



XLIV FACULTY SENATE OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
MINUTES
FROM THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014
FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE, ROOM 106

CALL TO ORDER

President Mock called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and asked for call of the roll. A quorum was found to be present for this meeting of the 44th UCO Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present (31): Senator Barnes, Senator Bingabr, Senator Burr, Senator Brym, Senator Chappell, Senator Clavin, Senator DeBolt, Senator Dickson, Senator Evans, Senator Feinberg, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forbat, Senator Frush, Senator Garcia, Senator Glaubitz, Senator Hammond, Senator Hanebutt, Senator Holt, Senator Khandaker, Senator Knight, Senator Krishnan, Senator Lindblade, Senator Maisch, Senator Manral, Senator Mertens, Senator Mock, Senator Nelson, Senator Overman, Senator Schemm, Senator Vanhoy and Senator Verschelden.

Senators Absent (5): Senator Kickham, Senator Kleeman, Senator McLemore, Senator Rider, Senator Rundle.

Senators Elect Present (11): Senator Atkins, Senator Barger Johnson, Senator Burns, Senator Chooback, Senator Dechter, Senator Delano, Senator Farnell, Senator Johnson, Senator Knoche, Senator Lohmann, Senator Maxwell, Senator Pac, Senator Youngblood, Senator Xu.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS TO THE SENATE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes as distributed were approved without correction.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Parliamentarian Ferguson ran the election.

President: Jaime Mock
Vice President: Fred Hammond III
Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Barger Johnson
Historian: Brenda Chappell
Parliamentarian: *Will be nominated by President at first Fall meeting*

2014-2015 Senators on Academic Affairs Curriculum Council:

Burns (LA), Pac (CFAD), Maish/Barger Johnson (Business), Delano (CEPS), Rider (M&S)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report:

This will be a very brief report.

On March 25th, Dr. Myron Pope was the featured speaker at the Oklahoma State Regents' Advisory Council. I have, with his agreement, attached his slide presentation on UCO's current enrollment system and planning. It is clear, interesting and, I believe, useful for all to see.

The April 22nd meeting with the president and provost was largely dedicated to budget concerns, and, of course, the gun legislation. The legislature is entering the final stages of the session. It is apparent that the 170 million dollar shortfall that was projected will turn out to be closer to 185 million dollars. The chancellor and between fifteen and twenty college and university presidents have been talking with legislators to try for an increase in higher education funding. Realistically, the chancellor would likely count it a victory if he could get a flat funding (same as last year's funding) with an increase to cover the rise in mandatory costs. As I have reported, mandatory cost increases are significant (about 3.6 million dollars at UCO). The budget negotiations have been rather static (my terminology) to date, but are expected to move very quickly before the end of the legislative session. We will not know until the legislature finalizes the funding just what we will face in terms of total expenses for the year.

The president emphasized that if we had 100% in-state students, tuition and fees would not keep us afloat, hence the importance of expanding our student base so we get out of state tuition dollars.

We had a very productive conversation about the new staff senate and possible interactions between the faculty and staff bodies. My suggestion that we keep staff representation on the faculty senate, with possibly the same staff reporting to the staff senate, met with approval from the president. I will negotiate with everyone on this.

The planning for the metropolitan presence continues, with no changes from the last update. The emphasis as I interpret this is that great caution is being taken so that there are not any unpleasant glitches as we move forward. President Betz emphasized the strategic importance of the downtown presence as we plan to serve our geographic region. I heard from the provost this morning that there just might be an update during the summer, which I will pass along as soon as I get it (assuming I continue as president).

There have been no recent meetings of the University Budget Task Force. There is a restructuring incorporating the old task force into a new university planning council which will closely align the budget with the strategic plan. UCO may well be unique in closely tying the budget to the plan. This, if I may editorialize, seems simply ideal.

The gun issue I have been updating as I get news.

