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UPDATE

Dr. Larry Minks named interim president

Dr. Larry Minks was named interim president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University June 19 by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO).

The action was taken at the RUSO monthly board meeting, held on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Sheridan McCaffree, executive director of RUSO, said the board of regents, at its regularly scheduled July meeting, will work on formulating a plan for the naming of a permanent president.

Minks' appointment as interim president begins July 1, 2009. He has served as executive vice president for academic affairs at Southeastern since Jan. 31, 2008.

Minks replaces Dr. Michael Turner, who resigned his position as Southeastern president on June 1 (effective June 30, 2009), citing family considerations. Turner became Southeastern's 18th president on Jan. 1, 2008.

Prior to coming to Southeastern, Minks was vice president for academic affairs at Rogers State University in Claremore. He has 34 years of higher education administrative/teaching experience, including two stints at Southeastern: 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 Chair and Professor of the Management and Marketing Department, as well as MBA Program Director.

Minks joined Rogers State in 1999, and served as assistant vice president for academic affairs/instruction and then associate vice president for academic affairs. He has also held teaching/administrative positions at

Ohio Northern University, Longwood University (Virginia), and Brescia University (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.

RUSO, which is composed of nine regents, governs the following regional universities: East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Southeastern student earns national leadership award

Campus Compact has selected two college students to receive the 2009 Frank Newman Leadership Award, which honors outstanding civic leadership: Leticia Burkhalter of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Molly Hamm of Kansas State University. Both students have taken leadership roles in serving their communities while excelling academically.



Each of the winning students will receive \$5,000 for school-related expenses or to support their civic work. They will also receive personal mentoring from their respective college presidents in fulfilling their scholastic, public service, and civic leadership potential during their college years.

“We had an outstanding pool of applicants this year, but even among this group, these two students stand out,” notes Pam Mutascio, program associate at Campus Compact. “We are delighted to be able to help them achieve their academic and civic goals through the award and through mentoring on the part of their dedicated university presidents.”

A Durant High School graduate, Burkhalter is a working mother of five and a full-time student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Majoring in special education, she says that her calling is to provide educational opportunities and to be an advocate for low-income families.

Burkhalter has founded three sustainable community-based organizations. Families Feeding Families (FFF) is

a community kitchen that serves hot meals 5 days a week. Since opening, FFF has provided more than 275,000 meals. Funded by the United Way and community donations, the organization has one full-time employee and more than 200 volunteers. The Back Pack program provides elementary school children with nutritional, kid-friendly food that doesn't require refrigeration or preparation.

Over the past year, children have received approximately 14,000 snack packs. Mommy and Me provides guidance to new mothers on interacting appropriately with their young children to facilitate their development and refers families to any necessary community services. Through community donations, the program also provides diapers and baby formula.

Campus Compact and the Newman family established the Frank Newman Leadership Award in honor of Campus Compact co-founder Frank Newman, a scholar who exemplified a life of public service and educational leadership. The award is designed to support and recognize students with financial need who have demonstrated civic leadership through service and scholastic achievement.

Campus Compact is a coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents—representing some 6 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education.

As the only national association dedicated to this mission, Campus Compact is a leader in building civic engagement into campus and academic life.

Excellence In Teaching Award presented to Dr. Hicks

Dr. Jennifer Hicks, associate professor of psychology at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, is a recipient of the 2009 Oklahoma Higher Education Conference Excellence in Teaching Award.



Hicks joined other faculty members from across the state at the awards luncheon during the 2009 Oklahoma Higher Education Conference last month at Northeastern State University.

The NSU Center for Teaching and Learning sponsors this annual conference that emphasizes the use of innovative teaching strategies to support higher education learning. Colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma and the surrounding region participate in this event that encourages establishing a network of colleagues who are interested in expanding

their knowledge of innovative teaching strategies.

Hicks has taught both undergraduate and graduate-level courses in traditional, online, and IETV formats. She consistently receives positive evaluations from her students, incorporating issues relating to diversity and civic engagement in each class she teaches. Some examples of the creative instruction methods she frequently uses include in-class interviews with foreign exchange students, child observation experiences, symposium presentations, and role playing of counseling sessions.

Hicks is in her fifth year at Southeastern and recently was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences. She earned her B.A. at Southeastern and her M.S. and Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University.

Flight team earns high marks in national competition

The Southeastern Oklahoma State University flight team placed 11th overall at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association National Flight Competition, held recently in St. Louis.

Southeastern also placed 12th overall in the flying events at the national competition.

A total of 28 teams competed, with Southeastern earning the highest national ranking among the four-year schools in Oklahoma.

