

MINUTES- DRAFT
Of the University of Central Oklahoma
FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, September 11, 2014
Forensic Science Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER

President Mock called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. with a quorum of 26 present. Others arrived as the meeting progressed bringing the total to 31 Senators present.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (31): Senator Atkins, Senator Barger Johnson, Senator Bingabr, Senator Brym, Senator Burns, Senator Chappell, Senator Chooback, Senator Dechter, Senator Delano, Senator Feinberg, Senator Gorrell, Senator Hammond, Senator Holt, Senator Johnson, Senator Kleeman, Senator Knight, Senator Knoche, Senator Krishnan, Senator Kyle, Senator Lohmann, Senator Maisch, Senator Maxwell, Senator McLemore, Senator Mock, Senator Pac, Senator Platz, Senator Rider, Senator Schemm, Senator Vershelden, Senator Xu, and Senator Youngblood.

Members absent (4): Senator Evans, Senator Forbat, Senator Hanebutt, and Senator Manral.

Recognition of visitors to the Senate: Dr. Luis Montez (Chemistry) representing the Latino Faculty & Staff Association; Provost John Barthell, Vice President Don Chrusciel, VP of University Planning.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- 1) Dr. Montez presented a brief informational segment on the Latino Faculty & Staff Association. Many parents of UCO students have ESL issues which can be limiting for their understanding of our campus and those who would be teaching their children at UCO due to the extremely large increase in the Spanish population over the past 10 years in this area. An inquiry was made as to whether human resources could provide training in basic Spanish language for faculty/staff to assist with those parents who have ESL issues.
- 2) Provost Barthell and Vice President Chrusciel presented an informational segment related to potential expansion of UCO's campus to the downtown area. Multiple questions were posed by Faculty Senators related to pricing, location, parking, build out expense, term of the lease, who would use the space, and the actual design/usability of the space. Key findings from this discussion:
 - a. Leased property in question is the Carnegie Building (old library building) in downtown OKC area. Lease rate is described as very reasonable at \$12 per square foot compared to a typical \$20 to \$25 per square foot.
 - b. Senator Holt asked for a description of the space. It was described as an area which would include approximately 10,000 to 12,000 square feet for 4-6 rooms the ground floor which would be available Spring or late Summer due to necessary build out. Break out space would be available as well as faculty cubicals. The rooms would be transformative-friendly.
 - c. To be profitable we would need 300 students over 3 semesters (Fall, Summer, Spring) each year.

- d. Senator McLemore asked about parking availability and the response suggested the Sandridge Parking Garage or the Dowell Parking Garages would be negotiated for parking.
 - e. Senator Maisch asked about permanency of the location and any requirement that faculty office there exclusively. Faculty would not be required to office downtown.
- 3) Provost Barthell also opened for discussion the suggestion of a University Civility Policy.
- a. University level policy is the first stated goal.
 - i. Oregon State University provides a good example of a bullying policy.
 - ii. Comparison of civility versus bullying.
 - iii. Policy should be developed to give Faculty Senate a reference point on campus to address this issue.
 - iv. Should not be tied to promotion and tenure in any way, and due process would apply.
 - b. The Faculty Welfare Committee was suggested as a starting point.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting were approved.

President's Report:

President Jamie Mock's Report, September 11, 2014

Much of my opening remarks for today are directly copied from my opening statements of the last few years. Those sections are, obviously, for the new senators. I will then move on to my reports of meetings and discussions.

Welcome to the Faculty Senate for the 2014-2015 year. In my opening remarks for five previous senate seasons, I have said that the wealth of knowledge and experience to be found in the membership of this deliberative body and its activities are vital components of shared governance at UCO and nothing has in any way changed my opinion. Indeed, my belief in the accuracy of my opening remarks is stronger than ever.

I should briefly note some technical considerations for our new members. Discussion on the floor is always important, but I must emphasize that the careful and deliberate working through of complex issues and the meticulous crafting of bills is done, usually, in the committees, as is standard practice in deliberative bodies. If there is an overwhelmingly pressing matter that cannot wait for committee consideration, it is best to have the senate move to operate as a committee of the whole; this allows for freer discussion, before returning to the normal assembly rules, at which time the senate may vote upon the committee report. There are special rules for committee deliberations, which not all senators may be aware of. In committees, seconds are not required to raise an issue for discussion, a motion does not have to be pending for discussion, votes may be taken informally, and there can be no calling for a vote to shut down discussion: the topic must be discussed until there is agreement that a vote is acceptable. It is also acceptable for a committee member who was not present when a vote was taken to move for a reconsideration of the vote. Minority reports can be generated, and the senate as a whole may choose to hear or not hear the minority report. Lastly, a committee member may, with support, call the committee into session without the committee being called by the chair: this is rare, but it may be done.

I will continue my practice of sending electronic updates between meetings, and continue using electronic votes for those issues which require quick action and would otherwise be impossible within the standard senate monthly schedule. These electronic

discussions and votes are rare, but when needed are simply essential. I met twice last week with the URCAT campus visiting team. The arrangements for the visitors were, to my mind, very good. But of special relevance to us, I heard comments from those who had been speaking with the team that our resolution of support, passed electronically last year, was highly significant because it was passed unanimously by the entire membership of the senate; the weight given to such a vote of support is much heavier than that given to a simple majority vote of a quorum.

I have attended meetings of the Provost's Advisory Council, and sent you the minutes of the June and August meetings; it is my opinion that the two most significant items of business for us to consider are the massive shifting of the university's budgeting mechanisms and the nature and impact of the civility policy. The provost will address both of these topics today, and will be able to give authoritative answers to questions and expressions of anxiety.

