

**Minutes of the University of Central
Oklahoma 48th FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, April 26, 2018
Forensic Science Building 106**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:11 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.

Senators from the 2017-2018 Cycle:

Members Present (29): *CB:* Vice-President Bridges, Senator Burdina, Senator Jog, Senator Rassouli-Currier, *CEPS:* President Archuleta, Senator Benson, Senator Beasley, Senator Garcia, Senator Cone, Senator Sealey, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Geib, Senator Pasternack, *CLA:* Secretary-Treasurer Martinez-Sotelo, Senator Burns, Senator Mock, Senator Goulding, Senator Chappell, Senator Johnson, *CMS:* Senator Holt, Senator Ellis, Parliamentarian Milligan, Senator Park, Senator Rollins, Senator Seagraves, *Library/Advising:* Senator Davis, Senator Edwards, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Hynes, Senator Kramer

Members Absent (7): *CB:* Senator Manral, *CEPS:* Senator Barnett, *CFAD:* Senator Pollack, *CLA:* Reporter-Historian Churchill, Senator Hanebutt, *CMS:* Senator Chooback, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Wellington.

Senators Elected for the 2018-2019 Cycle:

Member Present (17): *CB:* Senator Barger-Johnson, Senator Jog, *CEPS:* Senator Benson, Senator Davis, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Geib, Senator Folsom, Senator Forbat, *CLA:* Senator McCune, Senator Mock, Senator Squires, Senator Wood, *CMS:* Senator Bentley, Senator Eithreim, Senator Mattison, *Library/Advising:* Senator Leftwich, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Weidell

Members Absent (3): *CB:* Senator Osborn, *CEPS:* Senator Barnett, *CFAD:* All present, *CLA:* All present, *CMS:* All present, *Library/Advising:* All present, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Snoddy.

Recognition of Visitors to the Senate: Mr. Adam Johnson (Registrar's Office), Ms. Laura Butler (Staff Senate representative), Ms. Liliana Renteria-Mendoza (Staff Senate President) and Mr. Jerry Legere (representative of Emeritus Faculty).

GUEST SPEAKERS:

President Don Betz spoke with the Faculty Senate about several topics. He started by welcoming the new senators and recognizing the importance of the Faculty Senate, acknowledging how pivotal the Faculty Senate is and how he has served as a Faculty Senator during his career. He discussed the State Legislature and how it seems that for the Fiscal year

2018-2019 it seems that we will have a “flat budget”, which is not excellent news, but is better news than in the past few years. This may mean that UCO will probably have up to 75% to pay for the tuition of concurrent students. The House of Representatives of this Legislature has passed Bill 1212 which allows any gun owner to carry without a permit, UCO has been following that bill very closely and opposing it.

President Betz also discussed the effect of the state budget on our university budget, and said that it will reflect the state’s “flat budget”, but also it will have to reflect our diminishing enrollment. However, the cuts that have been done to the operations budget have not affected members of the faculty. It was noted that the turnaround time for the university to deliver our budget to RUSO is only 14 days, once we have the budget July 1st from the state.

President Betz also thanked everyone that participated in NCUR in any capacity and he was still getting messages of congratulations for such great event. He also mentioned the survey RUSO sent for UCO to be evaluated overall in its operations his service as a university president. Presidents of each institution are evaluated every few years and he was excluded from the last universities overall RUSO evaluation.

President Betz also spoke about how interesting this semester had been with the Ken Ham event event that developed and how UCO was able to turn the situation into a positive one for the institution and community. The president stated that the issue with Mr. Ham was always a contractual one and that he always had the freedom to talk in our school; however, all of that made him take a deeper look into the Freedom of Speech document from the University of Chicago that was partially made available to the UCO community. President Betz told the Faculty Senate that he will identify a group of seven members of the faculty to work in a document that englobes UCO commitment to the freedom of expression.

