

**Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
43nd FACULTY SENATE
February 14, 2013
Education Building 117**

CALL TO ORDER

President Mock called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm and asked for a call of the roll. A quorum was found to be present for this meeting of the 43nd UCO Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (28): Senator Barger-Johnson, Senator Barnes, Senator Brown, Senator Chappell, Senator Clavin, Senator Chooback, Senator Cowan, Senator Dickson, Senator Epstein, Senator Ferguson, Senator Fister, Senator Frush, Senator Garcia, Senator Glaubitz, Senator Holt, Senator Khandaker, Senator Lindblade, Senator Maddy, Senator Mazuet, Senator Mertens, Senator Mizell, President Mock, Senator Nelson, Senator Overman, Senator Patrick, Senator Rundle, Senator Shin, Senator Vanhoy.

Members Absent (8): Senator Adele, Senator Butler, Senator Charoenwongse-Shaw, Senator DeBolt, Senator Delano, Senator Farnell, Senator Kickham, Senator Krishnan.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS TO THE SENATE:

Rachel Winters - Assistant Director, Volunteer and Service Learning Center

Marco Rodriguez Linares - Coordinator, Centre for Global Competency

Weldon Rice – Director, UCO Korea Office

Dr. Bruce Lochner, - Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs and Director of Student Counseling, Executive Director of the Violence Prevention Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report

February 14, 2013 sent via email due to room availability constraints.

In our Executive Committee meeting January 29th, with President Betz and Provost Radke, we spoke about the announced new drug testing policy. It was my assumption that testing would only 'come into play' if there were an on-campus event, such as an accident or oddity of behavior. This I was assured was the correct interpretation of the policy. I had been asked by a senator to investigate the profitability or non-profitability of our on-line courses. In brief, on-line courses do make money. The money has been used to fund the development of the on-line support mechanisms/support services. When the support expenses have been fully covered, then the money will be added to the departments in which faculty are providing on-line courses. It is thought that this flow of money will arrive in departments the near future. We had an extended discussion of IT support and help for both faculty and students, especially as the help relates to D2L.

We spoke more about the time-frame for this first (hopefully not only) merit award. Staff merit has been sorted out and should appear in the February paychecks. Faculty guidelines and processes are still being worked on but the projection is for money to be awarded in the March paychecks.

The president described developments in the provost search. Dean Hepner was selected as chair, and faculty and staff are to be involved in the search. Of particular interest, the role of the provost will be expanded.

Finally, it remains the case that the number one desired budget-line item for Academic Affairs is money for a salary increase.

On January 27th, I served as Regents' Faculty Advisory Council representative with Vice-Chancellor Stuart to the Oklahoma Student Advisory Board. I spoke about the Faculty Advisory Council work plan for 2013. I found the students to be serious, intelligent, and forthcoming. What interested me most, however, was their response to the work plan questions about salaries and benefits for faculty. To summarize, they hadn't thought about the topic at all, ever. They simply assumed all was well, if they assumed anything. To paraphrase one student, they look at

faculty as they look at grass, just something there. I spoke at length about recruitment and retention of faculty, and how these are affected by salary and benefits, and extensively about how student learning is impacted by all of these things. We had a very interesting conversation about this, and I think that the students may become advocates for faculty (at least these students).

I am on the newly called Tenure and Promotion Taskforce, updating/modifying the university master document. I note that I have been on all of the tenure and promotion committees, from the first drafting through all of the revision committees. I think it safe to say that none of the changes being proposed are harmful.

The Budget taskforce meeting scheduled for Tuesday, obviously, was cancelled. Such is my report for today.

Vice President's Report:

No report

Webmaster/Historian's Report:

No report

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

No expenditures reported.

Parliamentarian's Report:

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Graduate Council Meeting Report was sent via email on 2/14/2013 at 9:05am.

Student retention and Student Relations Committee Report sent via email on 2/14/2013 at 10:13 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Rachel Winters spoke about the Big Event with regard to opportunities for student organizations or individual volunteers to assist persons in the community as a show of appreciation to them from UCO.

Marco Rodrigues and Weldon Rice informed the Faculty Senate of a new opportunity to teach a summer course in Seoul, Korea with all expenses paid if 5 UCO students also enroll for the course and pay a fee of \$2500 for fees, housing, and meals.

Bruce Lochner offered support to faculty trying to deal with difficult students and discussed CARE Team resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Information Technology Committee would welcome comments from the Faculty Senate concerning D2L.

There is a regularly scheduled CeCe Community of Practice Meeting that is serves as a faculty resource.

The Library has adopted the 26 Acts of Kindness outreach in response to the Sandy Hook school shootings and encourages others to do the same at UCO. They will be dedicating 26 books to this effort with a book plate honoring each victim. Donations are appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT: President Mock adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer

Dana Rundle, 3/12/13