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SSC Board of Regents Meeting Highlights Seven-Year Achievements

The Seminole State College Board of Regents convened Thursday, Jan. 22, for the first time in the New Year. At their January meeting, the SSC Board heard of enrollment increases and approved terms of employment of the president.

Under the only item of business, the SSC Board of Regents retired to executive session to review and consider the terms of employment of Dr. Jim Utterback as the president of Seminole State College.

Following a return to open session, Utterback addressed the audience and Board saying that last year he had stressed to the Board that the College was facing the worst budget cuts in history and due to the bleak outlook, he declined to accept additional compensation.

"Last July, when employee contracts were issued, we were not able to give raises. It has been my goal to still award the annual step raises during this budget year. I again wish to defer any raise in my level of compensation until we are able to award raises to our employees," Utterback said.

"We have consistently made it clear on every level, in every way that we could, that what we believe is important in life is not all of these new roofs, heating and air conditioning systems, parking lots and new buildings – but it is our people. We need to take care of them and put them first," Utterback added.

Board members expressed appreciation for Utterback's comments and spoke of their strong support for the President.

Regent Derrill Cody of Norman told the President, "In executive session, the Board

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENTS

January, 1997 to January, 2004

- ⇒ *Fall Headcount enrollment has grown by 54% - 1,455 to 2,237*
- ⇒ *Fall Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment (FTE) has grown by 47% - 1,079 to 1,518*
- ⇒ *Physical size of the campus has more than doubled from 40 acres to 84 acres*
- ⇒ *Faculty compensation has moved from lowest to highest among rural Oklahoma two-year colleges*
- ⇒ *College received maximum 10-year accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of North Central*
- ⇒ *Long-standing, costly problems with leaky roofs were addressed with installation of sloped, metal roofs*
- ⇒ *Marie Austin Drive was completed to provide safe access to the expanded campus*
- ⇒ *All campus heating and air conditioning systems have been replaced*
- ⇒ *Technology has been enhanced across campus for both classroom instruction and general operations*
- ⇒ *Programs have been added in sports, business and industry training, applied technology, child development and Native American Studies*
- ⇒ *Global Education activities have provided opportunities for students and community members to travel around the globe*
- ⇒ *SSC Educational Foundation has nearly doubled its cash and investment assets*
- ⇒ *"Unqualified opinions" citing no exceptions on external audits were received each year*
- ⇒ *Roesler Residential Learning Center was constructed to provide much-needed campus housing*
- ⇒ *Enoch Kelly Haney Center was opened offering business training, nursing program instruction, and opportunities to enhance economic development - as well as providing meeting and event space*
- ⇒ *Approximately \$13 million in funding from external sources, including federal grants and private donations, have been procured for the College*
- ⇒ *New facilities were opened and enrollment increased while handling the most drastic state budget cuts in history; reasonable cash reserves were maintained with no layoffs or furloughs*