Individual results for Southeastern are as follows:

Computer Accuracy (140 total contestants)

32nd place – Steve Libick (top 23%)

40th – Zachary Smith (top 29%)

Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation (139 total contestants)

21st – Ben Campbell (top 15%)

35th – Devin Freeman (top 14%)

Message Drop (138 total contestants)

6th - Austin McCann (Drop Master) (top 4%)

Steve Libick (Pilot)

15th – Andrew Hart (Drop Master) (top 11%)

Blayze Perkins (Pilot)

Aircraft Preflight Inspection

13th - Steve Libick (top 23%)

Power-off Landing (134 total contestants)

19th - Devin Freeman (top 14%)

Crew Resource Management/Line Oriented Flight Training

14th – Steve Libick

Simulated instrument flight (IFR)

4th – Zachary Smith

Outstanding Team Member Award

Travis Smith

Representing Southeastern were the following students:

Ben Campbell

Brian Davis

Devin Freeman

Tiffany Grist

Andrew Hart

Bobby Jacobs

Steve Libick

Austin McCann

Blayze Perkins

John Rowland

Steven Shields

Travis Smith

Zachary Smith

Joshua Thomas

Connor Tyler

Massey School of Business recognized for accreditation

A number of representatives from the John Massey School of Business at Southeastern Oklahoma State University attended the recent Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International Conference and Annual Meeting.

At the conference, held April 26-28 in Orlando, Fla., Southeastern's initial accreditation in business from AACSB International was officially recognized with the presentation of a certificate of achievement. The University received official notice of accreditation earlier this year.

Southeastern is one of only four universities in Oklahoma accredited by AACSB, and the only regional university in the state with that distinction. Both the undergraduate and MBA degrees at Southeastern are accredited by the organization.

AACSB International also announced that China Europe International Business School, Griffith University (Australia), SUNY Institute of Technology (USA), and Yonsei University (South Korea) earned initial accreditation in business.

Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

The John Massey School of Business is now part of an elite group that makes up less than 5 percent of the world's business schools that have earned business and/or accounting accreditation.



Representing Southeastern at the national flight competition were, left to right, John Rowland, Zac Smith, Travis Smith, Joshua Thomas, Ben Campbell, Steve Libick, Austin McCann, Blayze Perkins, Connor Tyler, Andrew Hart, Steven Shields, Brian Davis, Bobby Jacobs, Tiffany Grist, and Devin Freeman.

Southeastern hosts National Board Teacher Certification Workshop

Some 400 teachers from across the state were on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University campus June 3-4 to participate in a National Board Certification Workshop.

The two-day sessions were administered by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP). The OCTP's Education Leadership Oklahoma was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1997 for the purpose of providing support for teachers who are participating in the national certification process. Former senator Darryl Roberts, a Distinguished Alumnus of Southeastern, proposed the initial legislation.

National Board Certification is a two-year process, and at the end of that time, teachers may receive a \$5,000 annual stipend.

"We were once again delighted to host this workshop, which is designed for teachers who are seeking to attain national board certification," said Dr. Susan Morrison, director of the Center for National Board Certification and an assistant professor in Educational Instruction and Leadership at Southeastern. "Since the program's inception in 1997, more than 2,300 teachers in Oklahoma have earned their national certification."

In 1999, Morrison was among the first teachers in Oklahoma to be granted national board certification. In 2008, she was re-certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, a M.Ed. in Educational Administration from Southeastern, and a Ed.D. in Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction from Texas A&M-Commerce. Prior to joining the Southeastern faculty in 2004, Morrison taught for 16 years in elementary schools in Oklahoma and north Texas.

Southeastern holds line on tuition

Southeastern Oklahoma State University officials have decided to hold the line on tuition and not seek an increase for the 2009-10 academic year.

"We want to be very sensitive to students and parents during the current economic climate," said Ross Walkup, Vice President for Business Affairs. "At this time, approximately 70 percent of our students currently receive some type of financial aid. Southeastern will certainly continue this commitment to providing assistance as students work to achieve their educational goals and dreams."

Summer classes are currently underway and the fall semester begins on Aug. 17. For more information, visit www.SE.edu.

Calendar of Events

June

2 -- Southeastern Chorale performance at Carnegie Hall, 8 p.m.

3-4 -- National Board Teacher Certification workshop

8 -- First day of summer classes

12 -- Presidential Golf Classic, Chickasaw Pointe

July

31 -- Last day of summer classes

August

12 -- New faculty orientation, Russell 300, 8 a.m.

13 -- Faculty-Staff meeting, Montgomery Auditorium, 9 a.m.

13 -- Faculty-Staff Luncheon, University Cafe, 11 a.m.

15 -- Freshman Convocation, Montgomery Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

17 -- First day of fall classes

September

11 -- Presidential Partners

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