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OSU Regents take actions to initiate national search process for new president

OSU/A&M Board of Regents approved today the appointment of a 34-member Presidential Search Committee and the selection of an executive recruiting expert to assist the committee and Regents in the national search process. The composition of the committee includes representatives of faculty, staff, administration, students, City of Stillwater, OSU Foundation, Cowboy Athletics, each of the branch campuses, OSU-Tulsa Trustees, Regents, and alumni who are leaders in business, agriculture, and government. The Regents selected Bill Funk with R. William Funk & Associates to work with the search committee to guide the process. Funk assisted with the last search for an OSU president. For more details on committee members, click here

http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=647&Itemid=90 . For more details on Funk & Associates, click here

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Oklahoma State University receives two major gifts from alumni in education and engineering

Oklahoma State University recently received two major gifts from alumni in education and engineering. A \$2.5 million gift to the OSU College of Education (COE) is the largest lifetime gift in the college's history. Pledged by 1993 alumnus, Steve Birch of Stratford, Conn., the money will endow faculty positions in teacher education and aviation education. The gift is eligible for a match from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to fund chairs providing a total gift of \$5 million to the College. For more details, click here

http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=645&Itemid=90 .

A number of engineering students will receive full-tuition scholarships at OSU thanks to a gift from the Sherman Smith family, which is pledging \$1.5 million to establish the Sherman Smith Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide full-tuition scholarships for qualified students in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. For more details, click here

http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=519&Itemid=90 .

OSU accelerates study abroad efforts; sets long-term participation goal

Oklahoma State University has set a long-term goal of all graduates receiving an international experience prior to graduating, interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe told the OSU/A&M Board of Regents Friday. "OSU has long recognized the value of our students participating in study abroad," Strathe said. "The opportunity to study abroad not only enriches the student's educational experience, but is vital for American economic competitiveness, and especially for America's future diplomacy and security." Strathe initiated a Study Abroad Committee last year following a Faculty Council recommendation to increase study abroad numbers at OSU. While the long-term goal is 100 percent of graduates having a significant study abroad experience, OSU has established a five-year objective of 25 percent participation. The recommendation also called for establishing specific actions and support to reach the objectives. President Strathe allocated \$90,000 to the Study Abroad Office last year to provide incentives for credit-bearing study abroad activities. This past academic year, 160 scholarships varying in value from \$500 for short-term programs, \$750 for semester long, to \$1,000 for academic year programs were awarded. For more details, click here

http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=646&Itemid=90 .

Owens new head of OSU natural resource ecology and management

M. Keith Owens has been appointed head of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resource's newly established department of natural resource ecology and management, effective Aug. 1. Owens comes to OSU from the Texas A&M system, where he served in several important leadership roles for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station since 1987. Much of his research has focused on sustainable use of natural resources. Owens

has served as editor-in-chief of *Rangeland Ecology & Management* since 2004. Owens earned his doctoral degree in range science from Utah State University in 1987 and his master's degree in range management from the University of Wyoming in 1981. He earned bachelor's degrees in forest and range management from the University of Idaho in 1977. For more details, click here http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=644&Itemid=90 .

Quinn new head of OSU agricultural communications services

Garvin Quinn has been appointed director of the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (DASNR) agricultural communications services unit, effective July 2. Quinn currently serves as director in the Institute of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee. A native Oklahoman, Quinn served as a county Extension educator in Oklahoma after he graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy in 1971. He earned a Master of Arts degree in communication from the University of Kentucky in 1977 and a doctoral degree in communication from UK in 1994. For more details, click here http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=642&Itemid=90 .

OSU Board approves personnel actions

The Oklahoma State University/A&M Board of Regents approved several personnel actions during its April 20 meeting today in Muskogee. For more details on OSU Board personnel actions, click here http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=643&Itemid=90 .

In other news...

Dean Patricia Knaub Day

The Graduate students in Human Environmental Sciences have proclaimed April 20, 2007, "Dean Patricia Knaub Day" in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The proclamation recognizes Dean Knaub's accomplishments in advancing the college's leadership role, both at OSU and throughout the nation. Click here <http://ches.okstate.edu/> to view the official proclamation.

Wentz Research projects being presented today at Student Union

Students, faculty, staff are invited to the Student Union Ballroom today (Friday, April 20) to see work done by OSU's top undergraduate students on Wentz Research Projects, starting at 12:30 p.m. Students also will present a program including short speeches and a musical presentation, starting at 2 p.m. Food and refreshments are provided. Wentz Day is always very entertaining and popular, so be sure to come by to enjoy the show and thank the Wentz Board of Directors for its support of OSU.