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Special Guests Visit SSC

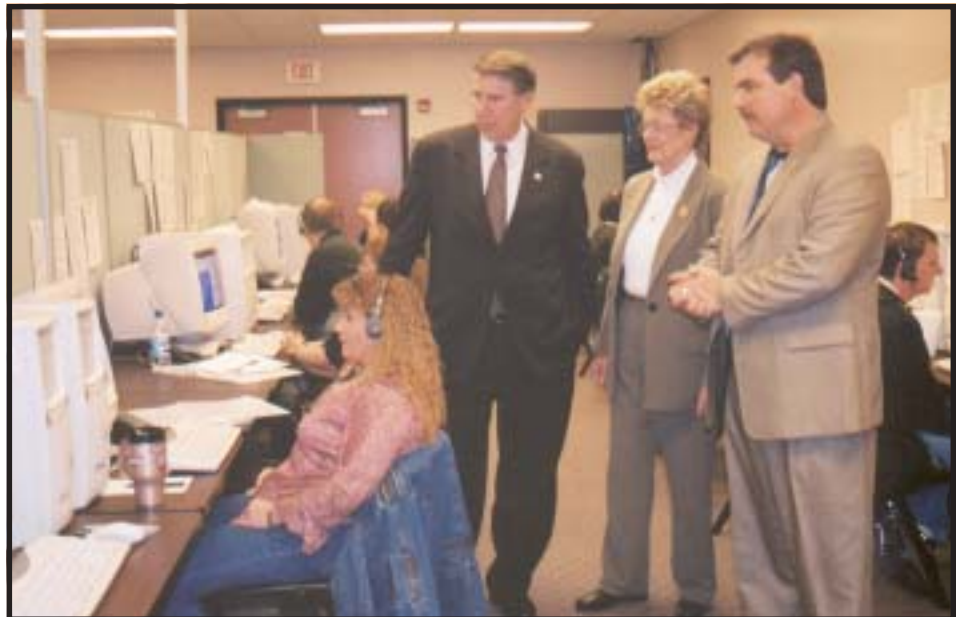


OSU President Dr. David Schmidly Speaks at Forum

Seminole State College welcomed Oklahoma State University President Dr. David Schmidly to campus as part of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce January Forum in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. At a gathering prior to the Forum event, several Seminole community leaders and OSU supporters had the opportunity to visit with Schmidly. (L-R) OSU President Schmidly, Neil Craig, Mark Phelps, Dale Elsener and SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback.

Congressman Ernest Istook Visits Call Center

U.S. Congressman Ernest Istook was on the Seminole State College campus for a Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 9. Before the event, Istook, along with SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback and Washington D.C. Consultant Suzie Brewster and Associates, took time to tour the new call center, 4CNet, located in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The College's Haney Center serves as an incubator for the newly-recruited Seminole business. The Seminole Economic Development Council, Kiamichi Development Company and Seminole State College joined forces to help attract the new business to Seminole.



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reflected over your accomplishments, not only this year, but since you came to Seminole. You enjoy the complete support of this Board. We view this as a team. You have our support and appreciation for the work you have done. I have enjoyed working with you, and look forward to working with you for many years into the future."

Regent Jon Flowers of Shawnee said that the Board felt the President was doing a good job and wanted to give Utterback a raise this year. "But, I was pleased to hear from you that you are not requesting one... that your priorities are more for getting a raise for your faculty and staff," Flowers said.

Board Chair Dale Nichols of Wewoka said it is a pleasure to serve on the SSC Board and work with Dr. Utterback. "It is an opportunity for all of us to come together and work to build and improve this College. We are fortunate to have Seminole State College as a great asset for this area. I think with Dr. Utterback's leadership we will continue to move forward," Nichols said.

Seminole Regents David Wilson and Roger Nansel added their comments of support. "Speaking as a member of this

community, I feel that we have been lucky to have Jim here. Jim, I appreciate where your heart is, and I want to voice my full support of you," Wilson said.

Nansel added, "You never really know how good you and your staff are until times get tough. It is great that you have been able to maintain the great reputation of this community college during very tough funding times. You and your staff are to be commended on a job well done."

Following a unanimous vote to renew the President's contract, Utterback thanked the Board and his staff for their efforts in helping the College reach milestone achievements over the past seven years. Utterback has served as the College's president since January, 1997. (See Boxed Information)

"As we reflect on Seminole State College's accomplishments in the last seven years, I am mindful that we have a fantastic team working at the College. From Regents, administrators, faculty, staff and students to community supporters, hundreds of people have had a role in our successes. I hope everyone associated with Seminole State College shares the pride I feel in what we have accomplished," Utterback said.

Earlier in the meeting, during the President's report to the Board, Utterback provided information on the statewide hiring

freeze, the SSC chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the College's Title IX Compliance, Higher Education Day at the Capitol, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, the new call center located in the SSC Haney Center, and the College's enrollment status.

