

Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
43rd FACULTY SENATE
October 18, 2012
Education Building 106

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of President Mock, *Jennifer Barger Johnson* called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm and asked for a call of the roll. A quorum was found to be present for this meeting of the 43rd UCO Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (24): Senator Adele, Senator Barger-Johnson, Senator Brown, Senator Charoenwongse-Shaw, Senator Chappel, Senator Chooback, Senator Clavin, Senator DeBolt, Senator Dickson, Senator Epstein, Senator Ferguson, Senator Frush, Senator Glaubitz, Senator Holt, Senator Khandaker, Senator Krishnan, Senator Lindblade, Senator Maddy, Senator Mertens, Senator Mizell, Senator Patrick, Senator Rundle, Senator Shin, Senator Vanhoy.

Members Absent (11): Senator Barnes, Senator Butler, Senator Cowan , Senator Delano, Senator Farnell, Senator Garcia, Senator Kickham, Senator Mock, Senator Nelson, Senator Overman, Senator Mazuet is on sabbatical.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS TO THE SENATE:

Adam Johnson, Registrar's Office, Division of Enrollment Management.
Kathryn E. Gage, Vice President for Student Affairs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting as distributed were approved without correction.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report, 18 October 2012, via email.

I will try to present as brief a report as possible.

On September 25th, the executive committee met with President Betz and Vice-president Hughes. We spoke about both program prioritization and the ongoing strategic planning process. That there must be a strategic plan established before prioritization seems both obvious and necessary. The discussion ranged over those surveyed to date, including both internal university personnel and those in the surrounding community. Clarification of what we are and should be viewed as doing is essential to our long-term well-being. The

president emphasized that the goal of the strategic planning process, currently looking at both our strengths and what could be called our warts, is not to come up with a rigid package, but a flexible set of goals. A plan that does not allow for swift adaptation is not desired.

We had an extensive and important conversation about transformative learning. I believe that we presented many perspectives on what is unclear to faculty, and what is clear, and made suggestions for continued clarification of the desired outcome of transformative learning. The president appeared very receptive to our suggestions.

We then spoke about the structural impediments to team taught courses, especially those that would cross not only disciplinary boundaries but also college boundaries.

We then spoke about the SPIEs and their necessary modifications, especially important to allow faculty experimentation to speed implementation of the goals of transformational learning.

I have attended two meetings of the Faculty handbook Editorial Board. Goals have been established and progress is being made on modifications/ clarifications of documents and notations made of such changes as must come to the senate for approval.

The Budget task Force meeting set for last Tuesday has been postponed until a full set of priorities is in hand. Vice-President Kreidler has received the report from the senate budget committee and has noted that it is both important and well-put. To more precisely deal with senate questions about the budget situation, Vice-President Kreidler has agreed to speak with us during our November meeting.

I have attended both a college and several President's Council strategic planning meetings, and shall attend the Regents Faculty Assembly meeting November 3rd.

With apologies for having to be out of town, but knowing that the senate meeting will be in the excellent hands of Vice-President Barger-Johnson, I close my report.

Vice President's Report:

No report

Webmaster/Historian's Report:

No report

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

No expenditures reported.

Parliamentarian's Report:

A special election for the remaining year for the senator position in the College of Math and Science has been filled by Nelda Fister, Nursing Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Task Force – The group, led by Senator Shin, developed a priorities list that was sent to President Mock.

Faculty Handbook Editorial Board – Topics discussed were what responsibilities do faculty members who teach full time online have to attend campus functions and meetings, and can some of these responsibilities be met by via computer using methods such as Skype?

Graduate Council – Results of this committee meeting were emailed to all. All comments should be sent to Senator Dickson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-President Barger-Johnson called upon the Faculty Senate to formally accept Nelda Fister as the College of Math and Science representative. No objections were made, acceptance was unanimous.

Kathryn Gage addressed the Faculty Senate concerning trends in student diversity, harmful student behaviours, and the UCO response to these issues. The Office of Student Affairs, through various organizations and capacities on campus, is seeing an increasing need in areas of student counselling services, disability accommodation, student conduct, and improved awareness on the part of faculty to identify students who may need intervention or immediate attention. Organizations on campus able to help are the CARE team, the Office of Student Conduct, the Violence Prevention Project, the Student Counselling Center, and the Disability Support Office. Some of these entities are funded by grants and tighter budgets may deplete these resources for at-risk students. Dr. Gage indicated that long-term strategic planning should include monetary resources to continue to help students in crisis. She presented statistics on the number of students helped in various ways by Student Affairs' programs, but indicated UCO has about half the normal counsellor to student ratio found at peer institutions. Questions or comments from the audience were in regard to graduate psychology majors and trained faculty to share some of the counselling load, if violent students are on campus on a daily basis, and if so – who is informed about their whereabouts, and how faculty can deal with students who have learning disabilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The 2012 Grad & Professional School Fair will be held on October 24, 2012 from 12:00 - 3:00 in the UCO Nigh University Center, Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor.

Congratulations to Senator Frush for the success of the 31st annual Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing, Extension, and Community Education.

The Department of Mass Communications will host its annual Media Ethics Conference Oct. 17-18.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice President Barger-Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer Dana Rundle, 11/06/12