

## Minks named Executive VP for Academic Affairs

Dr. Lawrence C. Minks has been named Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) approved Minks' hiring -- as recommended by SOSU President Michael D. Turner -- at its January meeting.

Minks, who began his new duties on Jan. 31, was most recently Vice President for Academic Affairs at Rogers State University in Claremore.

He has 33 years of higher education administrative/teaching experience, including two stints at SOSU: from 1976-81, Minks was Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Management; from 1981-83 he was Director of the Center for Organizational Effectiveness and Associate Professor of Business Administration and Management; and from 1996-99, he served as



*Dr. Larry Minks*

Chair and Professor of the Management and Marketing Department, as well as MBA Program Director.

"Joan (wife) and I are looking forward to returning home to Southeastern," Minks said. "The University has many positives and we are excited about the opportunity to contribute to its continued success. Southeastern is a campus rich in tradition, and to both of us, has always been a special place with special people."

Minks joined Rogers State in 1999, and served as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs/Instruction and then Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, before assuming his current position in 2005. He has also held teaching/administrative positions at Ohio Northern University, Longwood College (Virginia), and Brescia College (Kentucky).

Minks earned his Ed.D. in Business Teaching at the University of Northern Colorado and his M.B.A. and B.B.A. in Business at Eastern New Mexico University.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Larry Minks join the Southeastern team," President Turner said. "He brings a great deal of experience and expertise to this role in Academic Affairs. As a colleague, he has my deepest respect and admiration. I can assure everyone that Larry and Joan will be a great addition to the University and community."

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# Scott & Carol Crain present gift to SOSU Athletics

Scott and Carol Crain of Durant have made one of the largest-ever individual monetary gifts (\$100,000) to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The gift will be utilized by all 10 varsity sports programs. SOSU Interim Director of Athletics Cherrie Wilmoth said, "We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people as Scott and Carol in our community. We certainly appreciate their support of our athletics department and our student-athletes.

"We are deeply moved and touched that they would think of us and our student-athletes and we are proud to have them as part of our athletics family."

Crain, a local businessman, is a lifelong Durant resident. He graduated from Durant High School in 1979 and from Southeastern in 1984. His father, now deceased, was also an alumnus of SOSU and his eldest son, Drew, who played football at Southeastern one year, is scheduled to graduate in May. His younger son, Chance,

is a golfer at Durant High School.

Scott said, "Carol and I are excited and blessed to be able to give this gift to the athletic programs at SOSU. I, as an alumnus, and Carol, my wife of 25 years, have been fans of Southeastern athletics for a long time. We have come to know

and love several student-athletes over the years and count many former and current student-athletes as part of our family.

"We are very aware of the importance of a college education and have seen where athletics provides an opportunity for many students to access educational opportunities where otherwise they may not have



*Scott and Carol Crain of Durant delivered a gift to Southeastern Oklahoma State University athletics recently. Eight of SOSU's 10 head coaches were on hand for the presentation of the gift. From left: Tony Robinson, men's basketball; Ron Faubion, softball; Ray Richards, football; Darin Grover, women's basketball; Interim Athletics Director Cherrie Wilmoth; SOSU President Dr. Michael D. Turner; Scott Crain, Carol Crain, Assistant Athletics Director Luke Willman; Paul Aycock, men's golf; Mike Metheny, baseball; Skip Freeman, volleyball; and Stephen Paine, men's tennis.*

been available.

"Southeastern has a rich tradition of success and has been blessed to have the high caliber of coaches that we have on our staff. We hope that this gift can further their endeavors to continue that tradition and take SOSU athletics to the next level."



*Left to right are Southeastern President Michael Turner, Dr. Reba Criswell, Tom Criswell, and standing, Interim Director of Advancement Dr. Henry Gold, Dean of the School of Education & Behavioral Sciences Dr. Ed Mauzey, and Chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences Dr. Charla Hall.*

## **Criswells endow scholarship in school counseling for graduate students**

The Tom and Dr. Reba Criswell Endowed Scholarship became official January 28 and is the first endowed scholarship under Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Michael Turner.

