

**Minutes of the University of Central
Oklahoma 48th FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, March 8, 2018
Forensic Science Building 106**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM 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 Jog, Senator Rassouli-Currier, *CEPS:* President Archuleta, Senator Garcia, Senator Cone, Senator Sealey, Senator Beasley, Senator Barnett, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Geib, Senator Pasternack, *CLA:* Senator Burns, Reporter-Historian Churchill, Secretary-Treasurer Martinez-Sotelo, Senator Mock, Senator Goulding, Senator Chappell, *CMS:* Senator Ellis, Parliamentarian Milligan, Senator Seagraves, Senator Chooback, *Library/Advising:* Senator Davis, Senator Edwards, *Professional Administrators:*

Members Absent (8): *CB:* Senator Manral, *CEPS:* Senator Benson, *CFAD:* Senator Pollack, *CLA:* Senator Johnson, Senator Hanebutt, *CMS:* Senator Holt, Senator Park, Senator Rollins, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Hynes, Senator Kramer, Senator Wellington.

Recognition of Visitors to the Senate: Dr. Eric Eitheim, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, James Powell, Staff Senate Parliamentarian and Dr. Jerry Legere, Emeritus Faculty Representative.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr. Mark Kinders spoke to the Faculty Senate and discussed the uncertainty of the future of the University budget for FY 2018-2019. It is not known what direction the Oklahoma Legislature is going to take in the immediate future. Dr. Kinders mentioned that during the FY2018 there were 91 bills that dealt with weapons in the capitol and to last month point there was only one that could have affected UCO but he was confident that it was not going to make it out of committee.

He mentioned the Oklahoma-Promise bill as well as another bill that was aimed at cutting salaries to teachers to only the hours that they spent in the classrooms. Dr. Kinders discussed the legislative system that we still have in Oklahoma and that it is shared only by Arkansas in the entire country. He illustrated this through the example of the tax crisis where the 75% of the vote is needed to establish and raise new taxes. Dr. Kinders stated that the crisis we are living now could have been avoided if taxes were raised proportionally with inflation many years ago.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report: (From her written notes). Between the last senate meeting and this one, several of the normally scheduled meetings were cancelled due to snow days and other conflicts. We will meet with the joint committees of the Faculty, Staff and UCOSA Senates and the

Faculty Senate Executive Committee will meet with President Betz and Provost Barthell next Tuesday, on March 13th. UPC which did not occur in March will be held on March 26th.

The Provost's and Advisory Council (PAC) met on February 28th and the details of that meeting were sent with my President's notes and the next meeting is on March 28th. The Faculty Handbook Editorial Committee did not meet on February 22nd due to the snow day. Senator Burns will update you on our work during her standing committee report.

The Freedom of Expression events were held on March 5th and 6th and each of you received some emails from me related to the University of Chicago Freedom of Speech statement that President Betz sent for our review. I am uncertain about how administration plans to integrate this statement into the existing Campus Expressions policy or if they are two separate statements though those discussions are occurring within the Student Relations, Alumni, and Community Service Committee until a recommendation comes to the floor of the Senate. I encourage any of you to attend those meetings that are interested and we will make sure to let everyone know when they are occurring. Senator Cone can update you more on the progress in his committee during the standing reports.

We have a very full schedule today and several Senators missing so we will adhere strictly to the schedule and additional announcements and discussions not pertaining to the votes can come at the end in announcements.

Vice President's Report: The Responsibility of Transportation and Parking Services to the Faculty proposal is going to be added to the Faculty Welfare Committee. President Archuleta stated

Historian Report There was no report.

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

Parliamentarian Report: There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion of the Responsibilities of the Parking and Transportation Services to the Faculty proposal. Later the proposal was passed by a unanimous vote.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Faculty Handbook, Senator Burns (CLA): There is going to be vote about the Ombudsperson proposal. Chairperson Burns discussed that the Faculty Handbook Editorial Committee is working on the HLC faculty qualifications.
- Personnel Policies and Adjunct Affairs: Senator Bramlett (CFAD): This committee met to discuss faculty salary compensation and mentioned their next steps in order to find

equity. Senator Bramlett also reported that the Campus Diversity Committee has been involved with the Pride Parade in Edmond informed that it has been rescheduled for October of 2018. There is also the initiative to make UCO a more age-friendly university, and the recommendation is to include older members of the university community in the decision making and in the activity planning; so we can have them participating more in university life.

- Research, Information Resources, and Technology, Senator Jog (CB): The committee sent the policy reviews about electronic communication, website, and social media communication to Sonya Watkins, UCO's Chief Information Officer, for her feedback. Senator Jog also mentioned that volunteers were still needed for NCUR.
- Student Relations, Alumni, and Community Service, Senator Cone (CEPS): This committee has completed the Gender Neutral Restrooms joint proposal. They have also been meeting about the Campus Expressions document.
- Faculty Welfare, Senator Seagraves (CMS): Chairperson Seagraves discussed the Tuition Wavier Benefits joint proposal that was already voted on in the Staff Senate, with some modification. We will be voting on those changes on the floor of the Faculty Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was discussion about the proposal on the compensation of reassignment time for assistant chairs. The bill was passed unanimously.
- There was a motion to adopt the Ombudsperson proposal. There was a presentation by Dr. Jamie Burns, followed by discussion and a vote. It was passed unanimously.
- There was a motion to adopt the amendment of the Tuition Waiver Benefit joint proposal. There was a vote and it passed unanimously.
- There was a motion to adopt the Gender Inclusive Restroom joint proposal. There was a vote and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Burdina mentioned the topic of SPIES being done online starting this spring of 2018. It was followed by a lively discussion with colleagues in favor and against the SPIES being held fully online.

Senator Barnett announced that March 29th, 6:30-7:30 PM they would meet Conference Room at Old North (in case they didn't need more space), for teacher Emergency Certification information meeting.

Senator Goulding invited senators to talk and visit with AAUP to discuss Campus Expressions policy.

Senator Beasley invited to senators to connect with Vice-President Bridges to discuss the changes that the dependent changes to the benefits for retirees.

ADJOURNMENT: President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer Guillermo Martinez-Sotelo, 04/03/18