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**Campus offices will be closed
Feb. 2, 3 and 4 due to severe winter weather.**

SSC FREE MOVIE NIGHT

All students must show current Student ID with the current sticker 2021-2022 to get in Free

February 15, Tuesday @7:00 PM	Strothers Cinema 1110 E Stotter Seminole OK	Showing: Moonfall & Death on the Nile or The King's Man
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MOONFALL
BERRY WILSON BRADLEY
EARTH...WE HAVE A PROBLEM

DEATH ON THE NILE

The King's Man



Stay up to date with campus COVID-19 safety precautions at SSC's Coronavirus Response page.

Here you'll find important updates, mental health resources and links to Centers for Disease Control data.

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Student Column

Eight Unnoticed but Still Beautiful Things on Campus

by Georgia Ledford



1) The lonesome window near the corner by the computers in the Boren Library. Since students' eyes are most likely diverted towards the computer screens, I feel as if it goes unseen. Nevertheless, it's nice to glance over and watch the sunlight pour into the room.

2) On the topic of windows, there are a few classrooms on campus without windows. However, the lack of literal, natural light is compensated for with the metaphorical light. The ridiculous jokes professors sometimes make, receiving a decent grade, or a stranger coming in handy when you lack a pencil or piece of paper— all of these are great examples of beaming lights of joy.

3) The idea that with each new semester you'll have a clean slate. A new professor with a new grade to upkeep. New people will sit beside you with whom can engage in trivial conversation over non-school related topics. If you genuinely find the people in your class unfathomably irritating, then next semester always provides a new group of people in a new classroom. Some of us even have eight-week classes, so even more opportunities await.

4) The couches in the Writing Lab. Something about them makes me eerily nostalgic. Maybe they're an old prop formerly used for some coming-of-age movie. Maybe they used to belong in a house full of musicians, where those cool rugs with wacky patterns and a bunch of tan-

gled up cords to amps accompanied them. Maybe they're from an estate sale and have memories of an old couple that remained married for over seventy-five years stuffed between their cushions. I like to create make-believe stories about them every time I pass by.

5) Some staff member, somewhere, at any given time will always have decorations for whatever the next upcoming holiday is out on display. And I'd like to personally commend whichever staff member does that, especially if it's for the less exciting holidays like St. Patrick's Day or Groundhog Day. Compared to Christmas and Halloween, the rest of the yearly holidays don't feel as exhilarating oftentimes. Therefore, it's nice to have some fresh entertainment other than in October and December.

6) The gazebos, smack-dab in the middle of a lot of the buildings on campus. I honestly wonder why I don't see a whole lot of people take advantage of them. Whenever you have time between classes, or time even after class, maybe take five to ten minutes out of your day just to relax and look around at the scenery. It's a serene getaway from the hectic, stressful environment classes can sometimes emanate.

7) The elevators right in front of the doorways of the Haney Center. Not a lot of the buildings on campus are two stories. Just like the couches in the Writing Lounge, I bet the

elevators have lots of stories to tell, only this time it wouldn't be make-believe. So many students, staff, and members of the SSC family have gone up and down in them. I wonder if the solitary visitors hummed quietly to themselves, or two strangers fiddled with their shirt hems and fingers awkwardly to evade tension, or friends and colleagues made funny jokes like "What if we all got

stuck in the elevator together? How would we escape?"

8) Last but not least, you. Whoever's reading, whether you're a professor, student, manager, division chair, coach, or even a parent wondering about their child's campus events— all of you make Seminole State College beautiful. We wouldn't be who we are today without your presence.

Theodore Roosevelt: The First Modern President

Feb. 18 - 10 a.m. - Utterback Ballroom

Join us for a Presidents' Day presentation
by Professor of Government Jeffrey W. Christiansen.



