

**Minutes of the University
Of Central Oklahoma
49th Faculty Senate
Thursday, October 11th, 2018
Communication Building 120**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Archuleta called the meeting to order at 2:16 PM after a picture of the 2018-2019 Faculty Senate was taken in the atrium of the Communication building. A quorum was found to be present for the second meeting of the 49th Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (34): *CBA:* Vice-President Barger Johnson, Senator Jog, Senator Osborn, *CEPS:* President Archuleta, Senator Beasley, Senator Benson, Senator Davis, Parliamentarian Sealey, *CFAD:* Senator Bramlett, Senator Geib, Senator Folsom, Senator Forbat, Secretary-Treasurer Pollack, *CLA:* Senator McCune, Senator Goulding, Senator Squires, Senator Wood, *CMS:* Senator Bentley, Senator Chooback, Senator Ellis, Senator Eitheim, Senator Holt, Reporter-Historian Milligan, Senator Rollins, *Library/Advising:* Senator Leftwich, *Professional Administrators:* Senator Hynes, Senator Snoddy, Senator Weidell

Members Absent (2): *CEPS:* Senator Barnett, *CBA:* Senator Burdina, *CLA:* Senator Churchill, Senator Mock, *Library/Advising:* Senator Edwards, *CMS:* Senator Mattison

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Dr. Jerry Legere, Emeritus Faculty Association, Liliana Renteria, Academic Affairs and Staff Senate President, UCO President, Dr. Don Betz

GUEST SPEAKERS:

President Betz joined the Faculty Senate and comprehensively addressed several issues including parking solutions, the work toward a unified articulation on freedom of expression, salary compensation for faculty, enrollment challenges, the increase of non-traditional learners, higher education funding, and online learning as well as the presidential search process. He began his presentation with a statement of admiration for the Faculty and Staff Senates. He continues to advocate for these two bodies and spoke about the significance of the important work and energy continually put forth from these groups.

Some of the highlights from his presentation included:

The University of Central Oklahoma continues to work towards a sound and unified articulation of its position on freedom of expression. President Betz expressed the importance of the Faculty Senate in these discussions as the resource for a thoughtful, active, fair and unifying voice of the faculty body it represents. The Senate will have a chance to reflect and respond to this committee's report. He calls on us to take time to digest the proposal and engage in the discussion.

He addressed the issue of salary compensation and reassured the Faculty Senate that this is a primary and prioritized conversation in his cabinet. His administration continues to review the

numbers as well as the reality in which we inhabit today while taking salary compensation very seriously. He is looking forward to the results rendered by the Faculty Senate committee in addressing this issue.

President Betz indicated that the Chancellor will be on campus this November and will address the 278 million dollars lost from funding for higher education and that Faculty Senate representation will be invited to his presentation. The Chancellor will be working to increase funds when approaching the legislature and it was stated that his specific approach will depend on the new governor and the new group of people elected around him or her. President Betz remains very active with the legislature and several representatives from UCO are down at the capitol every week to visit our elected officials.

The Presidential Search:

President Betz reported that with the advisement and assistance of the consultant company, Spellman and Johnson, the first public release of the presidential search was distributed with a very aggressive track of November 9th as a preferred date for applications and February as the target month to identify the candidate. President Betz called for a community-wide involvement in the process and emphasized that we have an obligation to find someone who will bring out the best in us. He stressed the importance of interaction on a regular basis with the search committee so that voices and concerns can be heard.

President Betz left the Faculty Senate with the remark that he is looking at this as a repurposing of his life's path as opposed to an act of retirement.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes for the September 13th, 2018 meeting were approved without correction.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report (From her notes)

It is imperative that we all stay aware of how short our time is create change (about 6 months) and how meeting in committees and generating ideas for proposals and/or bringing ideas forward that are given to us can benefit the Faculty Association. Two years ago, Past-President Maisch created a committee structure where the standing committees met often. In that vein, we have held Education room 203 every Thursday that we do not meet for Faculty Senate. If a committee were to meet every available Thursday from here until the end of fall that would be only 5 times: October 25, November 1, 15th and 29th, and December 6th. This is one structure that your standing committee could follow for meetings.

If you are assigned to attend a university-wide committee, you are responsible to find out when and where your meetings are held and the contact information for those individuals. Some of the university-wide committees have reached out to me, but others have not. Please, work directly with the Chairperson in that area and then let me know if you cannot find information or resources and I will be happy to help.