The President shared reporting forms related to the State Hiring Freeze with the Board. He also informed the Regents that SSC Math Instructor Paula Schornick has been transferred to fill the Title III Basic Skills Specialist position. The position became vacant during the fall semester. Utterback informed the Board that the position was advertised internally and is a short-term appointment for the length of the grant.

Next, Utterback addressed issues discussed at the December Board meeting.

Utterback reported information collected by the College's attorney Ed Cadenhead regarding the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the College's Title IX Compliance.

Utterback explained that AAUP's stated mission is to advance academic freedom and to define fundamental professional values for higher education, as well as to ensure

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SSC Receives Federal Funding

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By KAREN ANSON

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Funding for seven projects for Seminole State College and the cities of Seminole and Wewoka were announced by a US senator in January.

College and city officials say they had wind of the funding when they were passed by the US Congress before Christmas.

The funds were appropriated when the Omnibus Appropriations bill was approved by the US Senate, announced Senator James Inhofe.

The funding was first announced before Christmas by Ernest Istook when it was passed by Congress.

Seminole benefits the most from the Omnibus Appropriations bill, \$2.9 million.

"We gave Istook a wish list and he fulfilled it all of it and asked for another,"

said Seminole Mayor Billy Choate.

The big ticket item is \$2 million for upgrading US 377 and the creation of a "spur."

US 377, also known as SH 99, is scheduled to be widened from Ada to I-40, and is touted as increasing north-south traffic through Seminole.

Choate believes a "spur" will be necessary to take the heavy traffic around the main part of Seminole.

"There's no concrete plans for a spur," Choate said this morning.

"At least Oklahoma Department of Transportation said they aren't aware of any.

"But it's an obvious problem. We can't send semis down the middle of Seminole and we can't widen Milt Phillips Avenue."

He believes a "spur" will be necessary, probably east from US 377 along Goodhope Road and south on Harvey until it swings back west to rejoin US 377.

Harvey would have to be extended from

the new supercenter north to meet Goodhope, but Choate said that is likely to happen anyway as business springs up around the supercenter.

The mayor said the spur, as it comes down Harvey Road, will come within a couple of blocks of the new Magnolia Lake park project, making the park more visible and an even better public relations tool for Seminole.

According to Inhofe's press release and Choate, Seminole will receive \$200,000 to get water and sewer to an industrial park planned on Goodhope Road and \$500,000 for improvements to Goodhope Road, which Inhofe's press release refers to as "an industrial road."

A \$250,000 appropriation to Rural Enterprises Inc. will be passed through to Seminole, the press release said.

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Fall Honor Roll Recognizes SSC Students

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2003 fall semester. Three separate honor rolls recognize students for their academic achievements.

The President's Honor Roll is comprised of students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point-average in at least 12 credit-hours of coursework.

Students named to the Vice President's Honor Roll must have a 3.5 grade-point-average or better with no grade below a "C".

The Part-time Students' Honor Roll is for students who maintain a 3.5 grade-point-average with no grade below a "C" in at least six, but less than 12 college credit hours.

Students named to the President's Honor Roll include (listed by hometown):

Ada: Timothy Bartholow; Cynthia Miller; Amy Smith; Paul Wilson; Lisa Wisbauer

Asher: Jennifer Linn

Big Cabin: Randi Scheer

Bowlegs: Jimmy Joslin

Bristow: Keith Barrett

Burns Flat: David Greteman

Chandler: Nicole Clark; Danyle Gray; Jill Holmes; Chad Varner;

Checotah: Christopher McIver

Chickasha: Riley Prather

Cromwell: Billy Stephens

Cushing: Jake Brock; Sarah Hausner

Dewey: Jeana Short

Earlsboro: Jeff Mize; Chris Whitman

Fort Smith, Ark.: Justin Moore

Holdenville: Jessica Bisson Victoria Bowden; Mindy Caudill; Miranda Harjo; Rhonda Smith-Robinson; Angellia Springs; Jerry Wakeley

