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

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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 of 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 reported issues 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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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 perfect 4.0 grade-point-average in at least 12 credit-hours of coursework.

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: Randy Scheer
Bowlegs: Jimmy Joslin
Bristow: Keith Barrett
Burns Flat: David Greteman
Chandler: Nicole Clark; Danyale 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
McLoud: Justin Cockroft; Jerry Meshquekennock
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 Denny; Andrea Saunders; Carol Smith; Christopher Webb; Amy Williams
Purell: Steven Bajema
Sasakwa: David Ellis
Seminole: Lauren Biddy; Amy Blevins; Charlene Cloud; Jeannette Combs; Carly Cone; Cinda Dalley; 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 Meshquekennock; 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; Brandly 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:

Ad: Stephen Abelli; Regina 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 Tejeda-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 McCrory
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 Scafl
Salina: Cassie Blackford
Seminole: Debby Adams; Kimberly Anson; Nicholas Baker; Lindsey Branson; Michael Coates; Trevor Cupp; Dana Duncan; Jeremy Foster; Leslie Goddard; Tara Goforth; Adam Good; Victoria Howard; Kristine Lemmings; Cheryl Lu Lucas; Austin Mathews; Jeff Meadows; Crystal Morales; Danielle Morales; Charlotte Muller; Jack Northcott; Megan Palmer; Laura Reyna; Regina Ridge; Angela Shaw; Justin Syslsberry; Joyce Taylor; Marlam Tiger; Robert Vanzant; Sara Venable; Brandly Wallace; Rickey Ward, Lisa Wells; Jaycie Young
Shawnee: Terry Austin; Paullette Blanchard; Lauren Broadie; April Corley;

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Honor Roll,
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Sarah Crouch; Brian Davis; Justin Davis; Angela Deardorff; Kristen Dossey; Melissa Filbert; Angel Hamilton; Maria Harper; Aryan 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 Jeff Slaton; Jarod Smith; Randee Smith; Don Powers; Travis Pringle; Stacey Severe; Vicky Misa; Nancy Neff; Blake Parsons; Don Powers; Travis Pringle; Stacey Severe; 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: Brittanii Ellis
Weltz: Alisha Clark
Wetumka: Linda Johnson; Kristee Seeley; Lucy 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; Jamie Schevetto; Veronica Wilson
Cushing: Stacie Casey
Earlsboro: Mary Hernandez; Deana Keeton; Thomas Siford
Elmore City: Jarrid Cnaver
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; Sherri 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 McBride; Angela Motley; Tina Mullins; Christina Streater; Kristi Strickland; Jennifer Strickler; Janice Tascier; Kim Wingfield
Schulte: Chasity Nuckolls
Seminole: Sandra Atiya; Kiley Atzin; 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 Stullf; 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 Langhoff; Teresa Lehman; Kimberly Lewis; Deidre Luckett; La’Dawn Martin-Harris; Amy McAfee; Melissa McKeel; Dene’ Montgomery; Kelene Neal; Zachary Northrip; Jason Petty; Ashley Pierce; Andreaanne Ponce; Roxie Posey; Cody Presley; Amanda Ramirez; Rebecca Redfield; Alisha Reynolds; Jill Richardson; Tami Robinson; Jason Seeley; Justine Seetos; Sharylarn Stewart; Kevin Taffe; Darryl Tiger; Sara Vanwinkle; Glenna Walker; Theresa Walker; Johnetta Waller; Theresa Ward; Janna Warren; Laura Waukechon; Amber Whiteside; Catherine Whyman; Melissa Willbur
Sparks: Alisha Wallace
Sapiro: Jo Shoop
Stratford: Joseph Kelough
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Tulsa: Bryan Belford
Wanette: Donna Gregg; Peggy Henderson; Lisa McDonald
Wetumka: Michele Crawley; Angela Kittrell
Wellston: Dorothy Dameron
Wetumka: Chastity Billy; Moleisa Deer; Erica Fish; Renetta 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 Quett; Lana Rattan; Tywana Reese; Tabitha Rosamond; Chris Rubottom; Jamie Smart; Stephanie Stafford

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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...

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Head Coach: Mark Dicus
Assistant Coaches: Leslie Brown and Lindsey Fowler
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**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.