

SWOSU Sayre Campus Trying Out Four-Day Work Week this Summer

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Universities throughout Oklahoma are facing budget cuts this year and in an attempt to save tax dollars, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus at Sayre will be going to a four-day work week this summer on a trial basis.

SWOSU Dean Jim James said Sayre campus employees will work 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays starting June 1 and continuing through August 6. Employees will take a 30-minute lunch break each day. No Friday classes are currently held on the Sayre campus, so James wanted to try the four-day work week.

"In these tough economic times, the university looks to cut costs and be more efficient but still provide all the services required by our students," SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. "This trial work schedule on the Sayre campus will allow us to examine possible cost savings and plan for the future."

The change does not affect the SWOSU campus in Weatherford, which will remain on the normal Monday through Friday schedule. The Weatherford campus does have Friday classes.

Several other universities across the state of Oklahoma have been doing a four-day work week during the summer for several years.