Keota: Mindy Box

Konawa: Sammie Dennie; Jeremy Green

Macomb: Candace White

Mansfield, Texas: Ellie Drew

Maud: Angela Cotanny; Laranda Skaggs; Dawn Thompson; Richard Thornton

McAlester: Krystal Bernhardt

McCloud: Justin Cockroft; Jerry Meshquekenock

Meeker: Kristi Judd

Montezuma, Kan.: Megan Reed

Newalla: Gloria Logan

Norman: Seth Dellinger

Okemah: Tina Burgess; Justin Clanton; Chenoa Green; Clay Wesley

Oklahoma City: Timothy Braun; Amy Caffrey

Paden: Linsey Norman; Beth Van Zant

Prague: Meisha Carter; Jason Denney; Andrea Saunders; Carol Smith; Christopher Webb; Amy Williams

Purcell: Steven Bajema

Sasakwa: David Ellis

Seminole: Lauren Bidby; Amy Blevins; Charlene Cloud; Jeannette Combs; Carly Cone; Cinda Dailey; Rebecca Haney; Kimberly Kiesel; Shawn Little; Tina Martin; Patricia Nix; Bobby Parsons; Tamera Rogers; Jessica Steffy; Albert Thomas; William Tiger; Matthew Webb; Danica Young; Chanteal Adams

Shawnee: Deborah Ames; Erin Bond; Rodney Casteel; Byron Christenberry; Hailey Colburn; Malita Dockrey; Carleta Dodd; Leonard Foreman; Priscilla Freeman; Justin Gober; Cassidy Graham; Micco Haney; Stacey Harragarra; Terri Hayes; Donita Heckman; Janae Hittell; Suzanne Mellinger; Lisa Meshquekenock; Abner Monterroso; Holly Moore; Nichelle Sims; Alex Smith; Rachel Stevens; Linda Turner; Matthew Waldrop

Stroud: Danette Peters

Tecumseh: Marsha Binau; Elaine Brock; Matt Brown; Michael Dukes; Jennifer Duncan; Tracey Forrester; Brandy Gill; Nancy Moore; Samantha Prewett; Craig Price; Diana Wilson

Wellston: Lynda Barnhill

Wetumka: Shonda Cooper; Camille Gann; Casey Hill; Betty Leftwich; Donna Summy

Wewoka: Michelle Abel; Maria Canaga; Brandon Cook; Sophia King; Courtney Mathews; Robin Northern; David Orsburn

Students named to the Vice President's Honor Roll include:

Ada: Stephen Abelli; Regena Bartmess

Allen: April Harrington

Anadarko: Morgan Thompson

Atwood: Kelly Ward

Bethany: Jonathan Combs

Bowlegs: Keisha Mainord

Calamvale, Australia: Paul Malek

Carnegie: Landon Scales

Chandler: David McKenzie

Earlsboro: Matt Daniel; Christopher Hadland; Samantha Robbins; Jason Smith; Dionne Tedrick

Holdenville: Alba Almodavar; Brandi Arnold; Danielle Franks; Cara Robinson; Lee Travis; Arleigh Wood

Houston, Texas: Danyelle Godfrey

Kingfisher: Ricky Woods

Konawa: Cathy Davis

Macomb: Donnell Mcnutt; Heather Prough

Maud: Alena Bailey; Tiffany Smith; Jose Tejada-Ramirez

Meeker: Brian Buchanan; Amber Green; Kevin McAnally; Anna Schilling; Malinda Stufflebeam

Mesquite: Reginald Bibb

Moore: Jessica Miller

Okemah: Justin Miller

Paden: Kylie Brown; Bobby McCrorey

Perryton, Texas: Cody Merrell

Prague: Barry Conyers; Amanda Edwards; Jay Friend; Kristy Friend; Catherine Haynes; Heather Hearn; Kourtney Hill; Kyle Honeycutt; Brooke Kinslow; Keri Laxton; Tara Mosley; Megan Remington; Randy Unterkircher

