

*Seminole State College*  
**CAMPUS MEMO**  
*From Dr. Jim Utterback – President*

*June 24, 2010*

I hope your summer is going well. I just returned from Washington D.C. where I had the opportunity, as a member of the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors, to participate in the historic selection of Dr. Walter Bumphus who will become the first African American President/CEO of the Association. Dr. Bumphus is a highly-qualified, dynamic educator who will serve well as the leader of this organization that represents the nation's more than 1,200 regionally-accredited public two-year colleges. You can read more about the selection of Dr. Bumphus on the AACC website: [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu)

As I complete my term on the AACC Board, I will be serving for the second year in a row as a presenter at the "Future Leaders Institute." The institute is designed to help train community college leaders how to move into senior administrative positions. My work with AACC, while time-consuming, has been exciting and rewarding – and has broadened my understanding of community college systems across the country.

The Seminole State College Regents met today and approved several items of general interest to the campus community. Highlights of the meeting included approval of the following items.

**BUDGET FOR FY-11**

The FY-11 budget allows us to maintain all current positions and create two new full-time faculty positions in divisions with high enrollment – Social Sciences and Language Arts and Humanities. Due to budget constraints, the budget does not award any across-the-board raises for faculty and staff. While this is regrettable, we feel it is proper in these tight budget times. We also feel fortunate that we have been able to avoid many of the drastic measures taken by our sister institutions such as reductions in force and furloughing employees.

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### **TUITION INCREASE**

Tuition for Fall, 2010 will be raised for the first time in two years. Resident tuition will be increased from \$57.50 to \$62.55 and nonresident tuition from \$127.20 to \$134.00 per credit hour. Mandatory fees will remain at current levels. This action will result in a modest increase of 5.32% in total costs to the student. This is well within the guidelines suggested by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Raising tuition will help offset our reduction in state funding and allow us to continue to provide necessary services to students.

### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The holiday schedule for the new academic year was also approved at today's meeting. A copy of the schedule will be distributed to employees via campus mail and email. Please note that the campus will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

**Best wishes for the remainder of the summer. I hope that everyone has an opportunity for some fun and relaxation. I look forward to an exciting year ahead for Seminole State College!**