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From the college

Dear Friends:



As you know, economic conditions are now requiring a thorough evaluation of all state supported entities. The February 4, 2003 [open letter from President Boren to OU Family Members](#) begins "Because of a \$600 million shortfall in state revenues, we face the greatest challenge the university has faced since I became President 8 years ago."

State budgetary reductions beginning in January 2002 have created unique challenges for us during a period in which we have expanded our program to the Schusterman center in Tulsa. Reductions to date have totaled \$326,539 or 6% of our state budget and further reductions are anticipated.

Per student state supported funding over the past five years is shown in the chart to the right. This chart represents the amount of financial support derived from state appropriations in comparison to the number of students enrolled in our entire program. The expansion of our program coupled with recent budgetary reductions has resulted in diminishing relative resources. This situation demands that we evaluate all activities and take advantage of all opportunities to accomplish more with less.

In order to ensure necessary support of our core professional program during these reductions in state funding, a comprehensive operational review involving all deans and chairs of the College of Pharmacy has been conducted. This group has also conducted a detailed review, with the assistance of our faculty, of resources required to support the expansion of our program. This group continues to make progress in clearly identifying an appropriate balance of academic output, investigative work, and scholarship. The college regards its fiduciary responsibility in conducting this review as a primary obligation.

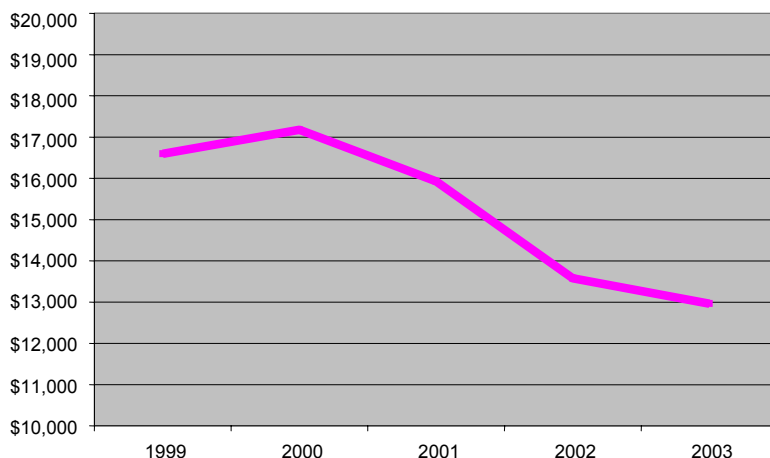
The commitment to our expansion remains strong with the many constituents responsible for its realization. Despite the budgetary concerns, strategic improvements, enhancements and expansions continue to be an integral part of the vision of the college and its students, faculty and staff. This is an exciting period of programmatic growth and we look forward to overcoming the challenges that lie ahead and welcome the continued and expanded backing of our university partners.

Sincerely,



Paul Manzelli, CPA, MBA
Assistant Dean for Administration

STATE APPROPRIATIONS PER STUDENT



College News

▪ Julie A. Johnson to Deliver Ashby Lecture



Dr. Johnson will speak on "β-blocker Pharmacogenetics" on Friday, February 21st in room 103 of the College of Pharmacy building in Oklahoma City. The seminar will be webcast live via the Internet at <http://oupharmacy.com/distinguished/live.asp>.

Dr. Johnson is the Professor and Chair of the Pharmacy Practice, Professor of Medicine, and Director of Center for Pharmacogenomics at the University of Florida. Her research focus is cardiovascular drug pharmacogenomics and disease-gene associations that may be relevant to pharmacogenomics. She currently has studies ongoing in the areas of hypertension, heart failure, ischemic heart disease and obesity. The primary focus is on proteins that are drug targets and the impact of their genetic polymorphisms on drug response and disease. Her research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health and/or the American Heart Association since 1990.

▪ Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Receives Accreditation

The Office of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy has been granted an extension of six years as an ACPE-accredited provider of continuing pharmaceutical education. This action was a result of the ACPE review of the Self-Assessment Report completed by the Office and evaluation of the program.

Alumni News

▪ New Email Address for Roxanna Han ('99, '00)

Roxanna reports that her new email address is rhan@jpmc.org.

▪ Gary Clinton ('69) Featured Pharmacist at OPhA

Gary is the Featured Pharmacist on the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA). His biographical profile can be found on the OPhA site at <http://opha.com/featured/index.asp?InterestID=64>.

▪ Stefanie Arias ('99, '00) Update

Stefanie reports that she is living in Carl Junction, Missouri. Classmates and friends can communicate with her at rarias@ieeee.org.

Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

▪ Federal Emergency Management Agency Website

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), <http://www.fema.gov> is an independent agency of the federal government, reporting to the President. FEMA was founded in 1979. FEMA's mission: to reduce loss of life and property and protect our nation's critical infrastructure from all types of hazards through a comprehensive, risk-based, emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Job Openings

OU MEDICAL CENTER, Children's Hospital

- Clinical Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Nuclear Staff Pharmacist
- Clinical Pharmacist

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Schusterman Center, Tulsa

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

- Staff Pharmacist and/or Assistant Pharmacy Manager
- Staff Pharmacist