Pryor: Brynn Scalf

Salina: Cassie Blackford

Seminole: Debby Adams; Kimberle Anson; Nicholas Baker; Lindsey Branson; Michael Coates; Trevor Cupp; Dana Duncan; Jeremy Foster; Leslie Goddard; Tara Goforth; Adam Good; Victoria Howard; Kristine Lemmings; Cheryld Lucas; Austin Mathews; Jeff Meadows; Crystal Morales; Danielle Morales; Charlotte Muller; Jack Northcott; Megan Palmer; Laura Reyna; Regina Ridge; Angela Shaw; Justin Sylsberry; Joyce Taylor; Mariam Tiger; Robert Vanzant; Sara Venable; Brandy Wallace; Rickey Ward; Lisa Wells; Jaycie Young

Shawnee: Terry Austin; Paulette Blanchard; Lauren Broadie; April Corley;

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Sarah Crouch; Brian Davis; Justin Davis; Angela Deardorff; Kristen Dossey; Melissa Filbert; Angel Hamilton; Maria Harper; Ayrian Hernandez; Daniel Hopper; Robert Howard; Miriam Hudson; Melissa Isaacs; Wendi Johnson; Virginia Kinkade; Kevin Laffoon; Hillary Lareau; Edwin Madkins; Ellinda Mckinney-Jones; Ryan Minix; Vicky Misa; Nancy Neff; Blake Parsons; Don Powers; Travis Pringle; Stacey Severe; Jeff Slaton; Jarod Smith; Randee Smith; Amy Stilwell; Dustin Wade; Kasey Westerman; Nancy Westfall; Ward Whitehead; Cory Williamson; Nancy York

Stuart: Brian Rivers

Tecumseh: John Akins; Billy Buchanan; Adam Earhart; John (Bo) Green; Kenneth Thompson; Jennifer Tuttle; LeAnn Young

Tuttle: Brittani Ellis

Welty: Alisha Clark

Wetumka: Linda Johnson; Kristee Seeley; Lacy Stuckey

Wewoka: Kelley Anderson; Geneva Bolin; Joel Canaga; Zachary Christopher; Cory Landrith; Erin Marshall; Erin Morgan; Terrance Vines; Chad Young

Students named to the Part-time Students' Honor Roll include:

Ada: Audrey Ennis; Sasha Franks; Edward Kirkendall; Amber Knight; Ernest Ludlow; Brad Norman; Rosalyn Pack

Allen: Krystal Barnhart; Andrea Mckerley; Latisha Stephens

Bowlegs: Tami Douthit; Nicole Leahy

Calvin: Kimberly Wilson

Castle: Tina Bear; Angelique McGregor; Anita Sands; Barbara Sands; James Teeters

Chandler: Wallecia Bishop; Jamie Clark; Wandarita Clark; Jami Schevetto; Veronica Wilson

Cushing: Stacie Casey

Earlsboro: Mary Hernandez; Deana Keeton; Thomas Siford

Elmore City: Jarrid Cavner

Holdenville: Tonya Beach; Laura Brewer; Carl Caudill; Vicky Johnson; Shannon Lacey; Galynn Lowe; Joyce Mitchell; Brian Orsburn; Brenda Salazar; Christina Walden

Kendrick: Melanie Niccum

Konawa: James Bryant

Macomb: Lisa Boland; Suzanne Iverson; Tessa Taylor

Maud: Ronelle Garner; Casey Grove; Darletta Hinds; Byron Waltman

McLoud: Tammy Egger; Shawna Ernst; Brandon Johnson; Bonny Morrow; Candace Phillips; Danielle Pool; Sheri Stafford; David Voyles; Kimberly Williamson; Ladonna Wilson; Kory Wingo; Cindi Wise

