

*Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
49th Faculty Senate
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Forensic Science, Rm. 120*

CALL TO ORDER:

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:05P.M. A quorum was found to be present.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (27): *CBA:* Vice-President Barger-Johnson, Senator Jog, *CEPS:* President Archuleta, Senator Beasley, Senator Benson, Senator Jill Davis, Senator Davis, Parliamentarian Sealey, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Forbat, Senator Geib, Secretary-Treasurer Pollack, *CLA:* Senator Martinez-Sotelo, Senator Chappell, Senator Goulding, Senator Mock, Senator Squires, Senator Wood, *CMS:* Senator Chooback, Senator Ellis, Senator Rollins, Senator Mattison, Reporter/Historian Milligan, *Library/Advising:* Senator Edwards, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Karen Davis, Senator Hynes, Senator Weidell

Members Absent (11): *CBA:* Senator Burdina, Senator Mckee, Senator Osburn, *CEPS:* Senator Barnett, *CLA:* Senator Churchill, Senator McCune, *CFAD:* Senator Folsom, *CMS:* Senator Bentley, Senator Eitheim, Senator Holt

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Sonja Watkins - Chief Information Officer, Adam Johnson - Associate Vice-President/Registrar, Taylor Baird - Staff Senate Parliamentarian.

Sonja Watkins, Chief Information Officer for UCO offered an update about UCO's Information Technology. She discussed that the goal of UCO IT is to devise and adhere to a robust strategic plan, commit to the journey of transformation, and continue to provide the superior services and communication to the UCO community. She described that that last year UCO IT worked diligently to realign the department, implement production changes, and add new units to support the university.

Some of these examples of transformation include the formation of the full-time Director of Information Security position, the formation of the Director of Enterprise Solutions position and the formation of the Director of Planning and Engagement office. The goals of these offices are to provide better security to the community, data analytics, business intel, and efficiently pool resources. The shared goals of these offices include fostering better communication, outreach, delivery, efficiency and synergy and automation management.

CIO Watkins outlined tools that we can use today to help in our technological environment such as a new IT BLOG and an intuitive website (technology.uco.edu) that

can answer questions, open tickets and provide tutorial. She added that IT will maintain its telephone line that exists for questions and daily issues which arise while advancing initiatives such as the new travel management platform, CONCUR, the new HR management portal, PAYCOM, and GARNER (a new data management, program and information consolidation platform) as well as advancing involvement in initiatives that cross into UCO Online, the Financial Award Letter, new construction and BUDDY(the super computer now in STEM).

It was added that UCO IT is also continuing to foster faculty engagement and advance programs such as TRC, faculty advisement and discovery programs, training and workshops, Digital Central Academy, cyber security training and participation in the yearly New Faculty Orientation.

There was a question from the Faculty Senate about a glitch in the admissions system which may have affected successful recruitment efforts. Another concern voiced was regarding IT personnel working independently of the central IT unit and may or may not have signed a code of ethics. It was noted that communication incentives with these separate groups are in place; however, they aren't required to participate.

CIO Watkins voiced that IT adheres to the industry standards regarding its Code of Ethics. The policy promotes privacy, security and support. She affirmed that UCO IT will strive for transparency and efficiency in working through the large number of projects that the office is charged with each day.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Archuleta's Report: Thank you for the time and energy that you are putting toward Faculty Senate, especially as we look forward to the next two months, which will include the review and vote on at least seven proposals or resolutions, possibly more. This year has quite a full pipeline, more than in the typical past and though we have been able to wait for inputs from Senators and have paced through fairly relaxed, we will have to have very stringent timelines as we wrap up the year. It is imperative that we move things through that need to help bring change about, but also that we give proper time and attention to what we are sending to administration.