President Betz finalized his visit to the floor of the Faculty Senate by talking about the communication policies that are in place to make sure the university is protected, as well as faculty, staff, and students. He stated that these policies are not finished and that they still being developed to bring UCO and its employees to an agreement. He then opened the floor for questions.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President’s Report: (From her written notes). I will keep my report very short today. You can always read the Presidents Report that are distributed with the minutes. I have fixed the misspelling that I had on Provost Barthell’s name as it said Provost Barthwell, though he is becoming an example of wellness. We now have a functioning website and though it is quite simple, I am pleased with our progress and vision for the coming year. Thank you to those that completed the Qualtrix survey that was sent. If you have not done so, please do as soon as possible so that committee decisions can be made and you each have a voice in how you would like to serve. I am very grateful for the service of all of the 2018-2019 senators. The commitment to attend Faculty Senate meetings, discuss and meet in

committees and move proposals forward has been strong. I am especially grateful to those that won't be joining us again next year which includes both Senators Burns and Johnson that are term-limited after four years of service.

Vice President's Report: Vice-President Bridges reported that the Faculty Senate has had eight proposals. Then he mentioned the changes to the Faculty Qualification proposal and the changes that Dr. Gary Steward made, which came directly from the Higher Learning Commission.

Historian Report: No report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: No report.

Parliamentarian Report: Parliamentarian Milligan spoke briefly about the electoral process, and how some seats will need to be adjusted next year because they need to be proportional to the number of faculty on each college. This couldn't be done this year due to erroneous lists provided by some colleges. For example, the College of Mathematics and Science will need to go from 8 seats to 7 next year, and Education will lose 1, going from 7 to 6. CFAD will gain 1 seat.

The call for Faculty Senate Executive Committee positions was done one week before the meeting, and also there was a call from the floor from the Parliamentarian. No one ran against the senators that presented their candidacy during the call for nominations. The election of the Executive Committee for the cycle 2018-2019 was declared. Senator Archuleta was re-elected President, Senator Barger-Johnson as Vice-President, Senator Milligan as Historian-Webmaster, and Senator Pollack as Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ombudspersons have been selected, and also there is a continuous discussion on when the Faculty Senate and the Staff Senate should work together on proposals and resolutions.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Faculty Handbook, Senator Burns (CLA): They are about to take a vote in the Faculty Qualification Proposal.
- Personnel Policies and Adjunct Affairs: Senator Bramlett (CFAD): They presented to the Deans Council; however, are no plans to change the Faculty Handbook to alter the Assistant Chairs compensation. The Provost recommended that each Dean review each case within the college.
- Research, Information Resources, and Technology, Senator Jog (CB): There is no report, but their proposal is going to be discussed on the Senate floor.
- Student Relations, Alumni, and Community Service, Senator Cone (CEPS): There was not report.

- Faculty Welfare, Senator Seagraves (CMS): There was no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Faculty Qualifications Proposal was brought to the floor for discussion. As mentioned prior, the changes that Dr. Steward did came almost directly from HLC; however, there was an amendment made on the floor to section 1.5.7.1 / 11/ a of the document. The paragraph originally read, amendment in capital letters a) If minimum threshold (criteria) have not been established, the department chair/school director is responsible for developing criteria that would satisfy professional expectations in the field or subfields. WITH THE MAJORITY OF DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL APPROVAL, this document should be in narrative form no more than five double-spaced pages in length. After the amendment was presented, the proposal was voted, and passed unanimously.

The Communication and Technology Use Education and Training Proposal was brought to the floor and Senator Edwards open the debate with a brief explanation. There was no discussion, it was voted and passed unanimously.

The Academic Calendar Development and Regularization Proposal was brought to the floor, there was a lot a of debate and there a was a proposition to divide the document into two proposals, one that dealt with the delivery of final grades, the Tuesday after graduation and another one with the four week period of vacation in the winter. After a lot of debate the Senate did not agree on a solution. Senator Holt recommended that Senators raise their hands to illustrate the perspectives of each of us, without a vote, to the registrar that was present to help him make decisions even if the Faculty Senate was not in agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT: President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer Guillermo Martinez-Sotelo, 05/1/2018