

# Dr. Faruk Khan Named H.F. Timmons Endowed Professor at SWOSU

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The late Homer F. Timmons established the Timmons Endowed Professorship at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and SWOSU Associate Professor Dr. Faruk Khan has been named the first recipient on the Weatherford campus.

Khan will hold the title of Homer F. Timmons Endowed Professor in Pharmacy and serve as coordinator of the new SWOSU Center for Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences (SCRiPs). Khan will lead the faculty in expanding efforts in pharmaceutical sciences research, according to SWOSU College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Dennis Thompson.

Khan has taught medicinal chemistry courses in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy since 2007 after coming to western Oklahoma from Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy. He holds bachelor's and master's pharmacy degrees from Dhaka University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a doctorate from the University of Manchester, England.

Dr. Timmons established the professorship with a \$125,000 gift that was matched by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Endowed Professorship program to provide \$250,000 in funds to supplement research, scholarly activity and other efforts of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Timmons started teaching at SWOSU in 1956 and retired in 1994 as dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Timmons, a native of Mangum and graduate of Centralvue High School in Greer County, worked under four presidents at SWOSU. He was hired by Dr. R. Harold Burton and taught under the administrations of Dr. Al Harris, Dr. Leonard Campbell and Dr. Joe Anna Hibler. Timmons was teaching at Central High School in Oklahoma City when he decided to accept the position at SWOSU where he taught half-time in biology and half-time in chemistry.

He served the university in a number of capacities – including acting dean of the School of Pharmacy twice – and served as dean of the School of Health Sciences from 1981-1994. He served as president of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Association, sponsor of the student senate for seven years, faculty sponsor for Rho Chi honorary pharmacy fraternity and sponsor for Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity. Before retiring from SWOSU, he served as chairman of the university segment of the SWOSU Foundation's "Building on Our Heritage" capital campaign drive.

Timmons passed away February 11, 2013.