerings will be announced throughout the semester.

For more information about enrollment at Seminole State, please contact the Office of Admissions at (405) 382-9950.



New faculty members for Seminole State College include (Back Row L to R): John Bartos, David Helseth, Kristina Socarras, Karen Romine and SSC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Kennedy. (Front Row L to R): Carlos Sanchez, Steve Bolin, Diana Lynd and Rayshell Palmer.

Library Hours

Monday-Tuesday
8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday
8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bookstore Hours

Monday
8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

SSC Regents Hold May Meeting

At their May meeting on May 17, 2006, the Seminole State College Board of Regents approved items pertaining to the residential learning center construction project, purchased new technology equipment through the Higher Education Bond Issue and entered into a contract with Sodexho for the college's FY07 food service.

Under the first item of business, the board voted to approve Floyd Law Firm of Norman, Okla., as bond counsel for the residential learning center bond project. Next, the regents approved DA Davidson of Norman, Okla., as the financial underwriter for the residence hall construction project. Requests for proposals for these services were reviewed and evaluated by the SSC Administrative Council using Department of Central Services criteria.

The board then accepted a contract between the Seminole State College Educational Foundation, Inc. and Architects In Partnership for design services for the residence hall project. The Foundation entered into a contract with Architects In Partnership last summer and has paid initial design fees to the firm. Approval of the contract allows the firm to continue its work uninterrupted.

Next, the board officially approved the design concept of the new residence hall presented by Architects In Partnership. The design of the 150-bed facility had previously been presented to the SSC Building Committee, SSC Educational Foundation Board of Trustees, community groups and SSC employees.

In the last order of business regarding the residence hall construction project, the regents authorized the college to apply for bond financing through the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority for student housing. Utterback told the board that it was decided it would be beneficial to roll over the existing bond debt of the Roesler Residential Learning Center. He added that the primary rationale for the combining of the projects for bonding was the need to use the proven revenue stream of the Roesler Center as a source of payment on the bonds. With fees, this increased the project to approximately \$9 million.

During the next item of business, the regents approved the purchase of 60 new computers from Gateway using federal grant money and funds designated under the Higher Education Bond Issue. Each machine will cost \$1,069.

In the next item of business, the board authorized the college to enter into an agreement with Sodexho as the food service provider for SSC for FY07. A bid analysis of four vendors was conducted by SSC, and Sodexho was recommended as a cost saving measure for the college.

In the final item of business for the day, the regents accepted the consent agenda that included the Course Embedded Assessment Report and Degree Assessment Report. They also approved the FY07 Campus Master Plan projects for submission to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

SSC Offers Collegiate Officer Program

College textbooks. A shiny badge.

Seminole State will offer a new opportunity for individuals interested in law enforcement during the fall semester. SSC's Collegiate Officer Program will provide an alternative route to peace officer certification by pairing Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training curriculum with the SSC criminal justice degree program.

In the program, students will take a series of CLEET classes as part of their SSC criminal justice degree. After students have graduated with their associate's degree and completed the CLEET curriculum, they are eligible to take the CLEET certification exam. The students' CLEET accreditation will occur once they accept their first job.

Bill Knowles serves as coordinator for the SSC Collegiate Office Program. Knowles has worked in the criminal justice system since 1994. He received his associate's degree in criminal justice from Seminole State College in 1991. Knowles went on to receive his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Oklahoma in 1993. In 1994, he completed his master's degree in criminal justice from Oklahoma City University.

"This program is not only a great opportunity for Seminole State College students, but also the law enforcement agencies in the SSC service area," said Knowles. "After our students complete the program, they will be ready to start work immediately. They won't be tied up in training sessions. This saves everyone

time and money."

It takes approximately nine weeks to obtain traditional CLEET certification. While the training is provided to law enforcement agencies free of charge, each agency is required to pay its employees' salaries while they attend training.

"This can be a huge burden to many smaller departments," said Knowles. "Our program allows the agencies to put our graduates to work immediately because they will already be CLEET certified. Local law enforcement agencies gain trained employees without having to spend money and lose manpower."

For more information about Seminole State College's Collegiate Officer Program, contact Bill Knowles at (405) 382-9557.

Miller Sworn in as SSC Regent in July

At their July meeting, the Seminole State College Board of Regents swore in a new Regent and elected new officers. The Regents also selected a construction manager for the College's residence hall project, approved plans and a site for the relocation of the campus maintenance building, and accepted the Student Assessment Progress Report.

