

*Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
49th Faculty Senate
Thursday, December 13, 2018
Forensic Science, Rm. 120*

CALL TO ORDER:

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. A quorum was found to be present.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (28):

CBA: Senator Burdina, Senator Jog, Senator Osburn,

CEPS: President Archuleta, Senator Barnett, Parliamentarian Sealey

CFAD: Senator Geib, Senator Bramlett, Senator Folsom, Senator Forbat,
Secretary- Treasurer Pollack,

CLA: Senator Squires, Senator Wood, Senator Chappell,

Senator McCune, Senator Goulding, Senator Churchill, and Senator Mock,

CMS: Senator Bentley, Senator Holt, Senator Rollins, Senator Ellis, Senator Eitrheim,

Senator Mattison, Reporter/Historian Milligan,

Library/Advising: Senator Edwards, Senator Leftwich,

Professional Administrators: Senator Weidell

Members Absent (9):

CBA: Vice-President Barger-Johnson, Senator Mckee,

CEPS: Senator Beasley, Senator Benson, Senator Davis,

CLA: Senator Martinez-Sotelo,

CMS: Senator Chooback,

Professional Administrators: Senator Hynes, Senator Snoddy

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Mike Liskey - Staff Senate Vice-President, Jerry Legere – Emeritus Faculty Association, Liliana Renteria - Staff Senate Past- President, Dr. Luis Montes – Former Faculty Senate President, Scott DeBoard - Staff Senate President, Dr. Myron Pope -Vice President for Student Affairs, Patti Neuhold -Vice President for Finance

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Vice-President for Finance, Patti Neuhold, presented about the deficit in credit hour production and how the two million dollar short fall in 2018 was covered through temporary, salary vacancy savings and carry-over across divisions. She explained that the gap is will likely occur again in 2019 and added that on campus positions are being filled which may decrease this salary savings.

Vice President Neuhold continued to discuss enrollment and her projection for Fall 2019 was that enrollment may continue to be an issue. She answered questions about downsizing as well as the new governor's positions on education funding. She mentioned that he is not against us but seems supportive of education even if he supports a zero subsidy and emphasized that we must build a strong relationship with the Oklahoma Senate.

Vice-President for Student Affairs, Myron Pope, spoke about enrollment, tuition costs and the need to increase enrollment and retain students. He discussed the predicted change of the population of UCO students including an increase in high school graduates and diverse populations over the next several years. He affirmed the importance of the diversity initiative programs, such as the Hispanic Success Initiative (HSI), Black Male Initiative (BMI), and Native American Success Initiative (NASI) at UCO to help serve these students.

Dr. Pope addressed many ways in which students are supported at UCO, including the areas of debt management, remedial support in subject areas, and through counseling. He emphasized that counseling is understaffed and many colleges across the country are experiencing a similar scenario.

Vice President Pope fielded questions regarding the lack of student applications for scholarship money. He mentioned that multiple levels of communication are needed to expand the outreach to students and we must be proactive and not reactive. He added that support is needed to extend to students to complete processes and follow up on deadlines and application expectations. He addressed questions about diversity initiatives and the need for support of adult and online students. He added examples of states including Georgia, Tennessee and Florida that have state legislatures that have been supporting initiatives and continue support even after they have proven to be successful. He concluded his visit by adding that he is hopeful that with new leaders in Oklahoma, we will be able to achieve our economic and developmental goals.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report: The end of the year is upon us and as our finals wrap-up and time begins to slow down, it is ideal to think about what changes may be beneficial for the faculty, students, and the entire community as we move towards the spring semester. As a reminder, a meeting on January 17th 2019 was added to our schedule so that we can make sure to meet the required nine times during the academic year.

The Constitution, Parliamentary Procedure and Elections Committee (CPP&E) consisting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Staff Senate Parliamentarian Taylor Baird, and Senator Wood met and we have started to work on potential updates to the Bylaws and Operating Code at a distance and plan to have something to distribute to the entire Faculty Senate in early spring.

The Chancellor's luncheon will be held on December 19th and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will attend. More and more communication is occurring with the newest set of legislators, which are less experienced, but more educated than those in the past. UCO Public

Affairs will host a series of breakfasts on the UCO campus to help inform this group of the issues that impact Higher Education. These events will have Faculty Senate representation as well. At least a few of our Faculty Senators have expressed an interest in advocacy. If anyone else is interested, please reach out to me so that I can connect you to the events and efforts that are in place.

We have not completed pictures and meetings with all of the Deans to keep communication flowing, but will do so at the beginning of the semester.

Vice-President Barger Johnson: No report

Reporter-Historian Milligan: No report.

Secretary/Treasurer Pollack: Announced that the doorplates were on order and to email her if one is needed.

Parliamentarian Sealey: No report.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Faculty Handbook & Academic Affairs. Senator Goulding, Chairperson – Dr. Goulding reported that the Tenure and Promotion Taskforce Recommendations proposal has to come to full senate. The resolution has been approved in committee and Human Resources met with the Faculty Handbook Editorial Committee and is collaborating on a proposal to the Senate body for approval.

B. Personnel Policies & Adjunct Affairs – Senator Bramlett, Chairperson. Dr. Bramlett reported a meeting had taken place and the topic of discussion centered around working towards consistent faculty representation on the university assessment committee.

C. Research, Information Resources & Technology – Senator Edwards, Chairperson, reported that meetings are being planned for spring discussions.

D. Student Relations, Alumni and Community Service Committee – Senator Churchill, Chairperson. Dr. Churchill reported on the successful removal of the land-run mural and design discussions will be underway within the CFAD community.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee-Senator Geib, Assistant Chairperson, reported that a meeting had taken place and the topic of discussion centered around outreach to employees who are in transition to retirement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FSR 2018-2019 – 001 Opposition bill was voted on and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

FSP-2018-2019-001 Tenure and Promotion Taskforce:

A suspension of rules to vote immediately was requested. The committee chairperson proceeded to summarize the proposal: In 2016 review took place. There were relatively small changes, yet a few substantial changes in Section E 3-pertaining to fall dossier submissions and spring tenure and promotion announcements. After a move to suspend the early vote, a vote of opposition was reached – 8 in favor and 9 in opposition. Thus, the vote on this proposal will take place at the January meeting.

FSP-2018-2019-002 Faculty Senate Representation on University Assessment Committee: The committee chairperson summarized the bill that focuses on Senate representation on assessment committees. Discussion ensued about senators having voting rights as well as representation, not just sitting, but on actual voting as well. Another Senator added the suggestion that that the voting/speaking privilege will be more effective if the member serving from Senate is different from member from the member on colleges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were announcements for the good of the order

ADJOURNMENT:

President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer
Sallie Pollack
12/16/18