

**Minutes of the University of Central  
Oklahoma 48<sup>th</sup> FACULTY SENATE  
Thursday, January 11, 2018  
Forensic Science Building 106**

***CALL TO ORDER:***

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:00 and asked for a call of the roll. A quorum was found to be present for this meeting of the 48th UCO Faculty Senate.

**Members Present (28):** *CB:* Vice-President Bridges, Senator Burdina, Senator Manral, Senator Jog, *CEPS:* President Archuleta, Senator Cone, Senator Sealey, Senator Benson, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Geib, Senator Pollack, Senator Pasternack, *CLA:* Senator Burns, Reporter-Historian Churchill, Senator Hanebutt, Senator Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer Martinez-Sotelo, Senator Mock, Senator Goulding, *CMS:* Senator Ellis, Senator Holt, Parliamentarian Milligan, Senator Park, Senator Seagraves, Senator Chooback, Senator Rollins, *Library/Advising:* Senator Davis, Senator Edwards, *Professional Administrators:*

**Members Absent (8):** *CB:* Senator Rassouli-Currier, *CEPS:* Senator Beasley, Senator Garcia, Senator Barnett, *CFAD:* All present, *CLA:* Senator Chappell, *CMS:* All present, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Hynes, Senator Kramer, Senator Wellington.

**Recognition of Visitors to the Senate:** Laura Butler, Staff Senate Vice-President, Eric Eitrheim, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Adam Johnson, Associate VP Registrar, Jerry Legere, Emeritus Faculty Representative.

***GUEST SPEAKERS:***

There no guest speakers at this Senate meeting.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***President's Report: (From her written notes)*** The Joint Council meeting with the Staff Senate and UCOSA occurred on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Faculty and Staff Senate Leadership discussed the joint legislation process and ways to improve communication between the senates, as senate committees have expressed interest in working on joint legislation. We also discussed the Gender-Neutral Restroom bill. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee also met with President Betz and Provost Barthell on Tuesday of this week. In the meeting with the President and the Provost we informed them of the bills and ideas each of the Faculty Senate committees are working on and in both of the meetings we discussed that we have the opportunity to work together in a way that hasn't happened previously. While the Senates have, in the past worked on resolutions and then supported each other, we truly haven't worked together in committees as we are doing now. It is critical to work together and better navigate the different timelines and procedures between Senates so that we can increase our ability to build and create an impact together.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is often made aware of how ideas or plans are moving university-wide or how they may or may not be received by administration. It is our commitment this spring to focus on supporting the work of the committees and helping to serve as conduits of information between the joint Senates and the administration.

We want to be engaged in creating bills that have most optimal chance of coming to fruition. What I have noticed in the past is that faculty will serve on senate and then become frustrated when their hard work isn't fruitful. There are a few things that we are doing with this in mind. As many of you may recall, Vice-President Bridges created an administrative column for resolutions from the previous year so that we continuously follow-up with the implementation of what was voted on. We have also chosen to specifically differentiate between resolutions and proposals which you will note in the numbering of our bills. So again, a resolution would be for the sentiment of the Senate Body, such as DACA, whereas a proposal requires a response from administration. In speaking with President Betz and Provost Barthell, during the executive meeting, we began the discussion about what we would like this response to look like, moving beyond a yes and no. They were very open to the fact that some proposals may warrant a more comprehensive response.

We specifically discussed the Tuition-Waiver Bill that was voted on during the last Senate meeting and I explained that we voted on the bill on December 14<sup>th</sup> and Staff Senate had not yet presented the bill on the floor, which happened on their January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, thus it cannot go to vote until their February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, at the earliest. President Betz recommended that the committees of the Senates discuss the impact of the tuition waiver bill on the budget with Patti Neuhold, Vice President for Finance and when creating the comparative analysis with other institutions, to include all of the varying benefits offered.

During the Staff Senate meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, there were several questions that were discussed, including whether or not the budget office had been contacted related to the tuition waiver bill, how much of the benefit is currently being used along with a few other questions. As some of you may remember the tuition bill was brought forward by Faculty Welfare a few years ago and the changes did not come about so the goal of both senate committees working on this bill is to come up with a proposal that could be adopted. From my understanding of the joint process at this point since it has been voted on by our Senate, but not yet by Staff Senate the two committees can meet during between this Senate meetings and if the amendments are completed, Faculty Senate can vote on the recommended amendments.