Vice President's Report:

The first proposal for the 2018-2019 academic year was submitted and assigned to the Faculty

Handbook committee - FSP 2018-2019-001. Advising the Faculty Senate on leadership commitments which might effect the greater campus includes: ***Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee***: I have been serving for the past year on the Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee under the Leadership of VP Myron Pope. We have been actively meeting 1-4 times a month (including over the summer) working on strategies to help improve our enrollment situation. The group is very active and we have been working in subgroups to help facilitate the overall plan for UCO. Our consultant Dan Garcia from Noel Ruffalo Levitz meets with us at least once a month as well. I will advise once we come to a final plan for the university. I also continue to serve on the ***Freedom of Expression Committee***. This committee is reworking our existing policy and will submit the same to the Faculty Senate upon completion. ***Indigenous People's Day Committee***: UCO's 3rd Annual Indigenous People's Day will be held on November 1, 2018 in the Forensic Science Building with festivities to begin at 11:30am, and continue into the launch of Native American Heritage Month's Kickoff which begins at 2pm in the Nigh Student Union. As other commitments come to their final stages, I will keep the body advised as to progress.

Reporter-Historian Report:

The D2L site for the faculty senate is now live, as of 2 pm this afternoon. You can go to this site to find working documents and reports for the faculty senate. It is meant to be an easy reference so that we can do the work of the senate smoothly and efficiently. I also now have access to edit the official Faculty Senate website. Please take the time to look at it and let me know of any problems or concerns you find with it. I should now be able to more easily make changes to it and get those up in a timely manner. The website address is

<http://sites.uco.edu/central/faculty-senate/index.asp>

I will be working on updating it with new pictures, current agendas, minutes, bills and proposals on a regular basis, so I always look forward to help making improvements from my fellow senators.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Pollack announced that clear and accurate minutes will be successfully reported for each Senate meeting. An order for the new Senate placards has been negotiated and should placed in the coming days. As of Oct. 11, 2018, the Senate account holds \$5124 with money spent for supplies, food and beverage for the start-up meeting in August so far this year.

Parliamentarian Report:

Faculty Senate Orientation presentation was hosted on September 27th, 15 Senators attended. A second session of the Orientation presentation was hosted on October 10th, 6 attended. The Faculty Senate Orientation presentation is/will be shared on D2L for those who were unable to attend the orientation in person.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Archuleta articulated that the most important work in the Senate is done in committee. Every Thursday that Senate is not in session, rm. 203 in Education is open for committees to meet and work on building and reviewing proposals and propositions.

A. Faculty Handbook & Academic Affairs

Senator Goulding, Chairperson: This committee has been given a proposal for a distinguished professor award/recognition for review. In addition, RUSO has made changes in the regional universities handbook and the Faculty Handbook Editorial committee wants to make sure UCO is in compliance. RUSO has removed some language concerning academic ranks. This committee wants to continue to address this and any definitions of high ranking academic positions that may have been changed. RUSO has also added a provision concerning the termination of tenured faculty if programs are cut because of financial reasons. The committee is concerned about these changes and will continue discussion as to how and when to address them effectively

B. Personnel Policies & Adjunct Affairs

Senator Bramlett, Chairperson: On October 4, 2018, the Personnel Policies Committee met in Music Building Room 208. Committee members in attendance were Senator Ellis (Co-Chair), Senator Burdina, Senator Mock, and Senator Bramlett (Chair). Topics of discussion included potential new issues for proposal or resolution, reflection upon progress made last academic year, and ideas for the next steps of action toward the salary issue that we began exploring last year. Senator Burdina raised some concerns about SPIES as they are currently written and administered, and we will discuss more about this in our subsequent meetings.

C. Research, Information Resources & Technology – Senator Barnett, Senator Edwards, Co-Chairs. No report

D. Faculty Welfare Committee – Senator Martinez-Sotelo. No report

E. Student Relations, Alumni and Community Service Committee – Senator Churchill, Chairperson, No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None to report

NEW BUSINESS:

None to report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Martinez-Sotelo announced the Dreamer Foundation fundraising event which will take place on 10/27 from 6-8 PM at Fandango. Donations are accepted and the announcement will run in Centralities in the coming weeks.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer
Sallie Pollack
10/15/2018