Jeff Miller of McAlester was administered the oath of office to serve as a SSC Regent by Seminole State College legal counsel Ed Cadenhead. Miller was named to serve on the Board by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry this spring. Miller succeeds Derrill Cody, whose term expired in June. Miller's seven-year term will expire in June 2013.

In his "President's Report" to the Board, Dr. Jim Utterback, provided information about recent personnel changes on campus. Three employees have been hired since the June meeting of the Board. David Helseth, of Shawnee, has been hired as a life sciences instructor. Two individuals have been hired for positions with the federally-funded GEAR UP program. Julie Parks, of Earlsboro, will serve as the education specialist and Kendall Rogers, of Shawnee, will be the activities specialist for GEAR UP.

The Board was also informed that Dr. Katherine Rowe, who has served as an early childhood development instructor at the College, has resigned to accept a counseling position in a public school system.

Three employees who work with federally-funded youth outreach programs have been transferred internally to other positions. Damaris Haney will be a GEAR UP adviser; Dianna O'Connell will be the Upward Bound coordinator; and Jeanie Nix will be the data specialist for GEAR UP.

Utterback told the Board that the College received an investment grade rating on bonds for the new residential hall project, following a June 30 campus visit by representatives of Standard & Poor's. The Oklahoma Development Finance Authority and the Oklahoma Of-



Jeff Miller (left), McAlester, takes the oath of office to serve as a Regent for Seminole State College administered by SSC legal counsel Ed Cadenhead. Miller succeeds Derrill Cody, whose term expired in June. Miller's seven-year term will expire in June 2013.

fice of Bond Oversight considered final approval of the project at their July meetings.

Also during the President's Report, Utterback provided the Board with information about the SSC Educational Foundation's golf tournament scheduled for October 9, at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole. The fund raiser will be hosted by U.S. Congressman Dan Boren, State Senator Harry Coates and State Representative Ryan Kiesel.

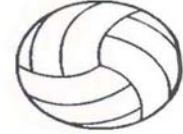
As their first item of business, the Board elected officers for the coming year. Regent David Wilson was elected Chair. Regent William Harrison, Jr., will serve as Vice Chair, and Regent Roger Nansel as Secretary.

Next, the Board approved a contract with Boldt Builds of Tulsa to serve as construction manager for the residence hall project. A memo from Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Katherine Benton outlined

the procedures used for selection of the firm. She reported that all construction managers listed with the Department of Central Services were contacted to submit letters of interest in the project. After proposals were independently reviewed and rated by a committee, the top four were brought to campus for interviews. Boldt received the highest score overall and received the most number one rankings.

In other business, the Board reviewed and considered plans prepared by Meyer Architecture Plus, LLC for construction of an 8,000 square-foot maintenance building. The project is one of the capital projects funded through the Higher Education Bond Issue.

As the only item on the consent agenda, the Board accepted a Student Assessment Progress Report which was prepared for the Higher Learning Commission.



Seminole State Volleyball Fall 2006 Schedule

Head Coach: Erin Pick
Assistant Coach: Cassie Blackford
School Website: www.sscok.edu
Office Phone: (405) 382-9559