We will be working with the Chairpersons and Assistant Chairpersons to make us aware of all committee meetings and I will be posting these to the calendar on D2L, so if you interested in this information or want to be a part of those discussions you can be. For those of you that do not frequently use D2L, please follow up with me individually so that I can direct you some technical support or provide the information a different way. I will send out an email about how to log in to the D2L site again, since all information will be housed there in one place.

The work that we have to complete this spring requires energy moving in two different ways

simultaneously. You will feel us encouraging committees to meet and keep moving forward at the same time that we want to make sure that the information for each bill is fully vetted. We only have 4 full Senate body meetings following this one and though it seems like that will move quickly there is a lot that we can accomplish.

***Vice President's Report:*** Vice-President Bridges reported that there is an spreadsheet on the D2L page to which all members of the Faculty Senate have access, and is been kept up to date. This is the spreadsheet where the resolutions and the proposals thtn have been brought to the floor, passed, sent back to committee, or voted against can be found.

The Gender Inclusive Restroom Bill had been recently received from the Staff Senate, and the day of the Faculty Senate meeting, Febraury 11<sup>th</sup>, Vice-President Bridges received a map of the bathrooms that will become Gender- Neutral during NCUR. Voting will ensue for The Faculty Handbook Proposals FSP 2017-2018-002 Appendix K. Students Affected by Military Call-Up / Mobilization and FSP 2017-2018 FSP-2018-003-Chapter 3. Classroom Policies and Procedures.

***Secretary/Treasurer's Report:*** There was no report.

***Historian Report:*** There has been a developing work with Dr. Bob Palmer on the *Land Run* Mural. Dr. Palmer already presented an image to the committee he is working with, and by February 5<sup>th</sup> the image will be chosen. The plan is to power wash the mural which is a rather fast process, only taking around two hours. After that the committee said that they will wait a little for the weather to improve to start the new mural. It takes around a week to paint the new one. The goal is to have the mural finished by the month of May and painting may occur during NCUR.

***Parliamentarian Report:*** There was no report.

#### ***SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

Each Chairperson stated the work of the Standing Committee shared their reports:

- **Faculty Welfare**, Senator Hanebutt (CLA): No report.
- **Research, Information Resources, and Technology**, Senator Jog (CB): There are continuing discussion on the proposal social media, web content team and electronic communications policies.
- **Personnel Policies and Adjunct Affairs:** Senator Bramlett (CFAD): This committee has been research salary compensation. There were also discussions with Dr. Melissa Powers during the Diversity Committee and the programs that UCO has to promote the inclusion of non-traditional students. They have been talking about a campus-wide diversity plan to see how we are implementing diversity at UCO and what can be improved.
- **Student Relations, Alumni, and Community Service**, Senator Cone (CEPS): They just have been assigned the Gender Inclusive Restroom bill.
- **Faculty Handbook**, Senator Burns (CLA): Two proposals will be voted on today that were presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting. We are continuing to work on the Ombuspersion Program in the Faculty Handbook Editorial Committee

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

- FSP- 2017-2018-002 Appendix K. Students Affected by Military Call-Up / Mobilization was brought to the floor of the Senate to be discussed. Following the discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.
- FSP-2017-2018-003 Chapter 3. Classroom Policies and Procedures was also brought to the floor. Following discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

There was a discussion to create a bill that to add the updates from the SPF-2017-2018-003 Chapter 3. Classroom Policies and Procedures as a recommended or required part of the Syllabus Appendix.

The Faculty Senate broke into the Standing Committees and members of the Executive Committee listened to the various committees work so that they could further support the committees work.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

Senator Bramlett said that the Map Vice-President Bridges received for the Gender Inclusive Restroom bill that will be put in place for NCUR, is current, and that there will be an additional map to propose a number of restrooms to remain Gender Inclusive following NCUR.

***ADJOURNMENT:*** President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Secretary/Treasurer Guillermo Martinez-Sotelo, 02/18/18