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Fall Honor Roll Recognizes SSC Students

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2021 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 and 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: Laney Anderson, Sydni Chilcoat and Gage Fuller

Ardmore: Maile Glaser, Amaya Gordon and Avery Lowe

Asher: Jake Harvey

Augsburg, Germany: Sophie Augustin

Aurora, TX: Kegan Magee

Bethel Acres: Natalie Manion

Bixby: Barrett Daniel

Broken Arrow: Courtney Castleberry and Emily Dobbins

Carrollton, TX: Jeremy Slate

Claremore: Trinity Shaw

Davenport: Alexis Berry, Emylee Keith and Karli Wunderlich

Depew: Blake Parrick

Earlsboro: Abigail Stringfellow

Fort Gibson: Michael Adair

Glenpool: Claudia Garcia

Holdenville: Steven Horvatt, Ciara Justice and Courtney Rambo

Konawa: Trulee Cook, Ashley Duck and David Herriman

Lexington: Kaitlyn Matlock

Lindsay: Brittan Himes

Little Rock, AR: Grant Jones

Macomb: Frank Bourlon

Maud: Chisam Moore

Meeker: Amanda Harris

Memphis, TN: Demetria Wilson

Mill Creek: Kady Lynch

Mustang: Anna Fehrle

Norman: Brianne Lee

North Richland Hills, TX: Luke Smith

Okemah: Hailey Fairres and Hannah Walkup

Oklahoma City: Brandon Gomez, Macie Noland and Houston Russell

Owasso: Garrett Casey

Pittsburg: Brasen Hackler

Prague: Alexis Goddard, Melissa Newport-Ward and Trista Schultz

Russellville, AR: Sadie Saul

Seminole: Yahnah Factor, Emillia Gates, Rachel Gosa, Abigail Lambert, Georgia Ledford, Kendra Lewis, Khya Mitchell, Stuart Osborn, Kolby Renfro, Donna Rupe and Morgan Ware

Shawnee: Jaryn Adamek, Reyna Alvarado, Savannah Bagwell, Morgan Beck, Grace Bryant, Caryssa Bui, Cynthia Bui, Angela Copley, Errol Goad, Izabella Gordon, Laney Green, Paige Iddings, Aleksander Jones, Katrina Knobel, Danyln Lang, Michael Legardye, Audrey McAdams, Raedyn Pierce, Ayzia Shirey, Spencer Sturgill, Zachary Taylor, Britaney Thompson, Carson Todd, Cepado Wilkins, Hallie Wilson, Sarah Wilson and Hunter Winn

Stratford: Sando Hill

Tecumseh: Devin Acklin, Erin Byrd, Hannah Finney, Scotlyn Green, Raymond Harjo, Carli Jenkins, Anna Kelsey, Angelina McMullen, Casi Pitchford, Clayton Rackley, Abigail Ridley, Emily Ridley and Hannah Ridley



Students were recently recognized for their academic performance in the fall 2021 semester.

Texarkana, TX: Benjamin Harmon
Tulsa: Caden Green
Wellston: Hailey Wallace
Wewoka: Savannah Deatherage
Wichita Falls: Brennen Campbell

Students named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll include (listed by hometown)▯