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri. -Sat.	Aug. 25-26	Navarro College Tournament	Corsicana, TX	TBA
Tues.	Aug. 29	Triangular Claredon Frank Phillips	Borger, TX	5:00 7:00
Fri. -Sat.	Sept. 1-2	Blinn College Tournament	Brenham, TX	
	Fri.	San Jacinto		11:00
	Fri.	Frank Phillips		3:00
	Sat.	Barton County		9:00
	Sat.	Blinn		1:00
Wed.	Sept. 6	Northern Oklahoma - Enid*	Seminole	6:00
Tues.	Sept. 12	Redlands*	Seminole	6:00
Sat.	Sept. 16	Triangular North Central TX vs. Seminole North Central TX vs. Paris JC Barton Cty vs. Paris JC Paris JC vs. Seminole Barton Cty vs. Seminole	Seminole	9:00
Mon.	Sept. 18	Tyler Junior College	Tyler, TX	6:00
Wed.	Sept. 20	Northeastern A&M*	Miami, OK	6:00
Fri. -Sat.	Sept. 22-23	University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Tournament	Fort Smith, AR	TBA
	Fri.	West Plains		9:00
	Fri.	Indian Hills		3:00
	Fri.	Frank Phillips		5:00
	Sat.	Tournament play seeded by pool play		TBA
Mon.	Sept. 25	Coffeyville	Seminole	6:00
Fri. -Sat.	Sept. 29-30	Hutchinson Community College Tournament	Hutchinson, KS	TBA
Mon.	Oct. 2	University of Arkansas-Fort Smith*	Fort Smith, AR	6:00
Mon.	Oct. 9	Northeastern A&M*	Seminole	6:00
Wed.	Oct. 11	Northern Oklahoma - Enid*	Enid, OK	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 13	Frank Phillips	Seminole	6:00
Mon.	Oct. 16	Coffeyville	Coffeyville, KS	6:00
Fri.-Sat.	Oct. 20-21	St. Petersburg Volleyball Classic	St. Petersburg, FL	TBA
	Fri.	Clearwater CC, FL		1:15
	Fri.	Highland CC, IL		3:45
	Fri.	St. Louis - Mermac		6:15
	Sat.	Tournament play seeded by pool play		TBA
Wed.	Oct. 25	University of Arkansas-Fort Smith*	Seminole	6:00
Mon.	Oct. 30	Redlands*	El Reno, OK	5:00
Wed.	Nov. 1	Tyler Junior College	Seminole	6:00
Mon.	Nov. 6	North Central Texas	Gainesville, TX	6:00
Fri. -Sat.	Nov. 10-11	Region II Tournament	Enid, OK	TBA
	Nov. 20-22	NJCAA National Tournament	Missouri State-West Plains	

*Conference Match

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SSC Regents Approve FY07 Budget

The Seminole State College Board of Regents met for their June meeting and voted to approve the College's budget for the coming fiscal year, accepted an audit committee report, increased tuition for the fall term and approved annual contracts.

During their first item of business, the Board voted to approve the College's Educational and General Fund Budget for FY07. The budget includes a 6 percent across-the-board raise for all employees. Additionally, the budget increases adjunct and overload pay, and provides limited merit increases. In presenting the budget, SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback commented, "As always, increasing salaries remains a major priority. It is important that we stay competitive among other state institutions in order to attract and keep quality employees. Our people are the most valuable asset of the College."

The audit committee of the Board met prior to the Board meeting to hear a

report on findings on the FY06 internal audit by BKD, LLP. The auditing firm had reviewed miscellaneous claims for FY05 and FY06, as well as the campus technology area's emergency disaster recovery plan. Regent Jon Flowers, who served on the review committee, reported there were no substantial notes made by the auditor and it was a "good audit." The report was accepted by the full board.

A 4.3 percent increase in tuition for the fall term was approved by the Board. The proposed increase will raise in-state tuition from \$46.50 to \$48.50 per credit hour. Utterback told the Board that the increase was among the lowest being proposed in the state.

On this month's consent agenda were several routine items presented each June for approval. They included the holiday schedule and annual contracts for services, leases, maintenance agreements, and athletic insurance.

Also on the consent agenda, the Board approved a program modification

of the Associate of Applied Science for Business degree for accounting, and providing an alternative 16-17 month FastTrack delivery period for the degree program.

The final item on the consent agenda was the approval of the purchase of computer equipment for the Federal GEAR UP program utilizing federal grant funds. Ten laptop computers will be purchased from Gateway at a cost of \$1,349 each and ten computer projectors will be purchased from Dell at \$913 each.

Under the President's Report, the Board was provided an update on personnel which included the resignation of GEAR UP Project Coordinator Debbie Kinsey, who has accepted a position at OSU-Okmulgee. The Board was also informed about the hiring of three new faculty members: Steve Bolin, of Oklahoma City, will teach government and history; Raychelle Clapper, of Norman, will teach English; and Karen Romine, of Shawnee, will teach nursing.

Boren Donates Portrait for SSC Library



University of Oklahoma President David Boren presented a portrait commissioned by the University to Seminole State College to hang in the David L. Boren Library on the SSC campus.

The library was named in honor of the former Representative, Governor and U.S. Senator from Seminole in 1976.

While in the State Legislature, Boren was instrumental in helping establish the independent two-year community college when it was forced to separate from the local high school in 1969 and wrote the bill to establish the college as part of the state system of higher education.

The portrait is by Raymond Kinstler of New York who does the official portraits of more U.S. Presidents and cabinet members than any other American artist.