OSU Regents approve personnel actions, expect to consider budget next week

The Oklahoma State University A&M Board of Regents met today in Okmulgee and approved a number of personnel matters. The regents typically approve a budget at the June meeting, but because the legislature went into special session this week to approve a state budget, the regents are expected to consider the OSU budget for the 06-07 school year in a special meeting next week.

The regents approved the appointment of two new Regents Professors, Dr. Girish Agarwal, Noble Foundation Chair and professor of physics, and Dr. Hailin Qu, professor and William E. Davis Distinguished Chair in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. Their appointments will take effect July 1. The title of Regents Professor is bestowed to recognize a scholar of exceptional ability who has made unique contributions and achieved national and international distinction in several areas within the discipline.

In other action, revisions to the faculty review policy, including the addition of a cumulative annual review, were approved by the board. For more on this and other news from the regents meeting, click here.

E-mail survey considered suspicious

The Dean of Libraries at OSU is requesting that those who receive an email survey full of detailed questions about processes for handling copyrighted works simply ignore it or forward it to her. Dean Sheila Johnson is concerned that some of the survey questions seem aimed at gathering information that could be used in a law-suit or in a larger scale attempt to back more restrictive copyright legislation. The survey from the Copyright Clearance Center was sent to administrators, deans, librarians, IT directors and others throughout the U.S. You can forward information to Johnson's e-mail address at sheila.johnson@okstate.edu. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it

OSU author to discuss her book this weekend on OETA

Dr. Jami Fullerton will discuss her new book "Advertising's War on Terrorism" with host Dick Pryor on OETA's Oklahoma Forum on Sunday at 1 p.m. The book insists the U.S. government missed an opportunity to improve America's image in the Arab and Muslim world when it shut down the 2002 "Brand America" public diplomacy television advertising campaign. Fullerton, an associate professor, teaches advertising and mass communication research and theory at OSU. Her co-author, Alice Kendrik, is a professor in the Temerlin Advertising Institute at Southern Methodist University.

Wellness tip: Relaxing music

Research reported in HEART, a British medical publication, shows that slow music causes the heart rate and breathing to slow. This often brings increased relaxation. Slower breathing also relates to lower blood pressure, and may even help your lungs to work better. Consider trying the experiment for yourself. Wellness tips are brought to you by the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, dedicated to making OSU the Healthiest Campus in America. For more information about services for students, faculty and staff, call 744-WELL (9355).