Ada: Justin Anderson, Shydelle Cavener and Ashley Newport

Aurora, CO: Aaliyah Acevedo and Saylor Choate

Bixby: Abigail Shook

Blanchard: Brantley Lawson

Bristow: Cooper Shields

Broken Arrow: Mahayla Benedict, Isaiah Keller, Blake Nichols and Baylea Norris

Broken Bow: Chloe James

Choctaw: Conner Uselton

Claremore: Keaton Ranallo

Colleyville, TX: Sidney McGregor

Dallas, TX: Ayano Wyatt

Davis: Colin Dulaney

Del City: Marlee Hunter

Earlsboro: Brendan Conley, Austin Cox, Anesah Suke and Jessica Waddell

Edmond: Kamryn Garvie and

Blaine Simpson

El Paso, TX: Meghan Cereceres

Holdenville: Lorelei Grills, Kaden Morris and Ashley Rambo

Howe: Gracie Summers

Idabel: Landon Lecrone

Konawa: Mackenzie Hernandez

Lévis, Quebec: Alexis Hurens

Little Elm, TX: Isabella Lopez

London, England: Kaleb Woldeyes

Maud: Alyssa Bassett, RyaLynn Simons and Westie Sparks

McLoud: Jonathon Landreth

Melissa, TX: Madelynn Castro

Midwest City: Mackenzie Chandler and Avery Clark

Moore: Nicole Norman

Muskogee: Karli Ashing

Mustang: Emily Yancey

Okemah: David Dean and Rya White

Oklahoma City: Braeden Jones and Vivian Martinez Ramos

Paden: Jaycee Johnson and Trinity Sproul

Pipe Creek: Cailee Schroeder

Prague: Jennifer Collins, Brittany Harwell, Courtnie Rouse and Sydney Winchester

Royse City, TX: Brooke Schmitz
Salina, KS: Jenna Henderson
Sapulpa: Rayveen Osborn
Seminole: Ava Adams, Shelby Amos, Thomas Choate, Alexis Corona, Amanda Flores, Sierra Josse-lynn, Aubrey Larney, Jordan Lewis, Alicia Massay, Katelyn Nguyen and Luke Wieck

Shawnee: Erin Bronson, Anthony Brown, Casey Clark, Logan Davis, Zachary Fortin, Kaylin Franklin, Ayden Grasty, Timothy Heath, Emilia Idleman, Hannah Ingmire, Emmalee Kinsey, Alexis Lopez, Baily Montgomery, Patricia Nation-Braxton, Leticia Pompa, Madeline Rayner, Anna Rodgers, Rex Sayre, TaeLee Sims, Hayden Snodgrass, Elizabeth Thomlinson, Jamey Wakefield, Brent White and Megan Whited

Spiro: Shakyrah Gladness
Stonewall: Tiffany Hunter and Meghan Sliger

Tecumseh: Autumn Bowie, Elisabeth Boyce, Kaleigh Kasper, Emily Loman, Troy Rakestraw, Summer Ralston, Ethan Taylor, Taylor Wright and Delaney Young

Tulsa: Preston Pattison
Tupelo: Colby Sawyer
Tuttle: Kaylee Edwards
Wetumka: Wyatt Allford, Wyatt Pack and Angelina Scott

Wewoka: Oleseah Banks, Heather Cauley, Beau Driggers, Jade-Rachael Edwards, Britlee Morris, Delanie Pollard, Alyssa Sneed and Concetta Stone Moore

Wichita, KS: Tess Eubank
Students named to the Part-Time Honor Roll include (listed by hometown)▯

Ada: Christy Bailey, Jordan Contreras and Breanne Kobylinski
Agra: Elizabeth Smith
Alderson: Megan Boyett
Asher: Kassidi Fidler
Bartlesville: Hadassah McCarthy
Boley: Dylan Armstrong
Bowlegs: Rebecca Earles

Calvin: Marlana Robinson
Caracas, Venezuela: Lucia Rivas Garcia

Castle: Bethanie Watts
Chandler: Lyndsey Clagg, Kimber Donaldson, Casey Harelson, Rachel Vieyra and Jeremiah Young
Checotah: Savanna Hunt
Claremore: Trenton Basks
Coalgate: Keeley Lee
Cushing: Krysten Wolff
Davenport: Jayce Phillips
Depew: Makayla Ochs

Earlsboro: Nicholas Albright, Jordyn Bertrem, Olivia Combs, Audrey Daily, Mvhvya Gravatt,

Jessica Johnson and Emma Orso
Georgetown, TX: Antoine Mays
Harrah: Brittney Peterson, Candice Smith and Shanna Visnieski

Henryetta: Stephanie Bear
Holdenville: Rodney Ackerman, Abbey Brooks, Ashlyn Chaney, Allison Cox, Lillie East,

