

***MINUTES* of the**
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, November 13, 2014
Forensic Science Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER

President Mock called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with a quorum of 26 Senators present (total of 29 eventually arrived).

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (29): Senator Atkins, Senator Barger Johnson, Senator Bingabr, Senator Brym, Senator Burns, Senator Chappell, Senator Dechter, Senator Delano, Senator Evans, Senator Feinberg, Senator Forbat, Senator Hanebutt, Senator Holt, Senator Johnson, Senator Kleeman, Senator Knight, Senator Knoche, Senator Kyle, Senator Lohmann, Senator Maisch, Senator Manral, Senator Mock, Senator Pac, Senator Platz, Senator Rider, Senator Schemm, Senator Vershelden, Senator Xu, and Senator Youngblood.

Members absent (6): Senator Chooback, Senator Gorrell, Senator Hammond, Senator Krishnan, Senator Maxwell, and Senator McLemore.

Recognition of visitors to the Senate: Elise Marrs - Staff Senate Vice President, Adam Johnson - Registrar's Office, Dr. Timothy Bridges – Representing the Faculty Handbook Committee, and John Wood of the UCO Political Science department.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Jamie Mock's Report, November 12, 2014

I attended the State Regents Faculty Advisory Council on October 14th; the featured topic was Oklahoma's work on establishing national standards for distance education, as part of a states' consortium. Without a national standard, courses have to meet standards for each state in which courses are offered. The difficulty is obvious. I could not attend the annual assembly meeting, but Senator Chappell replaced me at the meeting. The meeting's key component was Chancellor Johnson's presentation of his legislative agenda. Guns, of course, are going to remain an ongoing struggle. The importance of contacting legislators was emphasized.

The next Faculty Advisory Council meeting will be on December 16th, and I will apprise you of the topics as I learn of them.

I attended the Graduate Council meeting on November 4th. There was discussion of a proposal to limit membership on the graduate council to members of departments which offer graduate courses. This was immediately objected to because it would eliminate membership from colleges as such. There was also an amendment to a proposal to modify a system projected to allow a new process to contest curriculum proposals; this amendment would allow the inclusion of a minority report. This would be in perfect harmony with Roberts Rules, and was well responded to by the council.

The Handbook Editorial Board met on the 23rd of October and the 6th of November. I forwarded documents to you, and attended both, but Senator Delano will speak about them and the meetings.

The two Provost's Advisory Council meetings I attended since we last met I have sent minutes of, so there is no need to reprise them now.

I have had individual meetings with the president of the staff senate, Dawna Terrill, as well as attending a luncheon of the executive committees of the faculty and staff senates. The interaction between our groups has been, in a word, splendid. You will hear from Senator Maisch about bills that are under mutual discussion.

The Executive Committee met with the president and provost on Tuesday, the 11th of November. We had a discussion about NCUR and how acceptance or rejection stands. The most we know is that our presentation was very strong. We may know the outcome of the selection by the end of the year.

Senator Chappell spoke about the Regents advisory meeting. Some faculty members have said that they will simply move elsewhere if we have armed students roaming about our campuses.

On November the 21st the chancellor will be at UCO for his legislative agenda roll-out. UCO is always prominent in this, especially so since Complete College America had its start announced here. A robust audience turn out would be good, as it has been in the past.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No Report.

REPORTER/HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

No Report.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

No Report.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT:

No Report.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Council: No Report

Alumni Association Board of Directors: No Report

Appellate Comm. On Dis. Of Tenured Faculty: No Report

Athletics Council: Senator Verschelden submitted the October 2, 2014 meeting minutes of the UCO Athletics Advisory Council by e-mail. Athletic Director Mueller indicated that UCO is currently starting its branding program which is affecting athletics with signage up on the Fieldhouse and football areas. Current challenges is finding enough space for 400 student athletes to increase competitiveness with similar programs among peers. A UCO pool area on campus closed creating almost 7,000 square footage of

empty space and plans for development are in the works. Sports teams are doing well with their records. Darnell Smith and Trey Cone reported on countable institutional scholarships. The NCAA indicates UCO is accurately reporting that data. Proposed new legislation was discussed related to one-time transfer exceptions for athletes, feeding athletes (meals and snacks), team entertainment restrictions, and summer workouts. Jake Hillemeier discussed grade check updates for student athletes and indicated that grade checks would come at the following increments: Weeks 4, 8, 12, and 16.

University Planning Council:	No Report
Committee on Student Conduct:	No Report
Veteran Support Alliance:	No Report
eLearning Advisory Team:	No Report
Faculty Grievance Board:	No Report
Faculty Merit Credit Committee:	No Report
CETTL Advisory Board:	No Report

Faculty Handbook Editorial Board: Senator Delano touched on several points which will be covered in Dr. Bridges presentation today.

Faculty Technology Advisory Board:	No Report
Graduate Council:	No Report
Online Course Evaluation:	No Report
Passport Committee:	No Report
Research Advisory Council:	Senator Krishnan reports that Oklahoma Research Day will be held on March 13, 2015 at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.
Transportation and Parking Advisory Team:	No Report
Undergraduate Research Advisory Council:	No Report
SPIE Advisory Group:	No Report

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Academic Affairs:	No Report
Adjunct Affairs:	No Report
Alumni and Community Relations:	No Report
Budget:	No Report
CPP&E:	No Report
Faculty Handbook:	No Report

Faculty Welfare and Development: Senator Maisch indicated that the civility policy was discussed in committee and that consensus was had that it should be titled an Anti-Bullying Policy instead. The other language would be overbroad. Further discussions will be had and findings reported to the Faculty Senate.

In the executive committee meeting with the President Betz he called the employee tuition policy to be an opportunity instead of a benefit and seemed very supportive of the concept for our campus. Further discussions will be had and findings reported to the Faculty Senate.

Information Resources and Technology: No Report

Personnel Policies: Senator Holt discussed denied benefit versus 401K plan implications for faculty. This would likely detriment lower-salaried faculty. All faculty are encouraged to call/mail legislators to keep defined benefit available for faculty.

Research: No Report

Student Relations: No Report

Student Retention Committee: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Timothy Bridges returned to discuss Faculty Handbook revisions based on discussions from the October Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Bridges presented the changes to Section 2.3.4 External Activities – and once again a handout was provided in redline format. The changes related to confidential materials. New proposal is that external activities must be renewed annually with archiving in the Dean's Office to catalog any memorandum of understanding. A motion was made to vote on Handbook revisions for 2.3.4 External Activities with both sides of the document failing. The Faculty Handbook Committee will take the proposed revisions back for further discussion.

Next, section 1.5.6.5.1 on Interim Acting Department Chair/School Director was presented. Temporary faculty are now excluded from voting and workload was clarified for calculation of faculty hours. A motion was made to vote and on these changes and it passed.

Any further questions related to Dr. Bridges should be addressed to Dr. Bridges or to Senator Delano as Faculty Senate Representative to the Handbook Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The Next Faculty Senate Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: President Mock adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Barger Johnson, 8 December 2014