
Message from the President



June 13, 2007

To the OSU Campus:

With the legislative session completed, the allocation of funds from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is now in process. Oklahoma State University received \$3.7 million through formula funding to address institutional operating budget needs on our main campus. The 2007-08 budget will be presented to the OSU Board of Regents for approval on June 22 and we will share details with you as soon as possible.

OSU is very fortunate to have the able assistance of Robert White and Jason Ramsey in our work at the capital, and the efforts of Joe Weaver, Mary Bryans, and Christie Hawkins have been invaluable in putting together this year's budget. We owe all these individuals a huge thank you.

Summer orientation sessions have begun in earnest with enrollment in 17 of the 22 freshman sessions already at capacity and 5 of 8 transfer sessions full as well. Our student orientation leaders, under the guidance of Missy Wikle and the orientation staff, represent Oklahoma State University very well.

The evaluations received from parents and enrolling students are extremely positive about their orientation experience and they are enthusiastic about becoming a part of the OSU community. It is anticipated, however, that OSU may experience an enrollment decline this fall given the demographics of the high school graduating classes of the state. It will continue to be important to move our applicants to admits and, in turn, into enrollees and then to retain our students to degree completion. Be assured that the interactions that members of the OSU community have with prospective students are important. It is evident that this year's summer orientation programs are a very positive step toward welcoming our new students to OSU.

OSU has experienced a very successful year in the recruitment of new faculty. At the same time, a number of our senior level faculty and staff who have provided many years of service to OSU have elected to retire and bring their professional careers to a close.

I want to take this opportunity to thank them for the many positive contributions they have made to our university and to wish each of them the very best as they move into a new season of life. Thank you for being a part of Oklahoma State University!

Marlene Strathe