Faith Fullerton, Carley Hunter, Natalie Neese, Carmen Sharp, Danielle Sullivan,

Ashlynn Thompson, Chelsey Williams and Alexis Young

Konawa: Mason Burris, Julia Coats, Abby Davis, Jaxon Hill, Kristin Johnson,

Amanda Rodriguez and Courtney Thomas

Lawton: Mckenzie Washington
Macomb: Abigail Gilliam, Danilyn Kirkpatrick and Heather Swinney

Maud: Devin Carpenter
McCloud: Kierra Fulwider and Makenzie Gill

Meeker: Kye Baeriswyl, Baylie Luschen and Haley Perry
Newalla: Mariah Smith

Norman: Matthew Alvarez, Brady Madden and Parker Musgrave

Okemah: Kelli Cooper, Valerie De-
gge, Patricia Duggan, Krista Grant, Chase Groves, Madelyn Moss,

Allyson Randall, Brandi Tillery, Avery Vick, Nyla Walker and Robert Walker

Oklahoma City: Preston Davis
Paden: Miah Case, Colin Edwards, Morgan Fite, Nancy Lerma, Kerrigan Vass and Seth Walker

Plano, TX: Natalie Montanez
Prague: Landon Alexander, Kacey Baca, Payton Camren, Leslie Clark, Tessa Cooper,

Connor Davis, Elicia Garner, Eli Greenlee, Kylie Pickard, Mattie Rich, Makenlee Shieldnight,

Kaden Simons, Maggie Smith, Brooke Stanley, Andrew Terrell, Stephanie Tinsley and Taylor Young

San Rafael, CA: Gina Spradling
Sasakwa: Makayla Welch

Seminole: Carson Ainsworth, Chandler Anderson, Zachary Anson, Skylar Araujo, Gabriel Atyia,

Myles Branson, Kelsey Britton, Khloe Burkhart, Taylor Casteel, Enoch Cook, Kaylyn Cotner,

Shirlene Davidson, Carson Dean, Alexandra Eddlemon, Kaley Fletcher, Raley Fletcher, Teslyn Glover,

Whitney Green, Broden Haley, Lillian Harcrow, Lattisyn Hardeman, Annie Horton, Sarah Immel,

Payton Irick, Laura Jacene, Jordan Kerr, Landry King, Grace Lena, Lexi Lindemann, Morgan Madden,

Mya Merritt, Cayley Overbey, Jaci Porter, Karsyn Reed, Jackson Reid, Paige Scott, NaTalia Sewell,

Jaxon Smith, Olivia Vazquez and Hannah Walker

Shawnee: Emily Abbott, Darren Anderson, Jonathan Anderson, Kristina Barnes, Kaitlyn Battige,

Addison Bell, Ronald Bemo, Elizabeth Benson, Blair Brock, Benjamin Campbell, Emillia Carlile,

Kevin Clark, Karsen Conaway, Isabelle Conley, Luke Dyer, Teegan Franklin, Tara Gaines Manship,

Max Goodnight, Serenity Gothard, Jonathan Greenwood, Jayden Haney, Hope Hanna, Dornette Henry, Allison Holter, Landon Hood, Brady Johnson, Melissa Johnston,

Isaiah Jones, Rachel Kamm, Ri-

ley Kieffer, Noah Kolarik, Taryn Le-Claire, Holly Lewis,

Jessica Lindsey, Abigail Looper, Kayci Loveland, McKenzie Lupo, Matthew Maxwell,

Michelle Mayfield, William McMullan, Claire Moore, Summer Moore, Tanner Morris,

Keili Moucka, Samantha Nenaikita, Ashley Norcott, Jedalis Pochet, Kristy Poe, Ami Raichel, Trissa Ran-

dolph, Serenity Rezentes, Corleen Richards, Ethan Rieves, Laynie Rimer, Garrett Robison, Garrett Serner, Sherri Shahan, Justyce Shirey, Zach-

ary Shotts, Jacob Smith, Madison Steele, Landen Terrell, Alexandra Tkachenko, Tyson Tucker, Tarynne Vawter, Lindsey Vazquez, Emma Wallace, Alexis White, Nicholas Whited and Katelyn Williams