Next month President Betz and President Select Neuhold will be our guests so please think about any question that you may want to ask them in advance. Elections for Faculty Senate will be held and our Parliamentarian will have more detailed information on that. The elections for Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be held on May 9th. If you have any questions about the elections or the roles and are considering serving please reach out to any of us and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

We have several proposals in process and each committee Chairperson may further discuss those; however, I do want you all to be aware that we as the CPP&E committee which includes the Executive Committee, Senator John Wood. Staff Senate Parliamentarian

Baird has guided us with some updates to the process for the update of the Bylaws and Operating Code. If you were to go to the Staff Senate website, you would find very clear process and procedures. Faculty Senate has been in existence a lot longer and our detailed guidelines have become antiquated over time. After several discussions we have decided to contract Taylor Baird, outside of his role at UCO, with his legal and Parliamentary background to help us to draft a revised version of the Bylaws and Operating Code for CPP&E to review and vote on as well as the entire Faculty Senate. We did consult with President Betz, Provost Barthell, Charlotte Simmons, and legal counsel to make sure that this was an ethical way to bring this work to fruition and we have drawn up a very detailed contract for doing so. We are providing input and direction and Taylor Baird is primarily creating a draft according to Roberts Rules of Order. We hope to bring the Executive Committee roles into more clear alignment with how they actually are, elections process, bring a more democratic voting process to the Executive Committee and a Past-President role so that there will be advisory support needed as we often transition the Presidential role to a new person each year. When it is time to review and vote, we will be doing so paragraph by paragraph. If you have any question about this process, please let me know. I have documented every conversation and decision thus far so that it will be ready for review if need be.

A few highlights from the conversations with administration and planning meetings, include the focus of bringing connected learning environments as Dr. Bucky Dodd described online and other learning environments to the forefront of what we do, a need for increased positions and salary increase for faculty, enrollment, retention, the state budget and support of higher education.

Vice-President Barger Johnson Report: No report

Reporter-Historian Milligan's Report: No report

Secretary/Treasurer Pollack's Report: a \$500 authority to pay has been issued for a draft revision of the Faculty Senate Bylaws and Operating Code

Parliamentarian Sealey's Report: No formal report. Parliamentary reminder for amendments. Only two amendments can be 'in-line' to be acted upon a motion: Motion. 1st amendment and 2nd amendment to the amendment. If you have a better idea for the amendment to the amendment or the amendment, the Senator should speak to the question on the floor, speaking against and convincing the body that they will make a new amendment when the current question is defeated. Elections will begin April 9th.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Faculty Handbook & Academic Affairs – Chairperson Goulding: The committee is in ongoing discussion on the issue regarding academic unit transference from a department to a school or vice versa. The committee advocates for transparency and wants to see that any ensuing change, discussion, addendum or amendment to the handbook should have input from the Faculty Senate body.

B. Personnel Policies & Adjunct Affairs – Chairperson Bramlett: The committee is in ongoing discussion regarding faculty compensation.

C. Research, Information Resources & Technology – Chairperson Edwards: announced that there were one hundred and forty-eight RCSA grant proposals from UCO. Also, ninety-two projects from UCO will be presented at NCUR. The committee also recognizes the need for a pay raise rate for research assistants as well as the need for accountability from IT units across campus.

D. Student Relations, Alumni and Community Service Committee- Chairperson Geib: The Campus Sustainability Proposal is now being considered and was formed in committee. The committee partnered with the Sustainability Office to advocate for the continuance of the work already been done by the UCO community especially within the realm of green energy use and recycling. Senator Geib also announced that the Academic Conflicts with Commencement Proposal will go back to committee before coming back to the Faculty Senate body.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee- Chairperson Martinez-Sotelo, no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FSP 2018-2019-003: Academic Conflicts with Commencement proposal will return to committee for discussion and revision.

NEW BUSINESS:

FSR 2018-2019-002: Freedom of Expression Resolution has been submitted by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and is in the initial draft and summary stage. The Executive team will meet together Thursday, March 19, 2019 and will be in close consultation with UCOSA and Staff Senate. It was mentioned that there are presently 31 bills in 17 states that are restricting campuses and policy. Legislatures can have a negative effect and close watch on the Chicago initiative should be ongoing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Max Chambers Library needs more faculty and staff input. A survey went out recently via email that allows for faculty and staff to relay any issues that pertain to the Max Chambers Library. The UCO faculty and staff communities are encouraged to take part in this survey.

The Liberal Arts Symposium will take place on April 3rd from 9 AM-2 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer
Sallie Pollack
3/25/19