Meeker: Tamara Avery; Bevin Fletcher; Lisa Fullbright; Courtney Green; Debra Luckett; Aaron Palmer

Okemah: Mary Adams; Tamara Baldrige; Minetta Davis; Dora Dodson; Amber Epperson; Cheryl Fish; Nadine Fixico; Connie Fowler; Adam Franks; Rebecca George; Kathy Goodwin; Deann Johnson; Regina Jones; Laura Labbe'; Shirley Mitchell; Tamara Ragsdale; Laquita Roberts; Jennifer Robison; Jacqueline Smith; Monica Vanwinkle; Elizabeth Williams; Carol Yaeger

Paden: B.Kirk Fipps; Chanda Jones; Amber Lakins

Prague: Kiley Bailey; Dawn Butterfield; Jennifer Cooper; Nancy Craycraft; Jason Dyer; Jennifer Guinn; Courtney Johnson; Deann Leader; Mandy Martin; Kelli Mc Bride; Angela Motley; Tina Mullins; Christina Streater; Kristi Strickland; Jennifer Strickler; Janice Tascier; Kim Wingfield

Schulter: Chasity Nuckolls

Seminole: Sandra Atyia; Kiley Azlin; Robert Bivens; Rusty Brookshier; Brandi Caldwell; Kelly Clark; Andrew Conner; Leandra Coon; Cara Cox; Terry Cox; Stephanie Ellis; Rhonda Fixico; Andrea Gordon; Sheri Griffin-Hull; Lindsay Guest; Kathryn Hoffmeier; Shelly Howell; Laura Immel; Ashlee Johnson; Christopher Johnson; Lori Kean; Charlotte Kennedy; Sally Larney; Luciana Lillard; Pamela Manny; Annette Moore; Christina Morphis; Tonya Parum; Penny Perry; Londa Robertson; Maida Seifried; Linda Simpson; Rhonda Stevahn; Eric Sutliff; Jennifer Thomas; Norma Tiger; John Trimble; Lakisha Wheeler; Susan Womack; Jean Worley; Rita Wyrick

Shawnee: Leslie Ainesworth; Renea Arredondo; April Barksdale; Denise Bettis; Destiny Blakley; Cindy Bruno; Kristi Budka; Guy Cagle; Rhonda Cagle; Christy Carter; Elizabeth Clark; Wendy Cline; Erika

Corley; Brandon Dale; Jeffrey Davis; Krystal Davis; Sherry Davis; Eva Douglas; Sean Dryden; Johnna Freeman; Kimberly Fuqua; Celena Galbreath; Debra Gallagher; Patricia Gear; Angela Grass; Pamela Guerico; Kenna Harrison; Michelle Henderson; Jennifer Hernandez; Jennifer Hilton; Amanda Hunt; Judy Keese; Jamie Langhof; Teresa Lehman; Kimberly Lewis; Deidre Luckett; La'Dawna Martin-Harris; Amy McAfee; Melissa McKeel; Dene' Montgomery; Kelene Neal; Zachary Northrip; Jason Petty; Ashley Pierce; Andreanna Ponce; Roxie Posey; Cody Presley; Amanda Ramirez; Rebecca Redfield; Alisha Reynolds; Jill Richardson; Tami Robinson; Jason Seeley; Justine Seetot; Sharalyn Stewart; Kevin Taffe; Darryl Tiger; Sara Vanwinkle; Glenna Walker; Theresa Walker; Johnetta Waller; Theresa Ward; Janna Warren; Laura Waukechon; Amber Whiteside; Catherine Whyman; Melissa Wilbur

Sparks: Alisha Wallace

Spiro: Jo Shoop

Stratford: Joseph Kelough

Stroud: Amy Bridgeford; Debra Moore; Christopher Stewart

Stuart: Tava Deatherage

Tecumseh: Teresa Barnett; Rebecca Bean; Jamie Christy; Donna Copeland; Paula Huff; Donna Land; Ashley Lawson; Tammy Lisle; Heather Maranell; April McDonald; Michael Moore; Damon Nix; Patricia Reed; Rhonda Vanlandingham; Tani Wall; James Watkins