I have received several requests (the most recent being this morning before class) for the senate to investigate possible legislative changes to the Teacher Retirement Fund. That new hires will be moving to a non-defined benefits plan we already knew, but the possibility for a total shift is being spoken about. Also, I have been told that, to quote, "there may be much misinformation (i.e., told that by law anyone can take their retirement funds with them for six months after leaving a job, so the idea of a 401K making your funds portable is bogus) and also good information that people need to know." I cannot require a committee to do anything in the absence of a faculty-generated request/bill, but a committee can decide to come together to deal with an issue; I would think that the Personnel Policies Committee might be curious about the retirement fund issues and produce a report for us, or possibly a statement/resolution indicating the sense of the senate.

So that we can have ample time for the provost and vice president to speak, I shall now cut short my remarks.

Vice-President's Report:

No Report.

Reporter/Historian's Report:

No Report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

No Report.

Parliamentarian's Report:

Outgoing Parliamentarian Ferguson reported that Pamela Platz was elected to the Faculty Senate representing the Student Advisors group. Furthermore the final report on Faculty Senate composition for Fall 2014 is as follows (with term ending in year listed):

College of Business (5):

John Maisch (2015)

Lalit Manral (2015)

V. Sivarama Krishnan (2016)

Jennifer Barger Johnson (2016)

Trip Knoche (2016)

College of Education and Professional Studies (6): Cheryl Evans (2015)

	Fred Hammond, III (2015)
	Susan McLemore (2015)
	LaDonna Atkins (2016)
	Bob Delano (2016)
	Lisa Lohmann (2016)
College of Fine Arts and Design (4):	David Forbat (2015)
	Brian Gorrell (2016)
	David W. Maxwell (2016)
	Teresa Pac (2016)
College of Liberal Arts (8):	Michelle Brym (2015)
	Mark Hanebutt (2015)
	Kole Kleeman (2015)
	J.W. Mock (2015)
	Brenda Chappell (2016)
	Jaime L. Burns (2016)
	Sherri Johnson (2016)
	Sarah Kyle (2016)
College of Mathematics and Science (7):	Mohamed Bingabr (2015)
	Dawn Holt (2015)
	Angela Knight (2015)
	Linda Rider (2015)
	Lilian Chooback (2016)
	James Dechter (2016)
	Gang Xu (2016)
Library:	Naomi Schemm (2016)
Advisors:	Pamela Platz (2016)
Professional Administrators:	Cia Verschelden (2015)
	Diane Feinberg (2016)
	Karen Youngblood (2016)

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Council:

Senators Burns (LA), Pac (CFAD), Maisch (CB), Delano (CEPS), and Rider (M&S): No Report.

Alumni Association Board of Directors:

Senator Holt: No Report.

Appellate Comm. On Dis. Of Tenured Faculty:

Senator Kyle appointed to this committee at meeting as Faculty Senate contact – No Other Report.

Athletics Council:

Senator Verschelden: No Report.

University Planning Council:

Senator Mock: No Report.

Committee on Student Conduct:

Senator Chappell: No Report.

Veteran Support Alliance:

Senator Rider appointed to this committee at meeting as Faculty Senate contact –
No Other Report.

eLearning Advisory Team:

Senator Manral: No Report.

Faculty Grievance Board:

Senator Gorrell: No Report.

Faculty Merit Credit Committee:

Senator Evans: No Report.

CETTL Advisory Board:

Senator Manral: No Report.

Faculty Handbook Editorial Board:

Senators Mock and Delano: No Report.

Faculty Technology Advisory Board:

Senator Gorrell: No Report.

Graduate Council:

Senator Lohmann: No Report.

Online Course Evaluation:

Senator Johnson: No Report.

Passport Committee:

Senator McLemore: No Report.

Research Advisory Council:

Senator Krishnan: No Report.

Transportation and Parking Advisory Team:

Senator Forbat: No Report.

Undergraduate Research Advisory Council:

Senator Chooback: No Report.

SPIE Advisory Group:

Senator Evans: No Report.

Faculty Grievance Board:

Senators Evans, Krishnan, and Barger Johnson: No Report.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (No Reports - Committee Member listings)

Academic Affairs:

Senators Barger Johnson (Chair), Kyle, Chappell, Burns, Evans, Hammond,
Youngblood, McLemore, and Verschelden

Adjunct Affairs:

Senators _____ (Chair), Chooback, Evans, Dechter, Holt, Chappell, and
Burns

Alumni and Community Relations:

Senators Holt (Chair), Burns, McLemore, Hanebutt, Knight, and Atkins.

Budget:

Senators Knoche (Chair), Brym, Krishnan, Evans Hammond, Maisch, Gornell,
and Delano

CPP&E:

Senator Maisch (Chair), Evans, Kleeman, and Holt

Faculty Handbook:

Senators Delano (Chair), Xu, Kyle, Lohmann, Bingabr, Brym, and Johnson

Faculty Welfare and Development:

Senators Maisch (Chair), Xu, Bingabr, Kyle, Hanebutt, Knight, Verschelden, Schemm, Evans, and Forbat

Information Resources and Technology:

Senators Schemm (Chair), Holt, Johnson, Hammond, Knoche, and Dechter

Personnel Policies:

Senators _____ (Chair), Pac, Holt, Feinberg, Kleeman, and _____.

Research:

Senators Chooback (Chair), Kyle, Xu, Krishnan, Bingabr, Brym, and Pac

Student Relations:

Senators _____ (Chair), Youngblood, Feinberg, Knight, Chooback, and Burns

Student Retention Committee:

Senators Brym (Chair), Chooback, Youngblood, and Schemm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT PRESIDENT: President Jamie Mock adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Barger Johnson, 6 October 2014