

Seminole State College
CAMPUS MEMO

From Dr. Jim Utterback – President

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I would like to update the campus community about some recent events and activities of interest. Several of these items are developments from the February 28, 2002 meeting of the Seminole State College Board of Regents.

ENOCH KELLY HANEY CENTER

The SSC Board of Regents unanimously voted Thursday to name the new business and industry training / nursing facility the **Enoch Kelly Haney Center**. This recognition of Senator Haney is most appropriate considering his enthusiastic support of Higher Education and Seminole State College throughout his Legislative career. Senator Haney was responsible for the College receiving the initial \$3 million from the State for construction of this building. Additionally, he has played a critical role in supporting our programs and has continuously sought to acquire additional funding for education on every level.

RETIREMENTS

With a heavy heart and a deep sense of admiration for the individuals involved, I recommended to the Board yesterday that the College accept the resignations of **Dr. Jack Medlock**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and **Dr. Jim Fowler**, Chair of the Social Sciences Division. Dr. Medlock has been with the College since 1970 – in fact, he was a student here in 1957! His years in the classroom and as an administrator have had a tremendous impact on the development of this institution. In the spring of 1992 and again in the fall of 1996, Dr. Medlock served as Acting President of Seminole State College. Dr. Fowler has been employed at the College since 1977. For the past 14 years, he has served as the Chair of the Social Sciences Division. These individuals will be greatly missed on this campus – both in the classroom and by their colleagues. Their early notification about their retirement plans will help us in preparing to cover their positions.

TENURE GRANTED

Congratulations are in order for two outstanding faculty members who were awarded tenure this week. **Brad Walck** and **Pam Koenig**, both instructors in the Social Sciences Division, were approved for tenure by the SSC Board of Regents. The tenure process is a very detailed and thorough one, involving months of preparation. Each candidate is also evaluated by a Tenure Committee. Our percentage of tenured faculty is now 39%, well below our policy maximum of 55% and the State Regent's recommendation of under 67%.

LANDSCAPING

The College, in cooperation with the SSC Educational Foundation, has begun an effort to plant trees and shrubs across campus. Through the efforts of Foundation President **Dan Boren**, landscaper Randy Lacewell developed a campus beautification plan to be executed in phases. In recent weeks, 66 trees – mainly native oak – have been planted. Additional phases of the landscaping project will include an exercise track and beautification around the pond area. We appreciate the Foundation taking the lead in this great project.