Stonewall: Alyssa Niblett
Stratford: Rena Serpa and Falisha Wood

Stroud: Emma Buchanan, Maloree Byford,, Macy Keeling, Makenna Murray and Katy Simon

RaeAnna Szydowski
Tecumseh: Jessie Burk, Nicole Childers, Jessica Cummings,

Kahleen Dabbs, Ashley Durham, Amanda Frank, Taylor Gage, Emma Hill, Danny Johnson, Hannah Mad-

den, Sarah McCarley, Carolyn Morrison, Daniel Morse Jetta Nelson, Logan Prestmo, Bailey Raines, Bethany Randall and Audra Williams

Wanette: ReAnna Orso
Weleetka: McKinsey Lindsey

Wetumka: Abigail Bellinger, Bailey Lee-Oliver, Mia Ray, Ramya Redden and Sadie Williamson

Wewoka: Levi Ary, Mallory Brummett, Anna Cain, Kerri England, Tra-
vin Esselstrom, Christopher Howell

Gabriel Ketcher, Stephanie Rive-
ra, Skyler Silva, Lauryn Waller and Ashley Wilburn

BCM Sports Complex Nears Completion



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation is nearing completion on the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. The state-of-the-art facility, located half of a mile west of campus on State Highway 9, will feature seven fields, including a soccer field and an adaptive field for children and adults with special needs. The BCM Sports Complex will be a premier location for hosting tournaments for teams of all ages and abilities throughout the region and state.

For more information about the complex or to make a donation, please visit sscok.edu/BCMSC.

College Receives Citation of Recognition for 90th Anniversary



Senator Zack Taylor (R-District 28) presents SSC President Lana Reynolds with a Citation of Recognition, honoring the College's 90th anniversary on Jan. 13.

In August of 2021, Seminole State College celebrated its 90th anniversary. In recognition of this academic year's significance, Senator Zack Taylor (R-District 28) presented SSC with a Citation of Recognition on Jan. 13.

Throughout the fall semester, the College released coverage of the institution's history.

When what was then Seminole Junior College welcomed its first students in September of 1931, it did so as an extension of Seminole High School. Classes met at the high school and were taught by high school faculty until 1969.

