

Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
48th FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, September 14, 2017
Forensic Science Building 106

CALL TO ORDER:

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:01 and asked for a call of the roll. A quorum was found to be present for this meeting of the 48th UCO Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (27): *CB:* Vice-President Bridges, Senator Burdina, Senator Currier, Senator Jog, *CEPS:* President Archuleta, Senator Beasley, Senator Benson, Senator Cone, Senator Garcia, Senator Sealey, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Geib, Senator Pasternack, Senator Pollack, *CLA:* Senator Burns, Senator Chappell, 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, *Library/Advising:* Senator Davis, Senator Edwards, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Hynes, Senator Kramer

Members Absent (4): *CB:* Senator Manral, *CEPS:* Senator Barnett, *CMS:* Senator Chooback, Senator Rollins

Recognition of Visitors to the Senate: Don Betz, President of UCO, Laura Butler Vice-President of Staff Senate, Liliana Renteria- Mendoza, Director of OKC Cultural Outreach and Diversity Strategies, Thalia Rodriguez, Vice-President of HASA, Jamie Clark, Vice-President of NAFSA, and Jerry Legere, Representative of UCO Emeritus Faculty

GUEST SPEAKERS:

President Betz spoke about the construction of the STEM building and how it is changing UCO's landscape. He mentioned declining enrollment and an emphasis to continue to the Complete College America initiative. He stated that will we not be hiring new employees for awhile, but did not know how long. He discussed that the UCO Foundation is going to start focusing on scholarships, because if tuition is raised again, there will be a large number of students impacted as they will not be able to afford to pay for school.

President Betz discussed a statewide task-force he is a part of that is taking a closer look at the advantages of online education. UCO is analyzing and considering an emphasis to digitized education, considering the access and convenience of online learning. He mentioned that graduate education is also an area to rethink because of the geographical and economical area we serve and that we could have more offerings than we do. Academic Affairs and the Provost will further discuss changes to our graduate education offerings. He also spoke about the importance of internships to help our students acquire positions.

President Betz voiced some of the topics that have been at the forefront of UCO conversations including DACA and the Campus Expressions Policy, which was enacted because of recent national events. He stated that he encouraged revisions and changes to the policy, if needed.

President Betz thanked, Dr. Gary Steward, Associate Vice President Institutional Effectiveness and the UCO HLC writing team, reporting that we met all criterion and all core components without further action from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for our mid-cycle assurance review.

He concluded his presentation by answering questions from Senators regarding standards of student applicants to UCO, online course implementation, rigor within online programs, and enrollment for lecturer classes.

Liliana Renteria and Thalia Rodriguez discussed the DREAM act, introduced in 2001 and that failed for the last time in 2012. Then, the executive order was signed in 2012. There is a list of 120 top counties in the nation with the most DACA recipients both Oklahoma County and Tulsa County are in this list. Liliana extended the offer to speak with anyone that has questions about DACA and supporting UCO students.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting were approved without correction.

Approval of the Parliamentarian: The nomination of Senator Milligan from the College of Mathematics and Science to serve as the 2017-2018 Parliamentarian was unanimously approved.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report: (From her written notes)

Based on prior communication with the Executive Committee Members, they have indicated that there are no reports at this time. The written President's report was submitted via email with the agenda. Please review the highlights from the summer and early fall meetings that I attend across campus as well as the noteworthy items including the end date of September 30th for faculty review of the deselection of reference materials in the library and the Campus Expressions Policy that was enacted as a response to the national conversation. It may be worthwhile to review for aspects that pertain to faculty.

In our Executive Meeting with the President Betz and the Provost Barthell, which occurred after the agenda was submitted, we discussed that Vice President Bridges will update Past-President Maisch's resolutions document to include a summary about each resolution presented last year and add a column for the Administrative Outcome of the recommended resolutions. So our work this year will include following-up on what has come to fruition, as well as the new resolutions. We also discussed our plan for enhancing communication before, during, and after Senate meetings and how we will include the use of D2L for organized distribution of information to Senators, as well as extensively update the Faculty Senate Website.

I am reviewing the university-wide committees to see which are no longer active. You can expect a qualtrix about the areas that you would like to serve in both standing and university-wide committees. Then, either I or the Standing Senate Committee Chairpersons will communicate with you about your areas of service for this year. Again, our goal is balanced

college representation on Senate Standing Committees and active Senators throughout your colleges and the university-wide community.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: No report.

Reporter-Historian: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Archuleta moved to new business and called for a discussion of the 2017-2018-01 Resolution- Commitment to Support UCO's DACA Students. The floor was opened to a discussion of the resolution and Senators were reminded to allow as many voices to be heard as possible, and that each Senator had a chance to speak once, before any other Senator spoke more than once, unless the authors of the bill were responding to a question.

Senator Seagraves briefly summarized the resolution submitted by Senators Holt, Churchill, and Seagraves. Senator Currier asked about the separation of the families and the Senate authors responded to the question, as did Secretary-Treasurer Martinez-Sotelo.

President Archuleta entertained a motion to suspend the rules to vote for the resolution. There was a motion to suspend the rules from Senator Goulding and second from Senator Geib. A verbal vote was taken and resolution 2017-2017-01 Commitment to Support UCO's DACA students was unanimously approved by the full Senate.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Each Chairperson stated the work of the Standing Committee they represent and invited Senators to join:

- Faculty Welfare, Senator Hanebutt (CLA)
- Research, Information Resources, and Technology, Senator Jog (CB)
- Personnel Policies and Adjunct Affairs: Senator Bramlett (CFAD)
- Student Relations, Alumni, and Community Service, Senator Cone (CEPS)
- Faculty Handbook, Senator Burns (CLA)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Geib asked when D2L would be available. President Archuleta replied that it would be available for the October meeting now that the Parliamentarian had been approved.

ADJOURNMENT: President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer Guillermo Martinez-Sotelo, 10/10/17