It is also the first endowed scholarship specifically for graduate students in School Counseling.

Recipients of the Tom and Dr. Reba Criswell Endowed Scholarship shall be full-time or part-time School Counseling students and must be unconditionally accepted into the Master of Education Program in School Counseling with a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Recipients must also have completed 15 graduate credit hours and be in good standing at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Tom was born in Kansas and graduated from Durant High School. He is a 1961 graduate of Southeastern with a Bachelor of Arts in Latin and minors in economics and history. He earned his law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1964 and has been in the active practice of law in Durant since that date. He also serves on the Southeastern Foundation Board of Directors.

Reba was born in Oklahoma and graduated from Bokchito High School. She is a 1995 Southeastern graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in sociology, and in 1998 earned a Master of Behavioral Studies degree in counseling psychology. She received her Doctorate in Counseling from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2004. She is an Assistant Professor and the Coordinator of the School Counseling Program in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at SOSU.

## *Professor honored as top counselor in state*

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Dr. Daniel Weigel, Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling, has received the prestigious Counselor of the Year award from the Oklahoma Counseling Association (OCA).



*Dr. Daniel Weigel*

Only one counselor per year throughout the state of Oklahoma receives this award at the annual OCA Midwinter Conference.

Weigel earned his B.S. at the University of South Dakota in 1993, graduating Cum Laude with a double major in Psychology/Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies. He received his M.A. in Community Counseling from South Dakota in 1995 and his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Counseling from Idaho State University in 2002.

He joined the Southeastern faculty in 2002. He is currently a licensed professional counselor and licensed alcohol and drug counselor in the state of Oklahoma.

Professional interests include Rural Mental Health and Addiction Counseling, Prescription Medication Abuse and Dependence, Professional Identity in Clinical Supervision and Counselor Licensure Portability.

Along with the OCA's Counselor of the Year award, Weigel also received the OCA's Southeast Counselor of the Year award in 2008. He has been recognized in the past by the United States Senate for his work as a volunteer American Red Cross disaster mental health counselor in New York City following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

# University unveils centennial logo, new domain name

Southeastern Oklahoma State University will be celebrating its centennial in 2009. In anticipation of this historic event, the University is incorporating a number of new strategies in branding and marketing the institution.

For example, Southeastern recently released a centennial logo that will be utilized in 2008-2009.

In addition, the University's domain name and e-mail address is being changed from [www.sosu.edu](http://www.sosu.edu) to [www.se.edu](http://www.se.edu). It is important to note that this change will not affect students or faculty during the 2008 spring semester.



Both web addresses are currently operational and will remain so until July 23, 2008, when only the new domain [www.se.edu](http://www.se.edu) will be functional. Up until that time, e-mail will be received at both domains.

[www.se.edu](http://www.se.edu)

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## Enrollment shows increase

The spring 2008 enrollment at Southeastern Oklahoma State University has increased slightly over last year. Enrollment this spring is 3,584 students, compared to last spring's enrollment total of 3,526.

This represents an increase of approximately 1.6% over last year, according to the preliminary enrollment report.

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 7 – Arts Gala with Bruce Channel, Visual & Performing Arts Center
- 13 – Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents meeting at Southeastern
- 17-21 -- Spring break
- 27 – Curriculum Contest

### April

- 2 – Regional University System of Oklahoma Best of the Best reception, Chesapeake Boathouse, Oklahoma City
- 5 – Aviation Alumni golf tournament and BBQ Reunion, Silverado Golf Club and Southeastern Eaker Field Hangar
- 8 – Faculty/Staff banquet
- 25 – Massey Family Lecture, featuring Cliff Hudson
- 25 – John Massey School of Business Awards Banquet

### May

- 9 -- End of semester
- 10 -- Commencement

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