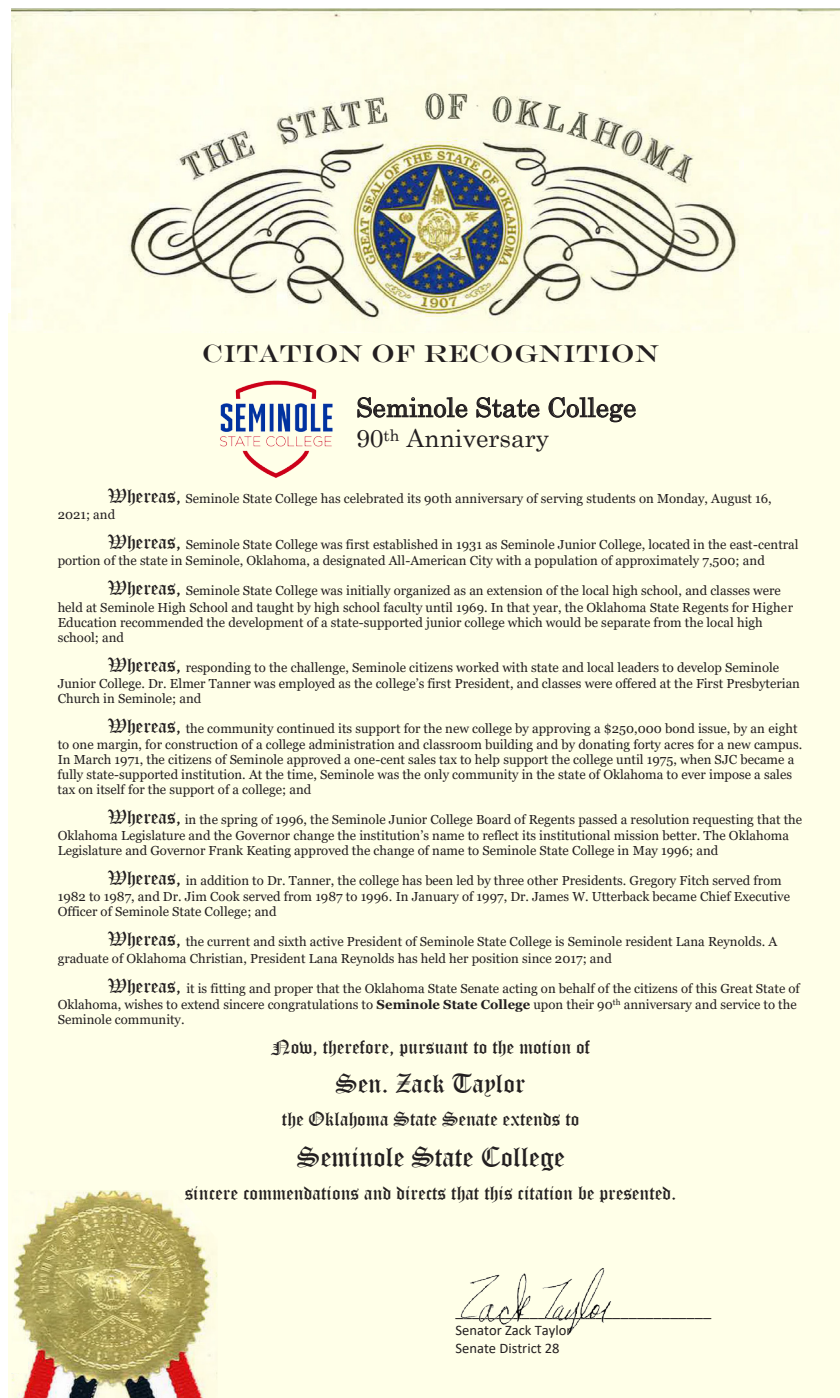
In that year, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recommended the development of a state-supported junior college, separate from the high school.

Seminole citizens responded to the

challenge. They worked with local leaders to develop the College. For the first year following the separation, classes were offered at the First Presbyterian Church in Seminole.

The community continued its support by approving a \$250,000 bond issue by an 8-to-1 margin for construction of a college administration and classroom building (now known as Tanner Hall) and donating 40 acres for a new campus. In March 1971, the citizens of Seminole approved a one-cent sales tax to help support the College until 1975 when SJC became a fully state-supported institution. At the time, Seminole was the only community in the state to ever impose a sales tax on itself for the support of a college.

The institution's name changed to Seminole State College in 1996.



Whereas, Seminole State College has celebrated its 90th anniversary of serving students on Monday, August 16, 2021; and

Whereas, Seminole State College was first established in 1931 as Seminole Junior College, located in the east-central portion of the state in Seminole, Oklahoma, a designated All-American City with a population of approximately 7,500; and

Whereas, Seminole State College was initially organized as an extension of the local high school, and classes were held at Seminole High School and taught by high school faculty until 1969. In that year, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recommended the development of a state-supported junior college which would be separate from the local high school; and

Whereas, responding to the challenge, Seminole citizens worked with state and local leaders to develop Seminole Junior College. Dr. Elmer Tanner was employed as the college's first President, and classes were offered at the First Presbyterian Church in Seminole; and

Whereas, the community continued its support for the new college by approving a \$250,000 bond issue, by an eight to one margin, for construction of a college administration and classroom building and by donating forty acres for a new campus. In March 1971, the citizens of Seminole approved a one-cent sales tax to help support the college until 1975, when SJC became a fully state-supported institution. At the time, Seminole was the only community in the state of Oklahoma to ever impose a sales tax on itself for the support of a college; and