Tulsa: Bryan Belford

Wanette: Donna Gregg; Peggy Henderson; Lisa McDonald

Weleetka: Michele Crawley; Angela Kittrell

Wellston: Dorothy Dameron

Wetumka: Chastity Billy; Molesia Deer; Erica Fish; Reinetta Fish; Maureen Foley; Mary Givens; James Johnson; Kerri Oliver; Meghan Roark; Carlos Stafford; Nina Stapp; Christina Underwood

Wewoka: Heather Beauford; Jason Beauford; Wilda Bray; Catherine Breeding; Judith Breeding; Dawnette Chandler; Rodney Davis; Bennie Foster; Stacy Johnson; Michelle Letka; Paula McCormick; Cindy Mitchell; Wanda Moyer; Cheryl Phillips; Chad Quiet; Lana Rattan; Tywana Reese; Tabitha Rosamond; Chris Rubottom; Jamie Smart; Stephanie Stafford

Last Year's Team Finished as the 4-Time Region II Champs & Placed Third in the Nation



But You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet...

Check Out These Home Games for Lady Trojan Softball...

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	Feb. 13	Paris, TX	1:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 28	Rose State	1:00 & 3:00 pm
Sun.	Feb. 29	Butler County CC	1:30 & 3:00 pm
Fri.	Mar. 5	Texarkana, TX	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Sat.	Mar. 6	Murray State	11:00 am & 1:00 pm
Tues.	Apr. 6	Carl Albert	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Tues.	Apr. 20	Northern	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Thurs.	Apr. 22	NEO	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Sat.	Apr. 24	Connors	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Tues.	Apr. 27	Eastern	2:00 & 4:00 pm
May 7-9	Region II Tournament	McAlester	TBA
May 20-22	National Tournament	Clermont, FL	TBA

Head Coach: Mark Dicus

Assistant Coaches: Leslie Brown and Lindsey Fowler



Seminole State College

2004 Trojan Baseball Schedule

Home Games

See website for schedule changes: www.sstrojans.com

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sat.	Feb. 21	Dodge City, KS	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Sun	Feb. 22	Dodge City, KS	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Mar. 2	Hutchinson, KS	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 6	Butler County, KS	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Mar. 9	Richland, TX	Seminole	2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Mar. 18	Team Canada	TBA	TBA
Fri.	Mar. 19	Lamar Colorado	TBA	TBA
Tues.	Mar. 23	Western	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 27	Grayson County, TX	Seminole	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 28	Crowder, MO	Seminole	12:00 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 29	Texarkana, TX	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 6	Rose State College	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 24	Univ. of Arkansas-Ft. Smith	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	May 1	Connors	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	May 4	Eastern	Seminole	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	May 8	NEO	Seminole	1:00 p.m.

May 14-16

Regionals (*Location & Time To Be Announced*)

May 20-22

South Central District Series (*Location & Time To Be Announced*)

May 29 - June 5

NJCAA World Series in Grand Junction, CO

Head Coach: Eric Myers

Assistant Coaches: Rusty Rushing, Les Graham, James Martin

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higher education's contribution to the common good.

Last month, a question arose at the Board meeting concerning the organization's ability to negotiate compensation issues. Cadenhead's research revealed that although the organization does take part in collective bargaining in some states, it does not engage in collective bargaining in Oklahoma. He cited an Attorney General's Opinion that Oklahoma State law does not authorize public employees to bargain collectively, with the exception of public school teachers, police and firefighters.

"As we understand, the AAUP serves as an organization that promotes higher standards and encourages academic freedom," Cadenhead said. "Since Seminole State College employees are not authorized under State law to bargain collectively, we see this organization as a group of professionals working to define their profession's objectives, standards and goals."

