



XLIV FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA  
MINUTES FROM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015  
FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE AUDITORIUM

CALL TO ORDER

President Mock called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and asked for call of the roll. A quorum was established for this meeting of the 45<sup>th</sup> UCO Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL

Members Present (27): 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 Kyle, Senator Lohmann, Senator Maisch, Senator Manral, Senator Maxwell, Senator Mock, Senator Pac, Senator Rider, Senator Schemm, Senator Verschelden, Senator Xu, and Senator Youngblood.

Senators Not Present (8): Senator Evans, Senator Forbat, Senator Hanebutt, Senator Knight, Senator Knoche, Senator Krishnan, Senator McLemore, and Senator Platz.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS TO THE SENATE

Visitors included **Adam Johnson**, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management/Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 15, 2015 minutes as distributed were approved without correction.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**President's Report:**

On Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended the provost's Advisory Council meeting. I forwarded the agenda for the meeting. I note that the moratorium on adding courses to the university core will last one year. The NCUR conference will be April 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, and will bring about 5,000 participants to campus (planning is well underway). There may well be two openings for the Carnegie Building, one for the public in May, and one for UCO people in March. Dr. Verschelden presented many important components of institutional assessment and issues revolving around improving retention and student diversity.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended the Graduate Council meeting. Senator Lohmann may report on that meeting.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, I attended the University Planning Council meeting. We had a long presentation of possible plans for improving both parking access and funding for parking services. We then moved to about an hour of conversation about the probable but not certain move to the new budgeting model as presented at our January meeting.

The executive committee did not meet with the president and provost because our scheduled time was preempted by Higher Education Day at the state capitol.

The Chancellor and university presidents have been waging a battle against the many pro-gun bills in the legislature. To help, both Staff Senate President Terrell and I have signed and re-submitted our joint resolution against guns on campus.

I am cutting this report to the 'bone' so that we will have adequate time to deal with the items to come up as new business.

**Vice President's Report:**

No report.

**Webmaster/Historian's Report:**

No Report.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

No Report.

**Parliamentarian's Report:**

Senator Maisch indicated that the First Call for Nominations to the Faculty Senate would go out in the middle part of March with Ballots near the end of March, and results by the April Faculty Senate meeting for Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Technology Faculty Advisory Board:** Senator Gorell indicated that the board had met and discussed several upgrades across campus particularly to the Wireless Network on campus. The Jazz Lab now also has Wireless access for the first time. The migration to Office 365 has been successful. The board is reviewing the upgrade to UConnect with Luminos 5 being upgraded from Luminos 4. A variety of remodeling projects across campus will have an effect upon campus technology as well.

**Graduate Council:** President Mock's report includes details about the Graduate Council's recent workings.

**Faculty Welfare and Development Committee:** Senator Maisch as Chairperson indicates that the committee met with VP Chrusiel regarding competitive health insurance rates for UCO employees. Currently competitive bids are being sought by UCO and its partners through a Broker. Questions were fielded by the committee, and a comparative analysis was made. One incentive was discussed that allows for \$150 per month benefit for employees who choose or opt to join their spouses health insurance plan outside of UCO. Several instances of faculty candidates who chose to not accept UCO employment because of our comparatively poor benefits.

**Personnel Policies Committee:** Senator Holt as Chairperson indicated that the Committee is still keeping an eye on the potential for bills which may impact higher education retirement this year.

**Faculty Handbook Committee:** Senator Delano presented changes to section 1.5.3 which made changes to the Assistant Dean: Jackson College of Graduate Studies which were passed unanimously. Revisions to section 1.5.6.2 was also passed unanimously with no needed discussion. Revisions to section 2.3.3 Workload was discussed at length, rejected by the Faculty Senate, and returned for further revision. Revisions to section 3.1 Class was voted on and approved unanimously. Revisions to section C.3 Process of Selection was approved unanimously.

**Student Welfare Committee:**

NEW BUSINESS: Senator Kleeman presented concerns regarding the Mercy Health Center contract at UCO. Since Mercy is a faith-based entity and UCO is a secular university, many student concerns are not appropriately addressed. Certain women's health issues, including birth control are not being sufficiently met. A group of female faculty would like to be heard and have organized for the same purpose. Motion was made to add a Faculty Senator with interest to this group to assure the faculty senate is kept informed on the issue. Senator Rider volunteered. The group will look at reproductive services for students and Senator Barger Johnson suggested that a UCOSA Representative should be added to the group. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Maisch presented FSR 2014/2015-001 which endorses the Staff Senate resolution regarding an increase in the Tuition Waiver Award from \$1,500 per year to the equivalent of 15 UCO Undergraduate credit hours per year. Said resolution in support of staff senate's proposal to increase the employee tuition benefit was unanimously passed by the Faculty Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Senator Feinberg encouraged senators to attend the Employment Law update on campus next week.

ADJOURNMENT

President Mock adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Secretary/Treasurer—Senator Jennifer Barger Johnson