This past Wednesday's Provost's Council meeting featured presentations on the Higher Education Action Team, which is working to develop a revised set of outcomes guide-lines for General Education. This is not to dismantle General Education, but to correct deficiencies noted by the HLC: to discover and correct gaps and inconsistencies in assessment, in brief. We heard a presentation on the mechanisms and costing for maintenance and building upgrades ("Capital Project Selection and prioritization"). Information about these upgrades will soon be available on a web site. We heard about the processes for reporting and claiming compensation for on-the-job injuries. Information about Workman's Compensation is now available by going to the A-Z page on UCO's Homepage and clicking on W, then to Workman's Compensation. What I never imagined (an editorial intrusion) is that faculty are covered if we are injured while at a conference: it falls under scope of job. CeCe will be renamed with no change in actual performance to, probably, Customized Education, which rebranding will work better with the corporate partners than Continuing Education which has a stale and counterproductive 'ring' (my terminology here). Dr. Hughes went over the budget concerns, noting that college budgets will need to more carefully scrutinized than ever before.

Finally, UCO will again be bidding to host the National Undergraduate Research Conference, to be held in 2018. Not only was this announced at the provost's meeting, but I received an email early today expressing hope that the faculty senate would again endorse and support this next bid: a fall semester resolution of support identical to last fall's would be ideal.

Provost Barthell asked me to thank everyone who attended the Wednesday forum, and he looks "forward to more of these kinds of open exchanges of ideas."

And with that, and my personal appreciation for all that you have done this senate year, I close my report for today.

Vice President's Report:

No report.

Webmaster/Historian's Report:

No Report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

No expenditures to report at this time.

Parliamentarian's Report:

It is highly probably that there will be a Special Election held after June 1st in Advisement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Welfare and Development Committee: Senator Lindblade

The Faculty Welfare and Development Committee met with Dr. Myron Pope on Wednesday, April 16th, 2014 on the questions concerning the Student Counseling Center reorganization and staffing. Dr. Pope will send us a listing of current staff at the Counseling Center and what he anticipates will be the staff numbers in the Fall.

His intention is to meet the counseling needs of our students by implementing a plan to use greater numbers of Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Clinical Social Workers. Once the posted positions have been filled and the full plan is implemented, we will be better able to see personnel pattern at the Center.

The information about the changes, peer group comparisons, and accreditation has all been compiled and will be available to the Faculty Senate in the Fall should this committee wish to review the situation.

Undergraduate Research Advisory Council: Senator Khandaker

The Undergraduate Research Creative Activities Team (URCAT) had its last meeting of the Spring semester on April 23. The URCAT discussed and approved the undergraduate RCSA student grant proposals and discussed several issues about the review process or criteria. A total of 87 proposals were received from undergraduate students. Based on the reviewers' scores and recommendations, 69 proposals were approved for funding. 16 proposals were recommended for revised submission and one proposal was not recommended for funding.

The committee members discussed the plagiarism issues in some proposals and recommended to send those proposals to the third reviewer. The committee members also discussed that current RCSA proposal guidelines didn't exclusively mention to include the previous studies (progress write-up) for the renewed proposals in background section of the proposals. The URCAT members will discuss the best way to include previous studies before the next year submission.

Research Advisory Council Meeting: Senator Krishnan

The Research Advisory Council had its last meeting of the Spring semester on April 22. The RAC discussed and approved the following:

RCSA student grant proposals – A total of 47 proposals were received from graduate students. Based on the reviewers' scores and recommendations, 35 proposals were approved for funding. Eleven proposals were recommended for revised submission and one proposal was not recommended for funding.

The committee approved a resolution that would some new rules to the proposal submission guidelines that would avoid duplicate proposals.

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- Faculty On-campus Grant proposals – A total of 39 proposals were received. Each of these was sent for two external reviewers. Because of budget constraint, it appeared that

less than half of the proposals could be funded. Since all the reviews have not been received, the committee suggested that Dr. Wilson, Office of Research & Grants, would finalize the selection of the proposals to be funded using guidelines similar to what were used last year. In the process, he might choose to give partial funding for some proposals so as to maximize the number of recipients.

Report on Faculty Merit 2.0 Action Team Meeting: Senator Khandaker

The Faculty Merit 2.0 action team had its last meeting of the Spring semester on April 22. The action team members discussed faculty survey report. The report was generated from faculty responses at the forums that were conducted in all colleges during Spring 2014. Since the turn out of the faculties in the forums was low, the action team members decided to conduct a faculty survey during Fall 2014. Additionally, the action team members will meet with deans, and provost during Summer 2014. The action team members will meet with chairs during Fall 2014. The action team members will prepare a concise report of faculty merit policy from UCO faculty survey report and peer mentor institute by Summer 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Mock adjourned the meeting at 2.40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer--Dr. Dawn Marie Lindblade