Next, the President updated the Regents on the College's compliance with the 1972 Title IX federal legislation which bans sex discrimination in public colleges.

Utterback discussed highlights of the College's "Report on the Progress Toward Gender Equity in Athletics" prepared by SSC Athletic Director Rusty Beene last November. The report detailed information regarding number of scholarships, coaches' salaries, and types of practice and playing facilities for men's and women's sports at the College. The report also included results of surveys of men's and women's sports offered at area high schools, taken in order to determine the level of interest in specific sports.

Cadenhead also commented on research he had done in regard to the College's compliance.

"We have reviewed numerous reports by the Office of Civil Rights wherein it has investigated various Colleges and Universities and cited the institutions with deficiencies in Title IX compliance. In comparison, we feel very comfortable with the strides made by SSC," Cadenhead said.

The President then invited the Regents to attend Higher Education Day at the Capitol scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, and the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26. Special guest speaker for the chamber event will be Oklahoma's First Lady Kim Henry.

Next, Utterback updated the Regents on the new call center operating in a temporary incubator site in the College's Haney Center. The call center, 4CNet, opened on Dec. 15 with 16 customer service representatives, one trainer and one supervisor. An additional 13 employees were hired on Jan. 5, bringing their total employment to 31. Plans are to continue to expand the operation and add more employees.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Charles Cayton, Chief Operating Officer of the Kiamichi Development Company (KDC) which assisted SSC and the Seminole Economic Development Council (SEDC) in bringing 4CNet to Seminole. Cayton complimented the College's staff on their efforts to prepare the site in a short time frame in order to meet the company's deadline. He also complimented the SSC Board of Regents for supporting the project by approving expenditures of the College's federal technology grant money for this purpose.

The letter stated, "One of our senior staff members, with 20+ years in the call center business, commented that he had never been involved in a smoother start up.

"I have worked with many communities on a variety of economic development

projects and I do not know of another entity that could have moved as fast as you did.

"Because of the effort and support of Seminole State College, the center is open and people have jobs that are supporting families."

Utterback commented the success in recruiting the company to Seminole was the result of a cooperative effort between the College, KDC and SEDC.

"As a part of our mission as a community college, we are constantly looking for ways to help improve the economic climate of our service area. This opportunity to help the community is a good example of what can be done when community leaders, elected officials and our great staff work together," Utterback said.

Next, Utterback informed the Regents of the College's final fall and preliminary spring enrollment numbers for both Full-Time Equivalence (FTE) and headcount. The final fall Headcount was 2,237 – an 8% increase over Fall, 2002. Fall FTE increased 10% over last year – reaching 1,518.

Headcount enrollment for Spring, as of Feb. 20, was 1,903, with an FTE of 1,335, Utterback said that these numbers will continue to grow with the addition of cooperative agreement enrollments from area technology centers, and short-term classes offered throughout the semester. "By all indications, this will be a record-breaking Spring semester. For the first time in the history of the institution, we anticipate over 2,000 students will be attending Seminole State College during the Spring term," Utterback said.

Board members present at the meeting included: Nichols, Cody, Flowers, William Harrison, Jr., Nansel and Wilson.

The SSC Board of Regents' next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004.

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The Omnibus bill awards Wewoka \$250,000 for street repairs to US 270 and adjoining streets, City Manager Rick Bourque explained.

Seminole State College gets \$300,000 for equipment at the Haney Center and

\$50,000 for student support in the Fast Track nursing program.

"This is fantastic news," said SSC's Dr. Jim Utterback this morning.

"It's exactly the kind of money we used to set up the call center. It helps further our goal to train a workforce for Seminole."

Utterback said the critical shortage of nurses statewide will be helped by the Fast Track nursing program, which gives nurses with LPN degrees a quick way to become registered nurses.

"We appreciate Congressman Istook and Senator Inhofe's hard work," he added.

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