Whereas, in the spring of 1996, the Seminole Junior College Board of Regents passed a resolution requesting that the Oklahoma Legislature and the Governor change the institution's name to reflect its institutional mission better. The Oklahoma Legislature and Governor Frank Keating approved the change of name to Seminole State College in May 1996; and

Whereas, in addition to Dr. Tanner, the college has been led by three other Presidents. Gregory Fitch served from 1982 to 1987, and Dr. Jim Cook served from 1987 to 1996. In January of 1997, Dr. James W. Utterback became Chief Executive Officer of Seminole State College; and

Whereas, the current and sixth active President of Seminole State College is Seminole resident Lana Reynolds. A graduate of Oklahoma Christian, President Lana Reynolds has held her position since 2017; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Oklahoma State Senate acting on behalf of the citizens of this Great State of Oklahoma, wishes to extend sincere congratulations to **Seminole State College** upon their 90th anniversary and service to the Seminole community.

Now, therefore, pursuant to the motion of

Sen. Zack Taylor

the Oklahoma State Senate extends to

Seminole State College

sincere commendations and directs that this citation be presented.



Zack Taylor
Senator Zack Taylor
Senate District 28



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SSC Board of Regents Renews President's Contract

The Seminole State College Board of Regents met Jan. 20 to consider a resolution to support current gun restrictions on college campuses and to review the terms of President Lana Reynolds' employment.

The meeting opened with a review of the College's recent expenditures by Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Kristie Newby.

SSC President Lana Reynolds then presented her President's Report, which included an update on the College's COVID-19 response, personnel changes, information about campus activities and an update on spring semester enrollment numbers. The College has seen an overall 10 percent increase in enrollment over the spring of 2021. During the same time period, concurrent enrollment of high school juniors and seniors has increased 20 percent. The College is now just three percent below its pre-COVID, 2019 spring enrollment numbers.

The President's Report concluded with a presentation of the 2021 Year

in Review, a publication that documents campus news over the span of the past year. The Year in Review is available to the public online at: sscock.edu/Regents/2022/YearReview2021.pdf

With the first item on the agenda, the Board approved a resolution in support of current gun restrictions on college campuses.

"The Seminole State College Board of Regents respectfully requests that all necessary actions be taken by the Oklahoma Legislature to prevent the potentially tragic unforeseen circumstances that could occur as a result of any bill that would change the current law regarding open or concealed carrying of firearms on higher education campuses," the resolution states.

The second action item was the review of President Reynolds' employment. In accordance with Board Policy, the President is evaluated each year prior to the January meeting. The evaluation process is conducted according to the wishes of the Board

Chair. Five years ago, Reynolds was named to the position of President, beginning her tenure in July of 2017.

It was reported that President Reynolds met with Regent Curtis Morgan, Regent Kim Hyden and Chairman Ray McQuiston on Jan. 10 to review performance and discuss challenges and successes of the last year, as well as to establish goals for the coming year.

The Board retired into executive session to discuss President Reynolds' evaluation and contract. When the Board returned to public session, President Reynolds' contract was renewed. Chairman McQuiston noted that President Reynolds declined a salary increase, given that the College was unable to provide a raise to faculty and staff last summer when employee contracts were renewed.

"President Reynolds should be commended on her accomplishments," Chairman McQuiston said. "She put students and employees at the forefront of her decisions with the ongoing pandemic. Over

the course of the last year, she has helped lead a charge to expand virtual options for students, increase enrollment, increase communication and to bolster diversity and inclusion on campus. We're excited to see what the College accomplishes under her leadership in 2022."

Reynolds added, "Five years ago this week, the Board first announced that I would be stepping into the role of President at SSC. I have been humbled and honored to serve in this capacity through some very rewarding and yet challenging times. I love this college, our students and our employees and I appreciate the Board's confidence and support in allowing me to continue to serve."

Board members present at the meeting were: Ray McQuiston, Bryan Cain, Marci Donaho, Kim Hyden, Curtis Morgan and Ryan Pitts.

The next SSC Board of Regents meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022.



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